

# London's IISS steers U.S. strategic doctrine

by Scott Thompson

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, the London-based subsidiary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), is devoted to the study and orchestration of the global conflicts deemed vital to the interests of the British oligarchy. IISS was founded in 1958, at the height of the Cold War, and is now the pre-eminent British think-tank peddling the "new NATO" doctrine, and pressing for the United States to accept the role of "policeman of the world."

At its latest "Strategic Debate," IISS brought in John Train, the Wall Street investment banker, Afghan mujahideen patron, and all-around Anglophile "spook," to spell out his views of the post-Cold War world. From 1983-'86 Train headed the New York "salon" of journalists, government agents, and bankers that mapped out the slander campaign against Lyndon LaRouche, which was an integral part of the frameup of LaRouche and associates ordered by George Bush and his Department of Justice. Warfare against LaRouche has always been at the top of the BAC's agenda.

IISS might be thought of as one of the nerve centers for assuring British influence over U.S. strategic military doctrine, through maintenance of a "special relationship" with the New York Council on Foreign Relations, and many of the defense think-tanks.

One of IISS's main ways of reaching out to broader layers is through its publications, which include: *Strategic Comments*; *Adelphi Papers*; *Survival*; an annual report entitled *The Military Balance*; and the annual reference *The World Directory of Strategic Studies Centers*.

*The Strategic Survey 1997-1998*, an IISS annual report, argues for the United States to accept its assigned role as global policeman. The only choice that the United States should make, the IISS survey argues, is whether to act unilaterally, to act through multilateral organizations like the United Nations or NATO, or through informal coalitions.

"The U.S. is bound to find itself often in the future balancing the benefits of a more multinational approach . . . against the utility of a unilateral approach which allows the U.S. its preferred policy without the encumbrances of inter-allied consultation. The quality of U.S. leadership in the future is likely to be judged by the wisdom of the choice it makes between these mutually exclusive methods for dealing with crises."

The Directing Staff of IISS includes: Dr. John Chipman, director; Dr. Gordan Adams, deputy director; Col. David King, administrative director and company secretary; and, Dr.

Gerald Segal, director of studies. Segal has made a name for himself by calling for the West to conduct an aggressive policy of encirclement of China, to assure that China disintegrates into a string of warring mini-states.

# The Hollinger Corp. propaganda empire

by Scott Thompson and Jeffrey Steinberg

The Canadian whose media empire has been leading the British assault against the U.S. Presidency, since the day Bill Clinton was sworn into office, is publicly campaigning for a revival of Winston Churchill's World War II "alliance" among Britain, Canada, and the United States under the guise of a trans-Atlantic North American Free Trade Agreement. If this sounds both paradoxical and hypocritical, it is. But consider the following:

**Conrad Black** is the chairman and CEO of the Hollinger Corp. media cartel, which owns the Telegraph plc in Britain, the *Jerusalem Post*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and hundreds of other dailies and weeklies across the United States, and which has just launched a new nationwide daily in Canada. On July 6, 1998, Black addressed the annual meeting of the Center for Policy Studies in London, the flagship think-tank of the radical free market Mont Pelerin Society. In his speech on "Britain's Final Choice: Europe or America?" Black attacked the European Union as "the greatest engine for collectivism, illiberalism, and hyper-regulation in our national life." He called upon Britain to abandon plans to join the European Monetary Union, and, instead, to formally press for membership in an expanded, transatlantic "super-NAFTA," which he proposed be renamed as the "North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement."

"None of the continental European countries has a particular affinity with the United States and Canada," Black lied, "or anything slightly comparable to Britain's dramatic modern historic intimacy with North America. . . . Such an expanded NAFTA would have every commercial advantage over the EU. It is based on the Anglo-American free market model of relatively restrained taxation and social spending. The United States will make no significant concessions of sovereignty and does not expect other countries to do so."

Two years earlier, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher keynoted the founding "Prague Congress" of the New Atlantic Initiative, where she initiated the call for this super-NAFTA. Lady Thatcher chairs the international advisory board of the Hollinger Corp., and Black is a founder of the NAI.

Since his speech at the Center for Policy Studies, Black has been conducting a non-stop propaganda campaign for the