

How not to combat terrorism

A report by our special correspondent on the Jonathon Institute's Conference on International Terrorism.

The consensus among leading factions in all Western intelligence agencies is that the threat of Soviet KGB-sponsored terrorism, including terrorism on the soil of the United States, will become increasingly immediate over the days and weeks to come. On June 24-26 in Washington, D.C., at the Second Conference on International Terrorism sponsored by Israel's Jonathon Institute, a bid to take control of the method and the means of fighting terrorism was made by an influential group of self-professed "anti-terror" experts, predominantly British and Israeli.

Every speaker insisted adamantly that the Soviet Union was responsible for international terrorism. And yet, Soviet terrorist deployments and strategic objectives would not be impeded, but significantly abetted should the policy grouping represented at this conference gain control over the U.S. anti-terrorist fight. Their paramount concern was to gain credibility with the American administration by emphasizing Soviet blame, the more effectively to cover up Soviet method: alliance with the Nazi International.

The speakers said many correct things, mostly parroting *EIR*'s exclusive exposés—but always with the magnificently revealing omission: not a word about the Nazi-Communist alliance, the counterintelligence framework without which no effective anti-terror operations can occur. "Yes," as Lyndon LaRouche put it in his introduction to *EIR*'s special report on this subject (*The Nazi-Communist Alliance Behind International Terrorism*), "the Soviet KGB is behind international terrorism, but not in the way that disinformation-agents such as Claire Sterling, Robert Moss, and A. de Borchgrave might wish us to believe. The KGB is behind international terrorism through its alliance with the Nazi international. . . . To find a dangerous Soviet agent today, don't look for a copy of Marx's *Capital* under the suspect's bed. . . ."

With Her Majesty in command. . .

The Jonathon Institute—named after Israeli commando Jonathon Netanyahu who died in the 1976 raid on Entebbe—held its first conference in 1979 in Jerusalem. This second conference in Washington was basically an Israeli embassy-sponsored affair, run out of the office of Netanyahu's brother Benjamin, second-in-command at the Israeli embassy. High-level Israeli figures appeared, including former Prime Min-

ister Yitzhak Rabin and current Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

Yet, the direction of the conference was at least equally British. The conference moderator was Henry Kissinger's friend Lord Chalfont, a director of British IBM and Lazards of London. Other British insiders included Paul Johnson, former editor of the *New Statesman*, lately a "neo-conservative"; Prof. Bernard Lewis, author of a plan to break the Mideast up into ethnic and tribal conclaves; and Julian Amery, a top Conservative Party defense and intelligence spokesman.

There was also Michael Ledeen of Jesuit Georgetown University; Claire Sterling, and Arnaud de Borchgrave; New York's Rep. Jack Kemp, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Sen. Alphonse d'Amato; and *Commentary* magazine's Midge Decter and Norman Podhoretz. Secretary of State Shultz spoke, as did Federal Emergency Management Agency head Louis Giuffrida, FBI director William Webster, and White House special counselor Edwin Meese III.

In speech after speech, the repeated themes were, as per Secretary Shultz's formulations June 24, that an international "League of Terror" is controlled by the U.S.S.R., and the PLO is the core of this "League," without differentiating PLO factions.

On one level, the conference revolved around the prearranged proposal of Israel's Rabin for a "voluntary international organization of sovereign states" outside the framework of the United Nations to "work together against international terror and against states that promote and assist it." The organization should be headed by a "senior American representative," said Rabin, and should be based in Washington. Its functions should include: "intelligence and counterintelligence; the creation of effective defenses and preventive measures against terrorism; operational assistance against acts of terror; and coordinated political activity against countries that initiate or assist terror."

A Washington insider stated the obvious, that influential British and Israeli circles want to take control of the U.S. counterterror effort. On the conference's second day, however, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger diplomatically repudiated this, saying that existing anti-terrorist mechanisms were sufficient.

At a deeper level was the question of terrorist and coun-

terrorist methods. Here, the conference was wholly devoted to providing Nazi-Communist terrorism with a smokescreen. While speaker after speaker buttressed his remarks with repackaged *EIR* material on the Soviet Union as a "home base" for terrorists (Ledeen), or Islamic fundamentalism's roots in the 10-12th century "Assassin" cult (Lewis), they always managed to leave out or distort how such terrorism is actually fostered and run by Moscow.

This disinformation quality of the proceedings was clear at the outset. In his keynote speech, Bension Netanyahu, father of the deceased Jonathon and a Judaic Studies professor at Cornell, cited Giuseppe Mazzini and Fyodor Dostoevsky as sources for his arguments against terrorism. Both were 19th-century fascists, and both were instrumental in the creation of modern terrorism.

Similarly, France's Alain Besançon, after identifying "spiritualism, romanticism, and gnosticism" as the root of the terrorist mentality (correct), called the St. Petersburg branch of the Czarist Okhrana the exemplary "anti-terrorist structure" of the 19th century. But the St. Petersburg Okhrana created and funded terrorist organizations—including Bolshevik cells. It also concocted the fraudulent "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," fomenting anti-Semitism throughout Europe. It also provided the core of hereditary KGB families running terrorism from Russia today.

Just as surprising for an Israeli-sponsored conference, only one speaker, Hamburg's Christian Lochte, mentioned the increasing global terrorist threat posed by cooperation between neo-Nazis and the Soviet Union, and even he shied away from asserting that the Soviets deploy and finance Nazi groups. The Swiss and other Nazis around Genoud were never mentioned. No one mentioned Genoud's former Algerian president, Ben Bella and his operations.

On the day after the conference, the Reuters news agency in Washington circulated a Munich-originated wire about the new breed of Nazis who have adopted "leftist slogans" and renounced Adolf Hitler in favor of the "anti-capitalist and anti-Western" propaganda of Georg Strasser and Ernst Roehm who wanted alliance with Russia, victims of Hitler's famous "Night of the Long Knives" mass murder 50 years ago. The piece reported that "former wartime army general, Otto-Ernst Remer, has emerged as the most pointedly pro-Soviet of neo-Nazi leaders. Russia, he believes, is more concerned with a threat from China and would welcome a reunited Germany to hold the Western powers in check."

The Jerusalem Temple Mount plot making headlines in Israel was also never mentioned, even though the Israeli and other press call the Jewish organizations involved a "terrorist underground." Their commitment to rebuild "Solomon's Temple" by blowing up the second most holy site in Islam, the Dome of the Rock, is the potential trigger of unprecedented racial and religious warfare in the Middle East and the United States.

Even Georgetown's Ledeen, who had just authored a four-page sensationalist piece on the "Temple Mount Plot"

for the *New Republic*, failed to mention it during his June 25 panel. But then, Ledeen's wife Barbara has used her editorial position at the *Biblical Archaeological Review* to "prove" that the Dome of the Rock is where Solomon's Temple should be rebuilt.

EIR corrected this and other omissions by arranging circulation of a flyer on the closing day of the conference, reporting on "Sufi-tainted Shi'ism developed at the Tashkent Oriental Institute run by Soviet Politburo member Gaidar Aliyev. It is this same Institute, directing the work of the Soviet secret services, which is developing a brand of fanatical Jewish fundamentalism which will be the counter to Islamic fundamentalism in a scenario for long-term religious wars to destroy every nation-state in the Middle East. A key component to this scenario is the Temple Mount plot."

The signals to the U.S.S.R.

Perhaps the most suggestive moment of the conference was the otherwise-anomalous appearance of Sen. Alan Cranston, who at first seemed out of place among these "neo-conservatives." But his diatribe against "nuclear terrorism" and against ostensible nuclear bomb-development plans by Iran, Iraq, and Pakistan, threatening Israel's destruction with only "three bombs," culminated in a demand for a cut-off of all U.S. aid to Pakistan. Cranston thus boldly offered the entire subcontinent to the Soviet Union on a silver platter—the objective he shared with his "neo-conservative" hosts.

In this regard, the perfect "Delphic oracle" was de Borchgrave. Admittedly, the Soviet-Nazi relationship is at the center of an extremely sensitive fight inside various intelligence services. But de Borchgrave, a Belgian count associated with Britain's Robert Moss in "anti-Soviet" disinformation, otherwise expresses his position by joining Soviet agent-of-influence Henry Kissinger in demanding that U.S. troops be withdrawn from Europe! It is Europe he puts on the silver platter.

He warned that the United States itself would be the target of coordinated terrorism from Cuban-controlled Puerto Rican groups, the Armenian ASALA, the Iran-connected Islamic Guerrilla Army, and various Syrian-, Libyan-, and Palestinian-backed groups—a forecast nowhere seen before except in another *EIR* special report, *The Terrorist Threat to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics*. And yet another first but for *EIR*, he warned: "What if Jesse Jackson were to be assassinated? All the ghettos in the United States would explode overnight. I don't have any specific information, but all the secret services are worried about it."

But what it all came to, again, must delight Moscow. He insisted on divorcing terrorism from broader Soviet strategic objectives. The United States should stop pushing beam-weapon defense systems (as Moscow is doing) and not worry about a strategic confrontation (as Moscow is preparing). Said de Borchgrave: "The main enemy is not directed energy beams, but the five-ton truck driven by the kamikaze driver. Terrorism, not nuclear war, is the main enemy."