

Britain under Thatcher

It has now been one month since Britain's Margaret Thatcher was summoned by Her Majesty the Queen to form her new government. Within that short time frame all the rhetoric that provided the public relations camouflage for the incoming Conservative Party combination has been dropped. The coalition of crude butchers, aristocratic eccentrics and sycophantic retainers that has been assembled as the present government of the United Kingdom has begun to reveal the real features of Britain's ruling circles. Under Thatcher Britain is slated to be transformed from the top into the first fascist nation to emerge from the advanced sector in the present world political crisis.

There is one principal parameter which distinguishes the present Thatcher combination from that assembled by previous British Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath during the period from June 1970 to March of 1974. In almost all key respects the outlooks and policy commitments of the two governments are the same, both in terms of foreign and domestic policy as well as personnel. It was, after all, under Heath that Britain's oligarchs began to shift world policy configurations rapidly toward their standing commitment of this century to usher in a virtual new dark age in human history. The rigged oil crisis and Mideast war of 1973, which plunged most of the world's Third World population into conditions verging rapidly on genocide and holocaust, and the British-orchestrated Watergate coup against the United States, are exemplary features of the effort.

That notwithstanding, the Heath government failed, and among the reasons for its failure, including opposition from Pompidou's France and the Arab world, was the fact that the embittered British population was still capable of minimal rear-guard obstructionism in defense of its corrupt institutions such as the trade union movement. Now, after four more years of Labour Party rule, that is no longer the case. The British population has been ground up to the point that it will almost certainly accept the forced march imposition of fascism from above. Already James Callaghan, reconfirmed as leader of the Labour Party after the transfer of power, has made it clear that his party will support Thatcher against trade union political opposition. Meanwhile British policy think tanks such as the Henley Forecasting Unit have begun

to publish the blueprints on which the government will act.

A basic four point program has been established for coercing the population into slave labor modes within the period immediately ahead:

- the introduction of conscription programs for the work-force;
- the elimination of academic training programs, emphasis to be placed on industrial vocational training for defense-related industries, the rest to be scrapped;
- transformation of trade unions along the lines of Ley's Arbeitsdienst to supervise conscription programs;
- further massive austerity against household income levels and social service programs, through transforming national payscale legislation and expenditure cuts.

The work force will be coerced into a state-backed weapons build-up program modeled on Asquith and Balfour's early twentieth-century naval construction program.

A Dark Ages cabinet

There is no doubt that Britain's ruling circles consider that their psychotically fragmented subject population will impotently accept such a program without resistance, thereby leaving the Thatcher government with its hands free to pursue the oligarchy's New Dark Age policy throughout the world as a whole. Thatcher's government has certainly been shaped with that objective in mind. The bulk of the Conservative Party's blueblood heavyweights have been concentrated into the Foreign Office and Defence Departments. The relevant officials include such intimates and relatives of the reigning House of Windsor as Lord Carrington and Sir Ian Gilmour at the Foreign Office, and Francis Pym and Lord Strathcona and Mountroyal at the Defence Department.

The Northern Ireland treatment

Such a concentration of aristocratic talent in international relations-connected positions in fact obfuscates the crude realities of this new British government. If anyone encapsulates the character of the cabinet as a whole it is William Whitelaw, the head of Thatcher's Home Office. Whitelaw is otherwise known as the Butcher of Northern Ireland.

Whitelaw, a farmer from Northern England and in-

law of the Scots lowland aristocracy, has been assigned to the Home Office to fulfill the same quality of political operations he executed as the head of the Northern Ireland Office during the previous government of Edward Heath.

Whitelaw's tenure in that office overlapped briefly with the deployment of Frank Kitson, an army counterinsurgency specialist from Malaya and Kenya, as commander of the British Army's Belfast garrison.

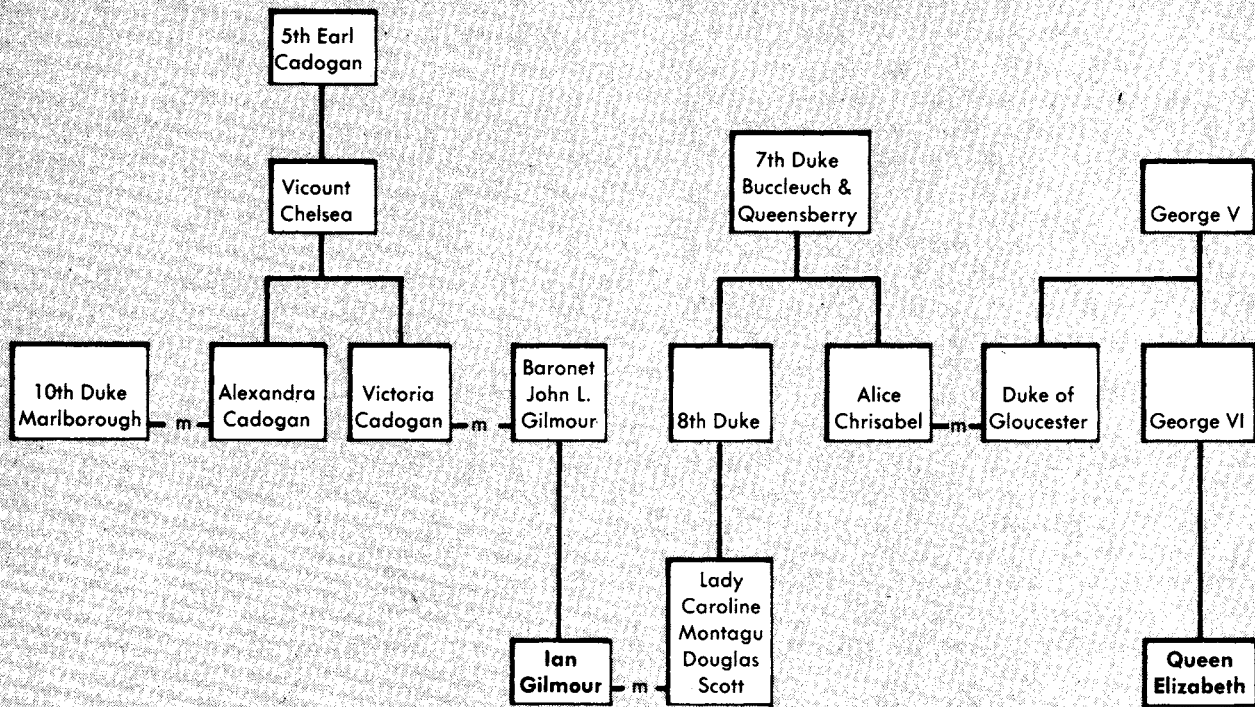
Not even present-day ravaged Italy or Spain can be compared to what Whitelaw did to Northern Ireland's population. He presided over the largest scale blood-bath in modern European history outside of a declared

war. In 1972 and 1973 under Whitelaw's rule, more than 200 people were assassinated in cold blood primarily in the city of Belfast—not to mention bombings, the practice later adopted by Italian Red Brigade members known as "knee-capping," and so forth, which resulted in over 800 other casualties to the civilian population in the same time frame.

Such operations were conducted by special forces teams of the British army under Whitelaw's political operational command who had been introduced to the area by Kitson and his superior the later Field Marshal Carver.

Northern Ireland was a test laboratory for studying

Mr. Gilmour's cousin, the Queen



When it became clear that the new Foreign Secretary, who must deliver a report to the British House of Commons, would be a member of the nobility, Lord Carrington, the minor problem was encountered that no person of the peerage is permitted to address the Lower House. Fortunately, the number two position at the Foreign Office was occupied by a commoner, Ian Gilmour. Ian Gilmour shall henceforth speak for Lord Carrington in the House of Commons.

The odd thing about this "commoner," who happens to be Lord Privy Seal, is that he is actually more closely related to Queen Elizabeth than Lord Carrington himself. Ian Gilmour's father, John Little Gilmour, was the second Baronet of Liberton and Craigmuller; his mother was Victoria Cadogan, offspring of the Viscount Chelsea; her brother married the Duke of Marlborough, making Ian Gilmour's father an in-law of the royalty-related Marlborough line.

To cement matters, Ian Gilmour was married off to Lady Caroline Montagu Douglas Scott, offspring of the 8th Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry whose sister married the Duke of Gloucester, brother of the king, all of which makes Ian Gilmour a pretty close cousin of the Queen.

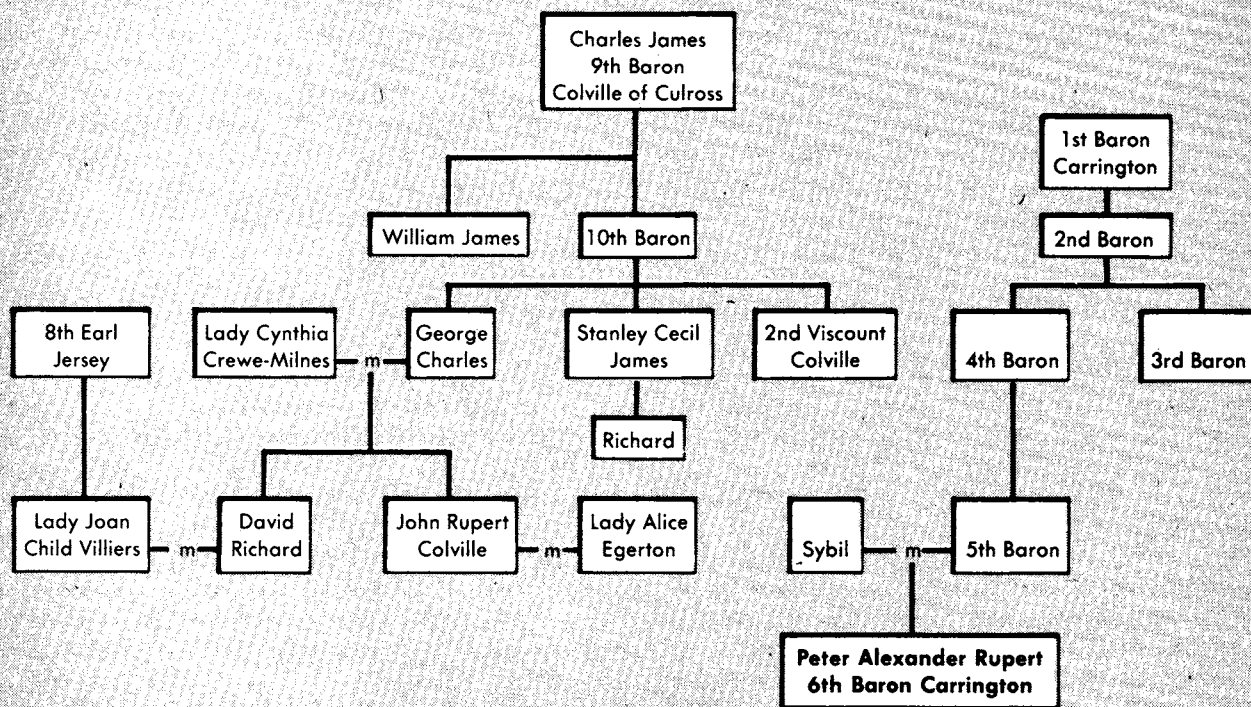
the effects of what are now, five years later, known as fundamentalist religious movements. Ulster's manipulated atavistic Protestant versus Catholic bloodbath was the test tube for Iran, and elsewhere. Whitelaw's butchery was the pretext for the total transformation of Northern Ireland's population into the equivalent of shell-shocked zombies under the gruesome rule of British military authorities. Concentration camps were established at Long Kesh and on board ships in Belfast harbor. Torture has been systematized in such camps, and has been the subject for broad but ineffective international protest.

Throughout the entire process British newspapers

such as the *Financial Times* and *London Times* would gloat at the productivity of Northern Ireland's workforce, and at the economic boom that was possible under martial law—the lack of strikes, the discipline of the work force—with assassination and bombings directed against the population, Catholic or Protestant, and internment camps ready for the recalcitrant. Northern Ireland is now a major producer for the British defence industry's electronics and naval capabilities.

Whitelaw has been deployed into the Thatcher Home Office now to do the same job inside Britain. And the British population has been sufficiently

Carrington pedigree: a palace affair



The particular line of breeding that produced the 6th Baron Carrington, current British Foreign Secretary, emphasized keeping the litters of royal household officials as much as possible within the palace. The 3rd Baron, a great uncle, was Lord Privy Seal. On his mother's side, he is descended from a long line of thoroughbred courtiers, the Colvilles of Culross, who have provided ladies-in-waiting, advisors, aides and policy makers to the royal family for centuries.

The 10th Baron Colville was Chief Equerry Clerk Marshal to Queen Victoria; his brother, William James, was comptroller of the Household to His Royal Highness Duke Saxe-Coburg Gotha (a.k.a. Prince Albert). The 10th Baron's son George Charles was married to a Woman of the Bedchamber to Mary, the Queen Mother. George Charles' son, John Rupert Colville, was a Page of Honour to George V (a dangerous occupation for a young boy), Private Secretary to Princess Elizabeth, and Principal Private Secretary to Winston Churchill (of the Royalty-related Marlborough line). John Rupert Colville was married to Lady Alice Egerton, a Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Elizabeth and Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth. Another of the 10th Baron's sons, Stanley Cecil James, was an Aide-de-Camp to George V, his son Richard becoming Press Secretary to George VI and to Queen Elizabeth. Another 10th Baron offspring, the Second Viscount Colville, sired a daughter Sybil, who became a Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Elizabeth, winding up in foal to the 5th Baron Carrington, thus begetting the new Foreign Secretary.

Thus, the 6th Baron Carrington is the outcome of many a palace affair, the blood credential that won him the Foreign Office in a new Thatcher government that the Queen's household will control directly.

conditioned to accept that.

For those of us outside Britain who still retain the freedom to act it is vital that the lessons of Thatcher's Britain be learned as rapidly as possible. To deal with the Thatcher government now, to accord the Thatcher government legitimacy or credibility, is to perpetuate the same kind of blundering that kept Adolf Hitler in power in Germany in the 1930s.

The measures and methods that are now to be directed full force against the embittered, forelock-tugging British population must become the weapon with which the criminal follies of the British oligarchy are rooted out of world political thinking for good.

The Adam Smith cult

There are still those ignorant or foolish enough to propose that Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* contains a doctrine that is plausible as an economic theory. Such people should look closely, very closely at Northern Ireland, or England, Scotland and Wales today. Neither the monetarist, nor the physiocratic raw-materials-as-the-source-of-all-wealth variants of Smith's theories work. Ask William Whitelaw if hired assassins or terror bomb squads contracted on laundered funds from Her Majesty's Exchequer are contributors to the growth and productivity of an economy. Have Northern Ireland's undertakers contributed to the British Isles' economic growth?

In point of fact Adam Smith's doctrines, and those of his epigones including Friedrich von Hayek, the mentor of Thatcher and her Industry Minister Keith Joseph, bear as much relationship to actual economics as the manipulated Catholic versus Protestant blood-bath in Northern Ireland does to actual religion. Both instead function as the synthetic belief structure of cult formations which can then be deployed, including formations either "for" or "against" whatever the cult-rallying doctrines on behalf of broader British policy objectives. Brigadier Kitson wrote up his military

applications version of this doctrine at Oxford University in the late 1960s in his book *Low Intensity Operations*. He described the creation for counterinsurgency purposes of "pseudo-gangs," which could be deployed in what he called "gang/countergang" fashion on behalf of objectives beyond the knowledge of "gang" members themselves. Kitson then organized the "IRA" and "Ulster Volunteer Force" gangs for Whitelaw.

In principle the supporters or opponents of Adam Smith's doctrines as such are the legacy of the last two hundred years of such cult manipulating operations by the oligarchic families grouped around the British monarchy whose latest whelps now find themselves kenneled in Thatcher's cabinet.

The doctrines deny the existence of the higher creative faculties of the human mind which fundamentally distinguish mankind as a species from the lower beasts, and leave populations fit only to be milked, clipped, sheared or butchered under an oligarchic elite.

Heath's government, under Whitelaw's direction, was allowed to turn Northern Ireland into a living hell-hole, its population subjected to measures which made the activities of Himmler's SS seem amateurish. Official statistics on suicide, nervous breakdowns, and consumption of tranquilizing drugs, the effect on the mental development of children, tell the story of the results of the toleration of such activities as well as body-counts, torture victims, random "Nacht und Nebel" arrests, widespread arbitrary search and seal operations by the military in pursuit of its own undercover operatives, and so forth.

Thatcher's government was self-convicted of crimes against humanity by the standards defined by U.S. Justice Jackson at Nuremberg, before these butchers returned to office one month ago.

They knew or should have known what they had done in Northern Ireland.

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