

Who controls southern Africa's mineral wealth?

The Anglo American Corporation—————

The Anglo American Corporation is the flagship holding concern for a vast group of companies, interlocking in ownership and directors, which dominates the mining of uranium, gold, diamonds, copper, coal and other minerals in southern Africa. The chairman of the group is Harry Frederick Oppenheimer. The subcompanies include De Beers Consolidated Mines, Charter Consolidated and Engelhard Minerals. Rio Tinto-Zinc, Lonrho and Union Minière are related to the Anglo American group through political alliances for shared policies. Ultimately, the same families control all the companies, with the names Cecil and Hapsburg most powerful.

The chairman of Anglo American's Diamond Services division is Julian Ogilvie Thompson, married to a daughter of the late Viscount Hampden; the chairman of the Gold and Uranium division is Dennis Etheredge, O.B.E., who worked for South African military intelligence during World War II under Jan Smuts, member of the British Round Table. The Executive Director of Anglo American after the death of founder Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, was William Marshall Clark, a Knight of the Military and Hospitaler Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Order of Malta). The first head of Anglo American's Diamond Security Organization—a private army—was Percy Sillitoe, former director of British Military intelligence—MI-5. Among other notables on the payroll of the Diamond Security Organization is Nathaniel Mbumba, leader of recent "Marxist" invasions of Shaba province in Zaire.

The Anglo American group is deeply implicated in international drug traffic. Its diamond (De Beers) and gold production plays a central role—through non-contractual sales—in laundering the "dirty money" from the dope trade. Accordingly, Oppenheimer has been a board member of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, a key bank for drug-money laundering. Anglo American board member Sidney Spiro is now on the same bank's international advisory board. Another subcompany of Anglo American is South African Eagle, an offshoot of

Eagle Star Insurance of London, which owns and operates the drug-running empire associated with the Canadian Bronfman family.

Completing the circle, Oppenheimer's Anglo American group passed on executives to the Schlesinger Insurance group, a leading corporate front for the Permindex Organization, an international assassination bureau created under the supervision of Knight of St. John Mortimer Louis Bloomfield, attorney for the Bronfman family. Permindex murdered John Fitzgerald Kennedy. It attempted to murder Charles de Gaulle. Anglo American bought out Schlesinger Insurance in 1975.

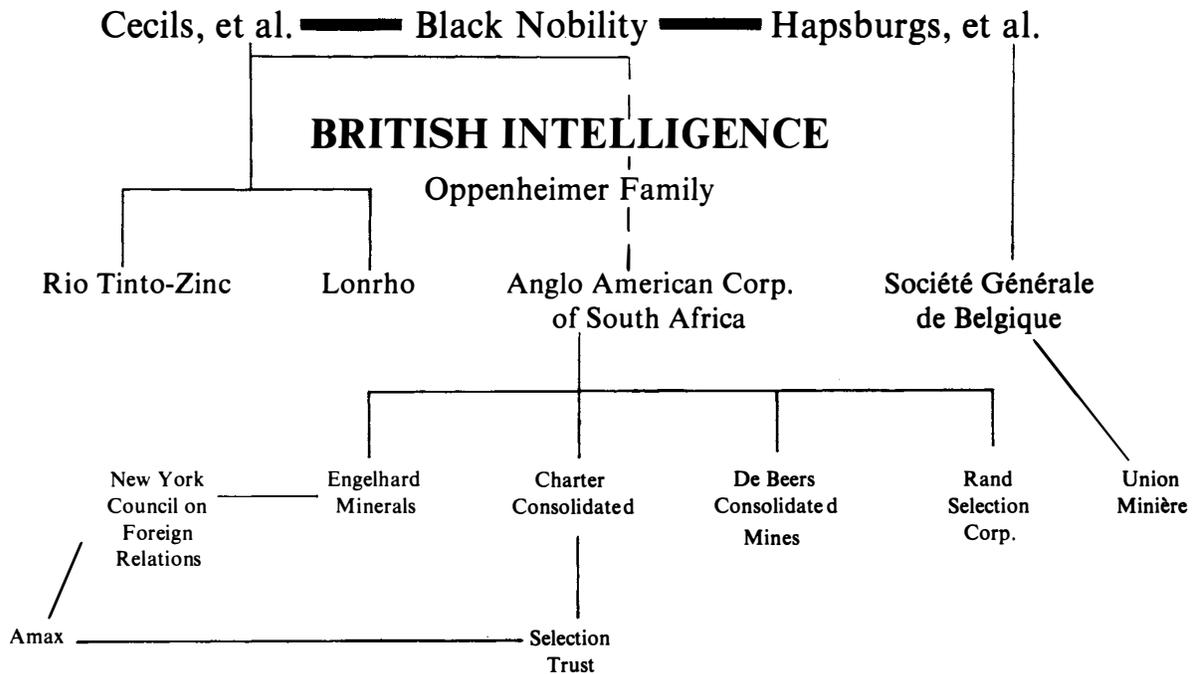
Rio Tinto-Zinc—————

Rio Tinto's major operations are in iron ore and copper with an important share of uranium. Among the board members is Lord Carrington, a protégé of the Cecil family who is now British Foreign Secretary. Rio Tinto's chairman is Sir Mark Turner, a member of the board (former deputy chairman) of the banking firm, Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, Ltd., another of whose directors is Baron Rockley (Cecil). A colleague of Turner's in World War II British economic warfare and raw-materials control operations was the Marquess of Exeter (Cecil).

The Cecils are among the most powerful of Britain's families—with factional ties to the Hapsburgs and Jesuit intelligence operations dating from the 16th century. Titled the Marquesses of Salisbury, first sons of the family have held office as Prime Minister, leader of the House of Lords, Foreign Secretary, Colonial Secretary and Secretary for Commonwealth Relations in the past 100 years. The capital of Rhodesia, Salisbury, takes its name from the Cecils.

Lonrho, Ltd.—————

Lonrho, formerly the London and Rhodesia Mining and Land Company, represents both mining and manufacturing interests. The chairman since 1972 has been Duncan Duncan-Sandys (Baron Duncan-Sandys) who owes his fortune to the Cecil family. The baron is a



former son-in-law of Winston Churchill. A deputy chairman of Lonrho is former Bank of England governor Sir George Bolton. Also on the board is Edward du Cann, chairman of the Keyser Ullman merchant banking group.

Union Minière

The only non-British company with southern African mining interests comparable to Rio Tinto-Zinc and Lonrho is Union Minière which is tightly controlled by the finance company Société Générale de Belgique. Union Minière has extensive interests in copper, cobalt and zinc in the Shaba province of Zaire (called Katanga province in the former Belgian Congo), and some investment in Europe and North America. Société Générale/Union Minière organized the recent invasion of Shaba province by "Katangese rebels" in collaboration with the Diamond Security division of the Oppenheimer Anglo American Corporation—with the effect of stopping a French-arranged loan package to the Zairean government.

There is little public-domain evidence of who exerts control over Société Générale de Belgique. However, information received by *EIR* establishes that the control is Hapsburg. Count Otto von Hapsburg and several of his siblings inhabit the board of directors, under assumed names.

Engelhard and Amax

The New York Council on Foreign Relations has its share in the mining complex through Engelhard Minerals, a subcompany of the Anglo American group, and Amax, Inc. (American Metal Climax). The Council on Foreign Relations is the American branch of the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London (British intelligence executive offices at Chatham House). The board of Amax includes George Ball of Lehman Bros. Kuhn Loeb, Gabriel Hauge, chairman of Manufacturers Hanover Trust, as well as two vice presidents of Standard Oil of California. Felix Rohatyn of Lazard Freres, the American branch of Lazard Brothers of London, sits on the board of Engelhard Minerals.