

on the Ron Brown matter. Scaife-financed operations, such as Accuracy in Media (AIM), were among the biggest defenders of the CIA and the drug-running Contras, and they ridiculed the *San Jose Mercury News* series on the CIA's links to the crack-cocaine epidemic. (AIM is now also dutifully retailing the Ron Brown "bullet hole" stories.)

Representative Waters's behavior in this matter is not surprising. Earlier, she willfully ignored the evidence that it was George Bush's "secret government" apparatus, operating out of the White House and National Security Council, which actually ran the Contra guns-for-drugs operation in the 1980s; Waters, Gregory, and many other black leaders preferred to focus on the easier and more "politically correct" target of the CIA—even after being warned that this would be a dead end, and that it would protect the real perpetrators around the Bush apparatus.

*EIR*'s documentation on the Bush "secret government" apparatus is well-known within the African-American community. To counter this, what surfaced in late 1996 was a network of self-styled "community activists" who mobilized to stop the spread of *EIR*'s proofs; an investigation showed that those leading that mobilization were in fact tied to Bush-linked "charitable" foundations and networks. Many of these were also targeting Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan, and were attempting particularly to drive a wedge between Farrakhan and Lyndon LaRouche. (LaRouche's recent comments on Waters et al. follow in a later section.)

## The policy issues

During his tenure as Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown had played a crucial role in laying the groundwork for what is now emerging as a U.S.-China strategic partnership, which coalesced around the Clinton-Jiang Zemin summit in November. Brown's strategy was to shift U.S. investment in China into major infrastructure projects, and to promote high-technology exports such as heavy capital goods.

Brown emphatically rejected the British free-trade approach, and the idea of leaving everything to the private sector, which was the dominant U.S. policy during the Reagan-Bush years.

Given Brown's critical role in the Clinton administration's global strategy, and the bitter British geopolitical opposition to Clinton's policies toward China, in the Balkans, and elsewhere, the possibility certainly cannot be excluded that Brown's plane crash in Croatia was the result of foul play. The deaths of Brown and the corporate leaders who died with him on the plane were unquestionably a serious setback to the cause of peace and reconstruction in Bosnia, following years of British-fomented ethnic and religious conflict. And it should not be overlooked that President Clinton himself was the target of a number of actual or simulated assassination attempts, particularly in the first two years of his Presidency.

If Ron Brown was targetted for assassination, the ultimate

target would have been President Clinton and his efforts to establish a strategic alliance with China, and to bring to a halt British-instigated genocide in Bosnia. The disinformation campaign now being conducted around Ron Brown's death, with the effort to blame it on the "Clintonistas" in the White House, can only be seen as a transparent effort to lay a false trail to protect those who did want Ron Brown out of the way, and who wanted his policy initiatives stopped. That African-American leaders have lent themselves to this cynical effort is nothing short of shameful, and an insult to the memory of Ron Brown himself.

## Richard Mellon Scaife: bankers' propaganda czar

by Edward Spannaus

Not the least of the ironies of the current frenzy of bashing the Federal government and its intelligence and law enforcement agencies, is that most of today's "conservative," anti-government activists, are getting their information from Richard Mellon Scaife.

Richard Mellon Scaife is not just "an eccentric multimillionaire": He is one of the most powerful behind-the-scenes operators in the United States.<sup>1</sup> His network of foundations and think-tanks provided the blueprints and much of the personnel for the "secret government" machinery set up in the early years of the Reagan-Bush administration. Did you ever hear of Executive Order 12333, the 1981 policy directive which "unleashed" the intelligence agencies from the restrictions of the Carter years, and which allowed covert operations to be conducted outside of the CIA, either by other Executive branch agencies, or by private contractors? Executive Order 12333 was a product of seminars and think-tanks all funded by Scaife.

Scaife is also a primary funder of a network of "conservative" social policy think-tanks which provided the "intellectual" justification for both the 1980s "Reagan Revolution," and the 1990s "Conservative Revolution" of Newt Gingrich and Phil Gramm.

Moreover, Scaife has also bankrolled many of the most virulent attacks on Clinton for almost as long as Clinton has been in office—financing, among other things, the *American Spectator*'s "Troopergate" article in late 1993. Scaife has also been the primary funder of the widely circulated accusations that White House aide Vincent Foster, who was found dead

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1. See *EIR*'s three-part series on Scaife, March 21, April 4, and April 11, 1997.

by suicide in July 1993, was actually murdered, and that the Clinton White House has been covering up the assassination ever since.

And now, Scaife is the principal sponsor of the Ron Brown “bullet hole” thesis, being used to rile up both right-wing activists and African-American leaders against the Clinton administration.

Scaife didn’t get into this business by accident.

Dickie Scaife’s use of the news media to defame and discredit his adversaries, is a product of his training by British and U.S. intelligence agencies. This is what he was groomed to do. (He also comes by political dirty tricks naturally, having given a million dollars to Richard Nixon’s Committee to Re-Elect the President—CREEP—which financed the Watergate shenanigans, among other things.)

During World War II, Scaife’s father, Alan Scaife, as well as many of his mother’s cousins (the Mellons), occupied high positions in the Office of Strategic Intelligence (OSS), the wartime predecessor of the CIA. Alan Scaife, a lieutenant colonel in OSS, was the deputy head of the Secret Intelligence (SI) branch of the London OSS office. Paul Mellon and his brother-in-law David Bruce also operated directly out of London during the war; Paul trained under British troops, and later worked under Allen Dulles in Berne, Switzerland. Bruce was put in charge of all OSS operations in Europe, and was based in London.

It was this family circle which tracked Dick Scaife into various British intelligence projects usually mis-identified as “CIA fronts” in the 1970s, both in the news media and in philanthropy.

In 1973, Scaife was permitted to take control of the Scaife family foundations, which were funded by his mother’s inheritances. He quickly changed the focus of the foundations, to emphasize British-U.S. cooperative political projects such as the Heritage Foundation, the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the National Strategy Information Center, a Harriman-Bush intelligence think-tank.

At about the same time, Scaife was put in charge of Forum World Features, a joint British intelligence/CIA propaganda operation based in London. This was an outgrowth of a CIA publishing operation set up by Kermit Roosevelt a decade earlier. Scaife ran Forum World Features until it was publicly exposed in 1975 as a CIA proprietary organization which was, according to an internal CIA memorandum, “run with the cooperation and knowledge of British intelligence.”

When the Reagan-Bush administration came into office in the early 1980s, Scaife-financed think-tanks provided much of the organization and personnel which developed into the “secret government” apparatus operating out of the NSC and the Office of the Vice President—doing the types of things which used to be done by the CIA before the demise of its clandestine operations, following the exposés and reforms of the 1970s.

One element of this in which Scaife took a direct, personal

interest was the “public diplomacy” unit in the National Security Council and State Department, a veritable U.S. government “Ministry of Propaganda” run by former CIA propaganda specialist Walter Raymond.

“Public diplomacy,” just like Forum World Features, was used to circulate articles and columns promoting the “secret government’s” projects—such as the covert, guns-for-drugs wars in Central America and Afghanistan—as well as to organize media attacks on the “secret government’s” opponents. Among the most prominent targets of a “Public Diplomacy”-organized campaign of news media defamation in the 1980s was Lyndon LaRouche. The coordinated media attacks against LaRouche were organized at a series of secret meetings in 1983-84, which included representatives of both major media outlets and U.S. intelligence agencies.

Today, Scaife is doing exactly the same thing to President Clinton. For the past four years, the principal sources of the Vincent Foster “murder” line have been Scaife’s own *Tribune-Review*, plus two other Scaife-funded organizations, the Western Media Center and Accuracy in Media (AIM).

The much-maligned 1996 report compiled by the White House, entitled “Communication Stream of Conspiracy Commerce,” put together one of the first overall profiles of the propaganda operations of the secretive, reclusive Richard Mellon Scaife, and the picture of the “media food chain” from the British tabloids into the U.S. press.

The first time that propaganda-czar Scaife himself ever received much national publicity was in early 1997, when Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr announced his resignation in order to take a cushy “retirement” position at Malibu’s Pepperdine University. The charges of conflict-of-interest directed at Starr caused the special prosecutor to reverse himself and to promise to stay on until he had completed his effort to frame up the President of the United States.

But Scaife continues his pernicious activities behind the scenes. If you want to know how a lot of things really work in this country, Richard Mellon Scaife is someone you need to know more about.

## LaRouche calls it ‘disgusting!’

*In a radio interview with “EIR Talks” on Jan. 15, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. commented on those who are claiming that Ron Brown was murdered at the behest of President Clinton:*

I think the most disgusting case of this is what’s happened with Maxine Waters and company. You recall, that when the evidence came out that George Bush, George Bush’s opera-