

Le Cercle mobilizes 'conservatives' on behalf of international chaos

by Scott Thompson

Since the International Monetary Fund meeting in Toronto in September, where secondary levels of the financier elite realized that a collapse of the international banking system was imminent, and that a debtors' bloc of Third World nations had emerged to challenge the IMF's genocidal austerity "conditionalities," there has been a round of high-level meetings to place the entire Anglo-American elite and its continental oligarchical allies on a war footing. Beginning with a meeting of the "Friedmanite" fascist Mont Pelerin Society in Berlin, these included meetings of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in Paris, and others leading up to a conference Sept. 20-21 of the Quadrangle Group at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., keynoted by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (see National).

Behind the planning of each individual event in this spate of meetings are two umbrella groupings of the oligarchy: the Bilderberg Society, and the so-called Le Cercle, whose history and activities we shall examine more closely here. Founded by SS officer Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, the Bilderberg Society unites Anglo-American-Dutch-Scandinavian-North German rentier-financier oligarchic interests. Members of the Scandinavian nobility, who hosted the last formal meeting of the Bilderberg Society, toured Washington and New York during the second week of September. Their trip was organized by two board members of Henry Kissinger's new "consulting firm," Kissinger Associates: Robert O. Anderson, the chairman of ARCO and of the Kissinger-allied Aspen Institute; and, Pehr Gyllenhammar, the chairman of Volvo and an Aspen Trustee. One of the main topics of private discussions was reported to be how to preserve oligarchic rule in a depression. These discussions coincided with a two-day meeting in New York City between Henry Kissinger and another member of Kissinger Associates board, Britain's Lord Carrington.

Le Cercle

Le Cercle was founded to unite Anglo-American-French-Spanish-Southern German oligarchic interests. At the direction of Queen Elizabeth, sources report, Lord Carrington assigned Lord Nicholas Bethell and Sir Julien Amery to represent British interests with this southern tier of the continental oligarchy.

Lord Bethell is a key coordinator between British intelligence and the network anchored in the Soviet Union by KGB General Harold "Kim" Philby and the wedded KGB-IMEMO think tank of Soviet Central Committee member Boris Ponomarev. Lord Bethell has coordinated Western fundraising for the Solidarity movement in Poland, especially the Trotskyite KOR organization; fundraising and arms shipments to Afghani rebels grouped around Pir Sayd Gailani, and, the religious-minorities destabilizations underway in Yugoslavia through events like those at Kosovo. Sir Julian Amery, a member of the Queen's Privy Council and Tory Party member of Parliament holding posts in the Foreign and Air Ministries, has been an important deployable to such groups as Le Cercle and the British Secret Intelligence Service's Heritage Foundation front in Washington, D.C., which sources report paid for certain members of the U.S. government to attend the last Le Cercle meeting.

Sources also report that during stays in New York City and Washington, D.C. last May by Lord Carrington, "rump meetings" were held of both the Bilderberg Society and Le Cercle. One result of these meetings, it was reported, was Lord Carrington's assignment to Henry Kissinger to carry out a new round of destabilizations of the Middle East, Mexico, and India on behalf of the British crown.

The German weekly magazine *Der Spiegel*, in a Sept. 13 article entitled "Victory for Strauss," reprints memos from the former Chief of Security for the Bavarian Interior Ministry, Hans Langemann, which report on participants at two Le Cercle meetings. Reportedly present at a Dec. 1, 1979 gathering at the Madison Hotel in Washington (from which the Amery/Heritage-linked Madison group of congressional aides takes its name) were: Sir Julian Amery; former CIA Director William Colby; Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Paul Volcker; Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner; and Finance Minister Pandolfi. A meeting of the Le Cercle "executive" took place in Zurich, Switzerland in Jan. 5-6, 1980, Langemann reports, which brought together Hans Graf Huyn of the German Bundestag; Brian Crozier, a joint asset of British SIS and the CIA; Nicholas Elliott, the former SIS Division Chief who deliberately fumbled the debriefing of Kim Philby, allowing him to flee from Britain to the Soviet Union as a "double", conducting policy to British SIS's secret KGB-IMEMO allies; and General Stillwell, whom Lange-

mann names as linked to the Defense Intelligence Agency, and who is now U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Security.

Other highly placed sources report that regular participants at Le Cercle also include: former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller; former State Department Counselor Helmut Sonnenfeldt; Archduke Otto von Hapsburg, pretender to the throne of the defunct Austro-Hungarian Empire; and Prince Turki ben Faisal, former head of Saudi intelligence. According to Hans Langemann, General Reinhard Gehlen, chief of Abwehr intelligence on the Eastern front and later chief of the West German federal police, the BND, conduited funds to support Le Cercle, which also enjoyed close relations with British, French, Swiss, and U.S. intelligence.

Target: Chancellor Schmidt's government

Participants at Le Cercle meetings report that a major issue has been how to bring about the demise of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government. This issue dominated the last biannual meeting of Le Cercle that was hosted by the Hans Seidel Foundation, the official think tank of opposition leader Franz Josef Strauss's Christian Social Union, in Munich last May. Le Cercle's participants have been able to carry out an inside-outside job to destroy the Schmidt coalition government since then. While Strauss's CSU carried out a heavy-handed wrecking job that included an implicit alliance with the Strasserite fascist Green Party, sources report that Helmut Sonnenfeldt and Henry Kissinger took the inside track since the ouster of Secretary of State Alexander Haig, threatening, cajoling, and misleading Schmidt into his disastrous pragmatic political course.

Transnational Security Organization

In order to carry out its role in destabilizing the Schmidt government, Langemann reports in another memo that Le Cercle executive Brian Crozier formed a Transnational Security Organization (TSO) with offices "under suitable cover" in London, Washington, Paris, Munich, Madrid. This group was allegedly formed after private meetings among Crozier, Nicholas Elliott, British SIS chief "Dickie" Franks, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was opposition leader at the time.

Langemann reprints a planning document for that TSO's "Victory for Strauss" project as follows: "V-1. Specific goals in this general sphere are: effect changes in government (a) in the U.K. [accomplished—ed.] and (b) in West Germany, in order to defend free enterprise and combat all forms of subversion. . . . VI-A. Contributions from certain well known journalists in Britain, the United States, and other countries . . . Formation of a lobby in influential circles, directly or through middlemen . . . The use of intelligence and security agencies to provide and be given intelligence . . . [and for] covert financing for political goals."

In addition to Crozier's close friends and associates Frank and Elliott, Langemann names the following as linked to this

TSO project:

- **Robert Moss**, a British SIS disinformation agent as former editor of *Foreign Reports* (the privately circulated journal of Eveylyn de Rothschild's *Economist*), a columnist for the *Daily Telegraph*, a contributor to the Heritage Foundation's *Policy Review*, and, co-author with Arnaud de Borchgrave of the best-selling novel about international terrorism, *The Spike*. Moss and his fellow *Spike* disinformation agents, including Claire Sterling and Michael Ledeen, have consistently covered up the role of British and continental oligarchic interests behind "Red" and "Black" terrorism.

Moss is a member of The Committee for the Free World—a rebirth of the American Committee for Cultural Freedom founded by British SIS assets John Dewey and Walter Lippmann—that joins the *Spike* crowd with right-wing Social Democratic leaders of such groups as the Social Democrats U.S.A. and Arch Puddington's League for Industrial Democracy.

- **Dr. Kux**, an officer of Swiss intelligence, who is a member both of Le Cercle and the European branch of the Committee for the Free World headed by Prince Nicholas von Lobkowitz.

- **Comte de Marenche**, the former head of the French SEDCE ("CIA") and a close relative and friend of Arnaud de Borchgrave, the Belgian nobleman who runs the *Spike* disinformation network. De Marenche and de Borchgrave both cultivated close ties to the KGB-linked Socialist International of Willy Brandt, Olof Palme, and others from which he admits obtaining information on terrorism.

- **Fred Luchsinger**, editor-in-chief of the prestigious Swiss *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

- **Gerhard Löwenthal**, a *Spike* disinformation agent working as a moderator for ZDF-TV in West Germany.

Shortly after founding the TSO, Crozier was cut loose from his post as head of the Institute for the Study of Conflict, which specializes in disinformation on terrorism of the *Spike* variety for use by governments and thinktanks such as British SIS's Heritage Foundation. The institute's board in Britain and the United States includes such figures as: Adm. Sir Louis Le Bailly, Director General of Intelligence at the Ministry of Defence; Sir Edward Peck, former chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee; and, George Ball, former Undersecretary of State and current chairman of Lehman Brothers International.

Crozier is also a columnist for *National Review*, which was founded by Henry Kissinger's close friend, Tory conservative chameleon William F. Buckley and a host of British SIS-linked former leaders of the Comintern and Trotskyites. Through the TSO, the intelligence services of Britain, the United States, and other nations, as well as such private groups as the Heritage Foundation, the Committee for the Free World, and the Buckleyite *National Review* crowd, have been implicated in destabilizing the German government, and otherwise implicated in the oligarchy's global gameplan to destroy sovereign nation-states.