

Corruption in the Camp of LaRouche-Haters Cheney and Blair

Some of Lyndon LaRouche's most significant enemies in Washington and London have been caught up in a series of enormous corruption scandals that, cumulatively, make Watergate pale by comparison. Over the first week of June, new revelations surfaced, implicating Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, Vice President Dick Cheney, Saudi Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, former British Ministry of Defence chief procurement official Baroness Liz Symons, and scores of others, in one of the biggest bribery scandals in memory. EIRNS has learned that investigations of the British defense company BAE Systems and the British cover-up of the bribery scandal are ongoing in Switzerland, Sweden, the OECD, and the United States.

While headlines have focused on the Saudi government's deals with BAE Systems, and at least \$2 billion in payoffs to Prince Bandar to secure sales deals in the hundreds of billions of dollars over a 22-year period, the web of corruption actually extends significantly beyond the weapons procurement scandal. Among the scandals now threatening to explode are:

- The still-ongoing Blair-Cheney campaign of criminal slander and attempted frame-up of Lyndon LaRouche, centered around the case of Jeremiah Duggan. Baroness Liz Symons, a Blair inner circle Fabian operative, has been one of the drivers of this filthy scheme, and the London-directed "Get LaRouche" operation thoroughly overlaps with the July 2003 mysterious death of British WMD expert Dr. David Kelly, who was in the process of blowing the lid on the Blair government's collusion with Cheney and Washington neo-cons in fabricating the case for the invasion of Iraq.

Baroness Symons has been deeply implicated in the Saudi-BAE scandal, and British government documents that surfaced in the British media, also implicate her in efforts to sell BAE fighter jets to Iran. During a crucial period in the Saudi-BAE money-laundering scheme, Defence Ministry procuress Baroness Symons was the founder and head of the British-Saudi Business Council, an agency that heavily promoted BAE Systems contracts in the Persian Gulf. During the same period, Baroness Symons forged tight political and business links to both

Lynne and Dick Cheney.

- The BAE-Saudi scandal per se. While the billions of dollars in bribes, paid out to Prince Bandar and many others, to procure BAE Systems arms sales around the world, constitute a crime of major proportions, the efforts to cover up the payoffs constitute part of an even larger criminal enterprise, implicating the Bush-Cheney Administration; the British government of prime ministers Margaret Thatcher, John Major, and Tony Blair; the British monarchy; and elements within the Saudi Royal Family.

As was the case with Watergate, eventually the crimes were trumped by the cover-up effort. In the case of the British role in the fabrication of grounds to launch the war against Iraq, the death of Dr. David Kelly looms large as a possible crime committed in pursuit of the coverup. In the case of the BAE Systems scandal, Prime Minister Blair colluded with British Attorney General Lord Goldsmith, to shut down the BAE-Saudi probe in late 2006, under the absurd pretext that "vital British national interests" would have been destroyed if the truth came out.

As the result of that crude coverup, there is now a string of international corruption probes under way, all targeting the BAE Systems/Saudi actions. In addition to an estimated \$2 billion in kickbacks to Prince Bandar, BAE Systems is under investigation in Switzerland for money-laundering. The U.S. Congress is reportedly now probing BAE Systems' recent purchase of an American arms manufacturer, Armour Holding, for \$4.1 billion, a deal that may be cancelled as the result of the corruption, which violated American laws that ban payoffs to foreign government officials in the U.S.A.

The biggest loser of all in this still unfolding global scandal could be Vice President Cheney, whose collusion with Prince Bandar has contributed to the slide of Southwest Asia into a state of ungovernability and spreading civil war. Cheney thinks he is safe, Lyndon LaRouche warned on June 8, but there are things down the pike, typified by the BAE-Bandar mega-scandal, that will hit him hard. There is a growing momentum against Cheney, which is reaching a critical mass, where impeachment or resignation cannot be avoided, LaRouche concluded.