

# Rees-Mogg's obsession with Lyndon LaRouche

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On Sunday, Oct. 3, Lord William Rees-Mogg, the former Editor-in-Chief of the London *Sunday Times* and a member of the governing board of the British Broadcasting Corp., published an obscene, “factually challenged” attack against American Democratic Party Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche. The attack came at the beginning of one of his weekly columns that purported to be an attack on British Prime Minister Tony Blair and an endorsement of Tory Party chief William Hague.

Rees-Mogg's fractured fairy-tale attack on the American political economist began: “In the United States there is a millionaire, Lyndon LaRouche, who alleges that I organized the Oklahoma City bombing. He once sent a picket to my publisher in Baltimore to protest about it. My motive, he suggested, was to destabilise President Clinton so that the Queen, who is the head of the world drug cartel, could be put on the throne of Mexico. She would presumably have found that a convenient place of business. . . . Mr. LaRouche also believes that I run MI6.”

The Rees-Mogg tirade against LaRouche is but the latest indicator that, among the British establishment and the circles of the monarchy, LaRouche is seen as “public enemy number one,” the man with the ideas that can bring about a fundamental realignment of world politics and world finance—and a historic defeat for the London-headquartered financial oligarchy. The growing support for LaRouche's New Bretton Woods and Eurasian Land-Bridge policies around the world—not the silly sound-bite misrepresentations sputtered by Rees-Mogg—are what drives the City of London and Crown circles apoplectic every time the name “LaRouche” is mentioned in their presence.

On Aug. 5, Her Majesty's favorite tabloid weekly, *Take a Break*, had published a similar vile and violent attack against LaRouche, demanding that the Blair government “shut this man's mouth once and for all.” The common denominator of the Rees-Mogg and *Take a Break* smears was their candid admission that LaRouche's ideas are spreading faster than ever around the world, courtesy of the Internet and LaRouche's year 2000 Presidential campaign (see also the article in *International* in this issue on the recent assassination attempt against Natalia Vitrenko, a candidate for the Presidency of Ukraine).

## LaRouche responds

On Oct. 4, Lyndon LaRouche issued a comment on the Rees-Mogg diatribe through his campaign committee. The statement read:

“Former London *Times* editor Lord William Rees-Mogg was always better known for his enthusiasms than his attention to facts. For reasons his mental health advisor might understand, Lord William prefaced a rambling Oct. 3 piece with an utterly irrelevant and incoherent attack upon me. The piece was published in the *Sunday Times* of London, Oct. 3, under the title, ‘Unheard People Who Can Help Hague Beat the Big Lie.’ The only plausible connection between my name and that of his putative subject, Britain's William Hague, is that my name seems to be currently foremost in crotchety Lord William's enviably long list of pet hatreds.

“One of the curious passages in his Oct. 3 piece, is the assertion: ‘Mr. LaRouche also believes that I run MI6.’ The fact is, I doubt that Lord William today even manages himself.”

Indeed, old Lord Rees-Mogg serves a particular need of the British establishment and intelligence services, one not much different than that of the soft-core-porn tabloids, like *Take a Break*. He is a perfectly deniable mouthpiece for higher-ups who would not care to be overheard making such provably nutty assertions about LaRouche. Beneath the farcical exterior, the message, nevertheless, comes across: Among the highest policymaking circles in the City of London and at the Palace, the LaRouche threat is being taken deadly seriously.

## The American political battle

In other recent columns, and in private discussions with several American and European journalists, Lord Rees-Mogg has acknowledged that LaRouche represents a substantial “wildcard” factor in the vital year 2000 elections in America. No longer is the British-friendly “Bush versus Gore” two-way contest in the cards. As LaRouche announced more than a year ago, and as Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) repeated more recently, Vice President Al Gore is unelectable as President. That reality—largely thanks to LaRouche's own campaign to expose the Vice President as a dangerous flake—is now being brought home, on a daily basis, to anyone following the major American and world press.

“LaRouche has a following. He has followers who believe him, and people do believe in conspiracy theories,” Rees-Mogg complained bitterly in a recent discussion with a European reporter. He added that, with Pat Buchanan possibly running as the Reform Party nominee, no one can predict the outcome of the U.S. Presidential race.

Rees-Mogg also admitted that if the stock market crashes, as he himself frequently predicts in his newsletter, his preferred option of “blood in the streets” may not prevail. Rather, an “anti-establishment” candidate, such as LaRouche, could seize the moment. And that is where Lord Rees-Mogg's nightmares really begin.