

linked lawyer Kenneth Bialkin, which has carried out the judicial witch-hunts against Lyndon LaRouche, John Demjanjuk, elected African-American officials, and others. Until that "official" apparatus is (minimally) retired to private life, the "Sharon network" will be free to commit mayhem, in the Middle East, in the United States, and elsewhere.

Jewishness as ethnicity

The Sharon report demolishes the delusion, all too prevalent in certain quarters around the world, that Sharon is a representative of the interests of the nation-state of Israel, or, a representative of Jews or the religion of Judaism as elaborated by Moses. Sharon's "Jewishness," like that of his ADL cronies, is a purely tribal notion, one of the more exotic varieties of the "ethnicity" that have become so fashionable.

Some of the specific "ethnographic"/"Jewish identity" operations involved here, are documented in the Sharon report's latter section.

Sharon's vision for Israel effectively establishes Israel as a pawn, in a British geopolitical game. Understanding this is most useful in debunking the mythology, to a significant ex-

tent nurtured by Sharon himself and by his cronies in the ADL and related circles, that *they* are the string-pullers, the supposed masters of an Israeli "New Venice," controlling the direction of world events as the original Venice had done earlier in history. The reality is, they are just puppets, on a string pulled from London, the headquarters of the modern-day reincarnation of Venice. The Sharon report definitively repudiates the populist mythologies about a sinister "world Jewish conspiracy."

A British pedigree

As we documented in the 1986 report, everything that matters in Sharon's career, and in his circle of intimates in the Irgun-Jabotinsky faction of Zionism, is thoroughly *British*. Here, we recapitulate the *curriculum vitae*.

A fulcrum point in Sharon's career, was his 1957 studies at the Camberly Staff College in Britain. By that time, young Sharon had already become notorious, for running the so-called "Unit 101" squads, which carried out atrocities against Palestinians, supposedly in retaliation for Palestinian incursions into Israel. During 1955-59, his close chum, Rafael ("Dirty Rafi") Eytan, was stationed in Britain, as the Mossad liaison to British intelligence.

The Eytan link places Sharon into the ambit of the nastiest among British intelligence operations. In the early 1970s, when Sharon formed a new political party, Shlomtzion, and ran for the Israeli Knesset (parliament), his campaign manager was Dirty Rafi Eytan. Around this time, Eytan began to work for an intelligence agency-linked outfit, run by one Amnon Barness, who, in 1958, had been a major solicitor of investment for a newly formed company, the Permindex Corp. As the Sharon report points out—and as *EIR* readers would know—Permindex was the organization which was expelled from Switzerland after repeated assassination attempts against French President Charles de Gaulle, and was the organization investigated by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison for involvement in the assassination of John Kennedy. Permindex chairman Maj. Louis Bloomfield, of Canada, was the attorney for the ADL's Bronfman family, and a key "handler" of Israeli intelligence personnel on behalf of the British secret services.

Another important British-ADL "hook" into Sharon is Meshulam Riklis, the (recently bankrupted) organized crime-linked wheeler and dealer. It was Riklis who originally bankrolled Sharon's political career. According to the *EIR* report, Riklis was "known to be working for British intelligence" in the late 1940s. His meteoric rise from being a schoolteacher, to top figure in shady international finance, was sponsored by Minneapolis grain merchant Burton Joseph, one-time chairman of the ADL.

One of Sharon's biggest supporters deserves special note: Britain's Cyril Stein. Back in March 1986, at the time the Sharon report was published, Stein was chairman of the board of Ladbroke's gambling house, described as "the private bet-

Moscowitz and Eskin today

Ariel Sharon is not the only creature to jump out into the headlines today, from the pages of *EIR*'s 1986 Sharon report. Irving Moskowitz is at the center of controversy, because of his attempts to extend his crime-linked gambling operations into the Los Angeles area. The money gained from such illicit activities, it is known, is channelled into various Zionist extremist, pro-terrorist groups. Associates of Lyndon LaRouche have joined with activists from greater Los Angeles Hispanic-American and African-American organizations, to stop Moskowitz's moves into this area.

Another interesting case is that of Avigdor Eskin, the Russian Jewish son of a colonel in the Soviet GRU, or military intelligence. Sometime between 1986 and 1996, Eskin founded an office of the Jewish Defense League in Moscow. In March 1996, Eskin was arrested in Israel, as he attempted to board a plane for Moscow. He was charged with conducting a rare cabbalistic ritual against Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He had conducted a similar ritual, whose object is to ensure the death of the person targetted, outside the house of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last year. A Tel Aviv district judge rejected Eskin's appeal to remain free on bail, charging that the ritual was "an act of sedition."