

Royal AIDS uproar reopens Palacegate

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Will the entire British Royal Family now be obligated to take tests for the disease AIDS? That is the question now being asked by British influentials, following the news reported in most British dailies Oct. 6 and 7, that the former valet of Prince Charles, Stephen Barry, had died of AIDS at St. Stephen's Hospital over the Oct. 4-5 weekend.

Reports of Barry's death were accompanied by accounts in numerous British newspapers of his own homosexual proclivities, and, worse yet, of the rampant homosexuality among servants in Buckingham Palace, including servants of Queen Elizabeth II herself. The tabloid press began to speak of "dozens of homosexuals" in the Palace's service, and the joke has begun to circulate, about the "Royal AIDS" inhabiting the Palace.

With the jokes, however, has come the concern: What if an AIDS-infected servant, perhaps the cook, or a servant of the cook, were to cut his finger, while serving Her Majesty and her entourage? On the eve of Her Majesty's week-long, first-ever visit to the People's Republic of China in mid-October, foreign governments might also consider expressing concern, that Her Majesty and Co. first be screened for AIDS, before being admitted for a royal state visit.

It was the *Daily Express's* noted society columnist, Jean Rook, the self-described "First Lady of Fleet Street," who posed the most pointed questions about the implications of the "Royal AIDS," in her Oct. 8 column.

Rook's angry denunciation of Palace perversity strongly suggests that the next chapter of the so-called "Palacegate" fight pitting the House of Windsor against British patriots has begun, and that matters pertaining to AIDS have become the centerpiece of the next battle.

Rook stated that Barry's horrific death "must finally convince humanity that there is nothing gay about being gay." She noted the before-AIDS and after-AIDS photos of Barry published in the British press, and commented, "We should remember those pictures. Under the slogan: 'HOW GAY IS IT TO BE GAY?'"

"What must not go on, without saying strong words about it, is the acceptance of gay aides and servants surrounding the Queen.

"The Queen's alleged assurance to an AIDS pressure group, asking her support, that she is 'remembering AIDS victims in her prayers,' is all very well. But not good enough to help contain the killer disease which is moving, like fun-

gus, across nations.

"By employing her small army of gays—grimly dubbed by jokers as the 'Royal AIDS'—the Queen, however indirectly, is condoning blind Gay Faith that 'it can't happen to me.'

"And, in a week when a schoolmaster is alleged to have urged a group of twelve 15-year-old schoolboys that 'there's nothing to be ashamed of' in homosexual romps, she is doing nothing to stamp out the attitude towards 'gaiety,' which has landed us in this horrifying mess.

"I don't call for Wildean persecution of homosexuals, but I shall never stop condemning their glorification."

A new chapter of "Palacegate"? Recall that when the original battles erupted, in July-August of this year, between the Palace and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the battle over South Africa was only one of the key policy issues that surfaced. Palace officials were quoted in the London *Sunday Times*, pontificating on the "left-wing" biases of the Queen and her retinue, over social affairs pertaining to "inner cities."

The surface manifestation of the new political brawls, is the contrast between the left-radical, pro-Soviet British Labour Party, and the ruling Conservative Party, at their respective party conventions. During the week of Sept. 29, in Blackpool, the Labourites' resolutions, included one, enthusiastically voted up by more than a two-thirds majority of delegates, demanding "gay rights" laws to be passed, and attacking those media which attempt to link homosexuality and the spread of AIDS. "Gay rights" was portrayed as integral to the achievement of "socialism."

By contrast, at the opening day of its convention in Bournemouth, Oct. 7, Tory Education Secretary Kenneth Baker angrily attacked "gay rights" and "loony left" propaganda in the schools, and excoriated the Inner London Education Authority, for issuing a book which showed two semi-naked men and a girl of seven in bed!

Economic issues

The interesting challenge for the Thatcherites will be that they will have to challenge their own "economic austerity" and "privatization"/free trade beliefs, if they want to deal with AIDS effectively. *EIR* has learned from Conservative loyalists that there is great reticence within Mrs. Thatcher's government, about spending the necessary money for the policies that would be needed—including an "Apollo Project" medical research program, capabilities for screening the population, and isolation of AIDS carriers and sick—to combat AIDS.

In this connection, Buckingham Palace harbors a spokesman for the Swiss banking "free enterprise" interests who have been at the center of the AIDS cover-up: Prince Charles's senior adviser, Sir John Riddell, was a former director, in London, of *Crédit Suisse*, the infamous Swiss "dirty-money" laundry.