

Contra affair revealed, George Bush's faction (which aided the British war on Argentina, ran the Panama invasion, and set up the Haiti occupation), armed Khomeini's Iran. This military aid to Iran was coordinated by the British government, with the logistical support of Israel. This same combination put the lunatic Ayatollah Khomeini and his party into power in 1979 in the first place.

But the British do not only control Arab and Islamic terrorism.

Immediately following the Israeli-PLO peace treaty, Ariel Sharon and his associates called for Jewish resistance to the Israeli government, whose officials they termed traitors. Sharon, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, and other leaders of the Likud bloc publicly demanded that Israeli soldiers disobey any orders calling for dismantling Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories, and called for armed resistance. They received little initial support for such talk internally, but enthusiastic support, and funding, from certain Zionist quarters in Britain and the United States.

This campaign bore fruit in February 1994, when a team of Jewish terrorists entered a Hebron mosque and shot and killed 50 Muslim worshippers. The squad was made up of Jewish Defense League members, a Brooklyn-formed group overseen in Israel by Sharon's top deputy, Rafi Eytan. The massacre was intended to destroy the peace process.

This lunatic Sharon wing of Israeli politics has always been under British control, via such tools as World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman of Canada, and his sidekick, the mobster Meshulam Riklis. Former Prime Minister Shamir, the grand old man of this network, led the wartime "Stern gang," the assassination network whose brutal murders ensured that the creation of Israel would be accompanied by unending war. Shamir, Sharon, and their group have labeled all the land from the Nile to the Euphrates to be Israel's. Their expansionism has kept the Mideast aflame ever since.

Stopping peace

Despite decades of war, a genuine peace accord between Israel and Palestine, and the Arab states generally, remains possible, if economic development proceeds. That economic development, however, is being sabotaged by Britain and the International Monetary Fund. Moreover, the economic situation among Palestinians is now far worse than before the accords. There are no great projects being discussed, and both the Israelis and PLO are reluctant to demand the nuclear power-driven desalination vital for the region.

Because of this sabotage, the Palestinian population has lost its earlier enthusiasm for the accords. This provides the climate for using spectacular assassinations to get rid of regional leaders, provoking war and civil war. British MI-6 chief David Spedding, a former British intelligence Mideast chief and career Arab specialist, knows this full well.

Geneva bank at the center of money-laundering ring

by Dean Andromidas

On Nov. 27, United States federal agents arrested Jean Jacques Handali of the Union Bancaire Privée CBI-TDB (UPB) of Geneva and Gary Kaminsky of Dollar Time, Inc. in Florida, charging them with leading a multimillion-dollar money-laundering ring between the United States and Switzerland. The third largest private bank in Switzerland, UBP is the same bank used by the Frankfurt real estate swindler Jürgen Schneider to launder hundreds of millions of marks from fraudulent real estate deals.

On the following day, Geneva police raided the Geneva offices of UBP, blocking bank accounts and seizing documents and computer diskettes. On the request of U.S. authorities, the Geneva prosecutor's office opened an investigation into the bank. On the same day, U.S. authorities arrested several individuals in New York who functioned as part of what is described as a courier service for laundering cash out of the United States into accounts at UBP. The trail also leads through London, where an accountant for the London-based M. Sorsky and Co. is said to have been involved. The court indicted a total of 11 conspirators, including three UBP account managers.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office in Miami, an investigation was launched in 1993 targeting one Gary Kaminsky, financial officer of Dollar Time, Inc., a discount retail store chain based in Hollywood, Florida. Such operations often serve as convenient means for laundering cash derived from drug trafficking. At that time federal agents launched a "sting" operation, placing a confidential informant in the network who offered \$3 million to be laundered by the ring. According to the indictment and other prosecutorial documents, the principal target of the operation was the "Swiss connection." Kaminsky was believed to be simply a small-time operator. The real targets proved to be much bigger fish.

The Swiss connection

Jean Jacques Handali, a French citizen and an account manager of the UBP bank, is now sitting in U.S. federal prison. The bank officially claims innocence, asserting that Handali conducted his criminal activity alone. Nonetheless, according to the U.S. Attorney's charges, Handali, along with two other account managers, Jeckile E. Valero and Karl Michael Ley, channeled millions of dollars worth of drug

money through the accounts of one Albert Shammah, who is a personal friend of Joseph Shalam, a member of the bank's board of directors.

While the UBP official asserts that Handali was acting alone, the indictments and other court papers document a case demonstrating that Handali and the two other account managers were functioning in the name of the bank. According to wiretaps, recorded discussions, and testimony of government agents and informants, Handali fully acknowledged that he was handling cash from narcotics traffickers and even encouraged his would-be client/government informant to direct other traffickers to make use of the bank's services to help "manage" their large sums of cash.

At one point Handali and his associates invite the client/informant to Geneva to meet one of the bank's "principals," presumably one of the board members. Many of the meetings take place at UBP headquarters in Geneva where the "client" is encouraged to invest in some of the leading European investment funds. UBP, as the third largest private bank in Switzerland, specializes in investing hundreds of millions of its "confidential" clients' dollars into such funds as the Soros management funds.

But what is the Union Bancaire Privée? As we have reported in the past, UBP was founded after the merger of Compagnie Banque et d'Investissements (CBI) and Trade Development Bank (TDB), both of Geneva. The former was the private bank of Edgar de Picciotto, of an old Levantine Jewish banking family who also sits on the board of directors of George Soros's Quantum Fund, known in Swiss banking circles as a front for British financial interests.

It should be pointed out that Mrs. Picciotto is a member in good standing of Prince Philip's 1001 Club. The Picciottos most recently served on the organizing committee of a benefit concert to raise funds for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) sponsored by the British Council in Geneva. The concert was held only hours after Picciotto's bank was raided by the Geneva police. The 1001 Club and its offshoot, the WWF, are the premier institutions through which the oligarchy behind the British monarchy has been running its operations to destroy and depopulate nations, under the cover of saving the environment and protecting endangered species.

Meanwhile, the Trade Development Bank was owned by Edmond Safra, who in 1989 gave \$1 million to the Anti-Defamation League. Safra had been named in January 1989 by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Customs officials as a premier drug-money launderer, servicing the Syrian-Lebanese-Bulgarian heroin connection and Colombian cocaine cartels. The case involved the Shakarchi Trading Company owned by a Lebanese smuggling family. The case was eventually dropped. Safra is also a member of the 1001 Club and big financier of the WWF. Safra is good friends with Picciotto. After his partnership with the American Express Company fell apart in the mid-1980s,

Safra is reported to have gotten an out-of-court settlement with Amex, which included the 1989 sale by Amex of TDB to CBI.

Now comes Albert Shammah. American prosecutors charge that UBP bank accounts of Shammah were utilized for the illegal transactions. Shammah, of Italian-Lebanese origin, was arrested in 1985 in Switzerland at the request of an Italian judge who accused him of leading a money-laundering ring with Turkish crime families. He was released and the charges were dropped after the personal intervention of Bettino Craxi, then prime minister of Italy of the Socialist Party, who now faces corruption charges. Others who intervened on Shammah's behalf included then-Mayor of Milan Carlo Tognoli, and Vittorio Ripa Di Meana, former Socialist Party environment minister and now spokesman of the parliamentary delegation of the Italian Green Party. Also coming to his defense was Joseph Shalam, then director of Trade Development Bank and now UBP director. In a statement released by his attorney, Shalam denied any knowledge of how his bank accounts could have been used for laundering millions of dollars. Nonetheless the U.S. Attorney's office also names a relative of his, Shlomo Djamal of Florida, as one of the individuals involved in the case.

Enter Geopol

The same building raided by the Geneva police houses the offices of Geopol Services SA, whose president is Pierre Hafner. Although not a director of the UBP, Hafner is a top director of CBI Holding, the Picciotto family's holding company which owns 80% of UBP. A Swiss attorney, he describes himself as a "private asset manager." The other director of Geopol is Elisabeth Kopp, former Swiss justice minister whose husband, Hans, was the attorney for the above-mentioned Shakarchi brothers. She lost her job as a result of the scandal which broke out when she told her husband that the Shakarchi brothers were being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Hans Kopp, who has been convicted for white-collar crimes, is a close collaborator of the third Geopol director, Helmut Raiser of Zug, the multimillion-dollar arms dealer. Raiser, who worked for Bohlen Industries, the Essen-based munitions firm owned by the brothers of the late Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, played a leading role in the Condor missile project which sold missile technology to Argentina, Egypt, and Iraq.

In the midst of these high-class scoundrels one finds Laurent Murawiec who fled from the LaRouche political movement after Lyndon LaRouche was imprisoned in January 1989 on orders of George Bush. Murawiec has since participated in a campaign of lies against LaRouche. The raid on UBP is fresh evidence that LaRouche's political enemies are run by the profiteers of the international narcotics trade, who were exposed in the bestselling book *Dope, Inc.*, which LaRouche commissioned.