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# George Bush's 'Heart of Darkness'

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On Dec. 1, 1996, former President George Bush gave an interview to *Parade* magazine, in which he stated: "I don't want to be at the head table anymore. I care about being a good citizen. I don't join boards of directors, and I don't go into business deals. I've had every opportunity to join in putting a petrochemical plant in Kuwait, a chance to make money. I haven't done it. The way I make a living is giving speeches. Get paid a lot of money for giving a speech. No conflict of interest."

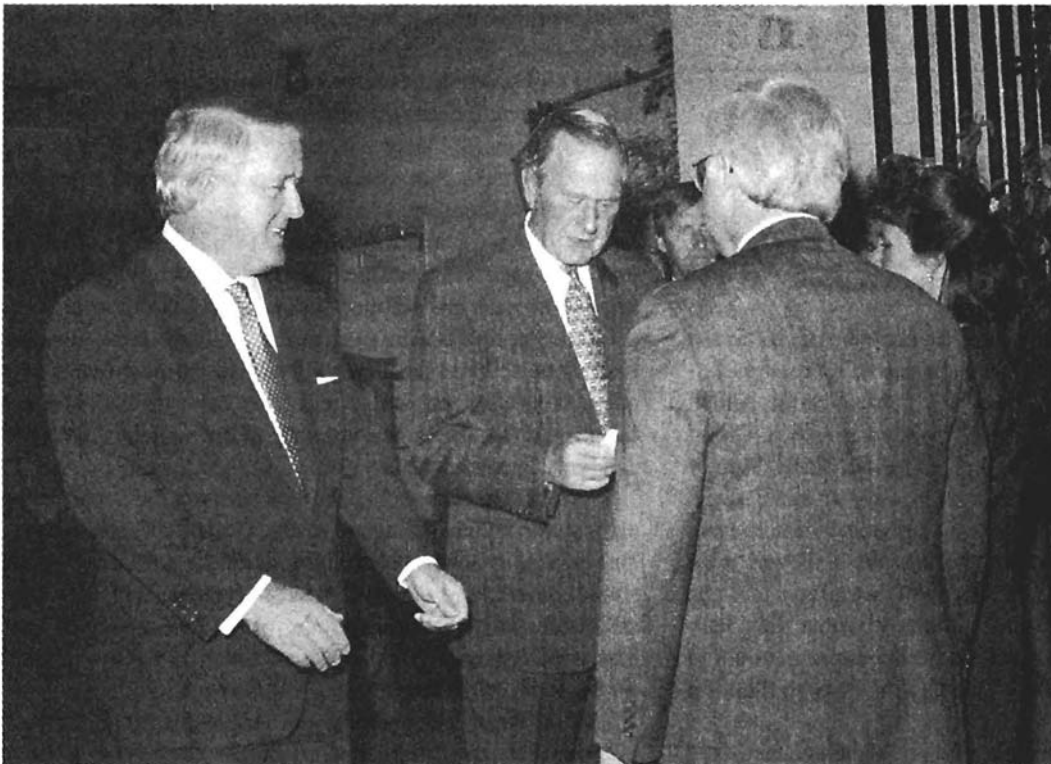
This statement was an outright lie; a lie that Sir George Bush arranged to appear in the pages of a weekly newspaper insert that reaches millions of households in every part of the United States. George Bush does, indeed, have a very important foreign corporate affiliation: In May 1995, the Canada-based Barrick Gold Corp. created an international advisory board around the personal leadership of Bush, and Bush was designated "honorary senior adviser" to that board—a legal fiction to disguise the former President's active role as chief business developer for the company.

What, then, is Barrick Gold Corp.?

### **The destruction of Africa**

It is understandable that Bush did not wish to advertise his ties to Barrick. The company is not only an important corporate element of the London-centered Club of the Isles and the British global raw materials cartel—a British link that might prove embarrassing to Sir George, at a point when Anglo-American relations remain at a low point, and when British propaganda organs are leading an all-out assault upon the U.S. Presidency. But, Barrick, along with the South Africa-based Anglo American Corp., is engaged in a strategic metals grab in Central Africa, which is being abetted by the greatest genocide per capita in modern times.

From April 1993, when Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni, on behalf of London, launched the genocide of the Hutu majority in Rwanda, through to the ongoing invasion by the same Museveni-led forces in eastern Zaire, Central Africa



*Former President George Bush, accompanied by former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulrone (left), in Elko, Nevada on Sept. 17, 1996, visiting the Goldstrike property owned by Barrick Gold Corp. The Barrick international board, to which Bush is "honorary senior adviser," met in Elko that day. Two days later, Bush wrote to Indonesia's President Suharto, seeking the Barrick takeover of the Busang gold mine. Simultaneously, British-backed mercenary forces were carrying out mass murder in Zaire, preparing the way for Barrick and others to loot the country.*

and the Horn of Africa have been turned into a killing field. Local, British-sponsored "countergangs" have been unleashed to depopulate a region that possesses the world's richest strain of precious metal deposits, while a string of Club of the Isles metals cartels, including Barrick, moves in for the kill.

As you will read below, the invasion of eastern Zaire, by the combined armies of Rwanda and Uganda, which began in September 1996, coincided with the Barrick and Anglo American metal grabs in the very same area. The net result of the invasion, and the simultaneous launching of an "internal" rebellion by longtime British provocateur Laurent Kabila, was the depopulating of a string of camps that were holding Rwandan Hutu refugees. Thousands of those refugees were killed in the fighting between the British-backed invaders and French-supported Hutu guerrillas; at least another quarter of a million refugees were driven into the wilderness, to face death by disease and starvation; and another half a million fled back across the border into Rwanda, to face likely extermination at the hands of the Tutsi.

*EIR* first exposed this policy of genocide on Aug. 19, 1994, in a cover story titled "The British Hand Behind the Horror in Rwanda." Then, on Oct. 28, 1994, in a *Special Report* titled "The Coming Fall of the House of Windsor," we revealed the existence of the secretive Club of the Isles, the House of Windsor-led oligarchical institution centered upon a tightly knit alliance of European princely families, London-based financial and insurance houses, and food and raw materials

cartels. The Club of the Isles in turn deploys the resources of the global environmentalist movement, headed by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF, formerly the World Wildlife Fund), and its funding arm, the 1001 Club, as a propaganda and paramilitary arm of their one-world "New Dark Age" agenda.

Under the WWF umbrella, the British Crown has built up a string of strategically located nature preserves and national parks, which serve as staging grounds for cross-border incursions, as training grounds for terrorist gangs, and as command posts for British "former" SAS commandos to direct the killings in every part of sub-Saharan Africa.

As we document below, in joining the advisory board to Barrick Gold, and throwing his political clout into facilitating Barrick's worldwide strategic metals grab, George Bush, has cast his lot with a collection of very unsavory characters, including Barrick's chairman, Peter Munk, and with the entire Canadian Bronfman gang.

Barrick and the South African Oppenheimer family's Anglo American Corp. are at the cutting edge of a Club of the Isles drive to recolonize a severely depopulated African continent, by busting up the post-colonial nation-states, beginning with Zaire; and then creating privately owned micro-states, in which what is left of the indigenous population is impressed into slavery. The novelist Joseph Conrad described these conditions graphically in his 1899 book *Heart of Darkness*. Unless the oligarchy is stopped, Bush and his friends intend to reimpose those conditions.