of civil emergency was declared, giving the police the backup of National Guard troops, that mass arrests took place.

As the first battle unfolded on Tuesday, I saw a group of four scruffy-looking men break through police lines, waving what looked like press passes as they moved toward the Convention Center. As I heard them speak, at least two of them had British accents. When a policeman came over to check them out more carefully, he asked one of them what was causing the bulge under his coat.

He said it was a cell phone, but as he reached around to show the officer his phone, a cannister of some sort fell out, and the policeman grabbed him. His associates fled, but police caught two of them, while the fourth disappeared into the crowd.

## **British-trained terrorists**

This vignette is typical of the hit-and-run tactics employed by the highly organized and well-trained "affinity groups" of eco-fascists intent on wreaking havoc on the streets of Seattle. The vast majority of protesters were there to express opposition to the WTO, and they presented their case peacefully. In fact, it was quite an impressive sight to see the march of almost 30,000 trade unionists later Tuesday afternoon, who paraded with discipline and spirit down a path cleared by the police. Numerous delegates from developing nations later commented that they gained courage to resist WTO globalist looting schemes in part from seeing that there is significant opposition among U.S. citizens to those schemes.

As soon as the labor demonstration ended, however, the pitched battles between police and the violent core of eco-

fascists picked up again, with police soon escalating to use of rubber bullets in the attempt to clear the streets.

From direct observation, it was obvious that the police were poorly prepared for what they were facing. At one of the many press conferences held by Mayor Schell and Police Chief Stamper, they said they did not have enough officers available to make mass arrests on the first day, so they chose instead to adopt measures of "crowd control." The Mayor defended their preparation, saying, "There was extensive planning for all contingencies and possibilities."

But policemen told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* that preparations were completely inadequate, as was obvious from the view from the streets. One officer, Brett Smith, a ten-year veteran, said that they were assured by Assistant Chief Ed Joiner during a training session that they did not expect violent protests, that "there's nothing to worry about."

Smith added, "We heard that officials from Geneva, where the WTO had been held before (and where there had been violent demos) had offered to tell us what happened and how they dealt with it and the department said, 'We don't need your assistance, we've got it covered.'

Naturally, the press highlighted the actions of the ecofascist shock troops, and the police response to them, but that presented a distorted picture of what was the actual "Battle in Seattle": the beginning of an awakening by many Americans to realization that submission to the WTO would mean the end of our nation as a sovereign nation-state, and the recognition among many delegates opposed to WTO dictatorship that they have allies within the United States, as the "Pearl Harbor effect" begins to hit these shores.

## Prince Philip's eco-terrorists

Of the tens of thousands of protesters who converged on Seattle for the World Trade Organization conference, a hard core of anarchists and eco-fascists, estimated to number less than 1,000, were responsible for nearly all of the havoc, violence, looting, and burning. Many came from Canada and Great Britain, courtesy of Prince Philip and his World Wildlife Fund-centered funding and operations command-structure. A core of Pacific Northwest-based American eco-terrorists, associated with groups such as Earth First!, the Animal Liberation Front, the Ruckus Society, and the Rainforest Action Network, had been working for nearly a year with their British and Canadian counterparts, to ensure that Seattle was thrown into a state of siege.

Anyone wishing to track the planning and preparations for these days of rage could have done so on the worldwide web. Furthermore, in June of this year, nearly simultaneous urban riots were staged in the City of London and in Eugene, Oregon, by the same transatlantic terrorist apparatus. These riots were a dry run for Seattle.

According to West Coast investigator Barry Clausen, a month before the WTO summit, a terrorist training camp was established near Arlington, Washington under the auspices of the San Francisco-based Ruckus Society. Here, the British, Canadian, and American terrorists who surfaced on the streets of Seattle in black ski masks, went through their final paramilitary drills.

The events in Seattle were the beginning of what could emerge as a global eco-terrorist offensive, coinciding with the new millennium. Such a helter-skelter scenario will only be stopped if the eco-fascist danger is taken on from the top down—starting with the "millennium virus" himself, Prince Philip.—*Jeffrey Steinberg* 

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