

Bush, 'Lords of Loudoun' caught pushing genocide

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Just as George Bush and Oliver North were celebrating a recent "apology" by the editor-in-chief of the *San Jose Mercury News*, over last August's "Dark Alliance" story linking the U.S. government-backed Nicaraguan Contras to the launching of the crack cocaine epidemic in Los Angeles, dramatic new evidence has surfaced, not only confirming the direct role of the former vice president and President in the drug trafficking. The evidence further links Bush to a network of Virginia Hunt Country barons, centered in Loudoun County, Virginia, who were in on the ground floor of the operations that have led to the recent years' mass genocide in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Through his involvement with the Canada-based Barrick Gold Corp., Bush has already been deeply implicated in the genocide in Zaire, which has been conducted on behalf of the rapacious London strategic raw material cartels, whose stated policy is to "de-Africanize" the Great Lakes region, while grabbing up the raw materials wealth of the African continent.

Among the "Lords of Loudoun" linked to Bush in the drugs and genocide scandals, are Sir Paul Mellon, Arthur Arundel, Magalen Ohrstrom Bryant, her step-son, Herbert Bryant, and their man on Capitol Hill, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.). Most of these individuals, in addition to being intimates of the Bush clan, are on similarly close terms with the current members of the House of Windsor, including Sir Paul Mellon's occasional house guest, Queen Elizabeth II. Rev. "Diamond" Pat Robertson, a real-life Elmer Gantry, is yet another Bush-tamed creature who has gleefully jumped into the Africa raw materials grab, and the resulting genocide.

Some of these same individuals were involved, with Bush, in the 1984-89 judicial frame-up and aborted assassination attempt against Lyndon LaRouche. In particular, those Hunt Country networks were deeply involved through an illegal

paramilitary group, "Armed Response Group, U.S." (Argus), in the Oct. 6, 1986 Waco-style government armed military assault on the publishing offices and residence of LaRouche and his associates in Leesburg, Virginia, and the subsequent railroad prosecutions of a dozen LaRouche associates in the Commonwealth Court of Virginia. Five of those LaRouche associates—Michael Billington, Paul Gallagher, Anita Gallagher, Laurence Hecht, and Donald Phau—are still behind bars, serving outrageous sentences, ranging from 25-77 years in jail, for alleged "securities" violations which never happened.

New Bush ties to guns-for-drugs revealed

The new revelations emerge from material published in the May 23-29 issue of the *Los Angeles Weekly*, in an article by investigative reporter Nick Schou. Relying on previously unavailable documents and eyewitness accounts, Shou detailed the role of former Laguna Beach, California police officer Ronald Lister in the Norwin Meneses, Danilo Blandón, and "Freeway" Ricky Ross cocaine-trafficking organization, and showed that Lister was, at the same time, involved in supplying arms to the Contras, through clandestine arms manufacturing plants in El Salvador. While he was in the center of a Contra cocaine-for-arms pipeline that stretched from southern California to Central America, Lister was reporting to former Navy SEAL David Scott Weekly, according to his own testimony to Los Angeles County sheriffs, who raided his home in 1986 as part of a crackdown on the Ross-Blandón crack cocaine distribution ring.

Weekly, in turn, was working for Tom Harvey, *in the office of Vice President Bush*. Former Vietnam War hero Col. Bo Gritz, who worked closely with Weekly and Harvey at this time, described Harvey as Bush's "Ollie North look-alike."



Former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Celerino Castillo (left) with George Bush. Castillo told EIR about his meeting with Bush in 1986: "I told him that there was something funny going on with the Contras at Ilopango airport. As soon as I said that, he shook my hand, he smiled for the cameraman, and then he just walked away from me without saying a word. I knew then that he knew what I was talking about, about the Contras."

The tying of Harvey to the West Coast cocaine- and gun-smuggling ring is the crucial new piece of "closure" provided by the Schou story. At the same time that he was part of the Bush liaison team to the Contra crew on the West Coast, via Weekly, Harvey was functioning as one of the Bush office liaisons to the Loudoun County oligarchical families. To this day, in fact, Harvey is on the payroll of the Ohrstrom Bryant family, through an Annandale, Virginia outfit called Global Environmental Technology Foundation.

Back in the mid-1980s, on behalf of the vice president, Harvey was involved in the creation of Argus, a private paramilitary group, linked to a crew of rabidly Anglophilic Hunt Country families. Through Harvey's Pentagon ties, Argus obtained used military equipment, including armed personnel carriers, and stored the equipment at the U.S. Army storage facility at Cameron Station, Virginia. Ultimately, the equipment was transferred to facilities of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department, and was used during the anti-LaRouche Leesburg raid. Some of the leading Hunt Country families involved in Argus, including the Hanes family and the Ohrstrom Bryant family, were simultaneously pouring money into Bush and North's cocaine-Contras.

Cover-up of George Bush's role

The *Los Angeles Weekly* exposé also tears a big hole in the desperate effort by friends of George Bush in the major media, to bury the *San Jose Mercury News* revelations. When *Mercury News* editor Jerry Ceppos published a signed editorial on May 11, criticizing reporter Gary Webb's August 1996 three-part series, "Dark Alliance," which exposed the Meneses-Blandón-Ross crack cocaine ring and its ties to the Con-

tras, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Washington Post* all gave prominent, distorted coverage to the Ceppos statements, falsely portraying them as a repudiation of the Contra cocaine story. All three papers had published lengthy stories themselves, attempting to refute the original Webb stories.

In fact, the *only* error in the Webb "Dark Alliance" series was his failure to identify George Bush as the kingpin of the operation, focusing, instead, on the CIA.

As *EIR* documented in a September 1996 *Special Report*, "Would a President Bob Dole Prosecute Drug Super-Kingpin George Bush?" Vice President Bush—not the CIA!—was fully in charge of the secret war in Central America. Bush's authority derived from a series of Executive Orders and Presidential Decision Directives, now declassified, that were signed by President Reagan, beginning in December 1981. Bush personnel, including Donald Gregg, the vice president's chief national security aide, and former CIA officer Felix Rodriguez, maintained hands-on control over the cocaine-for-guns pipeline running from Colombia, to Central America, and to cities all across the United States, according to qualified eyewitness sources, including former El Salvador-based Drug Enforcement Administration agent Celerino Castillo.

With Sir George Bush now aggressively pushing his son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, to become the leading candidate for the Republican Party Presidential nomination in the year 2000, it became a matter of great urgency for the former President to bury the Contra cocaine scandal once and for all. The efforts of the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times* to assist in the Bush cover-up have now gone up in smoke, as you will read in the articles that follow.