

Key Evidence Released in Case of Jeremiah Duggan

Jewish youth died while attending 2003 LaRouche ‘cadre school’ in Germany

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NEW YORK, Dec. 9, 2009—The tragic death of Jeremiah Duggan is about to become much better known in the United States, as it deserves to be.

With the recent online posting of his mother Erica Duggan’s appeal to the United Kingdom’s High Court of Justice for a new inquest, Americans now have access to the most devastating documents revealed so far in the story of the 22-year-old university student’s death and the disturbing circumstances in which it occurred. Links to the documents are available, with commentary, at <http://lyndonlarouchewatch.org/duggan-high-court1.htm>

Jeremiah died while participating in a March 2003 “cadre school” in Wiesbaden, Germany run by followers of the notorious U.S.-based anti-Semite and cult leader Lyndon LaRouche. Duggan was not a member of the LaRouche cult but was persuaded to attend the school by recruiters at a “peace conference” in Bad Schwalbach several days previously. The conference, sponsored by LaRouche’s Schiller Institute, included keynote speeches by LaRouche and his wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, a German national who heads the LaRouche movement’s European branch.

The newly posted documents—including an argument filed by Mrs. Duggan’s London lawyers in 2008—raise key points as to the manner of Jeremiah’s death, and suggest new lines of inquiry.

They include details of reports by forensic experts who examined the physical evidence relative to Jeremiah’s death, and whose findings significantly contradict those of the German police.

The German Police

At the time of Jeremiah Duggan’s death, the German police conducted a cursory investigation and declared that he had committed suicide by running into traffic on a Wiesbaden motorway shortly after dawn on March 27, 2003. This conclusion was arrived at without an autopsy, without forensic examination of his clothing (which the police destroyed without consulting Jeremiah’s family), without taking written statements from the drivers of the cars said to be involved in Jeremiah’s death, and without inquiring into why his passport (with his blood on it) was in the possession of the Schiller Institute rather than on his body at the purported death site.

Despite evidence calling into question every aspect of their conclusion, the German police have refused thus far to reopen the case. It is for this reason that Mrs. Duggan is pressing for a new inquest to be held in Britain—which, it is hoped, will finally lead to a proper investigation by German authorities.

“Mum, I’m in Terrible Trouble...”

Jeremiah, who was studying in Paris, traveled to Germany on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, to participate in the Schiller Institute conference, which French organizers for the LaRouche movement had told him was dedicated to opposing the war.

However, during the conference and the “cadre school” sessions that followed, according to his notebooks, Jeremiah discovered that many of the polemics there uttered were directed at Israel and “the Jews” for their supposed role in instigating the war. According to eyewitness reports, Jeremiah rose during one such diatribe to say “But I’m a Jew!”

Six days after his arrival in Germany, he was dead—within 45 minutes of having called his mother in London to say, “Mum, I’m in terrible trouble, deep trouble. I want to be out of this. It’s too much for me. I can’t do this. I want out.... I’m frightened.... I want to see you now.” Then the line went dead.

Post Mortem Findings Not Consistent with Victim Being Run Over

Among the materials now posted at Lyndon LaRouche Watch are excerpts from the report of forensic specialist Dr. Ivica Milosavljevic, citing the post mortem performed by pathologist Dr. David Shove on Jeremiah’s body on April 4, 2003, after it was sent back to the United Kingdom.

According to Dr. Milosavljevic, “...Dr. Shove has established abundant quantity of fresh blood in all respiration tracts, as well as numerous bruises of the surface of both lungs. Such a finding is pathonemonic, i.e., [it] indicates directly the aspiration, inhaling, of a large quantity of blood in both lungs to the level of alveoli and is most probably the direct consequence of hemorrhage from the hurt blood vessels around the fracture of bones of basis of the skull and bones of the face. It also indicates the fact that the death of Jeremiah Duggan was not instant [instantaneous], which should be expected from an injury of [the] head made by overrunning [being run over by a car]....

“But that [the] late Duggan lived for some time..., i.e., that injury of the head did not arise at once overrunning [from being run over] by motor vehicle but by multiple action of some other mechanical force ...is more [thoroughly] corroborated by the fact...that in the stomach of the victim there was also found an abundant quantity of blood, which is the consequence of swallowing the blood, which had merged [emerged] from hurt blood vessels around the fracture of the bones, the basis of the skull, the bones of the face, round towards the mouth and respiratory organs.

“...Dr. Shove has found the presence of numerous contusions on both hands and on the back side of both forearms. The shape, volume, localisation and symmetric pattern of these injuries on both arms clearly indicate their defensive character...these injuries have been inflicted most probably by multiple actions of the blunt side of a mechanical tool (fists, feet with shoes on, and similar object) brandished onto the surface of both hands and hand sizes [sic] of both forearms...at the moment, when those parts of the body were in an elevated position in [at] the level of the head aiming to protect it from action of the above-mentioned blunt side of a mechanical tool brandished.”

In other words: The post mortem shows that Jeremiah did not die as a result of being run over by a car or cars: He aspirated blood and swallowed blood—that is, he did not die instantaneously. He had defensive abrasions on his hands and forearms—that is, he tried to fight off an attack.

The LaRouche “Counterpunch”

LaRouche and his followers have alleged that Jeremiah was a British spy sent to Wiesbaden to operate against them. They have also gone to great lengths to defame Erica Duggan—and Jeremiah’s father, Hugo Duggan—by claiming, among other things, that they are working with LaRouche *bêtes noires* Tony Blair, Dick Cheney, Lynne Cheney, and others in a plot to destroy LaRouche.

But in fact, Erica Duggan and Hugo Duggan are simply seeking to find out how their son died.

Because the LaRouche organization has fought so hard against new investigations in Germany and Britain, going so far as to hire a high-powered London public relations firm to contact British MPs to ward off a probe, the question arises: What does the LaRouche group have to hide? If it had nothing to do with the death of Jeremiah Duggan, why is it fighting to block a new investigation that—according to its claims—could not possibly implicate it, but might bring peace to Jeremiah’s grieving parents?

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