

Her Majesty's grand knights of treachery

by Scott Thompson

Several Bush administration figures, including the former President of the United States, have been requited for their service to the British Crown, by being awarded Honorary Knighthoods by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. There are fewer than two dozen Honorary Knights in the United States. As the director of the Honours Department of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office put it: "One must not debase the currency. An Honorary Knighthood means either a lifetime of service to the British Empire, or to the furtherance of U.S. relations with the British Empire."

Here are, by order of rank and seniority, some of the "Knights of Her Majesty's Realm":

- President Sir George Bush: Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Bath (GCB). The President received his chivalric honor for leading the United States in Operation Desert Storm, a mission which he repeatedly invoked as the beginning of a "New World Order."

- The Honorable Sir Henry Kissinger: Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG). Kissinger was Secretary of State and National Security Adviser in the Nixon and Ford administration, and was on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board under the Reagan/Bush administration. On May 10, 1982, speaking at Chatham House on the bicentennial of the British Foreign Office, Kissinger boasted of his lifelong career as a British agent. The rank he was awarded is normally reserved for top British diplomats.

- Sir Hugh Bullock: Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) and the only one with this rank in the United States at this time. This investment banker, aged 98, has for decades raised millions for the cathedral where the British monarch is crowned. He is a Knight of Grace of the British Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (OSJJ).

- Sir Grayson Kirk: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE). He is President Emeritus of Columbia University (president from 1953-68).

- Sir Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE). He had both an acting and a military career. After serving as aide to Lord Mountbatten, Fairbanks conducted special missions to NATO, SEATO, and the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

- Gen. Sir Norman Schwarzkopf: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE). He was Field Commander of Oper-

ation Desert Storm.

- Gen. Sir Colin Powell: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE). Former Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

- Gen. Sir Brent Scowcroft: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE). Scowcroft was Bush's National Security Adviser, and is now Bush's top adviser, as well as a business partner of Kissinger's.

- The Honorable Sir Caspar Weinberger: Honorary Knight of the British Empire (KBE), former U.S. Secretary of Defense.

An American Priory

On May 11, 1996, on orders from Queen Elizabeth II, the American Society of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which has for 30 years been a propaganda outlet and recruiting front for the British, was upgraded to a Priory, similar to those which exist throughout the British Empire. The ceremony was conducted, with full pomp, at the Washington National Cathedral, by His Royal Highness Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who is the Queen's cousin and Grand Prior of the OSJJ. There are nearly 1,000 American members of this order, who must swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen, who is the Patron of the Order.

According to Don Lundquist, who is secretary to the American Priory, an effort had been made to invest Vice President Al Gore, Jr. as a member. However, the Vice President chose to pass up the invitation, undoubtedly concerned that his Knighthood might not sell very well among Democratic voters, who already rejected Gore's Presidential bid in 1988. Even George Bush did not accept his Knighthood until after American voters drove the BAC flunky from office.

BAC control: the raw materials cartels

by Richard Freeman

At the heart of the British-American-Commonwealth clique, run by the super-wealthy families of the oligarchy, is a combined economic and financial power greater than any single nation-state on Earth. The BAC has been busy, in preparation for the biggest financial implosion in history, which some insiders are acutely aware of — unlike the babblers at the *Wall Street Journal* and other financial press, who fantasize about the "eternal stability" of the system. In mergers, such as British Petroleum's \$54.3 billion takeover of Amoco, America's fifth-largest oil company, in August 1998, followed by BP's \$26.8 billion bid for Arco, America's seventh-largest oil company, in March 1999, which would make BP the largest oil