

showed a near-lethal level of carbon monoxide as well. *EIR* has independently learned that it was a separate toxicological test on Paul's blood sample, that revealed a carbon monoxide level of more than 30% at the time of the crash.

Yet, Dodi Fayed had no carbon monoxide in his blood. Is it possible that Paul could have had high levels of alcohol, traces of two prescription drugs, and toxic levels of carbon monoxide in his blood at the moment of the crash, and yet Fayed had no carbon monoxide present? Not if the carbon monoxide was inside the passenger cabin of the Mercedes.

Furthermore, if Paul had been somehow poisoned with carbon monoxide sometime prior to getting behind the wheel of the Mercedes, experts interviewed by ITV say he would have shown obvious signs, such as dizziness, loss of balance, loss of depth perception, and an unbearable, throbbing pain in his temple. Security camera video footage of Paul, taken in the lobby of the Ritz Hotel between 9 p.m. and midnight, and aired in the ITV documentary, clearly showed that Paul had none of the tell-tale signs of being drunk or suffering from the effects of carbon monoxide.

In a live television interview, aired one hour after the ITV broadcast, the documentary's host, Nicholas Owen, stated that he believed that the blood sample used in the *post mortem* was probably not taken from Paul. There were a dozen other corpses in the Paris city morgue at the time that Paul was brought in. This startling conclusion by Owen, adds further weight to *EIR*'s charge that the French police—as distinct from chief investigating Magistrate Stephan—have been running a vicious cover-up of the events surrounding the crash.

The ITV documentary also cited several eyewitness accounts that a powerful burst of light inside the tunnel, seconds before the crash, may have blinded Paul. Owen showed a commercially produced anti-personnel laser, that he purchased in a Paris shop for \$300, to buttress the possibility that such a device was used in the vehicular attack.

EIR Counterintelligence Director Jeffrey Steinberg appeared along with Owen and a half-dozen other investigators and expert analysts on the nationally televised interview show. Details of that broadcast and the vortex of media controversy, sparked by the ITV show and a second documentary, aired on June 4 on Channel Four TV in Britain, will appear in a forthcoming *EIR* (see also, the *Editorial* in this issue).

In a move that promises to raise even more questions about what happened in the Paris tunnel on Aug. 31, 1997, Magistrate Stephan convened an extraordinary group interrogation, or "confrontation," on June 5, at the Justice Ministry in Paris. Mohamed Al Fayed, Dodi's father and a civil party to the case, was invited to participate, as were a dozen eyewitnesses to the crash. The nine paparazzi who stand to be prosecuted for manslaughter and interference in the rescue effort, were also interrogated by Stephan. Details of what took place are not yet available.

Scaife money supports Israeli think-tank

by Dean Andromidas

According to recent reports in the Israeli press, Richard Mellon Scaife, the paymaster for the British assault on President Bill Clinton and the office of the U.S. Presidency, is the chief financier of a right-wing think-tank known as the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS). The Jerusalem- and Washington-based institute is part of a network of organizations linking Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with the jacobin grouping of U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and the so-called Christian right.

The Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* on June 3 revealed that the Sarah Scaife Foundation is the major financial backer of the IASPS; this was discovered as a result of an investigation prompted by Gingrich's recent trip to Israel. Not widely reported in the international press was the cancellation of a seminar on ballistic-missile defense which was supposed to have been held in the Israeli Knesset (Parliament), and at which Gingrich was to have been a guest speaker. The event was cancelled after it was learned that the organizer of the event, Robert Loewenberg, the president of IASPS, had authored an article last year comparing former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, an architect of the Oslo peace accords, to the Hungarian Rudolph Kastner, "who helped the Nazis murder Jews."

Loewenberg also charged that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated by right-wing fanatics in 1995, was using "police-state methods" in order to implement the peace agreements.

The Scaife connection is not at all surprising, because a look at IASPS reveals an overlap between the forces that are leading the assault on President Clinton, and those responsible for the assassination of Rabin, who are using their willing tool, Netanyahu, to put Israel on the path toward a new Middle East war.

Overturning the peace

In our issue of Aug. 2, 1996, *EIR* reported on a policy paper sponsored by the institute, entitled "Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm." Presented to Netanyahu on the eve of his first trip to Washington after becoming Prime Minister, the paper called for overturning the land-for-peace and regional economic premises of the Oslo Accords,



Former U.S. Defense Department official Richard Perle: His policy paper for the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies calls for dumping the Oslo Accords.

and reverting instead to “classic” balance-of-power politics, premised on the idea that “Jordan is Palestine,” and on preparations for eventual war against Syria, Iraq, and Iran. The author of the report was Richard Perle, an official in the U.S. Department of Defense during the Reagan administration, and who has long-standing ties to the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL) and Ariel Sharon, the ultra-right-wing Israeli hawk who is currently Infrastructure Minister in Netanyahu’s government. Perle also was a member of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, part of the complex of groups which handled Jonathan Pollard, who was convicted on charges of being an Israeli spy and is currently serving a life sentence in a U.S. Federal prison. Pollard passed on secret U.S. intelligence on the Soviet Union to Israel, which led to the deaths of several U.S. agents in the Soviet bloc. Perle himself was also investigated for passing secrets to Israel.

The cancelled seminar would not have been the first IASPS event with Gingrich as the featured speaker: He has had a long relationship with the organization. One of the institute’s initiatives had Gingrich’s wife on its payroll. Besides

being attracted to the institute’s radical free-market economic policies, Gingrich was no doubt attracted by the institute’s “millionaires club” of wealthy businessmen who contribute to its budget. Besides Scaife, these millionaires include businessmen associated with the ADL.

Loewenberg’s extreme views

According to *Ha’aretz*, IASPS President Loewenberg came from a secular Jewish family, married a non-Jewish woman, and at one time lived in Vermont, “trying to integrate with nature.” By the end of the 1960s, he had begun to “rediscover his Jewishness,” and took the “long journey to Orthodoxy.”

Loewenberg arrived in Israel in 1984 with the ambition of founding an economic institute in Jerusalem, despite the fact that “he didn’t have a clue about Israel or the economy.” A former Israeli colleague told *Ha’aretz* that she left the institute when it became apparent that Loewenberg had a “hidden agenda” and “spoke in messianic jargon of the need to influence Israeli politics,” and that “his ideas were quite extreme.”

Loewenberg is one of an army of radicalized “religious Zionists” who emigrated to Israel in the 1970s and ’80s, with the aim of transforming Israel from a national political state into a “Greater Israel,” a theocratic state whose borders stretch well beyond the 1948 borders of Israel, beyond the West Bank, the Golan Heights, and deep into the territory of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt. These people have joined forces with the U.S. Christian fundamentalist right and the right-wing Republicans.

IASPS is one of the chief propagandists for radical free-market policies. Through pushing deregulation, privatization, and free trade, it is committed to transforming the dirigistic Israeli economy into a “globalized” free-market economy. Its aim is to turn Israel into a major offshore financial center, open to all forms of financial speculation and money-laundering. In 1994, the institute drafted legislation that was introduced into the Knesset, to create a free-trade zone in Israel. The bill was defeated when it was revealed that the principal object of this free trade zone was to create a totally unregulated financial center. The widespread fear was that it would rapidly become a leading international drug-money-laundering center.

The assault on Israel’s institutions

Despite the fact that the major support for Netanyahu comes from the religious parties and religious Zionists, he is not “religious.” But with roots in the fanatical British-controlled Jabotinsky wing of the Zionist movement, Netanyahu is a fervent believer in radical free-market policies, and sees their implementation as key to smashing the political and economic institutions of Israel as a political and national Jewish state. With a political personality akin to