

Soviet liars blame CIA for murder of Mrs. Gandhi

by an EIR investigative team

Jagjit Singh Chauhan, the self-appointed president of an independent "Khalistan" who cheered the assassination of India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Oct. 31, has publicly stated that India's new Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, will meet the same end. "The things Rajiv Gandhi has done for the Sikhs can be disastrous for him," Chauhan told a reporter on Nov. 5. "Do you think the Sikhs will spare him after what is happening to them? The same thing will happen to him as happened to his mother. . . . It will happen."

The assassination of Indira Gandhi at the hands of Sikh terrorists in her security force may already have set into the motion the processes toward war that were unleashed with the murder of Archduke Ferdinand at Sarajevo in 1914. If Chauhan, who claims to be in control of the "Khalistan Liberation Army" operating within India, is correct in his "predictions" concerning the new prime minister, then the nation of India will be dashed to pieces and the threshold for super-power nuclear confrontation greatly lowered.

To avert this catastrophe, immediate steps must be taken to expose the Soviet lie that the assassination of Indira Gandhi was carried out on orders of the CIA and to expose those actually complicit in the murder of Mrs. Gandhi. In a press conference held in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 4, American statesman Lyndon LaRouche called upon the national press corps to "do their patriotic duty in combating effectively the very dangerous Soviet propaganda already pouring out to the effect that the CIA could be blamed for the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi." LaRouche pointed to the evidence the Soviets will use to place the blame on the Reagan administration: the evidence showing the supportive relations between Jagjit Singh Chauhan and the Committee for a Free Afghanistan,

the Heritage Foundation, Jon Speller, and the Anti-Defamation League.

"If the Reagan administration does not take action to distance itself from the Heritage Foundation and the ADL, there is no possible way that we could convince people in Europe to reject the Soviet story that the CIA was behind the assassination, because in the eyes of most people around the world the Committee for a Free Afghanistan is regarded as CIA and that is what the Soviets are going to say. In fact, the operation was carried out by a faction of British intelligence, linked to Lord Nicholas Bethel, but was done on orders from the Soviet Union and with complicity of the Soviet Union."

Build-up for the Soviet lie

The Soviet official nod for the assassination of Indira Gandhi was given in the pages of the *Times of India* on Sept. 30 by Rostislav Ulyanovskii, deputy of the Communist Party International Department. Ulyanovskii, who had delivered Moscow's endorsement of Mrs. Gandhi in 1982, declared that Mrs. Gandhi had made "inexcusable compromises" at the expense of the Indian people and criticized what Moscow discerned as a "strengthening in India of the tendency to concentrate power in the hands of one person" (see page 39).

This unmistakable withdrawal of Soviet support for Mrs. Gandhi capped a two-month exasperation campaign from Moscow directed against the Gandhi government. Since Aug. 2, the Soviet press has been pressing India to take punitive military action against the Pakistani nuclear-bomb capability—action which the Indian government had refused to carry out. Furthermore, despite on-the-scene pressure from Soviet dignitaries dispatched to New Delhi, Mrs. Gandhi and other

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Indian officials had refused to deviate from their stance of non-alignment, referring to the threat to world peace caused by “two superpowers” instead of simply citing the United States, as Moscow demanded.

A case in point was the arrival in New Delhi of Soviet Vice-President Arnold Rytuel on Sept. 13 for Independence Day celebrations. At a function in Rytuel’s honor, Congress Party General-Secretary Rajiv Gandhi called upon the Indian people to stand up and face pressures from major powers trying to interfere in the internal affairs of the country. Rytuel obliquely responded that the Soviet Union is strong enough to meet any challenge. Later, Rytuel chastised Indian reporters for their reference to the danger of war in the Indian Ocean coming from the two superpowers. There is only one super-power causing problems, he flashed back—the United States.

On Sept. 30, the Soviets implicitly announced their intolerance of these differences. On Oct. 22, the Soviets began their propaganda countdown for the assassination of Indira Gandhi, paving the way for pinning the blame on Washington. A TASS wire denounced “joint American and Pakistan intelligence operations aimed at destabilizing India.”

On Oct. 30, the day before Mrs. Gandhi was gunned down, *Pravda* denounced the CIA for interfering in the Indian election process. “The American administration,” *Pravda* stated, “is ready to pay any price for removing the Congress Party from power.”

The Soviet Union knew this to be a lie. To the contrary, as Lyndon LaRouche has revealed from his own personal experience and, as has been corroborated by informed Washington sources, the Reagan White House was in the process of reconstructing its policy toward India in order to end the alienation that has existed between the two countries since the Henry Kissinger-orchestrated U.S. “tilt” toward Pakistan in 1971. It has also been thought in certain U.S. circles that Indira Gandhi, the chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, was the one leader of the developing countries who could significantly influence President Reagan toward revamping U.S. foreign economic policy away from the colonialist austerity policies—British System policies—of the International Monetary Fund.

The strategic context

Behind the Gandhi assassination is the agreement among three forces for the dismemberment of India and the other countries of the subcontinent as the condition for reimposing an imperial mode of control over Asia. The three forces acting in collusion for this objective are a certain faction of British intelligence with allied British-spawned networks in the United States, the Swiss-based Nazi International centered around such unreformed Nazis as banker François Genoud, and the Soviet Union.

In each of the cases, Moscow would cite as evidence of CIA direction over the assassination of Mrs. Gandhi, examination shows generative ties to these three networks.

Take the case of Jon Speller of New York. During 1983, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) was misinformed into lending his office’s sponsorship to a U.S. tour for Jagjit Singh Chauhan. The man who foisted Chauhan on Senator Helms, just as he has more recently foisted some of the leading conspirators in the Temple Mount terrorist plot, was Jon Speller.

Well-placed Vatican-linked intelligence sources have identified Speller as one of the more important covert operatives of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry and British secret intelligence, serving as the interface point to all of the world’s major intelligence agencies and factions. Not necessarily conflicting intelligence places Speller at the center of a Soviet intelligence network playing the “religious fundamentalist” and “nationalities” cards from an operational center on Mount Athos. Mount Athos is the monastic center of the Eastern Rite Orthodox Churches, including the Russian Orthodox Church, and is a critical penetration point of Russian intelligence operations into the West, modeled on the role of the Church in the service of the Byzantine Empire.

Speller boasts that he has permanent access to Mount Athos as well as to every major monastery in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. He has repeatedly told contacts that he has a standing residency, should the need arise, in at least one Russian Orthodox monastery in the Soviet Union. Speller also has reported close ties to the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and to the Serbian and Romanian churches. These Orthodox circles are the actual sources of the “Third Rome” imperialist ideology dominating the Soviet Union today.

At least one source has reported that Speller’s Bulgarian Church connections were peripherally involved in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in 1981.

Through the now-defunct *East Europe* magazine and through Robert Speller and Sons Publishing Company in New York City, Speller has directed an underground railroad for Russian and Eastern European military and church figures, focused most heavily on the Cossack networks within the current Red Army. In this capacity, Speller has provided a channel for the false information on the “crumbling Russian empire,” “the re-christianization of Russia prophesy,” and

the anti-communist bent of the faction of the Red Army around General Ogarkov which has impacted adversely on U.S. intelligence estimates of Soviet strength and intentions.

Wherever his primary loyalties lie, Speller is one of the primary figures responsible before the fact for the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Soviet lie that the U.S. administration and U.S. intelligence were behind the Gandhi assassination. Speller's network of penetration into U.S. political and intelligence circles—through the Heritage Foundation, the Committee for a Free Afghanistan, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith—constitutes the Sikh support apparatus.

Sources report that Jon Speller is not only the principal U.S. contact point for Chauhan and the Sikh terrorists. He was the responsible figure for providing the channels into the Sikh separatist networks for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL). Speller's ADL contact, Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, is the ADL's Latin American affairs specialist. Rosenthal has been a business associate of Speller in a number of dubious business ventures, including Transglobal Productions, Ltd., and Transglobal Resources. The former was a short-lived motion picture promotional company ostensibly preparing a documentary on the plight of the Afghan rebels; the latter was an oil-exploration venture targeting Nigerian offshore oil.

According to confidential sources, the ADL sought the Sikh connection in part as a means of establishing penetration into moderate Muslim networks that were shut off to the official Jewish community but were open to the Sikhs. Speller provided the channels.

Numerous sources have confirmed that Speller's closest associates within the British policy-making and intelligence establishment are Lord Nicholas Bethel and Sir Julian Amery.

The former is one of Britain's top Eastern European and Middle Eastern specialists, whose recent focus of attention has been in directing Britain's playing of the Afghani rebel operations. U.S. intelligence has confirmed that it was through these British intelligence-dominated Afghani rebel channels that guns were routed into the Sikh terrorists.

Lord Bethel, Speller, and others of that Scottish Rite track have run much of their British Secret Intelligence Afghan project through a U.S.-based front operation, the Committee for a Free Afghanistan. Despite its mailing address, the Committee for a Free Afghanistan is dominated by British intelligence through the SIS front, Heritage Foundation.

Within U.S.-based intelligence circles, Speller's closest contacts are Archibald Roosevelt of Chase Manhattan Bank and Miles Copeland, a self-avowed correspondent and contact point for KGB general H. A. R. "Kim" Philby. Copeland is principally located in London, where he maintains an active role in Persian Gulf affairs. It is believed that Speller's role dating back over 20 years in Iranian affairs is the initial point of collaboration with Copeland.

Committee for a Free Afghanistan

Lord Bethel's Committee for a Free Afghanistan was represented at the July 28 conference of the terrorist World Sikh Organization in New York, and according to informed sources was involved in seeing that weapons designated for the Afghan rebels reached their way into the Punjab. The Committee was formed in 1981 after Lord Bethel toured the United States with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to build support for the Afghan mujahiddin.

Through the CFA, Bethel arranged for meetings of himself and Gailani with 60 senators and congressmen and two assistant secretaries of state, including James Buckley, who was at the time in charge of all military assistance programs. Bethel also met with leading U.S. intelligence representatives.

The first chairman of the CFA was former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency Lt.-Gen. Daniel Graham (ret.). Since President Reagan's March 23, 1983, announcement of a U.S. beam-weapons defense development program, Graham's incompetent High Frontier program has been consistently used as a foil by Moscow to attack the President's own Strategic Defense Initiative.

The CFA's current chairman is Gen. Milnor Roberts, former president of the Reserve Officers Association and an intimate of Graham. In an interview on Nov. 2, Roberts described the Gandhi assassination as a "mixed blessing. For the next several months, India will be concerned with its internal situation. Therefore there won't be any threats coming from them against Pakistan. That will free up Pakistan in respect to Afghanistan. . . . Gandhi was close to the Soviets. . . . In the long run, a moderately run India may emerge."

Office space for the newly created CFA was provided by Accuracy in Media, with money provided by the American Security Council and the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress of Paul Weyrich.

On the CFA Council of Advisors are Richard Allen, former director of the National Security Council in the early days of the Reagan administration; Jeffrey Gaynor, chairman of the Washington-based Heritage Foundation; Maj. Gen. Jack Singlaub, chairman of the World Anti-Communist League; and Howard Phillips, chairman of the Conservative Caucus.

Another adviser is Edward Lozansky, chairman of the Sakharov Institute, whose tracks lead back to Moscow. Lozansky was trained by leading Soviet military intelligence (GRU) official Andrei Sakharov and dispatched to the United States to run the various GRU-controlled Sakharov human-rights committees. Among the most successful Soviet operations run under a human rights cover, Lozansky's Institute is charged with penetrating U.S. military intelligence.

Through these assets of British and Soviet intelligence, Moscow hopes to perpetrate the "Made in USA" label on the assassination of Indira Gandhi. This cover leaves in place the ongoing operations against the leadership of India.