

British MP Tam Dalyell: We're Looking to Congress

The international importance of the American Congressional hearings into the "Iraq WMD" hoax was a subject of an exclusive *EIR* interview with Tam Dalyell, the longest-serving member of the House of Commons and the most vocal opponent of the Iraq war in the British Parliament.

Said Dalyell, "People like me in Europe, who want to know the truth about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and related matters, are looking to the American Congress, as more likely to produce it. The reason is, the separation of powers. In the United States, promotion of Senators and

Congressmen comes from the judgment of their peers. But in Britain, it is different. Most Parliamentarians want something from the Prime Minister, be it ministerial office, or membership in the House of Lords when they retire. They are beholden."

On Blair's own political fate, Dalyell commented that "Tony Blair is being protected, by the uselessness of the leader of the Opposition. As long as Iain Duncan-Smith remains the leader of the Conservative Party, Blair will hold on. Duncan-Smith's performance in the House of Commons on Wednesday was ludicrous, with his finger-shaking and shouting, when all he had to do, was to stay calm and firm, and proclaim, 'Before the House of Commons makes a judgment, points one, two, three must be considered.' "