

Montt into power in a bloodless coup—a coup intended to enhance arms sales throughout the region, by the wars Montt was to provoke.

- Echemecs. Operating under the cover of an agricultural implements firm, Echemecs is one of the fronts established by Ariel Sharon during his tenure as Agriculture Minister of Israel. In 1984, Echemecs, with its associated firm, International Security Defense Systems, was the base for a coup try by former Honduran Defense Minister General Alvarez. Financing for the coup derived from cocaine sales by the Echemecs-linked Gerard Latchinian, now in a Honduran jail.

Mossad coup capability

The Mossad, especially since Henry Kissinger “farmed out” U.S. covert operations to the Israelis, has run NSC-sanctioned coups all over Central and South America, and elsewhere. In some cases, the attempts have been deliberately bungled, like the coup tried against the Soviet-controlled regime in Surinam.

The model for these operations is the Mossad coup in Bolivia in 1980, coordinated by Sharon-ally Israeli Gen. Rehavam Ze’evi. In 1977, Ze’evi nominally left Israeli intelligence to go to Ecuador, where he established a security firm to advise the government. Traveling with Ze’evi was his business partner, Betsalel Mizrahi, one of Israel’s most notorious drug smugglers. From Ecuador, Ze’evi worked with elements of the Argentine military and the Unification Church (Moonies) to put the “cocaine colonels” in power in Bolivia, to foster the creation of Israeli-directed “narco-empires.”

Mossad coups in the region, as well as arms sales, were helped by Carter’s “human rights” embargos. That policy has been continued under Reagan by Elliott Abrams, who became Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, and then for Inter-American Affairs. Under Abrams’s tenure, Sikh narco-terrorists were protected by the State Department and NSC, and safehoused in Ecuador. Abrams, whose ties to the Mossad proceed through the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Committee for the Free World, was also recently exposed as an architect of conduiting illicit or “private” funds to the Contras.

One typical Mossad coup attempt took place on the island state of Dominica. In 1979, one Charles Yanover, a Mossad cut-out and gangster based in Toronto, funded two dozen members of the ADL-controlled Nazi parties and Ku Klux Klan chapters of Louisiana and Canada to overthrow the government of Eugenia Charles. Yanover, whose brother was then a senior official in the Canadian government’s Privy Council, had earlier been involved in a North Korean-funded plot to assassinate the head of state of South Korea. Yanover’s mob patron, the Cuban-based Robert Vesco, wanted to use Dominica as a transshipment point for his weapons and drug empire. This same Vesco now assists Cuban and Soviet arms running to the Sandinistas; and his associates, Pesach Ben-Or and David Marcus Katz, traffic weapons to the Sandinistas’ Contra opposition.

Dope, Inc.’s pointman in Honduras: Gen. Alvarez

Former Honduran strongman Gen. Gustavo Alvarez has been an important nexus point for the Contras-drugs-arms network in Central America. From his start in the ’70s as a lieutenant colonel taking bribes from the Standard Fruit Company, Alvarez was rapidly promoted to the top ranks, becoming the undisputed power of Honduras.

Under U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte from 1981-84, Alvarez was groomed as the region’s pointman for the Contra apparatus then being emplaced. Under Alvarez’s direction, Honduran military intelligence, the G-2, became the liaison between the Contras and the Army, and in December 1982, then Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon visited Honduras to set up arms-trafficking networks. Behind the press fanfare was a reputed secret arms deal and military pact.

Sharon’s visit was immediately followed up by that of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s right-hand man, Col. Bo Hi-Pak, who helped to establish the political and financial apparatus for Honduras’s upgraded role in the drugs-for-arms smuggling network behind the Contras. The Moon cult’s “anti-communism,” like Alvarez’s, is but the cover for its cocaine connections. It was no accident that the publication of the Moon cult’s Ibero-American group, CAUSA, openly praised the Bolivian “cocaine colonels” of Col. García Meza as a paradigm of “anti-communism.”

Bo Hi-Pak helped found APROH, the Association for the Development of Honduras, which became the civilian sponsor of Alvarez’s corrupt faction within the military. Alvarez himself was inducted into the Moon cult, and permitted the Moonies to proselytize within the military.

Anti-Alvarez forces within the Honduran military succeeded in ousting the general on corruption charges in March 1984, putting him forcibly on a plane for Miami. In October 1984, the FBI announced the arrest of eight men in Miami, including several prominent Alvarez backers, caught transporting \$10.5 million worth of cocaine to finance a coup/assassination plot against then Honduran President Suazo Córdoba. Named as head of the plot was Alvarez’s former chief of staff General Bueso-Rosa. The plotters insisted that the cocaine was “only” to finance their cause. So, too, say the Nicaraguan Contras.

Pardoned in 1986 under a general amnesty, Alvarez is now back in Honduras, advising the Contras.