

fering in the internal affairs of virtually every country in the world.

TI is based in Berlin, but is effectively run from London, and functions as a supranational force, using the power of the British-controlled media cartel and other “inside” operatives to impose its so-called anti-corruption agenda.

These anti-corruption crusaders are run and funded by some of the most corrupt British operations: Its chairman, **Peter Eigen**, is himself a former World Bank official; its Advisory Council includes **Sir John Wolfensohn**, president of the World Bank; **Peter Berry**, the managing director of Crown Agents, a leading agency of Britain’s “Invisible Empire”; as well as **John Brademas**, the head of the George Bush-linked National Endowment for Democracy.

The funders of TI include some of the most brutal attackers of the nation-state on the planet:

The **Open Society Institute**, created by financier of drug legalization, George Soros. Soros has been under investigation for illegal financial activities in countries ranging from

Croatia, Belarus, and Italy, to Taiwan.

**Crown Agents**, which is the key instrument for direct operations of British Special Air Services and other commando forces into the countries of the British Commonwealth, especially Africa. Since 1833, when the British opium trade flourished, CA has provided logistical and technical services to British Crown colonies, especially the procurement of weapons. CA’s primary client is the British Overseas Development Administration, which also finances TI.

The British mineral cartel’s **Rio Tinto**, which has looted and depopulated Africa for most of the post-World War II period;

The **Ford Foundation**, which pioneered U.S. domestic counterinsurgency, and covertly financed the terrorist Weather Underground, in the late 1960s.

Today, TI has operations in more than 70 countries, including the United States, and is committed to an agenda dictated directly by Prince Philip, who is cited in TI literature.

In its “Source Book” (known as the “Anti-Corruption Bi-

## Jeremy Pope: a gnome for Transparency International

*Transparency International Managing Director Jeremy Pope, based in Berlin, is a life-long servant of the British Empire. Before being picked for TI in 1994, he worked from 1977 to 1994 for the British Commonwealth Secretariat in London, as director of its Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division and Legal Adviser to the Commonwealth Secretary. He was also one of the co-authors, for the World Bank’s Economic Development Institute, of the absurd paper praising the dictatorship of Uganda’s Yoweri Museveni, “Good Governance in Africa: A Case Study from Uganda.”*

*For Pope to be speaking at the opening session of the Global Forum on Feb. 24 alongside the U.S. Vice President, was a big boost for the little-known TI and for Pope, who passionately attacked sovereign governments as inherently “corrupt.” An excerpt from Pope’s speech follows.*

[The] issue of corruption is much too important for us all to be able to leave to governments. . . .

Corruption threatens and diminishes us all. Even those who seem to gain must live, increasingly, with the risk of detection and a final day of judgment—in the press if not before the courts—even before they meet their Maker. . . .

Our organization, Transparency International (TI), was formed some six years ago at a time when a meeting

such as this would have been inconceivable. The thought of sharing a table such as this would have been too bizarre even to contemplate. There was an absolute taboo against discussing the topic, in private sector circles let alone in official fora. The subject was just too delicate—and too embarrassing—to mention. It was a question of “culture”; of people doing things differently abroad. The Europeans were too moral to countenance corruption, but were driven to accommodate the demands of less scrupulous societies.

The World Bank was just one of the many who felt that it was a topic that was off limits. The word “corruption” could not even be uttered—instead it was the “C” word. TI was mad, bad—and dangerous to know.

How the world has changed since those comparatively recent days! TI has blossomed to have over 70 national chapters around the world, in every continent and in countries great and small. The number grows quite literally by the month. Under the leadership of a number of key actors—our Chair, Peter Eigen; Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria; Oscar Arias of Costa Rica; Jim Wolfensohn, happily now of the World Bank; and feisty members of U.S. administrations to name but a few—a grand global coalition has been forged. One which brings together governments, development agencies, international agencies, the private sector, and civil society in a powerful movement the likes of which has seldom, if ever, been seen. . . .

Let us also ensure that the international community does not tire in its efforts, as it has elsewhere, and leave the processes unsupported when the job is half done. . . . We must learn to stay with transition processes and to support them until institutions are firmly in place and operating effectively.