

Kissinger's friends targeting Bhutto

Lyndon LaRouche warned from his jail cell in Alexandria Va., Feb. 15 that Henry Kissinger and his Anglo-Soviet friends are targeting Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto for possible assassination.

Don't forget, LaRouche told *EIR*, that it was Henry Kissinger—who has bounded back into a powerful political position in the new Bush administration—who ordered the 1977 overthrow and later judicial murder of Bhutto's father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The threat to Benazir Bhutto's security centers on the orchestrated chaos produced in Pakistan by the British publication of the book *The Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie. The book was published by the Penguin group of London, whose parent company, Pearsons, also owns the pro-Soviet London *Economist*. This is the Rothschild crowd, longtime friends of Moscow's late Kim Philby, that is forcing through Henry Kissinger's plans to sacrifice Western Europe to the Soviet Union. This is the same gang that is responsible for my jailing, LaRouche said.

Since London is also the unofficial capital of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, the British are running both sides of the operation to unleash chaos on the Subcontinent, as well as Islamic terrorism against the United States. Once again, with the assaults on the American cultural center in Islamabad Feb. 12, the "American cousin" has taken it on the chin for Britain's dirty work. If the United States does not call the British to account for this operation, then it will fast lose credibility internationally, LaRouche said.

The operation in Pakistan is also coordinated with the Soviet Union, which has been targeting Prime Minister Bhutto since her election in December 1988. The man who led the charge against the U.S. cultural center in protest against *The Satanic Verses* was Kausar Niazi, whom the *New York Times* reported Feb. 15 is "regarded here as being close to Moscow, where he has made several trips." Niazi was quoted attacking Mrs. Bhutto for "being out of touch" with Pakistanis' "religious feelings."

The operations against Bhutto and her government, said LaRouche, are coordinated with the escalating war in Afghanistan, which continues to threaten Pakistan. The game-plan is the Primakov-Brzezinski plan to force the disintegration of the nation-states of the Subcontinent in an "arc of crisis."

Don't forget, said LaRouche, that officials of the CIA have considered Henry Kissinger a Soviet agent. "I always

said he was a Soviet agent of influence. And everything I have ever said about Kissinger has been proven right," LaRouche said, "and plenty more."

Chaos on the Subcontinent

Two days after LaRouche issued his warning, the furor over *The Satanic Verses* is continuing to destabilize the Subcontinent. In Pakistan, despite the fact that authorities have temporarily banned all "public meetings, processions, and demonstrations," on Feb. 17 demonstrations directed by Niazi and his friends erupted in nine cities. In Karachi, where U.S. flags and Rushdie's effigy were set on fire, Muslims demanded Rushdie's extradition for execution in Pakistan. Similar protests were held in Hyderabad, Sukkur, Faisalabad, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Bannu, and Quetta.

In northern India, police on Feb. 17 shot two protesters during day-long rioting by crowds demanding a worldwide ban on the Rushdie book. Police said they opened fire after tear gas and baton charges failed to disperse the protesters.

A state of alert was declared in Bombay after a caller said the "Iranian Guards" would attack British planes until Rushdie came out of hiding in London. The caller also said that four prominent Indians would be killed for criticizing the call by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini for Rushdie's execution. "We are checking on all Iranians staying in Bombay and those coming into the city," said police commissioner Vasant Sharaf, who noted that "religious fanaticism can drive people mad."

In Pakistan, Niazi is continuing to incite fanaticism and anti-Bhutto ferment. "If I had the opportunity, I would murder him myself," Niazi said about Rushdie in an interview Feb. 16. About Prime Minister Bhutto, he continued, "She doesn't know the feelings of Pakistanis. She was brought up abroad. She can't know the feelings Pakistanis have for the Prophet and their religion."

Recognizing that the combustible nature of the protests is being used by her political foes in an effort to destabilize Pakistan, Mrs. Bhutto has moved quickly to try to limit the political fallout. At the same time that she has deployed riot police in full force, she has called on the U.S. deputy chief of mission in Islamabad, Elizabeth Jones, to deliver a message urging the United States to reconsider publishing the book.

There is no doubt that Bhutto, and secondarily the United States, is the target of the orchestrated chaos surrounding the book. The danger to Mrs. Bhutto is underscored by a Feb. 9 incident in which a man with a gun that looked like a walking stick was apprehended entering the National Assembly where she was attending hearings. The accused, Zafar Iqbal Ahsan, a resident of a heavy drug-producing area, was given a pass to attend the National Assembly that would have placed him in close proximity to Mrs. Bhutto. The gun he carried, a special type made in Israel, has been sent to army experts for investigation.