

Mellon Scaife in new fraud against Clinton

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Richard Mellon Scaife, who since the early 1970s has served as a self-financing media flack for the Anglo-American banking elite, has just been caught promoting another monstrous lie against Clinton. Scaife is now trying to blame President Clinton for the crimes of mass-murderer Laurent Kabila in Zaire.

How does he do this? Scaife's *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* has attempted to link Clinton to Kabila through the America Mineral Fields company (AMF)—a Canadian outfit which has a small office in Clinton's hometown of Hope, Arkansas. In April, the British-backed AMF signed a billion-dollar deal with Kabila for mining rights, which leads Scaife to label Kabila's regime "Arkansas' new African colony."

Such falsifications are nothing new or out of character for Richard Mellon Scaife. As *EIR*'s series "Who Is Richard Mellon Scaife?" (March 21, April 4 and 11, 1997) showed, Dickie Scaife has been deployed by the British-U.S. bankers' intelligence network for the past quarter-century to run news media propaganda operations against this network's enemies. Among his most prominent targets have been *EIR* Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche, and now President Clinton.

Well before he played a central role in helping to finance and organized the public-private "Get LaRouche" task force, as an adjunct of the George Bush "secret government" apparatus in the early 1980s, Scaife had already become adept at coordinating news media attacks with Department of Justice frame-ups against his targets. In 1983-84, Scaife was a direct participant in the "Train Salon" meetings of Wall Street's John Train, which organized news media attacks on LaRouche, as a project of the "Public Diplomacy" operation run out of the National Security Council. One participant in the Train Salon meetings, who had met Scaife there, described him as "dumb as a stinkpot."

Out of the Train-Scaife secret planning sessions were deployed every slanderer of LaRouche—from writers for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Readers' Digest*, and NBC-TV, to bottom-feeder scribblers such as Dennis King and Chip Berlet.

Since 1993, Scaife has financed a large chunk of the "media food chain," which is churning up and regurgitating attacks on President Clinton. Scaife employs the only writer for a U.S. metropolitan daily who is deployed full-time on attempting to prove that White House aide Vincent Foster did not commit suicide, but was murdered—Christopher Ruddy. Now, Ruddy is broadening out.

The America Mineral Fields hoax

On May 17, Scaife's *Tribune-Review* ran a front-page article by Ruddy entitled "Firm from Clinton's Home Town Has Deal with Zaire Rebel Chief." It began: "America Mineral Fields, a small Arkansas mining company headquartered in Bill Clinton's hometown of Hope, is the first major beneficiary of the fall of the the Zaire government headed by Mobutu Sese Seko." Ruddy describes the contracts recently made by AMF with Kabila, and then sarcastically comments: "Not bad for an Arkansas company still not listed in the local phone directory. . . ."

Ruddy complains that reporting on the AMF agreement has been relegated to the financial pages in the general news media, "and little has been made about the Hope, Ark., connection." Ruddy has to admit that Clinton left Hope at age 7, but, never mind that, "his ties there have remained strong and some of his closest associates hailed from Hope, including former White House chief of staff Mack McLarty, former White House administration chief David Watkins, and the late White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster."

In truth, the reason why the story has been ignored by most other media is because the Clinton-AMF connection simply isn't there. AMF is a Canadian company, registered and listed on Canadian—not U.S.—stock exchanges. It has an office in Hope because one of its founders, Mike McMorough, lives there.

When *EIR* inquired about this in April, an AMF spokesman told us: "America Mineral Fields' headquarters in Hope, is just a shell company. We won't even be here in a year or two."

To compound the fraud, Scaife's *Tribune-Review* followed it up with a second lying piece on May 18—the "Date-line D.C." column—reportedly written by the London *Sunday Telegraph*'s Ambrose Evans-Pritchard—entitled: "There's Hope for Arkansas' New African Colony."

"Who founded America's newest colony in Africa? The answer can be found in President Bill Clinton's birthplace of Hope, Ark." For these purposes, Pritchard is happy to report that Kabila is a Marxist, who trained under Che Guevara, and who may be responsible for the massacres of more than 100,000 Rwandan refugees. "Laurent Kabila is now a successful revolutionary like Gerry Adams and Yasser Arafat, since like them he has the favor of President Bill Clinton and the U.S. State Department."

Pritchard—who has bragged about orchestrating much of the Whitewater assault on President Clinton—then asks: "Could this administration's love for the old Congolese Communist [Kabila] have anything to do with the fact that AMF has its headquarters in Hope, Ark., Bill Clinton's hometown?" Kabila's British backing is nowhere mentioned.

"Perhaps," Pritchard concludes, "Sen. Jesse Helms and Rep. Benjamin Gilman, the chairs respectively of the Senate and House foreign affairs committees, will hold hearings on the development of Arkansas's new African colony!"