

rebuild his own forces. Libya is known to have planned an offensive against Chad, sometime in the fall. In recent months, it has built a new airbase at Mantah al Sarah close to Egypt, Sudan, and Chad. It also used economic blackmail against Sudan to strengthen its forces in its western Darfur region.

These were good reasons for Habré to call Qaddafi's bluff now. There are also indications that despite public statements to the contrary, large intelligence and military factions in both France and the United States, which disagree with a "New Yalta agreement" with the Soviet Union, helped Chad as much as they could. In the last two months, some Libyan opposition groups have also joined forces, at least politically, with Habré.

So far Libyan reactions have demonstrated that Tripoli was taken by surprise. Its army is still licking its wounds from last February's defeat. Furthermore, the Soviet Union has not yet replaced any of the millions of dollars worth of military equipment that the Libyans left behind in their hurried retreat.

Libya's inability to muster an immediate ground offensive has been shown by the exclusive use of its air forces against Chadian cities. Qaddafi knows that he has to retaliate. However the statement on Aug. 11 by French Defense Minister André Giraud has shown Libya's limits. Giraud underlined that, without getting involved in Aouzou, France "is committed to the national integrity of Chad" and would be forced to retaliate "including above the 16th parallel" (the former demarcation line between Chad and Libya-occupied Northern Chad) if the bombardment were to continue.

French President Mitterrand's position is not quite so clear. According to Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, who was received by Mitterrand on Aug. 14, he and Mitterrand "reached agreement to consider that there were two distinct problems." The first was "the national unity of Chad," and the second was "the Aouzou strip, which is the subject of international documents, especially French-Italian, and which belongs to Libya according to these documents." This implies that Mitterrand accepts the validity of the Laval-Mussolini accord, flying in the face of Prime Minister Chirac's strong commitment to the territorial integrity of Chad.

However, on Aug. 19, while visiting French forces which are part of the "Epervier" force in Chad to assist the Chadian army, Mitterrand declared that since Chad had won back its sovereignty and unity, the concept of the "16th parallel" was no longer a "military fact," but merely a "geographical fact," i.e. that French troops were no longer restricted to acting south of the parallel.

Qaddafi is once again on the defensive. His failure to retaliate will provoke dissatisfaction inside his own army, but to do so could give Paris and N'djamena a good pretext to inflict another defeat on Libya. Once again, the Libyan army has been defeated by a black African army, no academic issue for the racist Libyans.

Project Democracy's new insights about

by an EIR investigative team

Georgetown University Labor Studies professor Roy Godson, a key figure in the U.S. "parallel, secret government," made a confidential trip to Great Britain during the month of July, *EIR* has learned.

Although Godson is under investigation in the U.S. for shady Iran-Contra financial deals, according to rumors printed in the U.S. press, it may just be a coincidence that in the weeks following his visit, a new round of back-channel hostage deals with the Khomeini regime has been launched from Britain, centered around Lonrho Corporation chief executive "Tiny" Rowland.

What has immediately drawn the attention of security experts is that Godson's visit to the U.K. coincided with a sudden, intense new wave of slanders in Britain against Lyndon LaRouche, labeling LaRouche a Soviet-connected "ex-communist." As editor of the curiously named magazine *Soviet Disinformation*, Godson has expended great energy in circulating the lie about LaRouche being some kind of "Soviet agent." Usually, wherever he goes, this filth follows.

One known fact about Godson's July visit, is that he met with three British leaders of an entity called the "Labor Committee for Transatlantic Understanding" (now in the process of changing its name to the "Trade Union Committee for Transatlantic Understanding"), including Alan Lee Williams, former president of the English-Speaking Union; John Flood, deputy chief of the Union of Shop, Distributive, and Allied Workers; and Peter Robinson, a top official in the U.K. National Union of Teachers.

Godson's connection to the "Transatlantic Understanding" group has recently been a subject of investigative exposés in the U.S. press. Nominally, the group exists to reinforce ties between pro-NATO and pro-defense trade unionists on both sides of the Atlantic. But, like many "Project Democracy" fronts, it actually serves as a policy vehicle for the British Fabian Society and for various social-democratic agencies with historical links to the Soviet ("Bukharinite" wing) intelligence services.

Roy's godfather

The key to the "Transatlantic Understanding" group is also, notHso coincidentally, the key to the career of Roy Godson: his father, Joseph Godson, was a highly influential figure on the British scene until his death last year. Social-democratic insiders in Britain refer to Roy Godson as "Joe's

Roy Godson: his family history

son," speak of Roy Godson's position at Georgetown as having served as a "connection for his father into the U.S.," and affirm that Roy got his Georgetown position ultimately through his father's influence.

One informed London source referred to the elder Godson as an "extremely active person" on the British scene, for approximately four decades, with good connections not only into Fabian/social-democratic and trade union layers, but also to the Israelis (his second wife, Ruth, was, in the 1950s, personal secretary to the Israeli ambassador to the U.K.). Two trade union sources privately affirm that Joe Godson was also active with the "Movement for Moral Rearmament" group, the gnostic-conservative organization which spawned the Reverend Moon sect during the post-World War II period.

According to available accounts, Joe Godson was born in Germany, and left Germany to escape Nazi persecution at an early age. At some point, he joined the U.S. Foreign Service, and, by the late 1950s, he became the labor attaché at the American embassy in London, a position which carries with it extensive political leverage. From the mid-1960s to 1971, he variously served at the State Department, at the U.S. embassy in Yugoslavia, and at the U.S. consulate in Edinburgh. After his 1971 retirement, he spent most of his remaining years in the U.K.

About 1970, Joseph Godson formed the Labor Committee for Transatlantic Understanding, together with Alan Lee Williams, then personal secretary to the Secretary of State for Defense. Williams has an interesting "Trust" pedigree of his own, including consultancy to the British Foreign Office and Fabian Society on arms control, disarmament, and détente during the 1970s; membership in the U.K. branch of the Trilateral Commission beginning 1976; and membership on the Advisory Council of the European Discussion Center, Wilton Park, 1975. Wilton Park is a key post-World War II agency of the "Trust," crucial in designing and perpetuating the disastrous Anglo-American occupation policy for West Germany.

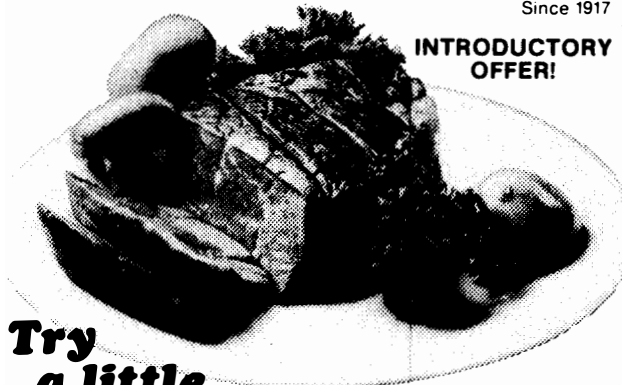
'The Schmidt connection'

The "Germany connection" has been important in the growth of the Labor Committee for Transatlantic Understanding. While the backbone of the group is in the U.K. itself, with a trade union membership today of about 150, it is through the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD),

particularly through the wing of the SPD linked to former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, that contacts have been built in Europe. Joseph Godson's top European-continent collaborator was reportedly Peter Corterier, a defense expert in the Schmidt SPD wing, who is today working at NATO headquarters in Brussels. Through Corterier, such "right-wing social democrats" as Anne-Marie Renger and others, have been co-opted onto the group's board.

Other "Transatlantic Understanding. . ." European coordinators include Portugal's Mario Soares and Venice, Italy's Carlo Ripa Di Meana, the Commissioner for Culture at the European Commission in Brussels. Ripa Di Meana has been central to Project Democracy, through his collaboration with Jeane Kirkpatrick and others, in various strange capers involving Soviet cultural "dissidents" who have brought Dostoevskian Russian culture into the West.

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