

Editorial

Good riddance

A series of articles has hit the British press threatening an end to the "special relationship" between the United States and Great Britain. This is part of an orchestrated line targeting President Clinton, which should not only backfire, but also serve as an occasion to expose the stupid masquerade that there is some special commonality of interest between British imperialism and the American Republic.

America has had a very special relationship to Great Britain—who can deny it! First there was the Revolutionary War; then in 1812 the British burned down the nation's capital.

Beaten but undaunted, they tried again, this time using more sophisticated, Venetian tactics. Their aim was to break up the Union through secessionist movements, and to this end Britain simultaneously encouraged terrorist crazies like John Brown, and the slavery.

Then, of course, there is that very special relationship which the British have had to U.S. Presidents. Those like Lincoln, McKinley, and Kennedy, whom they thought to be too far out of line, were simply targeted for extermination.

And then there was World War II, which the United States fought under the leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The British had created and fostered the fascist movements which had come to power in Italy and Germany, as part of their global geopolitical game. Their supposedly great war leader Winston Churchill was known to all of those in the inner circle as a pompous fool—a lisping drunk whose every effort was to preserving the Empire rather than bring the war to a speedy conclusion.

Especially after the murder of John Kennedy, the United States pretty much fell into line behind the British Crown. But now there is once again an American President who is cognizant of the real conflict of interest between British imperial policy and American republican policy, and the British policy establishment cannot contain its bitterness. Thus we saw in the London *Sunday Times* on March 12, an article with the headline, "So Long, Nice While It Lasted."

That President Clinton would host Irish leader Gerry Adams at the White House on St. Patrick's Day, is simply not to be tolerated, so say *Times* authors Andrew Stephen and James Adams. "Clinton has done so much damage to the special relationship, that it is fast becoming clear that only a different President stands a chance of restoring it."

On March 19, the *Sunday Telegraph*, another London paper, weighed in with an article by John Charmley with the headline, "The United States Is No Friend of Britain." "America helped end the Empire, and is now scuppering the United Kingdom," according to the kicker, while a blurb quips that "As disloyal colonists, they can't understand loyalty."

According to Charmley's self-serving argument, there never was a "special relationship" in the first place, and one of the good things about President Clinton "shaking the blood-stained paw" of Adams, is that "it might finally destroy one of the most pernicious and damaging myths of recent British history," that such had ever existed.

The author complains, "In every terrorist leader the Americans have seen a dusky George Washington, or a Jefferson with an Irish accent." Charmley goes further still: The British should never have fought the Nazis, this was a mistake of Winston Churchill, he claims.

Such drivellings bolster the absurd myth that the U.S. special relationship with Britain was a giant historical fraud *against the British*, who were forced to become *subservient* to the United States. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The openness with which Charmley and his crowd in Britain reveal their hatred for the United States, and especially for any national leader who dares to remember the republican principles on which the nation was created, is useful. He drops the British oligarchy's mask and reveals the truth of the emnity which has in fact characterized Anglo-American relations from the time of the formation of the 13 colonies to the present. Let us therefore use this occasion to root out the disgusting disease of Anglophilic from American consciousness, once and for all.