

Will New Revelations Sink Tony Blair?

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Dec. 20—Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair arrived in the United States last week, prompting speculation, in some Washington political circles, that he might be seeking political asylum. Back home in Britain, Blair has been called back before the Chilcot Commission, which is probing his government's role in launching the March 2003 Iraq War, based on fabricated intelligence, primarily generated out of Blair's own 10 Downing Street intelligence and propaganda shop. But the real cause for Blair's worries is the growing evidence that the ex-PM was deeply involved in the coverup of the suspected murder of British nuclear weapons expert Dr. David Kelly, in the Summer of 2003.

Dr. Kelly's death on July 18, 2003 was ruled a suicide, in a politically motivated sham inquiry that violated British law, and preempted the mandatory Coroner's forensic autopsy. The Kelly coverup was engineered by Blair intimates, including Lord Falconer, Blair's one-time roommate. In June 2003, Falconer, who was Blair's first appointee as a Life Peer, was named Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs. From that post, he ordered the shut-down of the legally mandated Coroner's inquest, and appointed another Blair intimate, Lord Hutton, to conduct a commission of inquiry into the circumstances of Kelly's death. The Hutton inquiry, which, unlike a Coroner's inquest, did not take sworn testimony from any witnesses, concluded that Kelly's death was a suicide, in defiance of all the forensic evidence. At the end of the Hutton inquiry, Falconer sanctioned Hutton's order that the forensic evidence gathered on Kelly's death, be sealed for 70 years.

Now, the whole Kelly coverup could soon blow up in Blair's face, as the new Attorney General considers a petition for a new Coroner's inquest, presented in September 2010, by a group of prominent British medical professionals, who have been demanding the inquest since 2004. In a dramatic escalation, on Dec. 13, the

Daily Mail published the full 35-page text of the previously sealed doctors' Memorial, a detailed review of the fraud and coverup by the Hutton Commission, appointed by Lord Falconer to shut down the already ongoing Coroner's inquest.

Kelly, LaRouche, and Blair's Iraq War

In the Spring of 2003, in the run-up to, and aftermath of the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq, and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, American political economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche launched a drive to impeach Vice President Dick Cheney, as one of the architects of the fraudulent preventive war. In the weeks following the March 20 invasion, LaRouche appeared twice on BBC news shows, to spell out the case against Cheney, and warn of the consequences of the illegal invasion, which had been based on fraudulent claims that Saddam was in possession of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

In June 2003, BBC aired a series of reports, buttressing LaRouche's allegations, and accusing then-Prime Minister Blair of "sexing up" the Iraq WMD dossier to justify an otherwise unjustifiable aggressive war. When evidence surfaced that a top British weapons inspector, Dr. David Kelly, had been the source of the BBC accusations of the Downing Street fabrications, the Blair apparatus launched a character assassination campaign against Kelly, hauling him before the House of Commons, and taking other measures to ruin his long career as one of Britain's most highly respected WMD experts. Dr. Kelly had been directly involved in United Nations inspection teams in Iraq, that had concluded that Saddam Hussein's earlier WMD programs had been successfully exposed and shut down.

Simultaneous to the character assassination campaign against Kelly, the Blair government, working through Defence Ministry and Foreign Office operative Baroness Liz Symons and her husband, Downing Street intelligence and propaganda officer Philip Bassett, launched a parallel slander campaign against LaRouche, centered around the suicide of Jeremiah Duggan, an English student with a history of mental illness, who committed suicide earlier in the year, while attending a conference in Germany against the looming Iraq War.

Despite multiple investigations by German police, and reviews by German courts, all confirming that Duggan's death was a suicide, Blair propagandists, working through Duggan's mother Erica, foisted a series of out-



The death of weapons expert Dr. David Kelly has come back to haunt Tony Blair, as the possibility of a new Coroner's inquest looms.

rageous allegations of LaRouche involvement in Jeremiah Duggan's death. The criminal vendetta against LaRouche, launched by Blair and company, and fully backed by the British Royals, continues unabated to this day, despite some embarrassing setbacks, in both German and American courts.

Now, with the publication of the Kelly Memorial papers, and the prospect of a decision by British Attorney General Dominic Grieve at any time, the tables are turning, and Tony Blair could soon be in very hot water.

Some political circles in Washington, who have been frustrated for years over Blair's behind-the-scenes duplicities, including his ongoing push for yet another Persian Gulf war—this one targeting Iran—and his intimate relations with President Barack Obama, are barely concealing their joy that Blair could go down.

Britain's Hobbesian Politics

One of the oh-so-typically British anomalies of the latest developments in the LaRouche-Kelly affair is the fact that the very law firm handling the doctors' petition for a new Coroner's inquest in the Kelly case, has been also representing Erica Duggan in the British intelligence-steered campaign against LaRouche.

But, as one U.S. intelligence official, familiar with both the Kelly and Duggan cases explained, "In Britain, you have constant Hobbesian warfare among various factions of the oligarchy. They constantly stab each other in the back one day, and make temporary alli-

ances the next. The people out to reopen the Kelly case, strongly tied to the Liberal Democratic Party, want to sink Tony Blair. But at the same time, nobody in the British Establishment today wants to do anything that might assist LaRouche, who is seen as a serious enemy of the Crown.

"Their problem," he concluded, "is that the facts of the LaRouche-Kelly affair speak for themselves. The overlap of the LaRouche and Kelly efforts to expose the evils of Blair's Iraq war schemes, back in the Spring of 2003, is undeniable. That is the reality, not the factional tumult inside the British ruling circles."

New Evidence

The doctors' filing with the Attorney General included some startling evidence, either previously covered up or buried by a British media that was muzzled after the Kelly death.

The incomplete original Coroner's report failed to even estimate the time or location of the death. In fact, British police helicopters with thermal sensing devices found no evidence of the body at the alleged site of the death. There were no fingerprints on the blister pack of pills that Kelly had allegedly swallowed, and no evidence that he had actually swallowed the pills, that were said to have been key to his suicide. And, while the Coroner on the scene claimed that he found Dr. Kelly in a pool of blood, the ambulance driver who was first on the scene, and who determined that Kelly was dead, testified that there was no large amount of blood. The alleged ulnar (forearm) artery that Kelly allegedly slashed, could not have possibly caused enough bleeding to kill him.

In other words, the coverup was so shoddy, that a new Coroner's inquest is clearly in order.

Will it happen? The answer lies more in the domain of the ongoing British factional wars than in the domain of the law and the pursuit of the truth. The U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity put it succinctly: "If the full truth were to ever come out in the Kelly case, it would likely sink the entire British Crown apparatus. It's the most serious thing since the death of Princess Diana, and you know how big a coverup was run in that case. At the end of the day, I don't believe that the British are suicidal. But with the factional warfare as intense as it is right now, anything could happen. And I hope it does."