

Tories peddle Powell campaign vs. Dole

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Three of the London-based Club of the Isles' biggest propagandists, Lord William Rees-Mogg, Rupert Murdoch, and the Hollinger Corp.'s Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, have launched a transatlantic drive to insert Gen. Colin Powell (ret.) into the middle of the Republican Party presidential race. The flagrant British interference is aimed at sabotaging the candidacy of the current front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (Kan.), on behalf of Gov. Pete Wilson (Calif.) or any one of the other GOP wanna-be Presidents who are under the thumb of George Bush and the Tory-loving "Bush league" apparatus.

The Powell candidacy is seen in London, as it is by serious analysts here in the United States, as more or less of a joke. What the Windsors and the Club of the Isles apparatus consider deadly serious, however, is the prospect of a Clinton or Dole victory in November 1996—in which the guaranteed big loser is Britain. President Clinton's ever-growing animus for all things British has been a cornerstone of American foreign policy since the early days of his administration, when the break-up of the Anglo-American "special relationship," a hallmark of the Reagan-Bush era, began. Last January, Dole, during a trip to London, made it clear to both Prime Minister John Major and Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind that he, too, was disgusted by Britain's performance in the Balkans and elsewhere. His subsequent actions in the Senate on Bosnia further demonstrated the resolve of that conviction.

With London's Whitewater campaign to discredit Clinton foundering, and with presidential security bolstered following a string of failed assassination attempts—making a hit against the President much more of a challenge, even for London's sophisticated irregular warfare capabilities—the Club of the Isles is turning to the GOP as its last best hope of recapturing its control of the White House. In London, Dole's elimination from the race is a strategic priority, as sources there have confirmed to *EIR* in recent days.

The publicity for a Powell run in the GOP primaries is part of London's scheme to trash the Dole candidacy, not necessarily to insert Powell into the White House.

This was made clear by Lord Rees-Mogg, former editor in chief of the Club's most prominent foreign policy organ, the *London Times*, in his Sept. 11 syndicated column: "If the Republicans nominate Colin Powell, he will almost certainly beat President Clinton; if they nominate Senator Dole, Clin-

ton could easily beat him. The Republicans will therefore choose to nominate Colin Powell."

In the inaugural issue of Rupert Murdoch's new U.S. political journal, the *Weekly Standard*, William Kristol, a neo-conservative "political consultant" to the Bush wing of the GOP and the magazine's editor and publisher, aped Rees-Mogg with an even more dour anti-Dole "spin." "Suddenly, Bob Dole's nomination no longer seems inevitable. Having won less than a quarter of the vote in the Iowa straw poll, he now trails Bill Clinton in national surveys. Focus groups suggest that the age issue is beginning to bite, and the return of a campaign contribution to a group of gay Republicans indicates a touch of panic. . . . As the GOP agenda sinks ever deeper into the Senate's bog, Senator Dole's downhill trajectory could accelerate. . . . By Christmas, Bob Dole could be out of the presidential race, graciously yielding to the man who will have emerged as leader of the Republican field: Colin Powell."

As flattering as all of this "spin-doctoring" may sound to Powell, it would be a big mistake for him or anyone else to take this analysis as anything more than desperate British maneuvering and propaganda.

LaRouche issues a warning

Asked to comment on the Powell-for-President push on the weekly radio program "*EIR Talks*" on Sept. 13, Democratic presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche warned Powell against falling into the London-Bush league trap:

"Now, if Colin Powell allows himself to be a Step-N-Fetch-It for George Bush or George Bush's favorite candidate, Pete Wilson, which is the position he's put in by his own foolish book and by allowing himself to be used in this way, by foreign powers, the British powers, he's really discrediting himself. And he may do damage to this nation, and he certainly is not helping anybody of black skin or of brown skin in the United States by the way he's behaving now.

"If he wants to be an African-American acting as an American citizen, in the sense that Martin Luther King would have appreciated, he's just not acting that way. He does have a certain charisma, he does have a certain position. He should repudiate Panama, he should repudiate some of the things he did in connection with Desert Storm. He should repudiate some other things he did, and people will accept it, because as a military officer he was carrying out orders. But now he's presenting himself as a candidate. And he has to tell people honestly that some of the things he did as a military officer were morally wrong, but he had to do them because he was acting under orders, under his oath as a military officer.

"So therefore, I think that Colin Powell is in a tough situation. He has got to come clean. He's potentially disgraced. If he sits back and allows himself to play the role laid out for him by Bush and by Rees-Mogg, then he's totally disgraced, as a person."