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The tragic state of U.S.A. counterintelligence

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According to a recent admission by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, he has important contacts within the Soviet government, and was in contact with the circles of Moscow Procurator Pustagarov in connection with his representation of West German Green Party leader Petra Kelly in her suit against New Solidarity International Press Service.

That is the same Pustagarov who is an official Soviet link to old Ramsey Clark associates at the U.S. Department of Justice today, including the Criminal Division's Deputy Assistant Attorney General Mark Richard.

This Petra Kelly lawsuit was part of a Soviet "active measures" operation inside the United States. The Green Party of West Germany, of which Kelly was for a time a leading figure, is a Soviet front-operation funded substantially by the government of East Germany through Communist Party conduits inside West Germany. After launching the suit, Kelly herself repeatedly evaded deposition, until, according to her, Ramsey Clark proposed to press the case, and became her legal counsel. This is the matter in which Clark acknowledged his consultations with the circles of the Moscow Procurator.

The suit fizzled when a frazzled, finally deposed Kelly admitted to the truthfulness of the published allegations. That detail aside, the suit was part of a Soviet operation; Ramsey Clark was part of it, and concedes he was in contact with Soviet authorities in the operation.

After Armand Hammer's ties to Nancy Reagan's circle of friends, Ramsey Clark is one of the most conspicuous influential channels through which Soviet active measures are run inside the United States. In the case of Hammer's manifold pro-Soviet influence through the Democratic National Committee, and his strong influence among the personal circles of Mrs. Reagan, such Soviet influences on U.S. policy are often successful. Clark and Soviet agents of influence inside the World Council of Churches show up running destabilizations against U.S. allies in places such as the Philippines and South Korea, with significant support for these pro-Soviet operations from inside U.S. policy-influencing circles.

After considering those facts, one should not be surprised that the Federal



Ramsey Clark (right) speaks against the SDI. Seated are Petra Kelly of the German Green Party and anti-war activist Daniel Ellsberg.

Bureau of Investigation's June 1987 "Soviet Active Measures in the United States: 1986-1987" fails to mention Clark or Hammer by name. Except for the most pathetic, shopworn sort of open Soviet fronts as those of the Communist Party U.S.A., the report mentions nothing by name. More significant, the report does not even provide a broad classification for the most important class of Soviet activities inside the U.S.A.! One wonders if the FBI counterintelligence section is as disgustingly amateurish as the report suggests, or if powerful political influences might be responsible?

If one thought the FBI's report were pathetic, the August 1987 product on the same subject issued by the U.S. Department of State is a deliberate cover-up for the Soviets. The latter report, although issued in the name of State's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, Kathleen C. Bailey, appears to be chiefly the work of the U.S. Information Agency's Herbert Romerstein. Notably, Romerstein is a subordinate of Comrade Armand Hammer's crony, U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Director Charles Z. Wick.

Whereas the FBI's report is a collection of shallow, unglittering generalities, State's report is packed with names and dates. Whereas the FBI's report is a singularly uninformative pastiche of shopworn press releases, State's report actually lies in some elaborate detail about several key Soviet "dezinformatsia" operations of some importance.

Inside or close to the U.S. government, there are able men and women with significant knowledge of Soviet oper-

ations inside the U.S.A. Curiously, none of these are visibly directing U.S. counterintelligence functions. The FBI's and State's counterintelligence functions spend a great amount of effort covering up for Soviet operations inside the U.S.A., and sometimes even assisting them. This is the case with Roy Godson's operations, as well as those of the relevant sections at FBI and State.

One might gain the impression that someone in government does not wish the really important Soviet penetration and active-measures operations actually touched, and that others think it not worth the loss of their careers to oppose the cover-ups. The case of Romerstein's role in assisting a Soviet operation against my associates and myself, on the origin of the AIDS virus, illustrates a common pattern.

AIDS: a case study

During the past four years, I have been personally the target of a major Soviet operation directed from the highest level of Moscow. Even if we limit the evidence to Soviet official publications, the extent and virulence of the attacks exceed Soviet attacks on any private figure in the West during the entire postwar period.

This 1983-87 Soviet operation, to date, began in the immediate aftermath of President Reagan's March 23, 1983 announcement of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. Since I had been conducting back-channel discussions with Soviet officials on this subject, on behalf of the U.S. government,

over the period January 1982 until April 1983, as well as campaigning for the policy publicly and behind doors in many centers of the world, Moscow naturally assumed that I was a principal intellectual author of the SDI policy, and placed me number one on its hate-list as a result.

During the second half of 1985, the Soviet government launched a coordinated international campaign against me over the issue of AIDS. My associates had exposed Soviet officials in the World Health Organization as directing a worldwide policy of covering up the extent and significance of the AIDS pandemic, to which charge Moscow replied with savagery, focusing their campaign against the U.S. government, which Moscow repeatedly asserted that it believed was secretly behind my associates' role in this matter.

Immediately, the USIA's Herbert Romerstein, nominally in charge of dealing with Soviet disinformation for the State Department, acted as an accomplice of Moscow in attempting to deflect responsibility for authorship of these Soviet attacks to me! To assist in spreading his hoax, Romerstein reported aspects of the Soviet articles in question, but omitted reference to the attacks upon me and my associates in those Soviet items!

Romerstein's hoax is restated at length in a July 1987 State Department "Foreign Affairs Note."

Romerstein's focus is on a limited portion of the entire Soviet treatment of AIDS in this operation, omitting all of Moscow's explicit references to me and my associates even in the same Soviet-published pieces which Romerstein otherwise references. By aid of this omission, Romerstein ran a Soviet-style disinformational "leak" from State, in which he attempted to paint my associates as the authors of the content of these Soviet attacks!

The specific aspect of the larger operation on which Romerstein focused his attention was Soviet reference to a public statement by a retired East German biologist, Dr. Jacob Segal, to the effect that AIDS might have been synthesized in recombinant experiments which had used the retrovirus Visna. On the basis of this allegation, which is scientifically sound in and of itself, Segal added the unsupported charge that such experiments had been conducted at Maryland's Fort Detrick biological research center.

Any allegation that the U.S. military had developed AIDS as a biological warfare weapon is absurd on the face of it, as Dr. Segal should have recognized immediately. AIDS is a "Satan bug," an infection which is 100% lethal, for which there exists no known cure or vaccine, and for which it may be impossible to develop a vaccine. It simply is not the kind of biological agent which any major power would consider using.

The first part of Dr. Segal's statement, that recombinant experiments including Visna might have created AIDS, is sound, although Romerstein denies this flatly, and repeatedly. The introduction of Visna into cancer-virus recombinant research studies, using human tissue cultures, during the 1960s, might readily have produced a human-specific form

like Visna, by laboratory accidents.

The second part of Segal's argument, that AIDS was created and distributed by the U.S.A. as a weapon of biological warfare, is absurd. At present, unless we imagine that some fanatical supporter of the World Wildlife Fund, obsessed with a bestial desire to wipe out the entire human species, secretly invented and spread the disease on several continents during the 1960s, accidental laboratory creation of AIDS during the 1960s is the only known way in which the disease could have been accidentally created and spread. No other explanation conforms to the known scientific evidence.

The biological experts consulted are clear on this point.

To create AIDS during the 1960s, the date the infection first appeared, the method used would have had to have been the use of a known "retrovirus" of animals, such as Visna, as part of a forced natural recombination in the medium of a human tissue culture. If a virus with a Visna-like core were produced accidentally in such a fashion, the new infection would be a disease specific to human beings. All that would be required to begin the spread of the infection, would have been the additional accidents inherent in the lack of adequate security inherent to underfunded facilities.

So far, the only known laboratory work along these lines during that period, was in the field of virus cancer research. That line of research was reported in the literature from that period, indicating that the research was sufficiently widespread to have caused a more or less simultaneous, accidental eruption on several continents. Since AIDS is a slow-incubation virus, an accident would have probably remained undetected for a decade or even longer.

The Soviet "dezinformatsia" campaign on the subject of AIDS had a far different objective than Romerstein reports. Soviet lobbying groups pressured African government representatives to suppress statistics on the extent of the AIDS pandemic in their countries. Eyewitnesses reported Soviet agents participating in international AIDS and related conferences pressuring African nations to cover up the extent of the infection. These Soviet agents used various arguments, including the suggestion that such reports would lead to loss of export-earnings, tourism, and so forth. Since these governments knew that the AIDS pandemic was raging, Moscow added the rumor campaign, that it had been invented as a U.S. biological-warfare agent.

However, although the United States was blamed for AIDS in this way, the target of the operation was not the U.S. government. The Soviet target was my associates and me. It was our 1985 campaign for an international alert on the danger of AIDS, to which Moscow had responded with its global deployment and press-campaign on this issue. Romerstein knew all of this, but chose to lie outrageously, and to continue his lying support for this Soviet operation against my associates and me down to the recent date.

Most interesting is the Soviet motive for conducting this operation in the first place.

Moscow attitudes toward development

It is my personal and repeated knowledge, that Moscow has been opposed to what the developing Non-Aligned Nations organization terms "a new world economic order." My direct knowledge in this matter dates from mid-1975, during the preparations for the August 1976 Colombo, Sri Lanka conference of the Non-Aligned, and continues beyond the period of the March 1983 Non-Aligned conference in New Delhi, India.

Admittedly, Moscow has frequently conducted propaganda campaigns against the injustice of OECD nations' "imperialist" financial looting of developing nations. However, as I learned in the instance of Peru's 1965 negotiations with Moscow, and numerous other instances during that period and later, Moscow is consistently, sometimes violently opposed to a "new world economic order" whenever push comes to shove, as was the case of the Soviet faction operating at the New Delhi Non-Aligned conference during March 1983. (Fidel Castro was personally in support of the New Delhi resolution, but Moscow was not; so, Castro was emphatically overruled within the Cuba delegation itself.)

Since I have been eyeball-to-eyeball with Moscow on this issue many times over, I have learned to understand the exact nature of Soviet behavior to this effect.

Look at the map of the world, strategically. The OECD ("Western industrialized") nations represent twice the population of the Soviets, and have a level of potential productivity per-capita twice that of the Soviet population. Turn our eyes next to the developing nations and populations of Central and South America, Africa, and non-communist Asia.

Most of the population of Central and South America has a Western European cultural potential, and hence is a region which could become an economic superpower within a generation or less. Africa is more poorly endowed with culturally determined productive potentials, but over a span of two generations, could be brought up to recent European standards, or better. The situation in non-communist Asia is varied, but India, for example, has the natural and cultural potentials of an economic superpower within a span of two generations.

Thus, the Western world so defined represents the overwhelming balance in present and future productive potential, and control over most of the land-area and maritime chokepoints of the planet. What happens, then, from the Soviet standpoint, if monetary reform begins to unleash the productive and related potentials of the non-communist developing sector?

Not only does economic development so unleashed build up the power of the developing sector. Development transforms the developing sector into a self-expanding market for capital-goods exports from the OECD nations. This means a substantial increase of turnover in the machine-tool sector in the OECD nations, and a consequently increased growth of productivity and scale of physical output in the OECD nations. Moscow's global strategy depends upon compensating



Brian Lantz, spokesman for the California anti-AIDS initiative known in 1986 as Proposition 64, announces a new anti-AIDS referendum in Sacramento on May 28. Armand Hammer's friends spent \$3 million to block the first initiative.

for Soviet backwardness by an extensive and deep, erosive self-destruction of the economic potential of the Western world and its developing-sector friends.

These strategic considerations are key to the major portion of Moscow's recent policies on the subject of AIDS.

Moscow's response to AIDS at home is elementary, and will be as drastic as expediency recommends. Moscow assumes that it can contain the spread of AIDS in the Soviet bloc, by public health measures, and gradual development of a cure. However, as the role of Comrade Armand Hammer's friends in California and in Washington, against the 1986 AIDS Proposition 64 shows, Moscow has been using its channels of influence so far to prevent effective measures against AIDS in the OECD nations and the non-communist developing sector.

The argument could, and must be made, that such Soviet attitudes are as foolish as they are monstrously obnoxious. We know that AIDS is presently 100% lethal, and that the viral agent is mutating at about ten times the rate of the common cold virus. It is, like all viruses of this type, peculiar to a single species, in this case the human species. It infects every aspect of the victim, notably the central nervous system, where AIDS dementia begins early, and the immunological system. The possibility of devising a vaccine is virtually zero, and no ordinary cure is feasible, although extraordinary approaches now being developed should lead to a cure.

Contrary to fanatically asserted lies, AIDS is not a venereal disease. If the density of highly-infectious contacts is

sufficiently high, almost any route of transmission found among viruses becomes possible. The infectious agent is not only mutating with extraordinary rapidity, but is adjusting its outer coat in ways promoting new routes of significant transmission.

If Moscow, or anyone else thinks that one can create effective "immigration" barriers against the widespread transmission of AIDS into local populations, once the AIDS pandemic reaches sufficient levels of intensity in the world generally, it is playing the smug fool. This is the first disease which has ever existed which has the inherent potential to render the human species extinct within a span of approximately a half a century, more or less. Those authorities, of any nation, who play political games of cover-up in connection with this pandemic, are as traitors to the human species.

The Soviets, while formally rational, in a mechanistic way, on many issues, especially strategic ones, are as bad as any industrialized nation's government today, in attempting to lie away the existence of any facts which might impair the appearance of perfection of current policy. On this point, even their friends in other nations pronounce them perversely stubborn folk with whom to deal. Nonetheless, facts remain facts.

They are very insular folk, who would not weep much if

For further reading

"LaRouche attacks Moscow's AIDS disinformation," *EIR*, Aug. 28, 1987. Includes the full text of a letter by LaRouche to the Soviet journal *International Affairs*, on the subject of that journal's charge that the AIDS virus was developed at "germ warfare" facilities at Fort Detrick, Maryland. This Soviet campaign, which was picked up by the Romerstein-Godson networks in the West, made use of misrepresentations of statements made by a distinguished British physician, Dr. John Seale, who is associated with LaRouche's efforts to stimulate public health measures against the spread of AIDS.

"Inside the 'secret government': Irangate mystery man Roy Godson," by Herbert Quinde, *EIR*, Aug. 7, 1987.

"Whose 'disinformation'? The case of Roy Godson," by Scott Thompson and Herbert Quinde, *EIR*, Oct. 16, 1987.

"The Russian-Hammer connection in official Washington," by Criton Zoakos, Scott Thompson, and Kathleen Klenetsky, *EIR*, Nov. 7, 1987.

black Africa were to become virtually extinct, or if similar holocausts prevailed in South America, non-communist Asia, and the People's Republic of China, to say nothing of the nations of the Atlantic Alliance. If the sacrifice of billions of lives, in this or some other manner, advances Moscow's cause, that becomes a "regrettable price" paid for what is seen in Moscow as a durable historic victory for Moscow-ruled mankind on this planet as a whole. That is the logic with which one must contend from such quarters.

On the surface, folk ignorant of Moscow's actual outlook might imagine that the Soviets would welcome, at least secretly, my decades-long campaign for economic justice for developing nations. If one looks at the matter more closely, and not with myth-laden presumptions, the deeper nature of my decades-long, special sort of mutual-adversary relationship to Moscow is rightly understood.

What I have proposed is the establishment of a new monetary system consistent with the principles of what U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was first to name, in December 1791, "the American System of political-economy." My argument has been, that the economic development of the developing sector is to the great mutual economic advantage of the developing and OECD nations, on the condition that the relations between the two sectors are based on the so-called "mercantilist" principles of the American System.

Moscow agrees with that estimate of the impact of my proposals. For this reason, some Soviet publications have attacked me as an "ideologue of late-capitalism." In short, I am viewed as representing a scheme for reviving the vitality of the capitalist system, at a time when Marxists and others in Moscow are relying upon the capitalist system's early "final breakdown crisis."

For the same reason, as I have indicated, in a more general way, Moscow opposes any concrete measures which would foster significant economic development among developing nations which are trading partners and friends of the OECD nations. Hence, prior to the emergence of the SDI as the leading issue for which Moscow has attacked me, the leading issue has been that I have been eyeball-to-eyeball with Soviet policy in the developing sector.

Moscow is willing to back actions through which developing nations break politically with the United States, although since Egypt and the experience with Cuba, Moscow is not willing to provide much more than arms deliveries and Soviet advisers to any developing nations which might take this course. Even in military matters, the tale of Soviet subsidies to client states is largely illusion. Moscow takes payment in what it chooses, at prices it chooses, and on terms of payment it chooses. "Comradely generosity" is more fiction than substance in the matter of Moscow's business affairs.

The principal center of my continuing conflict with Moscow on issues of economic development, is Central and South America. Here, the terrorists, the Soviet-linked drug-runners (such as those of the Medellín, Colombia cartel), and the

Moscow assets of the Socialist International and European offices of the ICFTU, are one bloc against me and my friends.

How Soviet measures work

The key to Soviet operations inside the U.S.A. and Western Europe, for example, is less outright "wet affairs" acts of assassination by the KGB and GRU "special purpose" teams—although these occur increasingly. The bulk of Soviet "active measures" are in the domain of psychological-warfare operations. The legal problems faced by my friends and me, involving the U.S. Department of Justice, and state attorneys general linked to Paul Kirk's backer, Comrade Armand Hammer, are an example of this.

The first action which Moscow takes against a person in the West whom it marks as a "potentially dangerous adversary," is to orchestrate a campaign of personal defamation and related tricks, leading toward legal or related harassment of the selected target.

These Moscow-orchestrated psychological-warfare operations are conducted chiefly through news-media of the West. The hard core of such news-media defamation is run through Soviet assets among "leftist journalists" and the smaller publications of the "left," especially publications which have no formal left-wing party affiliation. These leftist assets are chiefly various sorts of ex-Communists and social-democrats.

The persistent drumbeat of hate-propaganda directed at the targets from leftist publications, is then picked up by mass-media agencies within which Moscow has important channels of influence.

For example, beginning February 1973, the Soviet KGB launched a coordinated operation against me and my associates in both Western Europe and the U.S.A., featuring a drugging, abduction, and attempted brainwashing of one associate in Germany, and the launching of the U.S. Communist Party's youth group in an attempt to eliminate my friends' activities in the United States by drastic physical means.

This operation was supported initially, during 1973, by the left-wing publications and organizations in the U.S.A., with tangible sympathy for the Communists expressed by the FBI and the *New York Times*. At the close of 1973, the Communists planned an assassination-attempt upon me, bringing in a Havana-DGI-linked terrorist group, from Puerto Rico to New York City. The operation was discovered and aborted, by aid of the New York Police Department. However, the *New York Times*, which has some special connections to the Soviet KGB, according to legal records, launched the first major news media attack on me, based chiefly on left-wing materials, during January 1974.

According to tape-recorded testimony by *New York Times* agents, it was the *Times*, putatively in cooperation with Soviet-connected then-U.S. Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, who plotted a 1979-80 nationwide press campaign setting my associates and me up, according to *Times* reporters Paul Montgomery and Howard Blum, for "five years of legal

harassment" by the federal Department of Justice. As part of this operation, the late Roy M. Cohn of the New York East Side Conservative Club was used, with leftist drug-lobbyist Dennis King.

Similarly, in the \$3 million propaganda operation against California Proposition 64, during 1986, the initiative came from the assets of "Comrade Armand Hammer" in both California and the Reagan administration, aided by Armand Hammer's associates, including National Chairman Paul Kirk, in the Democratic National Committee. This includes the harassment by Hammer-linked California Attorney General van de Kamp. Out of this operation funded by the circles of Comrade Armand Hammer—a seventy-year-long Soviet agent since the days of Hammer's running international errands for V.I. Lenin, came the constant "political extremist Lyndon LaRouche" throughout the computer-generated copycat journalism of AP, UPI, and the national news-media generally.

The role of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is not an exception to this Soviet-orchestrated pattern. The ADL, a "consultant" to the Justice Department and FBI, runs routine operations in support of forged KGB "evidence," concocted by the Soviet KGB, against selected "anti-Soviet" targets in the West. The ADL may become a bit discomfited by the way in which Moscow recently wrote off certain aspects of negotiations with Edgar Bronfman and Bronfman's cronies in Israel. The recent, reported quarter-million person protest demonstration in Washington, D.C., may signal some ADL adaptation to the anger against Moscow among Jewish groups inside the U.S.A. Nonetheless, the past record is clear.

There are certain major news-media publications, in Western Europe and the U.S.A., which are either entirely Soviet assets from the top down, or which have functioning important channels of influence within those publications. It is a part of the routine work of counterintelligence specialists to watch these publications and certain editors and journalists closely, for clear signals on the current Soviet covert operations deployments. In the U.S.A., NBC-TV's Tom Brokaw is one of those to be so watched.

There are important business channels, especially those situated in Twin Cities, Minnesota, and up and down the grain belt, which have similar significance. Hollywood is one of the centers of the problem, including Nancy Reagan's friends of the circles of USIA Director Charles Z. Wick and his wife. The astonishing shift in President Reagan's approach to dealing with Moscow, over the recent 30 months, is not without relevant reasons, including the connection between Comrade Armand Hammer and the Wick household.

Perhaps there will be happy changes in the FBI fairly soon, long-overdue changes at USIA, and a clean-out of the social-democratic network of liars behind Roy Godson and his cronies. The United States sorely needs a competent counterintelligence capability against Soviet "active measures."