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gages in odd beliefs and practices that are inappropriate to a future monarch and future head of the Church of England. But, in truth, the book was a promotional for the occult traditions and practices of the British royal family over the past century and a half.

Dale documented the fact that British royals have engaged in occult, "paranormal" practices such as spiritualism (using mediums, through séances, to speak to the dead), faith healing, magic, homeopathic and other "alternative" medicines, and the like, since the time of Queen Victoria. Through a certain form of genetic transmission, and through the recent influence of such royal family figures as Lord "Dickie" Mountbatten, these "psychic" proclivities were passed on to Prince Charles, who, according to Dale, "must be congratulated for displaying the guts to speak out where others have remained silent."

Dale showed that this practice of the occult by royalty is very much part of the mythos purveyed by the would-be inhabitants of Mount Olympus. He cited the view of one practitioner of spiritualism, the late King Paul of Greece, the uncle of Prince Philip, that spiritualism is a positive practice, in the tradition of "the famed Delphic Oracle of Greece."

Dale's book amounts to an extended legitimation of the occult and related practices. He repeatedly uses adjectives like "respectable," "reputable," "brave," and so on, to refer to practitioners of spiritualism and other forms of the occult. The ultimate point then becomes that Prince Charles is only the latest, in a long and noble (literally) tradition. Dale's book must be seen as one expression of the activities of the "Occult Bureau" of MI6.

One of Britain's more astute social-psychology experts told *EIR* on Aug. 3, that a book like Dale's has the real object of reinforcing the aura of magic and magical powers around the royal family. He said: "Such books seek to prove that royalty has special powers. It's a variant on the notion of the 'divine right of kings.' The message is: 'Royalty is not the same as the rest of us.' It's a means of giving legitimation for royalty, with a special status, to portray them as wizards, with extraordinary powers. It's a way of creating what I call the 'super-other,' making the royals into a deity."

It is not surprising, that *EIR* has received a report from Britain, that recent editions of *Take a Break* ran columns by a psychic, who purports to have "communicated with Princess Diana." The articles included Diana's comments "from beyond the grave," in which she asked the readers to accept that her death was an "accident," and that they should ignore stories alleging that she was murdered.

LaRouche campaign responds

Inclusively, the *Take a Break* article represents an intolerable act of British interference in the American Presidential campaign. On Aug. 2, his campaign vehicle, LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods, was quick to respond, with a statement issued in Washington by Debra Hanania-Freeman, national spokeswoman for LaRouche. Freeman said: "After consulting with security experts familiar with the modus operandi of British intelligence networks, we are treating the piece as a cover for an MI6 order, probably with direct backing from someone in the royal household, to assassinate Lyndon LaRouche. . . . The inflammatory article . . . reflects a growing hysteria around Buckingham Palace, over the growing global influence of LaRouche's ideas and his continuing exposé of the British oligarchy. . . . The appearance of such a highly politicized piece, that is so violent in tone, taken together with John Dale's background, signals that this crowd is out for blood."

Freeman said that representatives of LaRouche's Presidential campaign were in the process of contacting the appropriate authorities about the threat against the candidate. "We are also passing the information on to the White House," Freeman added, "so they can assess whether the article also constitutes a threat to the security of President Clinton."

Al Fayed: 'J'accuse!'

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The inaugural issue of *Talk* magazine, which grabbed international headlines with its exclusive interview of First Lady Hillary Clinton, has stirred up another hornet's nest. In an interview in the same issue, Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods department store and the father of the late Dodi Fayed, accuses Prince Philip, the Queen of England's Royal Consort, of having ordered the murder of his son and Princess Diana.

The article, by Gerald Posner, makes light of Al Fayed's naming of Prince Philip and MI6, but quotes him at length. Posner reports, "Al Fayed's rhetoric soars to fantastic heights when naming the names he thinks are behind the [murder] scheme: 'Prince Philip is the one responsible for giving the order. He is very racist . . . and I'm sure he is a Nazi sympathizer. Also, Robert Fellowes [the Queen's private secretary and Diana's brother-in-law] was key. He is the Rasputin of the British monarchy.' "

Plausible denial

Posner went on for several pages, about his "own" findings. "I concluded my own investigation of the French probe this spring and found no credible evidence whatsoever confirming Al Fayed's beliefs. But what I did discover will not, regrettably, close the case for Al Fayed and his fellow conspiracy theorists."

In fact, Posner's "repudiation" of Al Fayed's charges

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highlighted all of the unanswered questions that ensure that the wrongful deaths of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed, and Henri Paul will never be a "closed case," until they are resolved.

Posner's "investigation" pointed to: The failure of the French to locate the white Fiat Uno that collided with the Mercedes carrying Diana and Dodi; the failure to save Diana's life by getting her promptly to a hospital; the failure of the French to control the initial crime scene; the French pathologist's failure to secure the blood sample of driver Henri Paul, who was also killed in the crash; and the French disdain for the British and their resentment at putting such an effort into what they wanted to write off as a case of drunk driving.

Touting his access to U.S. government secrets, Posner reported, "The cornerstone of Al Fayed's theory is that intelligence agents are responsible for the death of his son and Princess Diana. My investigation yielded no evidence of such activity—but that doesn't mean that there weren't some spooks sniffing around." Indeed, Posner reported that the U.S. National Security Agency had conducted extensive electronic surveillance of Princess Diana, including conversations between the Princess and her close friend Lucia Flecha de Lima, the wife of the former Brazilian ambassador to the United States. The NSA is battling in Federal court to block disclosure of the contents of their 1,000 pages of Diana material. And, of course, a group of self-described "former CIA agents," including Oswald LeWinter, attempted to extract $20 million from the Harrods owner, by peddling counterfeit CIA documents, claiming that MI6 and the Mossad colluded to engineer the fatal Paris car crash shortly after midnight on Aug. 31, 1997.

And, in another shocker, Posner claimed that his sources in the U.S. intelligence services say that, in the hours before the Mercedes entered the Place de l'Alma tunnel, driver Henri Paul was closeted with a security officer from the Direction Générale de la Securité Extérieure, the French equivalent of the American CIA.

Posner recently gained notoriety by authoring a book on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which endorsed the findings of the Warren Commission. He earlier penned a similar whitewash of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Media frenzy

Despite Posner's efforts to throw cold water on Al Fayed's charges against Prince Philip, the latter's accusations spread instantly. On Aug. 3, the *New York Post,* owned by British media mogul Rupert Murdoch, gave prominent coverage to Al Fayed's charges in the Page Six column, under the banner headline "Philip Killed Di & Dodi: Al Fayed." The New York daily reported: "Queen Elizabeth's husband is a cold-blooded killer who ordered the murders of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, Fayed's billionaire dad has charged."

The *Post* noted, "The bizarre charge . . . is the first time Al Fayed has named names in his claim that Di and Dodi's death in a high-speed car crash were not a tragic accident. . . . The grieving father vows to expose Philip and his henchmen at any cost."

The next day, the British tabloid press chimed in, further spreading the word that Al Fayed has "named the names."

Typical of the coverage was the Aug. 4 edition of the London *Express,* which had two-inch headlines, "Fayed Accuses Philip," with the subheaded, "Outrage as Harrods Boss Says 'Nazi' Prince Had Diana Killed." While referring to the Al Fayed charges as "conspiracy theories," provoking "outrage" among the royals, the article quoted extensively from Al Fayed's interview with *Talk,* including Al Fayed's confident observation that "the people are too smart. They know there is more to the death of Diana than they have been told."

The *Express* got a comment from a spokesman for Buckingham Palace: "It is our policy, if an article is clearly wrong, not to dignify it with a comment. We will not be providing a follow-up to that particular article." Tory Member of Parliament and longtime Al Fayed basher Gerald Howarth (who put forward a parliamentary question in May 1999, demanding to know Al Fayed's relationship to Lyndon LaRouche and ex-MI6 officer Richard Tomlinson) told the paper, "I think the time has come when he should go back to Egypt. It is particularly so when he is so disparaging of our royal family."

The *Daily Sport* ran the headline, "Sensational Claim by Harrod's Boss: Prince Philip Had Di and Dodi Bumped Off—It's Ridiculous, Says Palace." Another Buckingham Palace spokesman was quoted in this article, saying, "It is quite clearly ridiculous to suggest Prince Philip would be involved in anything like this."

The *Daily Star,* another tabloid, carried the banner, "Philip 'Had Di and Dodi Murdered.' " In words nearly identical to the *Take a Break* attack on LaRouche, the *Daily Star* quoted a "royal insider" saying: "It's about time Al Fayed shut up. He can think what he wants to himself, but he should not accuse people of such terrible things with no evidence. How does he think Diana's sons feel when he says that their grandfather killed their mother?"

The Aug. 5 German daily *Bild Zeitung* also gave front-page coverage to the *Talk* magazine interview, hinting that Queen Elizabeth II might move to have Al Fayed expelled from Britain because of his accusations against her husband.

In short, tens of millions of Britons, Germans, and Americans know that the name of Prince Philip has been publicly identified as the author of the assassination of Princess Diana. Recent polls, taken in England, reveal that a majority of Britons believe that Diana was murdered, and do not believe the official propaganda put forward by the establishment press. And, that knowledge makes the Windsors and their courtiers most uneasy.