

## New hoax to conceal British role in China Embassy bombing

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The Danish newspaper *Politiken* has published a Big Lie story in its Oct. 17 issue, charging that President Bill Clinton personally ordered the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia on May 7, 1999. An abbreviated version of the story was published the same day in the London *Observer*, to, in the words of a *Politiken* editor interviewed by *EIR*, “give more weight” to the story, which is a transparent hoax.

It is not surprising that the *Politiken* and *Observer* stories would appear on the eve of Chinese President Jiang Zemin’s state visit to Britain and other European countries, and in the midst of high-level closed-door talks between the Clinton administration and the Chinese, aimed at restoring the Washington-Beijing “strategic partnership,” a relationship that was severely battered by the 78-day NATO air war against Yugoslavia. In a recent interview with *MI6*’s resident fool, Lord William Rees-Mogg, published in the London *Times*, China’s President reported that his recent meeting with President Clinton in Auckland, New Zealand, during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, had been very positive, and represented a move back toward an American-Chinese cooperative partnership. Sources close to the Clinton administration have told *EIR* that a concerted effort is now under way to repair the damage and set Washington-Beijing relations back on track; these sources were optimistic that progress is being made.

### The cat is out of the bag

The British Foreign Office is on record—despite the pomp and circumstance afforded President Jiang during his London visit—in favor of the breakup of China, at the earliest possible date (see Mark Burdman, “British Pyromaniacs Light War Fires in Eurasia,” *EIR*, Oct. 1, 1999). And the

British establishment has gone collectively insane every time President Clinton attempted to advance American-Chinese collaboration.

In spite of the pathetic efforts of various American intelligence officials to claim that the May 7 bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade was a horrible accident, brought about by a “mapping error,” the facts, as presented within hours of the B-2 precision-guided bombing, made it clear that this was a premeditated attack.

NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe Gen. Wesley Clark issued an insanely provocative statement within hours of the bombing, asserting that he had full confidence in the target selection procedures adopted by NATO for the Kosovo war. In postwar interviews, General Clark admitted that he had personally revamped the target verification procedures to assure that the NATO air units were provided with sufficient targets to conduct round-the-clock bombing missions.

On May 10, Lyndon LaRouche issued a pair of statements, discussing the levels of culpability of key officials in the NATO chain of command, and identifying the geostrategic motives behind the attack, which was a hideous violation of every precept of international law.

LaRouche wrote: “The targetting of China’s Belgrade Embassy was not only culpable per se, but clearly intentional. . . . The NATO bombing of China’s Belgrade Embassy is consistent, in imputable intent and consequences, with the efforts of the British government and the U.S. anti-China lobby, to enrage China to such a degree as to undermine the present government of China and its efforts to maintain constructive engagement with the U.S.A. . . . It is urgent that we recognize, that the purpose of Her Majesty’s Blair government, in the NATO bombing of China’s Belgrade Embassy,

was to break up the China-Russia-India cooperation, by aid of using the bombing incident to tilt the situation in China against the existing government's policies of cooperation with President Clinton. . . . For this reason, anyone supporting Blair's NATO policies against the policies of President Clinton must be regarded as virtually a traitor, not only to the U.S.A., but the human race as a whole."

### **The Politiken hoax**

*Politiken* senior correspondent Jens Holsoe began his fractured fairy tale account of the embassy bombing with the assertion: "When the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade was bombed on May 7 during the NATO air campaign against Yugoslavia, it was on direct orders from the U.S. President, a high-level source told *Politiken* and the British newspaper *The Observer*." In the course of his article, Holsoe cited several anonymous NATO and British Ministry of Defense officials as his primary sources for putting the blame on President Clinton for the intentional bombing. Those sources conveniently claimed that there were two distinct structures responsible for determining bombing targets in Yugoslavia and Kosovo. One system was run through the NATO command, and required target approval from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, and French President Jacques Chirac. The second command was purely American, and President Clinton held the sole veto authority. It was, naturally, through the latter track that the NATO and British anonymous sources claimed the China Embassy bombing was approved, through a Presidential decision directive to the U.S. Air Force command.

Holsoe claimed that the Chinese government had allowed the Yugoslav military to use their embassy as a radio transmission center, after the Presidential palace was bombed on April 24, and that Chinese military observers were using the embassy to monitor the new precision-guided "wonder-weapons" being used by NATO for the first time. Whether or not there is an ounce of truth to these allegations, certain vital facts must be kept in mind.

First, under no circumstances can anyone countenance an attack against an embassy compound, regardless of whether electronic surveillance or similar activities were known to be going on. This is a violation of the most fundamental precepts of international law. Under such a renegade system, what American Embassy overseas would be immune from attack, for carrying out espionage or other hostile acts? What would be the difference, under such a breakdown in international law, between the clearly terrorist attack against the American Embassy compounds in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998, and the Belgrade bombing?

Second, the three key figures who, according to the facts known about the Belgrade bombing, are most likely responsible for the premeditated attack, are: British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, whose portfolio includes charge of the GCHQ at Cheltenham, England, the facility directly involved in elec-

tronic surveillance of the Balkans, and the leading proponent of a full-scale ground invasion of Yugoslavia and Kosovo; General Clark, who publicly defended the "targetting system" within hours of the embassy bombing, and who, likewise, was a proponent of a Balkan ground invasion; and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, whose role, from beginning to end, was to help trigger the Kosovo war, and, at every turn, to undermine President Clinton's efforts to seek a viable exit strategy from the strategically disastrous conflict.

Third, the attempt to put the blame on the President of the United States does not correspond, in any way, to the facts. The fault of the U.S. President was his failure to identify that he was double-crossed by elements of his own government, and his failure to fire Albright. The authorship of the bombing was from Great Britain and NATO, with the complicity of the Principals' Committee, the cabinet-level national security advisory body that frequently operated at cross-purposes with President Clinton's explicit policies toward the Balkans, the Middle East, Russia, and China.

### **Britain's historic enemy**

No competent assessment of the recent Kosovo fiasco, including the Chinese Embassy bombing, is possible without a comprehension of the deeper issues involved. As stated by several senior British policymakers in recent interviews with *EIR*, the British Foreign Office and the British Crown are aggressively pursuing their 150-year "divide and conquer" strategy of breaking up all rival "empires." In today's world, this means that the British are fully committed to the breakup of Russia, China, Indonesia, and India. And active British operations are now under way, pushing secessionist and other insurgent movements, all vectored at breaking up these great nations into a string of defenseless micro-states. In effect, British policy is to "Balkanize" much of the Eurasian landmass.

But, ultimately, the number-one target of British perfidy is the United States. Only the United States, including the United States of President Clinton, is capable of assembling the combination of power—with Russia, China, India, and others—to defeat the British drive for a new series of global conflagrations. The ultimate "enemy image" for the British oligarchy is the United States of Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Hence, the effort by London to break up any potential alliances between the United States and the leading "Survivors' Club" nations of Eurasia, starting with Russia, China, and India. Hence, the drive, led by the Hollinger Corp. and Sir Rupert Murdoch's Crown media cartels, to destroy the Clinton Presidency. Hence, the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, perhaps with the complicity of American military and national security assets, operating against the President, and on behalf of London.

When that reality is grasped, and when that set of crucial axioms is arrayed, the hoax behind the *Politiken* and *Observer* stories becomes transparently clear.