

## Editorial

### *Susan Rice, and U.S. sovereignty*

If anyone were to doubt the accuracy of *EIR*'s insistence, that important areas of U.S. foreign policy are run by the British oligarchy, that person should take a long, hard look at what a senior official in the State Department has recently proclaimed to leading figures of that oligarchy.

The person in question is Susan Rice, U.S. Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. On May 13, Rice delivered the Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture at the Rhodes House in Oxford, England. She declared her undying loyalty to the British establishment. "I am deeply honored to be the Bram Fischer lecturer this year," she said. "It is gratifying to be back at Oxford representing President Clinton and Secretary Albright. . . . Almost nine years ago, I spent much of my time in this very house, buried in the library upstairs. To be at Rhodes House tonight with so many friends, benefactors, and mentors is a personal privilege. It is like a coming home for me—for much of what I know about Africa was discovered within these walls, refined at this great university, with the generous support of the Rhodes Trust."

With this display of Anglophilia, Rice has assured herself a prominent place in the list of British agents-of-influence within the U.S. State Department. Her Rhodes speech echoes the declaration made in May 1982 by Henry Kissinger at the leading British foreign policy think-tank, the Royal Institute for International Affairs, known as Chatham House. Kissinger had said at that time, that throughout his tenure as Secretary of State, he had always served the interests and foreign policy directives of London, rather than those of his own White House.

Rice, like Kissinger, comes out of the British school of geopolitics, but the branch connected to Kissinger's Tweedledum counterpart, Zbigniew Brzezinski. Her mentor, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is a graduate of Zbiggy's school. Thus, Rice, over the past five years, has pursued every British policy aim in Africa: from supporting Ugandan dictator Yoweri Museveni and the Tutsi extremist Paul Kagame in Rwanda, to exacerbating confrontation with Sudan. Rice is now engaged in the renewed assault against Sudan, as the U.S. Congress announced in House Resolution 75,

passed in June, which calls for establishing "no-fly zones" in Sudan, along the Iraqi model. This means preparing the ground for armed conflict with Sudan. The policy, like most of U.S. policy on Sudan, originated in Britain, and was channelled into Congress by British intelligence agent Baroness Caroline Cox.

But now it appears that the evil doings of Rice are linked up with those of another high official with a "special relationship" to the British: Vice President Al Gore. Gore's racist policy of depriving AIDS victims in Africa from procuring inexpensive medications, in order to protect the interests of pharmaceutical industries, has been documented by *EIR*. Gore pressured the new President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki, to repudiate Section 15C of the South African Medicines Act, signed into law by Nelson Mandela, which allows for the production with royalties of less-expensive generic drugs to combat the disease. Now, it emerges that Rice was one of Gore's closest collaborators in putting the squeeze on Mbeki. It was Rice who pushed for South Africa to be subjected to sanctions and export tariffs, and to be placed on a free-trade watch-list. And, it was Rice who, in February, oversaw the report to Congress on "U.S. Government Efforts to Negotiate the Repeal, Termination or Withdrawal of Article 15C of the South African Medicines and Related Substances Act of 1965."

If Gore is thus responsible for abetting genocide, Susan Rice is the willing accomplice. With this in mind, it is legitimate to suspect that no good will come out of the special envoy which the United States is planning to send to Sudan. The announcement was made by Albright, in an address to the Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in New York on July 13. Albright repeated the litany of accusations against Sudan, originally drawn up by Baroness Cox, and sent through the usual Congressional hearings channel to the top.

The question is not, when will Albright declare her historical allegiance to the British Crown; the question Americans must ask is: When will we finally rid the foreign policy establishment in Washington of this British contamination, and reestablish sovereignty in the tradition of the American republic?