

# Rowland and the Royals are furious at EIR exposés

by Jeffrey Steinberg

On Jan. 7, 1998, *EIR* Associate Editor Susan Welsh received a letter from Mrs. Josie Rowland, the wife of former Lonrho executive R.W. “Tiny” Rowland, ostensibly complaining about recent *EIR* exposés of her husband’s nefarious activities over the past 50 years on behalf of the House of Windsor. She was particularly distressed by an eight-page story, appearing in the Dec. 19, 1997 issue of *EIR*, in her words, “attacking Tiny as a homosexual Nazi who was at the same time violently

pro-Soviet and perpetually employed by ‘the British crown’ to do their evil will, whatever that is.”

It is noteworthy that Mrs. Rowland made no effort to dispute the accuracy of the information included in the *EIR* story. She chose, instead, to focus her complaints on the erroneous assumption that the information about her husband had been provided to *EIR* by Mohamed Al Fayed, a longtime business rival of the ex-Lonrho chief, and the father of Dodi Fayed, who was murdered, along with Princess Diana, in an Aug. 31, 1997 automobile crash in Paris.

In the aftermath of the deaths of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, Tiny Rowland has once again surfaced, on behalf of the British monarchy, to attack the Al Fayed interests, through a series of writs, charging that Al Fayed and several of his employees broke into a Harrods Department Store safe deposit box, owned by Rowland (see *EIR* Dec. 19, 1997 for further details).

The attacks against Al Fayed are aimed, in part, at driving the owner of the House of Frasier out of Britain, and, ultimately, at bankrupting him. The assault against the Al Fayed interests, what Rupert Murdoch’s *New York Post* described as a “blood-sport,” ordered by the House of Windsor, is very much tied to the ongoing efforts by the British Royals and their friends inside the French bureaucracy and the Jospin government, to cover up crucial evidence that the car crash that took the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, was an act of sophisticated vehicular homicide—not the drunk-driving traffic accident portrayed in most of the world media, through the steady stream of French police “official” leaks. It is widely believed in the inner circles of the House of Windsor, that the successful coverup of the Paris murders requires the destruction of Mohamed Al Fayed.

## EIR’s investigation of Rowland

As Tiny Rowland is well aware, Mohamed Al Fayed was not the source of the *EIR* material on his 50-year career as a thug for the monarchy. *EIR* has been tracking Rowland’s activities on behalf of the British Crown and their Club of the Isles apparatus for the past decade. In 1993, the editors of *EIR* published a book, *Tiny Rowland: The Ugly Face of Neocolonialism in Africa*. The Rowland dossier in the possession of *EIR* was developed through exhaustive investigative work

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Dear Mrs Welsh,

Over the last few years copies of your magazine have been sent to us anonymously, whenever you print material given to you by Mohamed Fayed, and therefore today we have two copies of your December 19th issue, containing a 'conspiracy' story about the death of the Princess of Wales, clearly all sourced from Fayed, and immediately abutting that, eight pages attacking Tiny as a homosexual Nazi who was at the same time violently pro-Soviet and perpetually employed by 'the British crown' to do their evil will, whatever that is. (It is not very clear as to the objectives.)

I would not bother to write, but I always feel sympathy for women who manage to get responsible posts in journalism, and since you signed the 'Associate Editor's' introduction, you must have merit and training of some kind.

It would be wise to look into the matter of Fayed a little more, if you hope to build up the reputation of what at the moment appears to be the eccentrically named Intelligence Review. Or it might be wise to find another field to exercise your talents, if *EIR* is under obligations to print such things. It's not creditable to you to sign off such articles.

Yours sincerely,

Josie Rowland

Enclosed: Original envelope  
Photocopy of last week's leader from  
The London Evening Standard and  
supporting article.

Mrs. Josie Rowland, wife of former Lonrho executive Tiny Rowland, gives *EIR* a piece of her mind—on behalf of the British monarchy.

over many years, and with the assistance of dozens of sources in Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States, and elsewhere.

In fact, one year before the crash that claimed the lives of Dodi Fayed, Princess Diana, and Henri Paul, *EIR* was prompted to reopen the Rowland file, by revelations coming out of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

On Sept. 26, 1996, Col. Eugene de Kock, who headed a covert death squad unit of the South African paramilitary police during the apartheid era, told a South African court that one of his former agents, Craig Williamson, had been responsible for the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. Several days later, another former officer of the police unit, Brig. Dirk Coutzee, corroborated de Kock's testimony, and named a second member of the Palme hit-team, James Anthony "Ant" White.

After formally retiring from the South African paramilitary police, Williamson and White had joined forces with a Seychelles Islands-based gangster, Giovanni Mario Ricci, to form several "private security" firms, including GMR and Longreach, both housed in the same Pretoria, South Africa offices. White also created a security firm in Mozambique called Flocon International, which was employed by Tiny Rowland to provide "security" for the Baira corridor mining and other ventures of Lonrho. The man named as the assassin of Palme was thus a full-time employee of Rowland and Lonrho at the time. The allegations against Williamson and White are still being pursued by Swedish and South African investigators.

In October 1996, *EIR* published its own findings about the charges against Williamson and White, in a widely circulated 86-page *Special Report*, titled "George Bush and the 12333 Serial Murder Ring." The report profiled the British Crown-directed private assassination apparatus that not only was responsible for the murder of Olof Palme, but was also behind the killings of Uwe Barschel, the Minister President of the German state of Schleswig Holstein, and several other prominent world figures, during the 1980s. During the 1980s, when Vice President George Bush was the man in charge of U.S. covert operations, through the so-called "secret parallel government" structures, spelled out in Executive Order 12333 and other Reagan administration national security directives, the British Crown's intelligence services enjoyed an enormous degree of influence over U.S. covert operations.

The *EIR* report included previously unpublished details about Tiny Rowland's intimate dealings with the notorious East German secret police, the Stasi, in covert international arms deals, and joint irregular warfare operations in southern Africa. The *EIR* report highlighted a January 1986 meeting in London among an aide to top Stasi "commercial" officer Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, Rowland, and two of Rowland's leading Lonrho patrons, Allan Ball and Edward du Cann. Ball's father, Joseph Ball, a longtime senior British

intelligence figure, former deputy head of British MI5, was one of Rowland's early intelligence case-officers.

The *EIR* report also identified Rowland's African covert operations as overlapping those of the recently deceased British "businessman" Sir Jimmy Goldsmith, who ran Royal Consort Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund deployment of former British Special Air Services (SAS) personnel in southern Africa, through a project known as Operation Lock. Ostensibly aimed at combatting ivory poachers, Operation Lock actually provided cover for hit-teams that targeted South African anti-apartheid leaders for elimination. Operation Lock was partly financed by money from the British Queen Mother.

Both Rowland and Goldsmith were, throughout their careers, high-level assets of the unit of British Secret Intelligence that reports directly to the monarchy, through the security committee of the Privy Council. Although Rowland is widely known as a scoundrel with a checkered background of pro-Nazi activities, and petty criminality, his career, post-1960, was personally sponsored by Angus Ogilvie, a member, by marriage, of the royal family, and by Ogilvie's boss, the Crown's private financial manager, Harley Drayton.

This brings us back to the issue of Mrs. Rowland's recent correspondence, and the ongoing investigation into the death of Princess Diana.

Accompanying Mrs. Rowland's letter were two attachments from the *Evening Standard*: a Dec. 23, 1997 editorial, complaining bitterly that the Blair government had announced that it was reconsidering Mohamed Al Fayed's application for British citizenship; and an accompanying opinion piece, slandering Al Fayed, by *Vanity Fair* magazine contributing editor Christopher Hitchens.

At the same time that *EIR* received the communication from Mrs. Rowland, well-placed sources in Washington alerted this writer that a series of complaints were recently lodged with the U.S. government, by representatives of the House of Windsor, over *EIR*'s coverage of the deaths of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed, and Henri Paul. A second source, who formerly held senior positions within the U.S. national security establishment, suggested that the complaints were likely passed through standing "informal" channels between British intelligence personnel, posted at the embassy in Washington, and designated liaison officers within the U.S. Executive branch. Such back-channels do not require any paper trail.

It is not surprising that the Rowlands and the Windsors would be upset at *EIR*'s in-depth coverage of the death of Princess Diana. *EIR*'s Nov. 21, 1997 detailed account of the final hours of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed has been substantially corroborated by new eyewitness accounts and forensic tests that have come to light in recent weeks—bearing out *EIR*'s charges that the French are covering up evidence of murder. Details of the new eyewitness and forensic evidence will be reported in next week's issue.