

The British dirty game of 'Wacogate'

by Anton Chaitkin

Ever since the Waco tragedy, a steady stream of British and British-instigated propaganda has sought to steer legitimate popular outrage at the criminal excesses of the federal agencies into another simple-minded bout of Clinton-bashing. This exercise in political black propaganda has served to obscure the identities of the *real* culprits that have been identified here in *EIR*'s special investigative report, and has contributed to the ongoing coverup.

Clinton-hating hucksters like the Rev. Jerry Falwell and Indiana lawyer Linda Thompson, who have made money retailing British-authored propaganda against the President to a gullible crowd of American populists, muddied the waters in the Waco tragedy, putting out reams of disinformation. And the wilder their stories got, the more attention they received—from the British press!

Let's start with a typical case.

On May 11, the *London Times*, formerly edited by Clinton-basher Lord William Rees-Mogg, ran an article puffing up the importance of Linda Thompson, who calls herself the "Acting Adjutant General of the Unorganized Militia of the U.S.A." The *Times* quoted Thompson on the 1993 slaughter in Waco, Texas. She spoke of President Clinton as a mass murderer: "We are not talking about Pol Pot, we are talking about Bill Clinton." She vowed to be "armed and waiting" when "civil war" breaks out in the United States.

In the article, Washington, D.C.-based *London Times* reporter Tom Rhodes lent credibility to her tirades, stating that "a recent Gallup Poll revealed that 27% of the American population, approximately 70 million people, are prepared to take up arms against the government."

But a spokesman for the Gallup Organization told *EIR* on June 20 that the *Times* citation of their poll was "a fabrication."

Gallup provided *EIR* with a question that was jointly posed by Gallup, Cable News Network (CNN), and *USA Today* on April 23 and 24, which in Gallup's view most closely resembled the alleged poll question cited by the *Times*. The question was, "Do you think ordinary citizens should be allowed to arm and organize themselves in order to resist the powers of the federal government?" To that question, 78% of respondents answered no, 19% answered yes, and 3% had no opinion.

On June 21, Rhodes told *EIR* that, indeed, no such Gallup Poll result as the *London Times* reported really existed. But he claimed that it was Thompson who fabricated it, not the *London Times*, and that that had not been made clear in his story because of an "editing error."

This is typical of the incestuous relationship between the British Crown's media apparatus and the looniest of Clinton's American enemies.

The British-led crusade against Clinton began in earnest in late 1993. It was just after the President put the brakes on some aspects of U.S. acquiescence to British global strategy, starting when administration officials questioned International Monetary Fund looting schemes against Russia. The Whitewater story and related themes for the attack were launched, and were pressed incessantly, by the British intelligence front Hollinger Corp.'s *London Sunday Telegraph*, Rupert Murdoch's *London Times*, and the *American Spectator*, a U.S. magazine politically controlled by Hollinger.

Washington, D.C.-based *Telegraph* writer Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, scion of a British intelligence service family, has personally arranged much of the dirty work through his own American agents or dupes.

Evans-Pritchard's handiwork

In a Dec. 4, 1994 article datelined Dallas, Texas, Evans-Pritchard claimed that anger at the previous year's shootout and fire in Waco had prompted the organization of the "Texas Constitutional Militia" and of private militias in other states. Evans-Pritchard asserted, "The enemy is the federal government. . . . The last straw was the Waco assault, the gassing and incineration."

In the article, Evans-Pritchard referred to Jon Roland, who created the cited Texas "militia" on the first anniversary of the Waco massacre; he called Roland a "former civil rights and environmental activist."

Evans-Pritchard blustered: "The militias are the shock troops and enforcement arm of the 1994 American Revolution. If the Republicans betray their promises and fail to restore 'constitutional' government, these people could take matters into their own hands."

But in an April 27, 1995 interview, Roland told *EIR* that his close friend Ambrose Evans-Pritchard himself had arranged Roland's contacts with "intelligence agents around the world." Roland said that he meets periodically with these Evans-Pritchard intelligence community contacts, and they give him his "inside information." It is Evans-Pritchard's own provocations which Roland then circulates to private "militia" meetings, and retails on his media appearances, in which he threatens a civil war in America. (Militia-founder Roland identified himself to *EIR* as a World Federalist and Zen Buddhist.)

Some of this same "inside information" is pumped through Thompson, the lady whom the *Times* now claims fabricated what the paper printed on May 11. Thompson is

an Indiana attorney, former NATO intelligence clerk, and former pro-abortion feminist activist. Her notorious video tapes of the Waco massacre are by now widely discredited even among Clinton's enemies, since the tapes are apparently "edited" to pander to anti-government paranoia.

Thompson circulated the line that President Clinton used the Waco raid to deliberately kill government officers who knew too much about his personal life. These were supposedly only a few, among the dozens of potential witnesses allegedly murdered by Bill Clinton.

Thompson told *EIR* that she talks to Evans-Pritchard frequently, sharing information and enthusiastically participating in his campaign against President Clinton.

On Dec. 11, 1994, a week after his "militia revolution" hype from Texas, Evans-Pritchard unveiled in the *Sunday Telegraph* the claim that Bill Clinton was linked to the murders of several Arkansas officials. His source: Thompson. Thompson admits that the "intelligence" she passes on every week to Evans-Pritchard is all unsubstantiated, and often is little more than crank mail that she receives from her "fans." Yet, her untested claims that President Clinton has ordered the murders of upwards of 24 Arkansas citizens to cover up "his crimes" made it into the pages of the *Sunday Telegraph* in a string of venomous Evans-Pritchard columns, and was subsequently picked up by the London *Economist!*

Rees-Mogg's provocations

Another example: In early March 1995, a wildly provocative rumor was published by the *Strategic Investment* newsletter, put out by London *Times* columnist Lord Rees-Mogg and his U.S. business partner. This false report, circulated among populists in the western U.S.A., was as follows:

"The slaughter . . . in Waco by government stormtroopers . . . may pale in comparison to what has been planned for late March: a nationwide BATF [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms]/FBI assault on private militias as the prelude to a possible declaration of martial law throughout the United States. All leaves have been canceled for BATF/FBI personnel. . . . Government agents provocateurs are set to plant fully automatic and heavy weapons, like rocket launchers, on the property of militia leaders. Every militia in the country . . . many of which are well-armed . . . is on a state of Red Alert. Should [Attorney General Janet] Reno be stupid enough to actually attack them militarily, there is going to be a lot of blood."

This concocted Armageddon was supposed to occur on March 25, 1995. The alarm was flashed across America.

In response, the pathetic "Texas Constitutional Militia"—founded the previous year by Evans-Pritchard's man Jon Roland—turned out that day to a rally in Cuero, Texas, to see if they would be arrested or slaughtered. They weren't. But television news reporters had a field day hyping the militia bogeyman.

James L. Pate, a writer for *Soldier of Fortune* and the

British-controlled *American Spectator*, told *EIR* that he originated the impending-bloodbath story that Rees-Mogg's newsletter then circulated. Pate had earlier penned a classic agent-provocateur piece in the August 1993 *American Spectator*: He eulogized David Koresh and his followers for "getting to" the ATF, and identified the ATF as bullies who were finally challenged with guns.

Pate has written a stream of articles on Waco for *Soldier of Fortune*, egging on his readers toward paranoid armed action against their government. His slogan is, "No Peace without Justice." Pate's articles have often appeared alongside advertisements for Thompson's imaginative videotapes on the same subject.

In the June 1995 issue is a particularly revealing Pate article entitled "Wacogate." Pate writes that "the only meaningful forum" that has so far been "held publicly to air griev-

Waco 'defenders' helped cover up JFK assassination

The role of *Soldier of Fortune* publisher Robert K. Brown and career government agent provocateur Gordon Novel in the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the coverup of that murder, should give pause to those who would tend to get snared in the British "Wacogate" trap. Both men have been leading the charge against President Clinton, exploiting the tragic events at Waco to further the assault on the Presidency.

Brown, who created *Soldier of Fortune* in 1975, started off his international spook career in 1958-60. As an Army Reserve counterintelligence agent, a representative of arms dealers, and a freelance writer, Brown was an activist aiding Fidel Castro's takeover of Cuba.

Brown then allegedly changed his mind, and after the failed invasion of Cuba in the Bay of Pigs, he trained anti-Castro Cuban exiles in camps in Florida. He wrote articles (such as in the June 3, 1962 *Denver Post*) whipping up the Cubans against the alleged treachery of President Kennedy.

Brown wrote in 1962 that he had infiltrated the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" for the "Chicago anti-subversive squad."

After the JFK assassination, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison charged that Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby were both associated with the infiltration of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." Garrison shocked the world with his 1967 indictment of Clay Shaw, the U.S.

ances and probe the . . . implications of the Waco massacre” was an inquest held by British authorities in January 1995 “in Manchester, England. Twenty-three of the dead Davidians were British citizens.”

Pate wrote that even “one such case of law-enforcement overkill, much less a national trend, would never be tolerated by the public in Great Britain.” Pate quoted British Detective Superintendent Albert Yates: “We [British police] take responsibility for the lives of suspects, regardless of what they have done.”

EIR has learned from British government sources that Superintendent Yates was present with Pate throughout the Waco siege as an official representative of the British national police authority.

With the article, Pate ran an illustrative drawing depicting the Branch Davidians’ house supposedly being burned by

“incendiary grenades, rockets, and lasers.”

This provocative graphic was prepared by Force One, Ltd., the private investigation firm of Gordon Novel. Novel organized a lawsuit by relatives of some of the deceased Branch Davidians against the federal government, and, as a result, was invited to speak at a second anniversary commemorative rally held on the site of the Waco massacre.

Novel’s surfacing as an organizer of the defense of the Waco survivors surprised observers with an historical memory. Ever since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy 30 years before Waco, Novel has been a *government agent provocateur*, working for the Department of Justice, the National Security Council, and, on at least one occasion, for the CIA’s counterintelligence chief, James Jesus Angleton. In 1984, he played a pivotal role in the frameup of Lyndon LaRouche (see box).

representative of the British-run Permindex assassin group—an organization overlapping with today’s Canada-London Hollinger Corp.—on charges that he had conspired to assassinate the President.

A former *Life* magazine executive told *EIR* that *Life* hired Brown as part of a three-man unit which joined Garrison’s prosecution team. The *Life* team then publicly smeared Garrison as a stooge for the Mafia, helping to destroy the Shaw prosecution. The Brown-*Life* smear was later converted into the congressional fairy tale that attributed Kennedy’s murder to the Mafia, rather than to the British intelligence operatives Garrison was prosecuting.

During the investigation, Garrison named Gordon Novel as a material witness. Garrison charged that Novel had participated in the transfer of weapons and other preparations for the hit on JFK.

While Brown was working for *Life*, Novel was brought onto the payroll of NBC-TV News. Pretending to investigate the Kennedy assassination after the Warren Commission report had been discredited, NBC instead broadcast a one-hour “White Paper” attacking Garrison. The NBC producers and researchers, under the pretext of doing research and interviews for the broadcast, had coerced a number of Garrison’s key witnesses, and bribed several to alter their testimony to weaken the Garrison case.

The smear campaign was steered by Walter Sheridan, a onetime FBI counterintelligence agent who became a powerful figure within the Justice Department in the Kennedy administration. Sheridan helped create the permanent Justice Department apparatus that to this day is at the center of much governmental corruption. In 1967, Sheridan was revealed in New Orleans as the “producer” of the NBC broadcast on Garrison. Sheridan hired Novel

to work as his “mole” inside the Garrison investigation.

When Garrison discovered Novel’s actual mission and subpoenaed him to appear before the grand jury, and contemplated charging him with obstruction of justice, Novel fled to Ohio, where Sheridan convinced the governor to quash Garrison’s extradition request against his agent.

Novel later showed up again in the middle of another NBC-Justice Department outrage: the frameup of Lyndon LaRouche. In March 1984, Novel appeared on the NBC News magazine “First Camera,” to deliver outlandish lies that LaRouche and his colleagues had plotted the assassination of Jimmy Carter, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Walter Mondale, and the secretary general of NATO, Joseph Luns. Novel’s preposterous charges were used by the same Justice Department and FBI apparatus that later carried out the Ruby Creek and Waco atrocities, to launch a phony “national security” probe of LaRouche that would spawn the criminal frameup.

At the point that Novel appeared on the “First Camera” slander in the attack on LaRouche, he was living in Hollywood working as the self-described “Minister of Everything” for pornography publisher Larry Flynt.

In recent *EIR* interviews, Novel fully corroborated his role as a one-man wrecking crew against the Garrison probe, boasted about his role in the LaRouche railroad, and waxed eloquent about his views on government:

“I believe in world government. . . . You don’t need representative democracy,” he said. He delivered a diatribe against President Clinton, urging that he be “hanged” for his role in Waco. He said that the entire structure of the U.S. government needed to be brought down, through a process of “devolution” (a term coined by the Mont Pelerin Society, the leading institution of the postwar Conservative Revolution).—*Anton Chaitkin*