

Britain escalates attacks on China and United States

by Jeffrey Steinberg

A new outbreak of British propaganda and irregular warfare attacks against China has erupted on the eve of Vice President Al Gore's late-March visit to Beijing. The Gore visit is intended to deepen U.S.-China political and economic cooperation, and pave the way for an exchange of state visits between Presidents William Clinton and Jiang Zemin, during the latter part of 1997 and early 1998. Even those modest objectives, these days, tend to send the British royals climbing up the wall in fits of murderous rage. But there is far more at stake, as President Clinton focusses more of his attention, during his second term, on U.S. long-term ties to the nations of the Pacific Rim.

The unspoken issue on the table, as Gore prepares for his Asia tour, is China's commitment to proceed with the Eurasian Land-Bridge program, otherwise known as the "New Silk Road"—an ambitious development plan to link up all of Eurasia, through a complex of high-speed railways, highways, ports, and agro-industrial corridors, stretching through Central Asia, Russia, the Indian Subcontinent, the Middle East, and, ultimately, to the Atlantic Coast of Europe.

Historical precedent

The Eurasian Land-Bridge design is based on the 19th-century efforts of President Abraham Lincoln's American System economists, led by Henry Carey, who built the American Trans-Continental Railroad, to then initiate a network of development corridors, and long-distance rail-development projects, criss-crossing the Eurasian landmass.

For more than 100 years, the policy of the British oligarchy has been to go to any lengths to prevent the Eurasian Land-Bridge policy from being implemented. Already, in this century, two world wars have been fought, at British instiga-

tion, to block the realization of Eurasian development.

More recently, on May 7, 1996, at a conference in Beijing, Britain's Sir Leon Brittan delivered a direct threat to the Chinese leadership, that London will break China up into a string of warring micro-states, if the Land-Bridge goes forward. Sane forces in the West, who see in the Land-Bridge the last best hope for humanity to avert a descent into a New Dark Age, were represented at that conference by Helga Zepp LaRouche, who led a Schiller Institute delegation. Her husband, Lyndon LaRouche, has forcefully argued that any sane American administration would see full U.S. participation in the construction of the Land-Bridge projects, as a unique opportunity to rebuild the nation's collapsing physical economy, beginning with the revival of the U.S. strategic machine tool building sector.

In a real sense, the Clinton administration's effort to forge a viable political and economic partnership with the leadership in Beijing, set against the backdrop of the Land-Bridge fight, is among the leading issues that are a *casus belli* between London and Washington.

British-directed irregular warfare

Since Brittan's outburst in Beijing, there has been a marked escalation in Britain's ethnic-separatist irregular warfare, directed at China's periphery. The recent reports of bombings and other attacks, attributed to "Uighur separatists," in Xinjiang Province, is exemplary.

The Uighur separatists, like the Tibetan organization of the Dalai Lama, are micro-managed by the Anglo-Dutch monarchies and their intelligence services, through a network of non-governmental organizations, such as the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, headquartered in



The Uighur separatists have vowed to destroy China's railroad infrastructure projects—a key aim of British geopoliticians. Here, the landscape along the main line Lanxin in northwestern China.

The Hague, the Netherlands, and bankrolled by the Dutch Foreign Ministry. Baroness Carolyn Cox's Christian Solidarity International, which is responsible for recent carnage in Central Africa of an intensity greater than the Nazi genocide during World War II, has targeted China, through a black propaganda campaign, charging that Beijing is butchering Christians.

Cox's CSI has centered its anti-China campaign in Washington, in order to place the maximum pressure on the Clinton administration, and to give an "American flavor" to the China-bashing offensive, in the hopes of convincing the Chinese leadership that "the Americans" are behind the provocations.

Chinagate and Clintongate

The latest British actions conform to the "ring around China" strategy of London, exposed by Lyndon LaRouche in the cover-story of the Nov. 22, 1996 issue of *EIR*. The added feature in the current effort is the tight linkage between the assault on China, and the newest escalation of London's "Clintongate" assault on the U.S. Presidency.

The linkage was most glaring in the March 16 London *Sunday Telegraph* column by the Hollinger Corporation's chief Clinton-basher, British intelligence stringer Ambrose Evans-Pritchard. In a typical lying column, titled "Washington Wakes Up to Chinese Threat," Evans-Pritchard claimed that "Washington is in the early stages of a 'yellow peril' fever provoked by growing alarm about the strategic and military threat of a resurgent China." After citing a recent New York Council on Foreign Relations-trumpeted book by reporters Ross Munro and Richard Bernstein, *The Coming Conflict*

With China, Evans-Pritchard fabricated:

"For the Clinton administration, it is a difficult time to formulate a new strategic policy in the Far East. The U.S. Congress is currently investigating allegations that the Chinese government conspired to re-elect President Clinton in 1996 by funnelling millions of dollars of laundered funds through front groups tied to the Democratic Party. So Vice-President Al Gore will be walking through a minefield when he goes to Beijing next week, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit China for eight years. Any sign of cordiality will be pounced upon by the Republicans as evidence that the Clinton White House is subject to subtle Chinese blackmail."

Pritchard's final word: "Beijing has already made it clear that it intends to curtail the liberties of the people of Hong-kong—a move that is likely to precipitate an international crisis. It also shows every indication of wanting to establish a military grip on the navigation lanes of the South China Sea. The only question is how long it will take before the first Sino-U.S. crisis erupts."

Media food chain at work

The so-called "yellow peril" scare, cited by Evans-Pritchard, is actually the work of the same, small circle of British assets and dupes in the U.S. Congress, the FBI, the conservative revolution think-tanks, and the media, that were correctly profiled in a 330-page "media food chain" dossier, released by the White House legal office in December 1996. We provide a detailed road map of the recent "Chinagate" antics of that unsavory crew in the articles that follow.

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Figure 1

British-backed strategic thrusts against China



Figure 2

Foreign Affairs: Segal plan for the breakup of China

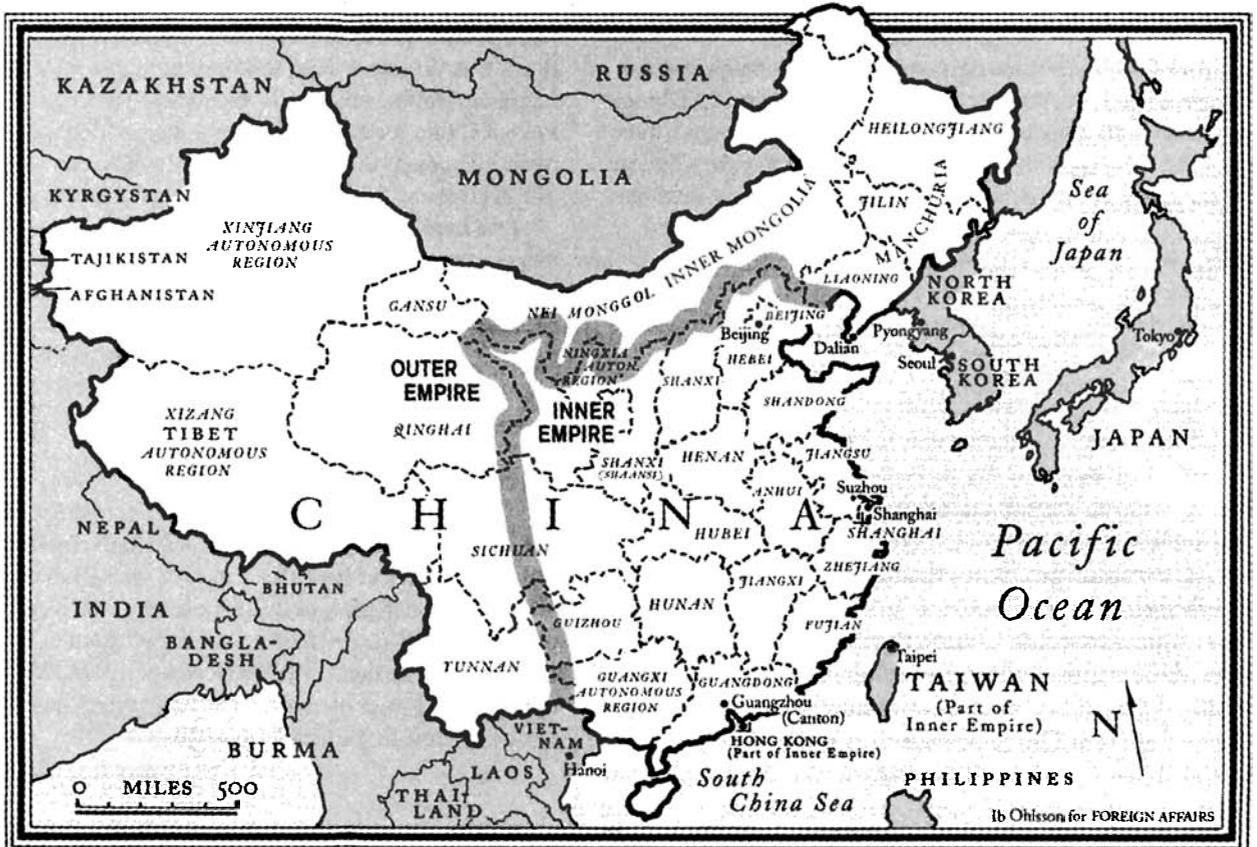
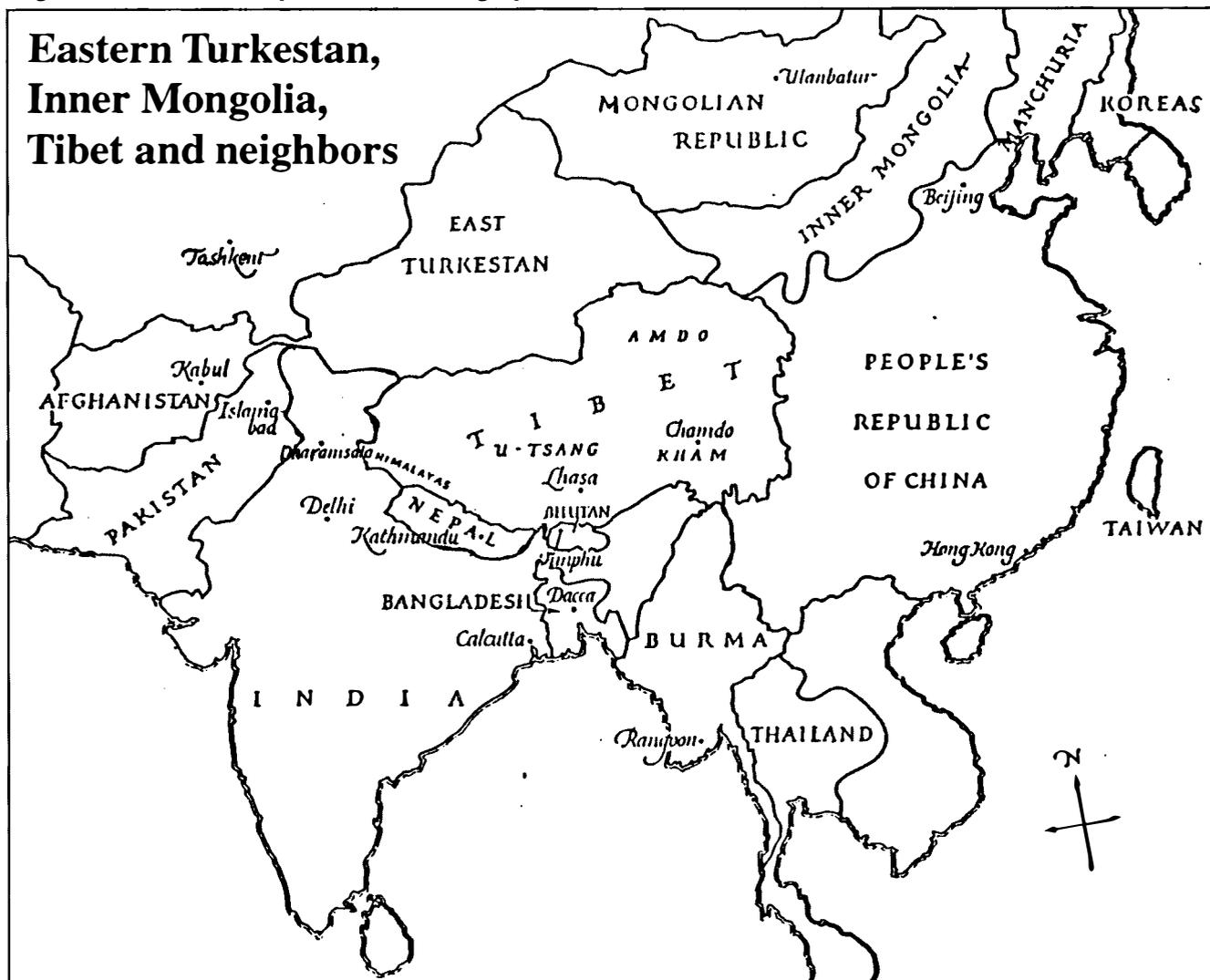


Figure 3

Uighur liberationists' plans for carving up China



Key to Figures 1-4

Figure 1 is from *EIR*, Nov. 22, 1996, showing the British-instigated hostile encirclement of China.

Figure 2 is from Gerald Segal's article in the May/June 1994 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, entitled "China's Changing Shape." The article outlined the current British gameplan. As can be seen, China would be carved up into two categories, an "inner-empire," and a breakaway "outer empire" which is intended to achieve some degree of independence.

Figure 3 was distributed at an October 1992 conference in New York of the "Allied Committee of the Peoples of Eastern Turkestan, Inner Mongolia, Tibet," which said its purpose was to prepare for the coming ethnic liberation of Chinese "subject peoples." The map conforms to that of the Segal plan.

Figure 4 (see next page) is from Ross Munro's article in the March/April 1997 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, entitled "China I: The Coming Conflict with America." Munro's map identifies projected areas of Chinese aggression, but it should be rather read as regions targetted for British destabilization, designed to fragment China.

Figure 4

Foreign Affairs: China's alleged aggressive designs



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Several features of the current campaign deserve special note. First, the timing of the eruption: The dramatic escalation of the “Chinagate” scandal came immediately *after* a well-attended FDR-PAC briefing in Washington by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp LaRouche, at which the *EIR Special Report* on the Eurasian Land-Bridge was released. That report has subsequently circulated all over Washington.

The campaign-fundraising scandal, implicating a group of Taiwanese-Americans in so-called questionable campaign contributions to the Democratic Party, had initially hit the anti-Clinton press just before the November 1996 elections. Suddenly, “China-gate,” “Indo-gate,” and “Riyadi-gate” were added to the lexicon of Clinton-bashing scandals. The goal, according to sources familiar with the media blitz, is to drive a wedge between the Clinton political machine, and the growing Asian-American activist community.

The heavy-handed assault on U.S.-Chinese relations was launched in mid-February, through an FBI leak to the *Washington Post*'s Bob Woodward, the political poison pen of Democratic Party would-be kingmaker Katherine Graham, who has made no secret in recent months that she is furious with the Clinton-Gore White House.

No one in the major media has bothered to mention that the leaking, to Woodward, of purported National Security Agency communications intercepts from the Chinese Embassy in Washington, to Beijing, was a serious criminal matter. After Woodward revealed on the front page of the *Washington Post* that six members of Congress had been briefed by the FBI in June 1996, that they were potential targets of campaign “bribes” by Chinese government cut-outs, two of the congressmen came forward to confirm the *Post* story, and to complain that they had been given no precise details, were unable to make any use of the information, and never received any further information from the Bureau. No senior official, including the President, was alerted to the NSA intercept, in what can only be described as a most serious breach of national security by the FBI, a breach that raises serious questions about the whole sordid “China buys the election” scare.

Once the media food chain was set loose against the President, on the eve of the critical Beijing trip by the vice president, a flood of attacks ensued. In addition to the Hollinger Corp.'s Pritchard, the *Washington Times*, ABC-TV Nightline's Ted Koppel, Baroness Cox's pet congressmen Frank Wolf (R-Va.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.), the George Bush/Iran-Contra-linked Freedom House, *Human Events*, and the Heritage Foundation all weighed in.

This gaggle of British assets is playing with fire. If the Clinton Presidency is crippled, and U.S.-China relations are sabotaged, there will be very little prospect of a sane policy response, when the next severe global crisis erupts, whether it be a financial meltdown, a new Middle East war, or an explosion in the Balkans.

‘Uighur card’ used to break up China

by Joseph Brewda

Since February, the Xinjiang Autonomous Region of north-west China has been the target of a series of disturbances and bombings, carried out—by their own claims—by “Uighur” separatist groups attempting to split the region from China. What is at stake in Xinjiang is a project of strategic importance: the Second Euro-Asian Continental Bridge, the “new Silk Road” China-to-West Asia-and-Europe rail line which opened in 1992. This project, at the core of all current projects to develop the Eurasian landmass, was only finally completed, a century after the first Europe-to-Asia line was built in Russia, when the connection between the Chinese rail system and that of Kazakhstan in Central Asia was finished.

Xinjiang is being targetted by foreign-steered and foreign-headquartered separatist movements claiming to represent the Turkic-language-speaking Uighur “people” of Xinjiang. Although in 1949, Xinjiang's population was approximately 95% Uighur, today, about half of the 16 million population are of Chinese origin. Xinjiang also has China's largest deposits of oil and natural gas, uranium, gold, and other raw materials. Since 1992, Xinjiang has acquired global strategic significance, as the route of the Continental Bridge. The Chinese government is now building two more branches of the “Land-Bridge”: a second connection to Kazakhstan, and the first rail line to the city of Kashi, the Chinese terminus of the Pakistan-China Karakoram Highway.

The separatists make no bones about the fact, that these strategic rail lines are their target. The leader of the U.S. branch of the Uighur Liberation Front, Gulamettin Pahta, told *EIR* on March 11, that the “Continental Bridge” is a Chinese “imperialist” plot that must be blocked. “They are building railroads, but the people are opposing the railroad, and will destroy the railroad. This is just like the American movies on the history of California. What the Indians did, in fighting the railroads, is what we will do. The same thing is happening. Every train coming into eastern Turkestan is bringing in Chinese. This must be stopped,” Pahta said.

Just how “successful” the separatists are in fighting the railroads, is questionable. Western press outlets, in an effort to inflame the situation, have repeatedly given all kinds of figures for casualties in disturbances in Xinjiang, and a bomb explosion in Beijing, numbers which Chinese accounts have not confirmed. However, spokesmen for the Uighur Liberation Party and the Eastern Turkestan Liberation Organization have claimed credit for the violence.