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On Her Majesty's Secret Service: Kevin 007?

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The following article, reprinted from the Oct./Nov. 2009 The New Citizen, reveals Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's background as an intelligence operative, in the service of the British Crown. Rudd's background helps explain why this otherwise irritating and self-important individual has been reinstated as Prime Minister, just as the City of London is moving to impose a fascist "bail-in" regime globally. Following this article the Almanac features an excerpt of a later New Citizen article which documents the way Rudd crashed and burned when the CEC led a national mobilisation against the global warming fraud which killed his plans for an ETS.

Sixteen months into Kevin Rudd's prime ministership, Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood demanded in a Webcast address, "Whom do you serve, Mr Rudd?" The answer, to anyone who has paid even cursory attention to the policies which Rudd has championed domestically, as well as internationally, is the British Empire. The Australian nation developed only thanks to "old" Labor's fight for national banking and industrial protectionism against the "Money Power"—London-centred British finance and free trade—and it is this national heritage which Rudd has betrayed on behalf of the British Empire.

Here's the scorecard. As Prime Minister and Labor Party leader, Rudd has: campaigned for international financier control over Australia's financial system, including in the guise of "independence" for the privately-controlled Reserve Bank; committed Australia to lead the world in the British genocidal crusade on "climate change", condemning us to industrial oblivion and economic ruin; jumped to bail out the banks, and spearheaded the British push to coordinate a global bailout—aka "stimulus"—through the G-20 and International Monetary Fund; and has crusaded for ever more British free trade, in the course of which, as in the U.S. in February, he pronounced that, "Protectionism is intrinsically evil."

So Rudd is obviously an agent of British imperialism. But, a look at his personal background forces one to ask, additionally: is he also formally a British agent, recruited early in his career to Her Majesty's Secret Service? Is he, in fact, "Kevin 007"?

Such recruitment to the intelligence services usually takes place early in one's career, at university or soon after, when a prospective agent shows him or herself to be bright, ambitious, and, just as importantly—unscrupulous; better yet, duplicitous and sadistic by nature.

The New Imperialism

Before reviewing Rudd's personal record, consider the historical context in which he, and similar traitors to Australia's vital interests are recruited.

In the last quarter of the 19th Century, as a result of the mass industrialisation and railroad building in the U.S. unleashed by President Abraham Lincoln's victory over the British-sponsored, rural slave-based Confederacy, British imperialism faced a mortal threat. Not only was the industrial might and population of the U.S. exploding, but many other nations were emulating its policies of protection, national banking, and railroad building, the latter of which posed a direct challenge to British maritime control of the world. These included Germany, Japan, and Russia, among others. Not able to face this challenge directly, as through the gunboats and redcoated armies of the past, the British oligarchy typified by Bertrand Russell, H.G. Wells, et al., founded the Round Table movement, including its Fabian Society sub-division which targeted particularly the rising influence of the working classes,



"I'm Kevin and I'm here to help."

but also industrialism per se. The Round Table adopted the classic Fabian strategy—don't attack a more powerful enemy directly, under one's own flag, but wear him down by cultural and financial subversion, and by manipulating your enemies to fight ruinous wars against each other, like World War I and II. And in place of the naked colonialism of old, the Round Table substituted a policy of "indirect rule", or "self-rule", whereby the "native" ruling elite of their old colonies would be trained at Oxford via Rhodes scholarships, or recruited to pro-British imperial outlooks via the local Oxfords in the colonies, such as Harvard, Yale et al. in the U.S., or Australian National University, Melbourne University, etc. in Australia.

Soon known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), the Round Table set up powerful branches based in the local oligarchies of its "former" (or intended) colonies. Its U.S. subsidiary, for instance, the Council on Foreign Relations, was largely drawn from the major investment houses of Wall Street, most of whom had been set up by the British in the

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first place, while its Australian division, the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) was comprised of leaders of our corporate and financial elite. The AIIA, in turn, spun off various fronts such as the Australian-American Leadership Dialogue, which is merely a collection of Anglophiles in America, meeting with their opposite, also Anglophile associates in Australia.

Moving into the present, Australia's place in British imperial schemes is what it has always been—a British strategic outpost in the Pacific. But, with the rise of China, India, and Asia in general, Australia's role has been upgraded as well. For instance, in 1995, the RIIA issued a policy document entitled, Economic Opportunities for Britain and the Commonwealth, which announced that Australia should be, more than ever before, the British corporate and financial "stepping-stone to Asia". The report chronicled the astonishing amount of British foreign investment in Australia, and listed hundreds of British firms which had already set up their Asian headquarters in Australia, a list which has greatly expanded since. This defined the strategic environment in which the Mandarin-speaking Rudd was recruited into Australia's foreign policy establishment, itself a de facto subsidiary of the RIIA.

Notwithstanding our nominal independence upon Federation in 1901, Australia did not run its own foreign policy until the early 1940s, following Prime Minister John Curtin's December 1941 break with Churchill and the British, to go with America. Until then, the major aspects of our foreign policy were officially run directly from London. Until the Statute of Westminster, a 1931 Act of British Parliament which granted "legislative equality" to Britain's Dominions, was ratified by the Australian Parliament in 1942, Australia's status as a Dominion meant our foreign affairs were handled by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. But even when we assumed formal control of our foreign policy, it was via an apparat which had long been subservient to British interests, which just continued on under a new name, presently the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Typical was the relation of our Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS)—a branch of DFAT—to the British SIS. The notoriously anti-Labor ASIS was formally founded after World War II as a branch of British SIS. No wonder therefore, that investigative reporters Des Ball and Jeffrey Richelson in their 1985 book, The Ties That Bind, reported that, "The relationship between ASIS and the SIS is so close that there has never been any need for written agreements or a formal exchange of liaison personnel." They wrote, "It is thus not surprising that ASIS officers continue to call the London headquarters of the SIS the 'Head Office' and the Melbourne headquarters of ASIS called itself the 'Main Office'."

Career Path

Now, let us turn to the career of Kevin Rudd. Rudd studied Chinese at the Australian National University (ANU) from 1976-79, where he was mentored by world-renowned Chinese scholar Pierre Ryckmans. After a stint in Taiwan in 1980, he returned to submit his thesis, which glorified China's leading dissident, Wei Jingsheng, a darling of the RIIA circles in London. In 1981, Rudd went straight from university into the Department of Foreign Affairs (now DFAT), which, as per its history noted above, is one big intelligence apparat, of which the formal spy agency, ASIS, is merely one section. Not surprisingly, many DFAT officials are actually ASIS spies acting under "cover". Rudd served as a diplomat in Sweden, and then in China until 1987.

That Chinese phase of Rudd's career was to have telling aftereffects. A four-day trip he took to Taiwan in 1999 was paid for by a reportedly corrupt former Taiwanese MP, Chang Yu-huei, who was Minister without portfolio and Secretary-General of the Cabinet in the government of the pro-independence British darling President Chen Shui-bian, who came close to provoking a Taiwan-China war by his escalating actions for Taiwanese "independence". Perhaps Chen and his wife were looking out for their own independence as well, since both have recently been sentenced to lengthy prison terms for taking bribes. In 2005, a foundation associated with one of Chang's companies, the Taiwan Sugar Company, donated \$1 million to the Mater Mothers' Hospital in Rudd's Queensland electorate. When Rudd's connection to Chang attracted media attention in July this year, the Taiwanese Embassy released a curious statement claiming that Rudd's trip was "conducive to the enhancement of the in-depth understanding of the importance of the UKAustralia relations". [Emphasis added]

Returning to Rudd's early career, it is in the nature of the spy business that ASIS agents are not trumpeted as such, quite the contrary. But despite their covers, they often have mysterious "gaps" in their curricula vitae. Curiously, former Opposition Leader Mark Latham wrote of Rudd in his tellall, Latham Diaries: "He's certainly part of the foreign policy establishment, and yes, there are some missing periods in his CV, plus a general mystery about the guy." [emphasis added] In a backhanded way, Rudd biographer Nicholas Stuart reflected the same perceptions, going out of his way to assert that despite Rudd's efforts to "veil his activities" during his time in China, it "appears that Rudd did not hold any position as a spymaster".

Far less circumstantial, is that in 1988 Rudd applied, and was accepted for a key position in London with Australia's peak intelligence agency, the Office of National Assessments (ONA), reporting on intelligence and strategic matters directly to the Prime Minister.

A Detour?

In the event, Rudd didn't end up in London, but instead made what might seem, on the surface of it, to be a radical career shift: in 1988, at the age of only 31, he became Chief of Staff to Queensland Premier Wayne Goss, the first Labor premier there in 21 years. But was it a shift? As the all-powerful mandarin under Goss, he rammed through National Competition Policy "reforms" in Queensland from 1989-95, reforms which the New Citizen has documented as emanating directly from the Mont Pelerin Society (MPS), the London-based headquarters of British imperial economic warfare, as implemented in Australia by the Australian subsidiary of London's Hill Samuel Bank, later known as Macquarie Bank. Through deregulation, privatisation and outsourcing, these MPS-designed "reforms" devastated Australia's domestic industries, infrastructure and services. Both their effects, and the savage way in which Rudd rammed them through, earned him the nickname, "Dr. Death".

In 1992, while ostensibly off in the backblocks of Queensland, the head of DFAT, Richard Woolcott, anointed Rudd as his likely successor one day, in recruiting him to the Australian American Leadership Dialogue then being formed. Woolcott recounted, "Phil Scanlan was starting it, and he asked me, 'Who do you think will be in your position in 20 years' time?' I gave it a bit of thought and said, 'Well, why don't you invite Kevin Rudd?' He joined up and, of course, that has served him very well..."

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Partners in the service of the Empire—Kevin Rudd and Therese Rein visit 10 Downing Street.

When it was decided in 1995 that Rudd should enter Federal Parliament, the path was cleared for him to win Labor Party pre-selection for the federal electorate of Griffith, by a branchstacking campaign so extensive it sparked a nationwide scandal about Labor Party branch-stacking, which was investigated by the ABC's Four Corners. Rudd failed to win Griffith on his first try, in 1996, but he was pushed through in 1998. And fellow Labor MPs who questioned his credentials, or the

circumstances of his wife's curious rise to riches in business, were quickly gagged.

His Labor credentials were indeed curious, including as they did, his membership in the neo-conservative Australian-American Leadership Dialogue; his regular attendance at the notorious Mont Pelerin Society front, the Centre for Independent Studies; his support for the Iraq war which Tony Blair had personally launched via his "sexed-up" dossier on Saddam Hussein's non-existent nuclear bomb; and his connections to the British backed pro-independence, rabidly anti-China networks in Taiwan. But all these went unquestioned as Rudd was fast-tracked through the ranks of the party to become the Leader of what he liked to call "Her Majesty's loyal Opposition".

And so, when Labor's defeat of the discredited Coalition government loomed as inevitable in 2007, and Her Majesty wanted to guarantee that the ALP replacement for her faithful servant John Winston Howard wouldn't resort to "old Labor" policies in the face of the economic collapse, she had the perfect candidate.

Mrs. Moneypenny?

Meanwhile, another key component of the Rudd story was unfolding, that of his wife Therese Rein's rags-to-riches rise in business, which has netted the PM and his wife a conservatively- estimated \$60 million fortune. Rein's Ingeus company earns all of its income from government outsourcing. She won her first government contract in 1993 when Paul Keating outsourced job placement for the long-term unemployed, and enjoyed a windfall in 1996-97 when the Howard government abolished the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and established the private Job Network. By then, the board of Rein's "independent" business included Wayne Goss, Qantas director and former Commonwealth Public Service head Mike Codd, and former ASIC regional commissioner Barrie Adams. Following Tony Blair's 1995 election as British Prime Minister, she won similar contracts in Britain, reportedly leveraged through Goss' former political adviser Michael Stephenson who switched to advise Blair. Following Rudd's 2007 election, Rein sold out of the Australian side of her business, supposedly to avoid a conflict of interest. But the conflict of interest is now bigger than ever: the vast majority of the Australian PM's household income now comes directly from the British government.

Post Script

The following is excerpted from an editorial by CEC leader Craig Isherwood in the Dec. 2010/Jan 2011 New Citizen newspaper, headlined "Ideas, not votes—The CEC Defeated the ETS Scam, and We Will Defeat the Murray-Darling Genocide Plot as Well—if You Do Your Part". It documents Rudd's spectacular political fall in the months after the above article was published, catalysed by the CEC's campaign against the global warming fraud.

The Global Warming fight

Due to mass media brainwashing, public opinion polls in early 2007 showed that 68 per cent of Australians favoured "urgent action to stop climate change", and that therefore the passage of an ETS or similar legislation was a foregone conclusion. At that point we in the CEC and the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) went to work. The following are merely some of the highlights among the dozens of meetings we conducted or intervened in, and the numerous press releases, mass flyers, and *New Citizens* we produced on the subject which were cumulatively read by millions upon millions of Australians.

In March 2007, the CEC released 540,000 copies of a special issue of the *New Citizen*—one copy for every 40 Australians—under the banner headline, "Global Warming is a Fraud!", which proved scientifically that "global warming" was a shameless lie. In April 2007, the LYM intervened into the Fifth World Conference of Science Journalists at the Melbourne Hyatt Hotel, delivering a copy of the *New Citizen* and a DVD of the U.K. Channel 4 documentary, *The Great Global Warming Swindle* to every participant. The ensuing uproar included major media coverage of the LYM intervention and forced the airing of the Channel 4 exposé on ABC-TV, for which the CEC and LYM packed the studio audience and dominated the question period.

By 2008, prominent Greens began denouncing "LaRouche and the CEC" as leading the anti-global warming camp. Besides the genocidal intent behind global warming, the CEC and LYM repeatedly exposed "carbon credits" as a multi-billion dollar speculative fraud from which Al Gore was personally making a financial killing, and in June 2009 intervened to disrupt Gore's own tin-rattling breakfast in Melbourne with Australia's superannuation industry. In August 2009 we printed 350,000 copies of the New Citizen headlined "Carbon Trading is Hitler-Style Genocide!", just as draconian ETS legislation was taking centre stage in Parliament. That legislation was defeated.

All of this had emboldened leading scientists to speak out. Just before the August 2009 Senate vote, Murdoch's Queensland Courier Mail blamed the CEC for the anti-ETS mass email campaign then blanketing MPs. Ironically, we did not launch that email campaign;

rather, it was a typical mass strike phenomenon spontaneously unleashed by the ideas which we had put into circulation over the previous two and a half years.

The Liberals flip

Although Rudd was still pushing to ram through an ETS, the August Senate defeat was remarkable, particularly considering that in 2007 the Coalition had proposed its own legislation for an ETS, and that up until just a few months earlier the diehard monarchist Tony Abbott himself had argued that Rudd's bill be passed, "to remove it as a potential election issue". Reflecting the mass popular opposition we had stirred up, Liberal leader Turnbull himself had been opposed to the ETS for most of 2009. But, following a two-week visit to London in early October, he suddenly demanded that his party ally with Rudd and sign on to the ETS immediately. Saner layers in the Liberal Party realised that the Coalition faced the clear prospect of annihilation in the looming 2010 federal election if they stuck with an ETS as merchant banker Turnbull demanded.

Liberal MP for Hume Alby Schultz reported, "I've received over the years many, many emails and phone calls, they have never been to the level that I'm receiving them at the moment. My assessment of it is that the Opposition has no hope of winning the next election. I sat down last night and looked at it and, conservatively, we're looking at a landslide." That is, the Coalition could expect a landslide defeat due to their support of global warming, as opposed to an otherwise realistic possibility of taking government due to rage at the ALP, in particular because of Rudd's evangelical crusade for global warming. Abbott himself reported that, "The phone lines have been in meltdown" in mass protest against the ETS, and he suddenly quit the Shadow Cabinet to lead an insurgency in the Coalition against it, one of 13 MPs in two days to do so, which precipitated the Liberal leadership change that killed off the ETS in early December.

"World Government"

This intense ferment had created the basis for, among other things, a tour of Australia by the anti-global warming British



Lord Monckton. With the spectre of LaRouche on his mind far more than Monckton, Greg Combet, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change, declared to the Parliament: "Lord Monckton is positing a fairly serious conspiracy theory. This is a theory that climate change is a plot to destroy national sovereignty and to establish world government. That is essentially his argument."

Meanwhile, in the lead-up to the U.N. Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change scheduled to open on 7th Dec., Queen Elizabeth herself demanded drastic action on global warming, as she did at the outset of her 27th Nov. keynote to the 53-nation Commonwealth meeting in Trinidad and Tobago. She also dispatched Prince Charles to open the Copenhagen meeting and to harangue world leaders for drastic, binding action on global warming—so much for the myth that "Her Majesty is above politics."

Although Rudd was forced to abandon his ETS legislation in December, he continued to bang the drum for what he called "the greatest moral challenge of our time", causing his poll numbers to slide relentlessly down. In April 2010 Gillard visited him privately to get him to drop his suicidal crusade, but the damage had been done. With an election looming at year's end, the once super-popular Rudd was dumped in June, making him the first one-term prime minister since 1932. The mass media acknowledged that global warming was the "major issue" behind his demise, but brazenly lied that he had been dumped because the public was dissatisfied that he had not done enough on global warming! This even though popular support for "urgent action" on global warming had plunged from the 68 per cent of early October 2007 to only 48 per cent by late 2009, and the fact that many of those who had shifted, realising they had been lied to originally on such a matter of profound national import, were now almost violently opposed to any such legislation.

Indeed, momentarily bowing to the CEC-induced winds of popular change, Gillard immediately announced an indefinite delay in ALP action on climate change, even as one media outlet mused, "Kevin Rudd was for years the darling of Australian politics before undergoing a decline as rapid as it was mysterious." No mystery—just the power of competent leadership and ideas during a period of mass strike.