

The ISC: Moon and the Israeli Mossad

by Paul Goldstein

The Feb. 5 Israeli Air Force interception of a Libyan airliner which was supposed to have terrorist leaders aboard, but did not, was not simply a question of mistaken identity. Israeli intelligence had "ascertained" two leading international terrorists, George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), and the Syrian-backed Abu Musa of the Palestinian National Salvation Front. Instead, the plane carried a group of Syrian parliamentarians.

According to well-informed U.S. intelligence circles, Habash and Abu Musa had "gotten the word in Tripoli that an interception of their plane was planned and, at the last second, did not board the plane. What caused this miraculous stroke of luck is simple. Habash and Abu Musa were tipped off by the Sharon faction of Israeli intelligence."

Undoubtedly, Minister of Industry and Commerce Ariel Sharon would not hesitate to embarrass his rival, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, by such means. But the "mistake" also has a strategic dimension. The presence of Syrian government personnel on board has made of the intercept a diplomatic incident, which will therefore come up before the member-nations of the U.N. Security Council, including the United States. This must tend to put the United States on the spot. Does the United States support such actions by Israel?

So, while Sharon may have realized certain domestic gains from the intercept, its more profound purpose is located in Israel's effort to maneuver the United States into an "Alliance to Counter Terrorism (ACT)." The effect of this arrangement would be to subordinate U.S. intelligence to Israeli intelligence operational capabilities. That would serve to totally blind already near-sighted U.S. intelligence capabilities. The United States would then easily be set up to lose any remaining credibility in the moderate Arab world.

Although there is a real terrorist threat coming from the combined forces of the Soviet KGB, Syrian and Iranian intelligence, and the insane Qaddafi, Israeli intelligence, except for a small faction, is intent on using the terrorist issue to consolidate its grip over U.S. Middle East policy—not to stop terrorism.

The lobby for the so-called Alliance to Counter-Terrorism (ACT) was assembled at a conference held on Jan. 26-29 in Tel Aviv, under the title, "State Terrorism and the International System," sponsored by the Reverend Moon-supported International Security Council. ISC is headed by former U.S. Air Force Intelligence officer and Mossad asset, Joseph Churba. Attending were diplomats and intelligence and military officers from Costa Rica, El Salvador, West Germany, France, Greece, Israel, the United States, Japan, South Korea, Great Britain, Peru, and the Netherlands. The purpose of the conference was to consolidate participants into a lobbying force for ACT.

The two main organizers were Churba and Moon sidekick Col. Bo Hi Pak. The operation included *Washington Times* editor-in-chief Arnaud de Borchgrave, whose role is twofold. First, he has been traveling throughout Europe, meeting with security and intelligence officials on cooperation in support of U.S.-Israeli ties. He has met with Mossad officials in Paris, delivering messages from certain U.S. intelligence officials concerning the stalemated negotiations between Egypt and Israel over Taba, the last disputed territory in the Sinai the Israelis have refused to give up.

Second, de Borchgrave is a messenger into Europe and Israel for the same "New Yalta" crowd as the Averell Harriman liberal wing of the Democratic Party, but under a "right-wing" cover. The ostensible goal is a "power-sharing" relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union, with the Israelis, and, secondarily, the Syrians, serving as mediator. The agreement would involve a separate peace deal with Jordan and the destruction of the special U.S. relationship to Saudi Arabia. In reality, Russia would become the dominant power in the region, and Israel its premier satrap.

The Moonie-Mossad interface is based upon the belief among so-called CIA professionals that this provides an "excellent cover" for running covert operations without congressional oversight. These so-called professionals seem not to comprehend that the game has been rigged against U.S. intelligence operations, which need to be rebuilt on a sound national basis, and equal partnership with our allies in the Middle East, not on the basis of a special relationship with a Mossad which is already functioning as a Soviet asset.

The Moonie-Mossad combination aims to dupe U.S. military and intelligence officers, based upon their 1950s-style anti-communist outlook ("democracy versus communism"), which tends to completely overlook the manner in which Moscow and its Western allies are deploying.

The basis for this operation was put into place when U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig worked out a "Strategic Memorandum of Understanding" with Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon in June 1981. Within a year, the special relationship gave Sharon the intelligence cooperation required to invade Lebanon beyond the 40-kilometer penetration point that even Menachem Begin had agreed to. When

President Reagan and Defense Secretary Weinberger put the combination of moderate Arabs forces behind the now moribund Reagan Peace Plan of 1982, the Mossad sabotaged the operation through deployment of "Arab radical" terrorist operations.

It is the special relationship to the Mossad which has consistently hamstrung U.S. policy in the Mideast and resulted in the expansion of Soviet influence in the area. It is this relationship which has permitted the Syrian intelligence services to expand terrorist operations against moderate Palestinian leaders, some of whom were cooperating with U.S. intelligence on the question of terrorism. In fact, the blowing up of the U.S. embassy in Beirut in 1982, killing the top CIA Mideast team, was aided and abetted by Ariel Sharon's networks. According to a top U.S. intelligence operative, CIA Mideast chief Robert Ames, one of those killed, had a liaison with Arafat's intelligence network.

The Moonie-Mossad relationship and the pushing of this Alliance to Counter-Terrorism will institutionalize the source of U.S. strategic disasters in the region. This is why Israeli Defense Minister Rabin and Prime Minister Peres announced that they will continue to carry out intercept-type operations. By using the counter-terrorist ploy as a means to wreak havoc with U.S. policy, the Israelis and their allies will be playing right into Soviet hands.

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Terrorist supporters meet in Frankfurt

by Ulf Sandmark

Three bombings struck heavily populated quarters in Paris Feb. 3-5. The first in the Champs Elysées wounded seven, and another wounded four, but the total casualty count is not known as we go to press. However, what might have been an unprecedented massacre of innocents was averted when a fourth bomb was discovered on the Eiffel Tower and defused.

The bombings are of the same random-murder type as pre-Christmas massacres in Paris, where bombs exploded among crowds of shoppers.

On the same days in Spain, a police officer was blown up in his car and Rear-Admiral Cristobal Colon Carvajal was murdered when his car was hand-grenaded and machine-gunned. These crimes are being linked to the upcoming referendum on Spanish NATO membership March 12. The rear-admiral had been assigned to the NATO submarine section in the South Atlantic. His targeting was obviously not random.

Responsibility for the Paris violence was claimed by a previously unknown "Committee in Solidarity with Arab Political Prisoners," whose message demanded the release of three leading terrorists imprisoned in France: the leader of the Iranian group which attempted to murder former prime minister Shahpur Bahktiar in July 1980; the leader of the Armenians responsible for the Orly airport massacre of 1983; and the leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction.

The release of these three terrorists has also been demanded by Lebanese Shi'ites, who are holding four French hostages in Beirut.

School of terrorism

Whether the Lebanese or European terrorists are responsible for the bombings is almost immaterial. French, German, Italian, and Middle Eastern terrorist networks, it has become clear, are now so closely coordinated in their actions that they are virtually one and the same Soviet-sponsored network.

A glimpse of this reality could be had at the Technical Institute in Frankfurt Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, when, with the permission of the local authorities, 500 West German terrorist