

## Hanes and the Nuclear Club of Wall Street

In late 1977 or early 1978, a group of New York investment bankers met in the Madison Avenue boardroom of the Dreyfus Corp., to create an "asteroid" intelligence operation called the Nuclear Club of Wall Street. John Wesley Hanes, Jr. was at this meeting. According to participants, the Club's purpose was to gain financial control over the borrowing of the U.S. nuclear industry, including for uranium mining and production and scientific research; ultimately, this would lead to a virtual shutdown of nuclear plant construction in the United States. The Club, as *EIR* discovered, was also involved in conduiting U.S. nuclear secrets to Israel.

The Club had direct input from London, through such individuals as the British intelligence-connected banker Arthur Ross. Its operating chief was reported to be Marvin Rose, a director of Allied Chemical, a company dominated by the interests of Eugene Meyer of Lazard Frères investment house; its president was Jeffrey Friedman of Dreyfus, which has been identified as an American financial conduit of the Mossad; another director was Irving

Harold Sherman, who was reported to be close to the station chief for British intelligence in New York City.

At several meetings, the "LaRouche problem" was discussed: how to sabotage the growing influence of Lyndon LaRouche among nuclear scientists, engineers, and policymakers, and his promotion of nuclear fission and fusion energy. The Club launched a "delphic" project, forming a parallel organization to the LaRouche movement's Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF), publisher of *Fusion*, which at the time had one of the largest circulations among scientific journals. The group was called the Society to Advance Fusion Energy (SAFE), and was run by Alfred Slaner, an executive of the Kayser Roth textile firm, and his wife Luella Mar Slaner. Hanes, and the banker John Train, who was later to run an anti-LaRouche salon, were both involved. It orchestrated a misinformation campaign that claimed that fusion was safe while fission reactors were not, and ensured that neither program was adequately funded.

The Club coordinated a series of slander campaigns that LaRouche and the FEF were "anti-Semitic." At the same time, the Club was in super-secret discussions with a top Israeli scientist about ways to assist the Israeli nuclear program. According to sources, it passed nuclear information and possibly materials to Israel in violation of U.S. law.

over the security operations of the State Department; intelligence specialists have remarked that this is a "CIA posting." The appointment included control over the Office of Munitions Control (export), which was critical for the Alexandria, Virginia-based companies which supplied the weapons for the 5412 Committee's covert operations, such as Interarms, Co., linked to Judge Albert V. Bryan (see p. 25).

Hanes, Jr.'s last diplomatic posting, in 1960-61, involved restructuring the Caribbean Commission, a multilateral organization established to protect British control. The British colonies in the area remain colonial possessions to this day, and are among the biggest dope "money laundries" and centers of organized crime activity of Dope, Inc.

Upon leaving government after the Kennedy administration took over, Hanes, Jr. became an associate and then general partner of Wertheim and Co. investment bank in New York. Wertheim was known for handling assets of wealthy individuals, much as is John Train, another Wall Street anti-LaRouche operative, of Train, Smith Counsel. Wertheim is now owned by London's Schroder Plc.

Hanes, Jr. is a member of the exclusive 1001 Club of Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). This privilege is not yet granted the newer wealth of the Arundels or the Ohrstroms, and reflects the Hanes family's century-long service to the British Crown. In 1978, Hanes, Jr. under

the general direction of the networks involved with his WWF friends, was involved with a select group of investment bankers in New York and Boston, including John Train, who were attempting to take control of all investment in the nuclear industry. This group, the Nuclear Club of Wall Street, was deployed against the movement of LaRouche.

The Hanes family foundation in 1986 also funded the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty, a support operation for Oliver North's Iran-Contra drug- and gun-running. More recently, it has been a major funder of the *American Spectator*, the British-controlled mouthpiece of the "neo-conservative" movement which has attempted to destroy the Clinton Presidency, on orders from London.

Exactly when Hanes moved into the Hunt Country, with a number of small investment outfits based in Alexandria, remains unclear. However, by the mid-1980s, Hanes joined his acquaintance Nicky Arundel, as an owner of small newspapers in Northern Virginia. Sources describe Hanes and Arundel as being not in competition, but rather cartelizing the market among a single, allied, British-linked intelligence nexus. Hanes's "share" of the market involved the *Connection* newspapers. When efforts were made to contact Hanes, Jr. about his role in ARGUS, and about ARGUS's tax problems, the caller was informed that Hanes had left the area and was unavailable for comment.