

Putin's Circles Fear 'New Cold War' Pact

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Circles around Russian President Vladimir Putin fear a combination of new right-wing governments in the West succeeding Bush/Cheney/Blair, to be led by British Conservative Party leader David Cameron, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), and French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy. According to well-informed Washington sources, President Putin recently received a memorandum from a senior policy advisor, suggesting that an emerging McCain-Cameron-Sarkozy bloc could shift trans-Atlantic policy even further in a "new Cold War" direction, hostile to Moscow.

Former left-wing Labour Party leader Anthony Benn, voiced a similar concern in a recent interview with *EIR*, saying that a Cameron, McCain, Sarkozy combination coming into power was "very likely." Benn noted that Cameron invited McCain to address the recent Conservative Party conference.

Sarkozy, the demagogic French Interior Minister and Presidential pre-candidate, made a Sept. 12 trip to Washington, where he made it clear that, if elected, he would end the U.S.-French diplomatic chill, and seek to build a close relationship with American neo-conservatives, even replacing Britain as the American right wing's favorite European partner in imperial misadventures.

During his half-hour speech to the Tory Party conference, Senator McCain wrapped himself in the mantle of Ronald Reagan's "big tent," and waxed lyrical about the "special relationship" against global "extremism." He cited the wise counsel and "friendship" of respective U.S. Administrations

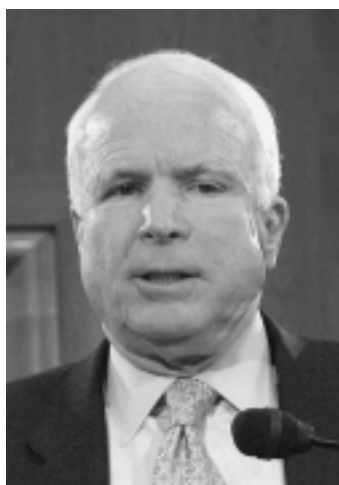
with former Prime Ministers Sir Winston Churchill and Lady Margaret Thatcher. The close ties between Reagan and Margaret Thatcher offered a template for future trans-Atlantic cooperation, McCain told delegates. "He was not a Presidency nor was Lady Thatcher's a government that substituted slogans for principles, spin for truth, or window dressing for action." McCain was touted to the delegates as the leading Republican 2008 Presidential candidate.

A spokesman for the Cambridge University-based "neo-conservative" Henry Jackson Society said of Cameron's right-wing credentials: "He gave a speech that was 90% interventionist. We're working on him to get the next 10%." The Henry Jackson Society's lead editorial takes Cameron to task for being short on the proper Cold War "interventionism" against "Islamic Fascism," and it will be a close battle to remold "liberal-conservative" Cameron into a right-winger.

As *EIR* documented in its Aug. 18, 2006 issue, the Henry Jackson Society is right now in its larval stage, set up in March 2005 by a combination of the scions of the "Golden Age" of British synarchy—the Round Table—and the American neo-cons of the Committee on the Present Danger (CPD), who needed a new base of operations and moved to London, as the American population turned bitterly against the Bush-Cheney regime in 2005. The CPD was reincarnated by the neo-cons for a third time, because support for the Iraq War "was in jeopardy." A senior U.S. intelligence source familiar with the Henry Jackson Society described it as the fusion of the British Tory neo-conservatives with the U.S. neo-cons in both the Democratic and Republican parties, who are positioning themselves to survive in the post-Bush era. The source noted that some of the leading patrons from the U.S. side were supporters of McCain's challenge to George W. Bush for the Presidency in 2000, and are maneuvering to ride the McCain candidacy back into power in 2008. But at the same time, the U.S. neo-cons are hedging their bets by maintaining a presence in the Democratic Party.



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Left to right: David Cameron, Sen. John McCain, and Nicolas Sarkozy. Russia's President Putin foresees these three coming to power in Britain, the United States, and France, shifting trans-Atlantic policy in a direction more hostile to Moscow.

Signators of the Manifesto include: the current Lord Lothian, **Michael Andrew Foster Jude Kerr**, PC, QC, MP, known as **Michael Ancram**. He is the grandson of British Round Table and Cliveden Set insider Philip Kerr, 11th Marquess of Lothian, and is a Conservative Party politician; **Prof. Paul Cornish**, Carrington Professor of International Security, Royal Institute for International Affairs, known as Chatham House, the public arm of the Round Table in London; **Sir Richard Dearlove**, KCMG, OBE, who was head of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) from 1999 to 2004; **Michael Cove**, an MP, journalist, and author, seen as part of an influential set of young Tories, known as the Notting Hill Set, including Cameron (when Cameron was elected leader of the party in December 2005, Cove was appointed housing spokesman in the team shadowing the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister); and **David Willetts**, Conservative MP.

International patrons of the Society include: **Robert Kagan**, senior associate at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and one of the leading neo-con propagandists for an Anglo-American empire; **William Kristol**, editor of *The Weekly Standard*, who was a top policy advisor to McCain in 2000; **Clifford May**, president of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, president of the CPD, and chairman of its Policy Committee; **Joshua Muravchik**, a leading figure in the Democratic Party right-wing networks of the Social Democrats U.S.A., and a propagandist for the Bush-Cheney permanent war policy; **Richard Perle**, head of the Defense Policy Board for the first years of the Bush-Cheney Administration, and one of the most outspoken of the neo-con ideologues in Washington; **James Woolsey**, former Director of the CIA, who is now co-chair, with George P. Shultz, of the CPD, and is the mentor of Rachel Kleinfeld, the founder of the Truman Project on National Security, a young neo-con penetration of the Democratic Party.

It will be a hard fought battle. As both Benn and former *Times* editor Lord William Rees-Mogg pointed out, there is a growing rift between the United States/United Kingdom establishments, because of the bellicose course of the Bush-Cheney Administration in Iraq and elsewhere—without adequately consulting the British. “Bigger than a right-wing coalition government as a danger to the West is the threat of a U.S.-led aerial war against Iran,” Benn said. “That would certainly blow everything up.”

Lyndon LaRouche has observed that the intent of the Anglo-Dutch synarchists is to say “*mano blanco*,” while doing nothing to stop the growing threat of global thermonuclear asymmetric warfare posed by the Bush-Cheney regime faced with a systemic, global, economic collapse. In other words, the synarchists want the chaotic collapse of sovereign governments, and want the United States to carry the full blame as the recent case of Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt makes clear (see preceding article).