

Good Hope, and the West's strategic minerals source); 4) start a civil war in Panama (the Panama Canal); 5) destroy the last U.S. naval base in the western Pacific (Subic Bay); 6) abandon South Korea: among other, kindred enterprises. Senator Helms would have led a Senate Committee inquiry into what he would describe, more or less plainly, as treason.

Why is he supporting today, what he would have denounced as "treason," then? Clearly, for whatever reason, the senator has gone haywire. We hope our open exposure of this situation, will help to shock Helms back into being himself.

Moscow targets Sen. Jesse Helms

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Senator Jesse Helms has no doubt allowed himself to be convinced that he's fighting to protect Panama from a "communist takeover." But what this doyen of the American conservative movement is actually doing, is exactly what Moscow and the State Department would wish him to do.

Helms is already preparing to give the "Philippines treatment" to another Ibero-American country, Mexico. According to the Feb. 19 *Financial Times* of London, Helms will begin hearings on U.S.-Mexico relations March 11 in his Western Hemisphere Affairs subcommittee. "Such hearings could be expected to echo conservative judgments that not only is Mexico's economy a statist breeding ground for corruption, but that the time is overdue for it to start reforming its political structures and move firmly in the direction of embracing true democracy."

Over the last two years, Helms has undergone a policy transformation so astonishing, one is forced to ask: Has Helms sold out to the East? That would appear to be the only rational explanation for a string of recent, bizarre, actions on Helms's part, including:

- his documented involvement with Jagjit Singh Chauhan, the Sikh leader implicated in the assassination of Indira Gandhi;
- his refusal to assume the chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1984, thereby permitting Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), who played such a dirty role in the State Department's Philippines operations, to take over that key committee;
- his demands that Israel be granted its "Biblical lands" in the West Bank;
- his abject silence in the face of the State Department's coup against long-time U.S. ally Marcos.
- his withdrawal of opposition to "decoupler" Richard Burt becoming ambassador to Bonn, as soon as the State

Department assured him that "conservative" Arthur Davis would be named ambassador to Panama. The result is "New Yalta" agents as ambassadors in *both* West Germany and Panama.

Helms, Speller, and The Trust

EIR has documentary evidence that Helms has been the successful target of an operation run by The Trust, the Western financial networks built into wealth and power by Moscow as Soviet concessionaires.

The leading vehicle for Trust penetration of Helms has been Jon Speller, who supplies much of the "intelligence" and policy orientation on which Helms has relied. Speller has been identified by former U.S. intelligence officials as a "dangerous" figure suspected links to the famous former British MI-6 executive, Kim Philby, now a general in the Soviet KGB.

Speller's still-active father, Robert, founder of Robert Speller & Sons publishers, is a protégé of two Americans who were both prominent figures in the pre-1917 phase of The Trust, Commander Sergius M. Riis and Stanley Washburn. Riis and Washburn were both deeply involved in the Bolshevik Revolution. U.S. Naval Intelligence's Riis, close associate of Leon Trotsky, became a ranking figure in the Bolshevik secret service.

Robert Speller was working with Riis by not later than 1935. By the postwar period, from his base in North Carolina (Helms's home state), Speller, by his own account, was running a "private intelligence organization" comprised of 60 men and women in the United States and abroad, most of them handed to him by Riis. From its inception, the Spellers were also involved with the Irgun, the heart of Soviet-Trust operations in Israel.

It is perhaps significant, in light of Helms's role in the Panama situation, that among Jon Speller's published works are *The Panama Canal: Heart of America's Security*.

Speller was instrumental in orchestrating Helms's turnaround on the issue of Israel, which today plays a central role in Soviet and Trust global operations.

Until about two years ago, Helms had taken a relatively sane approach to the Middle East, calling for a comprehensive peace which would deal fairly with Palestinian demands for a homeland. In 1982, in the midst of the brutal, Ariel Sharon-led Israeli incursion into Lebanon, Helms demanded, on national television, that then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin resign. "Begin makes Yasser Arafat look like a Boy Scout," charged Helms. "The American people find repugnant the continuation of the destruction of the property of innocent people," he said, "not to mention the killing of innocent people."

Since then, Helms has done a stunning *volte-face*, and is spouting the same "Eretz Israel" line as Begin—the Soviet policy to use Israel as the Soviet empire's chief satrap in the region. Last August, Helms journeyed to Israel, under the

reported sponsorship of the Zionist Organization of America, where he met with the same Sharon whose genocide in Lebanon he had recently found so immoral. At a Tel Aviv press conference Aug. 10, Helms called for the United States to forge a defense pact with Israel modeled on NATO. "I hope the American people will understand that Israel is the only reliable ally we have in this region," Helms said. "It is for freedom, against communism, and its moral principles are impeccable."

Helms elaborated on his proposals in an article for the winter 1986 issue of *Policy Review*, the journal of the KGB/Mossad center in Washington, the Heritage Foundation. Illustrated with photos of a skullcapped Helms visiting Sharon at his home, the article called for Israel to retain its West Bank territories to preserve its history and its security. "Although, in many ways, the rationale for a Jewish homeland is rooted fundamentally in the very areas which are to be negotiated away," Helms wrote, "these areas are crucial to the modern defense of Israel's territorial integrity."

Helms's shift on Israel coincided with his 1984 reelection campaign, a bitter and hotly contested race, in which he barely defeated challenger Jim Hunt. Hunt's multimillion dollar campaign was financed largely by the American "Jewish lobby." According to rumors circulating at the time, Helms was approached at the height of the race by an Israeli delegation headed by David Kimche. They told Helms they would instruct American Jews to turn off the spigots into Hunt's campaign, if Helms agreed to champion the Zionist cause. Shortly thereafter, Helms came out in support of moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

It isn't necessary to rely on rumors to understand the process by which Helms was suborned. According to an article in the February issue of *The Jewish Press*, the Irgun organ in New York, quoting Helms's top foreign aid specialist, Jim Lucier, Helms's conversion on the Mideast occurred during a 1984 U.S. visit by Michael Kleiner, a "new right" member of the Knesset, and a Meir Kahane associate, Avigdor Eskin. Jon Speller, and old Irgun cell leader in New York, Robert Jacobs, reportedly facilitated a meeting between Helms and the two Israelis.

Just whom did Helms think he was meeting? The 26-year-old Eskin's father was a colonel in the Soviet GRU (military intelligence). In 1980, Avigdor Eskin, living in Moscow, suddenly turned "Zionist." He then founded "the first Moscow chapter of the Jewish Defense League." He became a "a Jewish dissident," and after a decent interval of "international protest," was "released" by Soviet authorities to Israel, where he set up shop for the KGB in Kahane's Jerusalem headquarters.

It must be assumed that at their meeting with Helms, Soviet agents Eskin and Kleiner gave the same "anti-communist" lecture they dished out on other stops on their tour: build the New Right, fight communism by committing American troops to Latin America (necessitating, of course, with-

drawing U.S. troops from Europe), and establish a Biblical Israel, "a bulwark against communism."

By Eskin's own testimony, "anti-communist" Helms was easy to manipulate: "I just told him, 'Look, what do you hate the most, the Jews, or the communists?'"

Shortly after, Helms stunned much of Washington with a call to completely reject President Reagan's peace proposal of 1982, because it called for Israel to ultimately give back the West Bank. As we now see in the Panama case, that was but a foretaste of things to come.

Israel: the Soviet connection

- Why are wealthy Israelis and other Zionist lobby insiders around the world secretly buying up land on the West Bank of the Jordan River?
- Why is so much money from "Christian fundamentalists" in the United States going to "Jewish fundamentalists" in Israel?
- Why is Ariel Sharon's sidekick, "Dirty Rafi" Eytan, running a special intelligence unit whose only job is to steal secrets from the United States?
- What is Israel's government willing to provide to Moscow in return for the shipping of 400,000 Soviet Jews, in sealed box cars or the equivalent, to the West Bank?
- Was Jonathan Jay Pollard, arrested as an Israeli spy in Washington, just an "aberration," or the tip of the iceberg concealing Mossad cells throughout U.S. government and security agencies?
- How do Mossad hit teams operate in the United States—the answer provided by someone directly involved: Mordechai Levy.

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