

The Crown's role in British-run terrorism

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as the ruler of the British Empire in its present form, bears the ultimate responsibility for London being the number-one harbinger of international terrorism in the world today. Contrary to myths in the tabloid press, the British monarchy is not a taxpayer-funded soap opera or a Disneyland for the rich and famous. In formal terms, the Queen holds more concentrated raw power than any President of the United States, who is obliged to uphold the U.S. Constitution. She can act at whim, through what are known as her "prerogative powers." Although she carefully avoids public flaunting of these "prerogatives," her powers are real, her personal wealth—estimated in the billions of dollars—is real, and she represents a concert of "official" and "unofficial" structures of the British Crown and Commonwealth of States, associated with the Club of the Isles, City of London-based financial oligarchy.

For a thorough review of the powers of the House of Windsor, see *EIR*, Oct. 28, 1994, and May 24, 1996.

The Privy Council

Some of the Queen's powers are exercised with the advice of ministers, but the principal vehicle through which she receives such advice—apart from weekly meetings with the prime minister, whom she may sack on a moment's notice—is through a body known as the Privy Council. It is the case that no legislation—no matter what majority backs it in the House of Commons and House of Lords—can become law unless the Queen affirms it by "orders in the Privy Council."

Thus, all the so-called "human rights" and immigration laws that have permitted London to become the number-one international harbor for terrorists have been approved with the final permission of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Should the Queen wish to press charges against any of the terrorists harbored in London, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is the highest court in the British Empire. It renders its opinion in secret to the Queen, who makes the final verdict in secret.

The Privy Council is a body of 900-odd individuals who form the premier oligarchy in the British Empire, with representatives from the House of Lords, House of Commons, Ecclesiasts, and Judges. Prime Minister John Major is a member, as is Labour Party opposition leader Anthony Blair. Privy

Councillors are ranked by precedence with the royal consort, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, being the number-two Privy Councillor after Queen Elizabeth herself.

Who is to blame for terrorism?

A spokesman for the Privy Council, while not denying that London was guilty of harboring international terrorists, argued that this was not the fault of the Privy Council. While admitting that no bill could become law without the Queen issuing "orders in Council," the spokesman maintained that all the Privy Council does is to pass reports from departments—including the intelligence services—to the Queen. Therefore, the spokesman said, one would have to speak to Buckingham Palace to find out what laws had been passed that facilitated London becoming the main headquarters of international terrorism.

One of the Queen's press secretaries in Buckingham Palace also could not deny that London was the terrorist capital in the world. And, she admitted that no bill could become law without the Queen's assent through the Privy Council. However, she insisted that the blame for terrorism must rest upon Her Majesty's ministers, since the Queen was a "constitutional monarch," who only acted on "advice of her ministers." She therefore pointed the finger of blame at Her Majesty's Government of Prime Minister John Major.

The Palace spokesman repeatedly refused to acknowledge the "prerogative powers" of the Queen, stating in response to a question that even if Her Majesty's ministers wanted to transform London into the dope-dealing center of the world, Queen Elizabeth II would have to go along as a "constitutional monarch," if it was on "advice of her ministers."

A press spokesman for Prime Minister Major half-heartedly denied that London was the world headquarters of terrorism, but then tried to say that terrorism and immigration were not the responsibility of the prime minister, rather they fell under the responsibility of Minister Michael Howard's Home Office.

The most bizarre exchange came when the spokesman was asked why the Tory government led by Major had failed to pass a bill by Tory backbencher Nigel Waterson, that would have made it illegal to plot acts of terrorism abroad from British soil. The spokesman claimed that the prime minister was not responsible for what happened either within the Conservative Party majority or in the House of Commons! The spokesman finally hung up, when it was pointed out that BBC, which has little to do with the Home Office, had just broadcast the statements of terrorist moneybags Osama Bin Laden, making more threats against the United States and boasting of his role in the bombings that killed U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia. Actually, the final decision to appoint governors of the British Broadcasting Corp. is made by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, with suggestions from the prime minister.