

Even Shamir now putting distance between Israel and the ADL

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The outrageous activities of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith—shenanigans which have nothing to do with that organization's supposed mandate to defend American Jews—have become such an embarrassment to Jewish leaders around the world, that even Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir felt compelled to distance his government from the ADL's behavior.

And no wonder. In this article, we document some of the ADL's more extravagant operations in support of the Soviet intelligence services, the international pro-drug lobby, and organized crime.

The Palme assassination

On Oct. 12, a Swedish appellate court reversed the conviction of Christer Petersson for the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme, ruling that there was insufficient evidence to convict him. Thus the question of who killed Palme and why, has been completely reopened—to the dismay of those many intelligence operatives inside and outside Sweden who have fought desperately for three-and-a-half years to keep a lid on the investigation.

In particularly hot water now is ADL Fact Finding Division director Irwin Suall, who, just days after the murder, lined the ADL up publicly with the Soviet KGB in one of the most flagrant disinformation and coverup campaigns in history. That campaign aimed at pinning the Palme assassination on Swedish colleagues of the American statesman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Suall and Soviet Ambassador to Sweden Boris Pankin, known to U.S. and European intelligence agencies as a senior KGB official in charge of disinformation, had practically embraced one another in their zeal to sink LaRouche for the Palme murder.

In August of this year, the coverup began to unravel when the Swedish daily newspaper *Expressen* revealed that a senior Soviet embassy official in Stockholm had advance knowledge of Palme's assassination, and may have even been a witting player in the murder plot (see *EIR*, Sept. 8, 1989, "Moscow role in Palme hit may rock New Yalta deal.") This backed up *EIR*'s longstanding charges that it was the Soviets who were behind the murder—and also confirmed the view of most Swedes that Petersson was merely the "fall guy," whose conviction was intended to take the heat off the prolonged, unsuccessful investigation.

With Petersson freed, and with the *Expressen* story out on both sides of the Atlantic, the ADL-KGB disinformation campaign becomes one of the most important leads in the assassination itself.

The ADL's involvement in the Palme coverup may spill over into the role of Palme's mistress Emma Rothschild. She is the daughter of Lord Victor Rothschild, a behind-the-scenes controlling figure over the ADL and a major figure peddling an Anglo-American/Soviet condominium.

Shamir's disclaimer

While this is not the first time that the ADL has been caught boarding a Soviet bandwagon, it comes at a time when Prime Minister Shamir gave an interview to the *Jerusalem Post* (Sept. 8) in which he differentiated the policy of the State of Israel from that of international Jewish organizations like the ADL. The ADL, along with Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress, had jumped into the dispute over a Catholic convent at Auschwitz, and turned it into a barrage of slanders against the Polish Church, a blatant interference in the internal political affairs of Poland at a time that Solidarnosc had formed the first non-Communist government in 45 years. Shamir repudiated the interference, and called for a continuing dialogue with the Catholic Church.

In the particular case of the ADL, this represents a long overdue realization on the part of the Israeli political establishment that the ADL has no real interest in aiding Israel as a sovereign nation. In fact, from its very founding at the turn of the century, the ADL has been a public relations arm for some of the most brutal organized crime figures in North America, while at the same time serving as an ugly enforcement arm of the Liberal Establishment. The fact that the Trilateral Commission's North American headquarters is located in the ADL's office near the U.N. in New York City speaks for itself, as an indication of the League's position.

Dope, Satanism, organized crime

The ADL's sordid history is outlined in a fact sheet now widely circulating by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the political action committee of the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party. In addition to exposing the ADL's role in the Palme assassination coverup, the

fact sheet also documents:

● *The ADL's support for permissive policies toward drug trafficking and drug usage.* For the past decade, the ADL has been a covert backer of the main organ of the drug lobby, *High Times* magazine, through its sponsorship of a number of that publication's leading writers and editors. Dennis King, a *High Times* writer, was supported by the ADL in the penning of a book-length smear against Lyndon LaRouche. One of King's closest collaborators in that effort, Chip Berlet, was the Washington bureau chief of *High Times* and a major public advocate of marijuana legalization.

The ADL's own former executive director, Wall Street attorney Kenneth Bialkin, was implicated in a \$130 million larceny by fugitive con man Robert Vesco. Among the things that Vesco did with the money that he and Bialkin stole from investors was to sponsor the career of now-jailed cocaine trafficker Carlos Lehder Rivas, one of the founders of Colombia's Medellín Cartel.

During his tenure as ADL director, Bialkin also orchestrated the merger of American Express Corp. with the Shearson-Lehman and Kuhn Loeb investment banking houses, thereby establishing one of the world's largest money-laundering capabilities. Among the partners brought in on this mega-financial empire at Bialkin's initiative was Edmond Safra, the Syrian-born Jewish banker who is now under scrutiny by the Drug Enforcement Administration for his suspected involvement with a Bulgarian-Colombian money-laundering network responsible for washing billions of dollars in cocaine and heroin profits annually. Early this year, DEA and U.S. Customs documents were leaked to several American newspapers which detailed Safra's involvement in the laundering scheme.

The ADL's organized crime ties long pre-date Bialkin's tenure as director. Mythologies aside, the ADL was first founded to defend Jewish mob elements who were under attack from then New York City Police Commissioner Thomas Bingham. The ADL blasted Bingham as an "anti-Semite" in order to force the shutdown of his probe. After this successful maneuver, Meyer Lansky emerged as a kingpin of organized crime in America.

● *The ADL's rallying in defense of Satanism.* Even after the nation was shocked to learn of the Satanic murders in Matamoros, Mexico earlier this year, when legislators in Texas and Illinois introduced bills aimed at giving police greater powers to investigate cases of Satanic ritualistic abuses, the ADL's regional offices launched major lobbying efforts to defeat the bills. Stretching the limits of absurdity, the ADL argued that the legislation technically outlawed circumcisions as a form of ritualistic child abuse, and therefore they opposed the idea on the grounds that rabbis could be arrested for upholding Jewish ceremonial laws. The ADL couldn't even get any rabbis to endorse their efforts; however, their own in-house attorneys continued to press right up to the point that the legislation was passed.

● *The ADL's support for radical pro-abortion groups and for the police brutalization of Operation Rescue protesters.* In three separate cases now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, the ADL has filed *amicus* briefs opposing any restrictions on abortions. In one case, the ADL brief opposes the setting of minimal public health standards on abortion clinics. In another filing, the ADL opposes forcing girls under the age of 18 to obtain parental consent before getting abortions. The third brief opposes a law that would force doctors to inform parents when their minor daughters are seeking abortion.

Such policies represent the essence of the ADL's character from its very beginning.

The ADL and the U.S. Establishment

The ADL operates as a political strongarm capability at the service of the radical wing of the Liberal Establishment in the United States and Britain. By performing "services"—not the least of which is campaign financing—the ADL has built up a considerable network of congressmen, bought and paid for.

Among the most well-placed ADL assets inside the Bush administration is Mark Richard, a senior career Department of Justice official who is currently the special assistant to Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. Richard, along with Henry Kissinger and former Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, pioneered the Office of Special Investigation, the DoJ's so-called "Nazi-hunting" unit, which in truth has been used as a joint U.S.-Soviet tool for political prosecution on trumped-up charges of such *non*-Nazis as aerospace and defense scientist Arthur Rudolph.

In March of this year, in one of his first big post-inauguration public appearances, President George Bush keynoted the ADL's convention in Washington, D.C., in clear recognition of the ADL's power status in the nation's capital. In that speech, he said of ADL national chairman Abraham Foxman, "We might as well be going steady"—a reference to the fact that earlier in the same week he had had a meeting with the ADL chief.

Despite its still enormous clout, the ADL may be falling on harder times, as its past history of thuggery begins increasingly to catch up with it. New revelations in the Palme assassination could be very damaging, as could certain revelations in the upcoming prosecution of Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi. Khashoggi is one of the pivotal figures in the Reagan-era Irangate scandal, and his lawyer during that period was none other than the ADL's Ken Bialkin.

And when over 800 American attorneys signed an *amicus* brief submitted to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, protesting the unconstitutional nature of the railroading of the ADL's enemy Lyndon LaRouche, it was read as a warning signal at ADL headquarters that the League's longstanding mafia-like control over the entire liberal legal establishment was coming loose.