Britain, The Elected Dictatorship......Elected by the United States.

The late Lord Hailsham once said, "Britain is an elected Dictatorship". Today he could not have known how right he was. Britain is effectively a dictatorship, run ineffectively by a cabal of powerful individuals, most are either in the House of Lords, the Privy Council or the Judiciary, most are in any event un-elected by the people, with many policies formulated on the other side of the Atlantic.

In 1986 a statement made by Lord Young to a Parliamentary Select Committee, he disclosed that Britain's North Sea bonanza of £120 billion had been reinvested overseas, and that Britain no longer needed to rely on its manufacturing base. What Young failed to disclose, was that this windfall had been squandered on export credit defaults over unlawful arms sales to both Iran and Iraq. The Thatcher government with her brilliant Chancellors, Nigel Lawson, Norman Lamont, and the banks, set crippling interest rates. Together they brought about the systematic destruction of British Industry, the Coal Industry being a classic example. Amid high inflation and failing businesses, 1990-92, was the most severe recession since the end of World War 11. Unemployment soared but was considered by the Tories, the price worth paying in order to bring down inflation. Interest rates went up twice in one day. The service sector we were told was King. The Lady, (Thatcher) was Not for Turning.

Former MI5 Officer Lord Cuckney has stated that during the 1980s Iran was perceived as a threat to western interests, particularly oil and gas supplies in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Therefore it was deemed necessary to support Saddam Hussein from Iranian advances. However both Iran and Iraq were regarded, (officially), as embargoed countries as far as arms sales were concerned, but that didn't stop Mrs Thatcher. During her Premiership she brought in Sir John Cuckney into Westland Helicopters. He had run International Military Services (IMS) as Chairman, to broker the arms deals in Iran and Iraq between 1974-1985. His connection with IMS continued when he was at Westland. Sir Peter, (now Lord Levene, Chairman of Lloyds of London) was appointed by Michael Hesletine to run Defence Procurement at the MOD, and under him was Sir John Bourn, now Chairman of The National Audit Office. Bourns role is to ensure that the Country gets full value for money! Coming from an intelligence background he prefers to operate in the shadows. He never gives press interviews, however when asked how is a 70 year old is still running such an important post, spokesman Mark Strathdene stated, "He is not there to keep a lid on the scandals". Finally Sir Colin Chandler ran sales of defence equipment as head of the Defence Export Sales Organisation (DESO). Today Chandler is Chairman of Easy Jet. These men, acted with the full knowledge and complicity of the Secret Intelligence Services, the Thatcher government, and the Department of Trade and Industry. The DTI opened a £1 billion line of credit with the Iraqis "in order to keep open lines of communication" said spokesman Eric Beston. While they communicated, Paul Henderson of TI machine tools, the Coventry based engineering firm saw the firm

sold to the Iraqis, to be run by Saddam Hussein's brother in law, and become Matrix Churchill, the sale was handled by Sir John Cuckney, formerly Chairman of IMS, but also Deputy Chairman of the huge TI Group.

In true parliamentary tradition none of the protagonists were much troubled by the Scott Inquiry, over arms sales to Iraq. In fact recently when asked why, Lord Scott stated he has no intention of answering any questions. Lord Cuckney cannot remember, Lord Levene stated through his solicitors Freshfields, that he had never "sold" anything to Iran or Iraq. He simply procured for them what they wanted to "buy". As for Sir Colin Chandler, he is busy organising our package holidays as Chairman of Easy Jet.

Lord Scott should of course followed the audit trail in order to trace where the missing £ Billions went. Had he done so, it would have been devastating both for the Thatcher government and the Americans, and therefore it never happened. William Casey of the CIA had set up Allivane, Allivane International, and Allivane Group (run by Terence Charles Byrne Jr, and his father), with a grant from the Scottish Office. The Allivane companies brokered the shipments, to Iran and Iraq via Frank Machons Polmadie Trading and Packaging Company, Glasgow. Also involved was Unipac, controlled by Asil Nadir of Polly Peck, which ran arms and equipment via Denmark through Yugoslavia, Cyprus and onto the Al Fao organisation in Iraq. Asil Nadir insists he was set up by agents of SIS, HM customs and Excise, and is now attempting to clear his name. False end user certificates at a cost of £150,000 each, were supplied by officials in the DTI, with "bribes" and "commissions" paid to companies such as Allivane and other companies such as Valsella, Richwhite, Lagan Inv, European Pacific, Tagell and Galverston Securities, a subsidiary of Allivane Group. A startling memo from Hugh Savill dated 22nd June 1995, states that both the DTI and the MOD had been wilfully unforthcoming to parliament, with explanations of their activities consistently refusing to disclose information stating, "It is in the national interest not to be disclosed", or "that the wrong doers are no longer in post or are dead", or the contents were subject to Public Interest Immunity Certificates. This document, known as the Savill Memorandum was made available to Gerald James, the former Chairman of Astra Holdings PLC by the Treasury Solicitor no less.

A Director of Midland Bank, Stephan Kock offered Gerald James Company Astra-BMARC, what seemed to be better banking arrangements with Midland. He was also an agent of MI5 and MI6, with close links to Thatcher, and in 1986 was to inveigle himself onto the Astra Board. He had worked closely with Lord Cuckney of IMS. The Astra Chairman Gerald James did not fit into the cabal. So they set about to fixing him. The Intelligence services had their own agenda for the company with some of the management team manufacturing shells and munitions to order, thus creating a moneymaking enterprise independent of the Astra board, and even represented themselves at international arms fairs, in order to fund their own adventures. Their

highly lucrative illicit trade was to surpass the entire turnover of the whole group. The records of Astra Holdings plc are now under the control of the Insolvency Service, agents of the DTI. They with the MOD Police systematically raided the Astra offices 17 times, taking over two and a half thousand boxes of documents, which listed the bribes and backhanders to some of the off-shore companies mentioned. Even as a contributor and creditor of the company, the DTI and the Courts have denied James access to these documents. Yet strangely, both Robin Cook and Peter Hain have signed Public Interest Immunity Certificates on behalf of the Blair New Labour government. In the Public Interest, of course!

On behalf of the MOD, Frank Machon shipped radioactive material from the ASTRA Faldingworth depot in Lincolnshire, to Iran and Iraq. There has been speculation lately, that some of the radioactive material shipped to Iran may find its way back to this country, not by road, but in the form of a "Dirty Bomb".

The Thatcher government had originally seen the arms shipments, as a way to secure cheap oil, which was to be refined and brokered through Shell and BP, were both companies would make a large profit. The same approach was to be used with regard to the Al-Yamamah contract to supply Tornado Aircraft to Saudi Arabia, together with WE177 free fall atomic bombs claimed Prince Mishari, a member of the Saudi Royal Family. It was in this deal alone it is suggested that Mark Thatcher received £45 million in commissions. This is the reason why the terms of the Al-Yamamah contract remain Top Secret. Margaret and Denis Thatcher are said to have made in excess £500, million from arms sales to Iran and Iraq, which bankrolls The Thatcher Foundation.

But the oil from Iraq did not materialise. Neither did payments from Iran, because of the use of Chemical and Biological weapons by Iraq that were supplied by Britain and America. This caused the UK government major problems in balancing the books, and is why the government is living from hand to mouth, and the reason why the our troops have a shortage of basic equipment, such as body armour, boots, bullets and food. The "Just in Time" policy introduced by Peter Levene and Bourn who was at the MOD caused the death of Sgt Roberts in the latest Iraq War. He was ordered to give up his Body Armour because of Levene's much lamented policy, which may be more aptly described "Just Too Late". For Levene and his successors at the MOD have blood on their hands, and now merit indictment.

Balancing the books is not the government's forte. Even during WW2 archived material reveals that from 1941-1945 America was overcharging Britain for the Aid supplied under the Lend-Lease Act. At the end of the hostilities in 1945 a settlement with the United States, saw the US take over bases all over the UK, from which they have consistently used to launch strikes on Tripoli and more recently Baghdad. This is and the reason why Blair is acting under direct orders of Washington. A Police

witness statement by Terence Charles Byrne Snr of Allivane, disclosed the stark reality of the situation. Britain has no independent nuclear capability, and missiles from our Polaris Fleet of submarines can only be fired by permission of Washington, which holds the launch codes. This explains why the United Kingdom is a proxy state, subordinate to the whims of United States foreign policy.

At the end of World War II, starved of cash and trying to rebuild a war torn nation, the Attlee government took out huge loans from Americans and Canada. In the case of the American loan, there is still £244 million outstanding to be repaid by 31st Dec 2006. Treasury minister Ruth Kelly MP has stated the government fully intends to repay, and if all that is not bad enough, there is still the missing £ billions on arms sales to Iran and Iraq, the millions taken in commissions paid by the ECGD from public money which includes the millions to Allivane International, a front company of the CIA!

There is a pressing need for a regime change here.

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