

# ADL attacks Poland, Catholic Church

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The successful July 15-16 meeting between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, which makes German reunification a virtual certainty, has had another, lesser known result. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and World Jewish Congress have accelerated a dirty campaign accusing the Polish branch of the Roman Catholic Church and the Solidarnosc faction associated with Lech Walesa, of being anti-Semitic.

The strategy of destabilizing the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe through slanderous accusations of anti-Semitism, was announced by World Jewish Congress (WJC) president Edgar Bronfman at a meeting of the WJC in Berlin last fall. Bronfman, a longtime friend of deposed East German dictator Erich Honecker, has served as a key intermediary between the Soviet, American, and Israeli governments, including on efforts to undermine ongoing democratization developments in Eastern Europe.

Elements of this ADL/WJC campaign include the following:

- On July 19, ADL operative and marijuana legalization advocate Alan Dershowitz denounced the resurgence of "Polish anti-Semitism" in a letter to the editor to the *New York Times*. The basis of Dershowitz's attack was Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's denunciation of the current Polish government of Solidarnosc factional leader and Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, for its imposition of austerity policies dictated by the International Monetary Fund. Dershowitz reported that Walesa had cited a "band of intellectuals" as responsible for this policy. Dershowitz claimed that whenever Walesa uses the term "intellectual," he really means "Jew." Dershowitz claimed that Jozef Cardinal Glemp, the Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, is also "anti-Semitic" for the same reasons. Dershowitz insisted that the terms "intellectual," "pluralist," and "people devoid of Christian ethics," when used to ridicule the current Polish advocates of austerity, are "anti-Semitic."

This is a standard ADL technique, identical to the ADL's accusation that *EIR* founding editor Lyndon LaRouche is "anti-Semitic" for reporting that the U.S. and British banking system has become largely dependent on drug money laun-

dering. ADL-funded LaRouche-hater Dennis King has likewise claimed that whenever LaRouche uses the word "spiral," he really means "swastika."

Dershowitz ranted, "My recent visits to Poland leave little doubt in my mind that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Poland and that the Walesa forces are pandering to its deep roots in Polish society." What does he mean by this? He claims that "every Polish Primate since the war" has made anti-Semitic statements comparable to those supposedly made by Walesa.

Back in the spring of 1989, the ADL and World Jewish Congress began a slander campaign against the Roman Catholic Church and the Polish government for authorizing the construction of a convent adjacent to the former concentration camp at Auschwitz. The construction of the convent, which was intended to mourn the dead, was anti-Semitic, the ADL and WJC claimed. Polish Primate Glemp, who is close to the Pope, was the target of the attack.

- On July 19, Georgie Anne Geyer, a syndicated journalist in ADL circles, denounced Walesa in the *Washington Times*. Walesa, she claimed, was "getting in the way of progress." The reason? He "derides and disdains Solidarity's intellectuals." In so doing, she added, "he slides back into what Solidarity always was: a Roman Catholic communitarian and socialist movement . . . not by any measure a Western-style union." This Roman Catholic world view is a "return to the old chauvinisms," she claimed.

- On July 16, when the content of the then on-going Gorbachov-Kohl talks was already known in establishment circles, the *Washington Post* carried a front-page scare-story entitled "Anti-Jewish bias rising in Poland." The article centers on remarks of Warsaw's chief rabbi, Menachem Joskowitz, warning of the alleged threat. Joskowitz, an Israeli citizen, was flown to Poland in 1989 under Bronfman's patronage.

## Gorbachov attacked over reunification

Gorbachov's acceptance of German reunification may mean a shift in Anglo-American and ADL policy toward the embattled Soviet dictator. One day after the conclusion of the talks, Secretary of State James Baker announced that the Bush administration would be opening up dialogue with the anti-Gorbachov Soviet opposition, including new Russian Republic President Boris Yeltsin. When Yeltsin was in the United States last spring, the administration's view of Gorbachov was rosier, and Bush refused to meet Yeltsin.

On July 11, *Washington Times* columnist Arnold Beichman, a protégé of former Anglo-American intelligence operative and ADL controller Sidney Hook, indicated the direction things were going. The article argued that Gorbachov is not doing enough to combat growing anti-Semitism in Russia. Beichman condemned Gorbachov for reportedly refusing to condemn anti-Semitism, while praising Boris Yeltsin who has taken a position "sharply in contrast."