

# Qaddafi's Israeli connection: a case study of 'the Trust'

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President Reagan on Jan. 7 called for U.S. firms to sever all connections with the "Libyan economy," in retaliation for Libya's role in international terrorism. What is the Libyan economy? It is oil, and nothing else.

Now look at who controls Libya's oil: Three-fourths of the country's production of 1.1 million barrels per day, is pumped by Occidental Petroleum, Conoco, Marathon Petroleum, and Amerada Hess, which companies supply the bulk of skills, technology, and equipment for production with their partner, the Libyan National Oil Company. Occidental Petroleum has handled as much as 25% of Libyan production in partnership with the LNOC. Conoco, Marathon, and Amerada Hess each owns about 16% of a combine with LNOC known as Oasis, which produced 40% of Libyan oil last year, pumping 420,000 barrels per day.

These companies, which have Muammar Qaddafi on a dole, in exchange for the rights to produce Libyan oil, are all either under the direct control of, or strongly influenced by, senior Zionist interests. It is pillars of the Zionist lobby who supply Muammar Qaddafi with the sums he uses to underwrite assassinations, terrorism, and coups d'état.

The controllers of the Libyan oil industry, which keeps Qaddafi's coffers filled, include the top names in Jewish and Zionist "philanthropy"—Edgar M. Bronfman, head of the World Jewish Congress; Max Fisher, longtime former chairman of United Jewish Appeal, now head of the Israeli Government's "Project Independence"; and Soviet agent Armand Hammer, a member of Fisher's "Billionaire's Club," which meets regularly in Jerusalem to plan funding efforts for Israel. Each of these senior Zionist lobby officials is a close personal friend of that faction in Israel publicly identified with Gen. Ariel Sharon, the current minister for trade and industry.

## Hammer's Libyan empire

Armand Hammer made his third and largest fortune, when Occidental Petroleum, an ailing California company which he bought into for \$34,000 in the 1950s, struck a major oil find on concessions obtained from the Libyan regime of King Idris. After the coup d'état in obtained from the Libyan regime of King Idris. After the coup d'état in September 1969 that toppled King Idris in favor of Qaddafi, Hammer became the centerpiece of a plot, which the CIA suspected of being

hatched in Moscow, to drive oil prices for the West sky-high.

CIA counterintelligence officers monitoring telecommunications from the Soviet embassy in Tripoli became convinced that there was Soviet orchestration to save Hammer, while creating the basis for OPEC, which ultimately drove oil to \$30 a barrel. *Forbes* magazine wrote of Hammer's handling of this affair:

On Sept. 1, Occidental caved in. . . . In retrospect, Oxy's Libyan settlement may have been the most important single event since the end of World War II—and one that marked a turning point for the modern world. Hammer had saved his Libyan concession at a terrible price to the industrial world.

Although Hammer claims to be divesting his Libyan holdings, the company has made more money, producing far less oil, since the creation of OPEC, than it did previously. Hammer's Libyan connection gained further notoriety, when President Jimmy Carter's family sought to use it to run personal swindles, while Zbigniew Brzezinski orchestrated a Carter administration deal with the Islamic fundamentalists that meant a further reorganization of Middle East oil.

Hammer was involved closely in business affairs with Raymond K. Mason's Charter Oil Company, which sources reported at the time paid several million dollars from offshore accounts to President Carter's brother Billy, as an agent seeking LNOC shipments of crude oil. While Billy Carter traveled in Libya accompanied by indicted arms trafficker Frank Terpil and assorted other terrorists, U.S. intelligence sources reported that Armand Hammer opened doors for the President's brother, while serving as the go-between for Moscow's intervention on Carter's behalf in the 1980 Presidential election.

Armand Hammer was a registered Communist from the day he was born, thanks to his father Julius, a founder, with Jay Lovestone, of the Communist Party U.S.A. The Hammer family originated in the Venetian colony of Odessa, which was influenced by the same *Doge Volpi di Misurata* who was a founder of modern Libya. Contemporary Jewish families in the small community of Odessa were: Alexander

Helphand (Parvus), who controlled Leon Trotsky in the 1905 Revolution and funded the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution of Vladimir Lenin; Vladimir Jabotinsky, a founder of the Zionist movement in Israel, who was a "universal fascist" running an extensive underground network in Russia that collaborated with both the pre-revolutionary secret service, the Okhrana, and its Bolshevik successor, the OGPU; and Sidney Reilly, who would later be a top "British" operative affiliated with "the Trust"—the deepest intelligence project run by OGPU chief Felix Dzerzhinsky to take over the opposition to the Bolsheviks.

In the early-1920s, the period of Lenin's New Economic Policy, Armand Hammer was a co-founder of the Trust. His personal job, working with Lenin and Dzerzhinsky, was that of the "Judas Goat," assuring Western capitalists that "peaceful coexistence" with Bolshevism was possible. Having made a small fortune by bootlegging tincture of ginger and exotic drugs during Prohibition, Lenin's agents paid off Hammer handsomely for his assistance with jewels and art objects of the murdered czar.

Today, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, have used Hammer's Soviet connection as the highest level "back channel" to negotiate Israeli-Soviet rapprochement.

Just days after President Reagan imposed the boycott against Libya, it became evident that Hammer had already found a loophole to avoid it. According to the Italian newspaper *Reporter*, only American firms are now obliged to boycott Libya, but since Arab Oxy, founded by Occidental Petroleum in 1983, is classified as a "foreign associated" firm and is based in Bahrain, Hammer figures he can keep on merrily pumping oil for Qaddafi.

### Max Fisher and Marathon

Three years after Max Fisher obtained a position on the board of Marathon Petroleum, through the sale of his Aurora Gasoline Company on Aug. 1, 1959. Marathon became involved in Libyan oil production, creating the Oasis combine with Conoco and Amerada Hess. Fisher remained with the firm to do business with Qaddafi; his influence at Marathon did not end until 1982, when U.S. Steel bought up the outstanding shares in the firm.

Marathon was not Max Fisher's first fling in multinational oil operations. Having made a fortune with the Detroit Purple Gang of Morris Dalitz & Co. during the Prohibition years, and having provided substantial support for Israeli intelligence's Sonnenborn Institute, which smuggled guns to Israel, forming the seed crystal of the later Mossad, Fisher "went legit" into the oil business via the Rothschilds' interest in Shell Oil and Israel.

When the Arabs boycotted oil shipments to Israel in 1958-59, Max Fisher was not only shortly able to transship Libyan oil via Greece through Marathon (a practice continued under Qaddafi), but he created the Israeli-registered Paz Oil Co., Ltd. by combining Shell Oil Palestine, Ltd., Shell Chemical

Palestine, Ltd., and the strategic Eilat Pipeline, with its fleet of tankers. As a one-third owner and director of Paz, Fisher was a partner with the Swiss-Israel Trade Bank of Maj.-Gen. Julius Klein, who helped create the Sonnenborn Institute, working closely as well with Mossad logistics chief Tibor Rosenbaum of the Banque de la Cr dit Internationale.

Another partner was Paz board member Sir Ernest Israel, whose Charterhouse Japhet firm has been at the center of Hong Kong drug deals since the Opium Wars of the 1840s, serving as a passthrough today for Israeli diamonds to Hong Kong.

Fisher is presently the head of Project Independence in Israel, which seeks to sell off Israeli government-owned industry to the Zionist lobby's "Billionaire's Club." He is a close associate in this enterprise with Sharon, who is also a friend of Max Fisher's political partner within the Republican Party, Henry Kissinger—the man who oversaw Qaddafi's successful coup in 1969 as President Nixon's national security adviser. Sharon and Fisher have tried to interest Armand Hammer in the purchase of Israeli firms, and Hammer is now committed to oil exploration there, as a partner of Isramco, with a concession that covers 40% of Israel.

### The Bronfmans and Conoco

Conoco (Continental Oil Co.), another partner in Libya's Oasis combine with Max Fisher's Marathon Petroleum, is a subsidiary of E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. It was acquired on Sept. 30, 1981, when the Bronfman family of Seagrams Co., Ltd., also set out to purchase Conoco, ending up with a 20% interest in Du Pont and three seats on Du Pont's board—including those held by Charles R. Bronfman and Edgar M. Bronfman.

According to the bestselling book *Dope, Inc.*:

The Bronfman family is best known to Americans through its ownership of Seagram, the biggest liquor company in North America. The family's holdings stretch from whisky, to banking, mining, real estate, and—somewhat less publicized—narcotics. . . . Less than 50 years ago, they were known to be the biggest bootleggers in North America and were referred to by the less prestigious title "the Bronfman gang."

These magnates of illegal narcotics and Libyan oil are pillars of the Zionist lobby. Edgar Bronfman is president of the World Jewish Congress and a former member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Charles Bronfman is governor of the Jewish Agency of Israel. Both have been active in Max Fisher's Project Independence, while Edgar Bronfman traveled to Moscow, playing a second fiddle to Armand Hammer in the revived "Trust" operation to arrange an Israeli-Soviet rapprochement.

Let us not kid ourselves. When President Reagan called for a boycott of the Libyan economy, this will have to mean a boycott of these powerful figures Zionist lobby figures.