

Clark dumped as NATO head; Albright should be next

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Gen. Wesley Clark, who earned the wrath of the Clinton White House and even some top officials in the Pentagon for his handling of the Kosovo war, and his push for a ground invasion of the Balkans, was informed suddenly, by a telephone call from Gen. Henry Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a trip to Lithuania on July 28, that he will not be re-appointed Supreme Allied Commander/Europe (SACEUR). Clark was further informed, that he is expected to leave three months early, by April 2000, and that his replacement has already been named. The dumping of Clark is the first step in a cleanout of British agents of influence in U.S. military and security positions, one that is vitally needed to prevent the outbreak of a third world war.

Recently revealed details of Clark's operations as SACEUR confirm everything that *EIR* founder and Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche warned about in his article, "The LaRouche Doctrine" (*EIR*, April 16, 1999). That article exposed the fact that the Balkans war was a surrogate British operation to manipulate America into busting up the emerging alliance of the Russia-China-India strategic triangle. The Clinton administration, and its favorable orientation toward China and Russia, had to be stopped.

New revelations, in the Aug. 2 issue of the *The New Yorker* magazine, if confirmed, also put Clark irrefutably at the top of the chain of command in changing NATO's target-selection procedure, a change that would have facilitated the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade by U.S. planes on May 7.

While White House official statements on Clark's removal reflect typical baby-boomer "diplomatese," praising him for his conduct of the Kosovo war, nothing could be further from the truth.

Highly reliable U.S. military sources report that the decision to dump Clark, and replace him with U.S. Air Force General Joseph Ralston, now the Vice Chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, came directly from the White House. Defense Secretary William Cohen, who was out of the country in Asia at the time of the notification, had no say in the matter, these sources say.

Another well-placed source, a Russian strategist thoroughly acquainted with U.S. military circles, put the firing of Clark in a broad strategic context. Clark was guilty of full-scale insubordination against President Clinton. There was increasing friction with the Pentagon, as Clark insisted on ground troops, and tried to bully through the use of ill-prepared Apache helicopter crews to justify a ground invasion. Clark also opposed the cease-fire, and tried to provoke a direct confrontation with Russian paratroopers who occupied the Pristina airport as part of the peacekeeping force. He was reined in from Washington.

There is no question that Clark is one of the key operatives working on behalf of Her Majesty's British Empire against Clinton's policies and against the interests of the United States.

According to the Hollinger Corp.-owned *Daily Telegraph* of London, Clark was "an advocate of preparing for a ground war [in Kosovo] . . . in the face of deep reluctance from the White House and the Pentagon to deploy ground troops." The *Telegraph* ought to know: The publication is owned by Conrad Black, the Canada-based billionaire, who financed the launching of the "NATO enlargement" doctrine through the founding of "New Atlantic Initiative" run by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the U.S.-based Zbigniew Brzezinski, both members of the Hollinger board of advisers. As *EIR* has documented, the *Telegraph* was also at the center of the British operation to eliminate President Clinton, through impeachment. During the Kosovo war, the *Telegraph* editorialized that Prime Minister Tony Blair should be the "real President" of the United States because

he, unlike Clinton, was ready to carry out a full-scale ground war in Yugoslavia, and didn't fear a confrontation with Russia.

'Court-martial the SOBs'

The May 21, 1999 *EIR Feature* story, entitled "LaRouche: I Would Court-Martial the SOB's," directly identified Clark as one of the British agents who must be ousted. *EIR* quoted a May 10 LaRouche Presidential campaign statement about the Chinese Embassy bombing, which says, "The statement of NATO's Gen. Wesley Clark, to the effect that he continues to stand by the system [of targetting] . . . would be sufficient proof to require his immediate discharge for cause of culpable intent to foster negligence in related matters."

The relevant statements by Clark, quoted by *EIR*, said, "The target was mistakenly identified. There was no pilot or crew error. . . . It was a case of the selection of the target and the process that was involved there. We've looked at that process, we've got confidence in it. . . . This was an anomaly and we're going to continue to intensify this air campaign. We're not going to let an incident like this deter us." Clark disdained an ABC reporter's suggestion that an investigation was necessary.

But new revelations by *The New Yorker* journalist Michael Ignatieff indicate that Clark has a lot to hide. According to Ignatieff, Clark developed a "rapid-reaction targetting system" for air strikes in late April, because the normal targetting verification system took "too long." This system would have come into play after it was clear to Clark and his British government secret collaborators that President Clinton was not going to capitulate and agree to a ground invasion of Kosovo.

Clark looked for a way to escalate the war by expanding the number of targets and speeding up the targetting process. Ignatieff writes, "The standard air-tasking order—assigning a pilot to a particular target—took 72 hours to clear all its hurdles, and this was too slow." Generals, such as American Air Commander Gen. Michael Short, a Vietnam veteran, was one among the officers who told Clark that pilots "don't develop targets." But Clark was adamant, and "took care of that" opposition.

The article says that at SHAPE headquarters, Clark's team improvised a "target-development-and-review process . . . a computerized system that operated in real time." This system became operational in late April. "Once it was running, it finally gave Clark control of his airwar."

Albright goes 'psycho'

While Clark's firing is a step in the right direction, President Clinton must move immediately to oust Clark's cohort, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, whose saber-rattling and unauthorized confrontations with Russia during the Rambouillet talks on Kosovo, brought about the Balkans war. Albright is a disaster, and her psychological instability is no joke.



Gen. Wesley Clark was identified by Lyndon LaRouche on May 10 as one of the British agents and "SOBs" who must be ousted.

The lunatic antics by Albright at the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) meeting in Singapore makes this firing even more urgent.

On July 28, at the ASEAN concluding banquet, Albright had one of her "male" minions, Assistant Secretary of Defense Kurt Campbell, dress up in drag as "Madeleine II" and sing a provocative song about the "American hegemony" secured by the Kosovo war. Two years ago, as the Asian financial crisis was breaking out, Albright herself sang of her loyalty to George Soros, and attacked Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad; last year, she sang with former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov. This year, "her" song about hegemony was a direct counter to the statements of Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan, who attacked "hegemonism" at the ASEAN summit (see article, this issue).

Albright had to leave early, so Campbell dressed up in drag, posing as the ugly Albright, to sing a tune called "Lone Superpower," to the tune of "Home on the Range." The drag review was introduced with videotaped message by Albright, stating: "American technology can achieve miracles. . . . Before leaving Singapore, I had myself cloned. And I have left behind Madeleine II . . . who combines the modesty of Henry Kissinger with the shyness of Madonna—me."

Campbell then sang the lyrics that convey the lunatic mindset of Albright and the so-called Kosovo "victors": "Lone, lone superpower/From Pristina to Port Au Prince Haiti; Some countries complain/We feel their pain, But we're sticking with hegemony. . . . Where the people can vote/And the currencies float, And the countries all do what we say."

On learning of this performance, LaRouche said, "Has Madeleine gone completely psycho? Where is her psychiatrist?" LaRouche likened Albright's performance to Genghis Khan playing billiards with the heads of his victims, and said that President Clinton, to save the honor of the United States, must announce that Albright is being dismissed.