
EIR's 'Sharon Report' Ten Years Later

Will the Anti-Defamation League's terror apparatus finally be crushed?

by Mark Burdman

It was ten years ago, that *EIR* released one of its most devastating Special Reports: "Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia," a 126-page report which provided a road map for comprehending what might best be termed the "international underworld." Almost exactly ten years since the report first appeared, on March 1, 1986, Ariel Sharon has burst back onto the Israeli and international scene, riding the crest of revulsion against terrorist atrocities committed by an organization, Hamas, that he himself had originally helped bring into being in the late 1980s.

The 1986 report documented how Israel's former Defense Minister Gen. Ariel "Arik" Sharon, would-be "King of Israel," was at the dead-center of a nexus of dirty financiers, drug-money launderers, criminals, terrorists, and religious sectarians, all with close links to the right-wing extremist Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) in the United States.

An introduction by Lyndon LaRouche, and subsequent chapters, revealed the "higher levels," the string-pullers, behind the ADL and Sharon, centered in a British-dominated East-West configuration known as the "Trust." The "Trust" might best be understood as the international oligarchy's controlling agency, in the management of the contemporary form of a global imperial system. LaRouche stressed that the "wealthy financier family-interests" that comprise the Trust, have been the common "mother" for the Bolshevism of the Soviet Union, radical movements more generally, and the variant of Zionism developed by Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Irgun—the variant of which Sharon is a chief representative today. These interests are, historically, traceable to the maritime Venetian empire of earlier centuries, mediated, in the past couple of centuries, through "powerful Swiss banking families in Geneva and Lausanne," with support from the East India Company-centered operations of the British Empire.

While the Soviet Union has since disappeared, the core concepts contained in the 1986 work, continue to be of undiminished relevance, in view of Sharon's reemergence over March and April. If relevant powers in key Western nations, especially the United States, had taken the findings of the

EIR Sharon report with greater seriousness, many lives, and needlessly shed blood, might have been spared.

The return of Sharon

The Hamas terrorist bombings occurred on consecutive Sundays this year, Feb. 25 and March 3. By March 5, Sharon was declaring, "We have to create a government of national unity," and was promoting himself as defense minister in such a government. He negotiated a new alliance among feuding factions in Israel's opposition Likud Party bloc, now suddenly brought together in opposition to the Clinton administration-backed Israeli-Palestinian peace process. As one Israeli source told this correspondent on March 5, "Sharon is now in his element." Within a matter of days, Sharon was made number two on the electoral slate of the Likud Party, for the national elections scheduled for May 29.

In the United States, the drumbeat was typified by a March 15 article in the New York City publication *Forward*, a Zionist neo-conservative weekly, entitled "Calls Arise for Return of Sharon, A Warrior Who Took on Terror." *Forward* featured an interview with the obese "King Arik," and numerous of Sharon's U.S. adherents, calling upon Prime Minister Shimon Peres to make Sharon the head of his office of "Terror Against Terror."

Such posturing, by Sharon and the "Sharon Lobby" in Israel and abroad, is true *chutzpah*: It was Sharon himself, who largely brought Hamas into existence in the first place, in the late 1980s, to employ them as a "countergang" against the Palestine Liberation Organization. In his *Forward* interview, Sharon virtually admits that Hamas has served as a type of Israeli asset, charging that the Peres government's abandonment of certain occupied territories, had allowed Arafat's Palestinian National Authority to crack down on, or eliminate, Palestinians who had "helped us" in the past.

The relationship of Hamas terrorism and Sharon's political fortunes, has always been "symbiotic."

As of this writing, certain Israeli forces are, again, moving to neutralize Sharon's influence, among them, Likud prominent Benny Begin, son of the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Benny Begin has come forward with sworn testimony,

that in 1982, when Sharon was defense minister in the Begin government, Sharon *lied to Begin* about his real intentions, in launching the bloody and self-defeating Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Such revelations may go some way to prick Sharon's balloon. However, this alone is unlikely to be enough to stop Sharon, especially since, as we will demonstrate, what he does or doesn't do, is not a function of Israeli internal politics. Sharon is a controlled asset of very powerful international forces. Charting his movements is a "red dye" for evaluating how the "international underworld" operates.

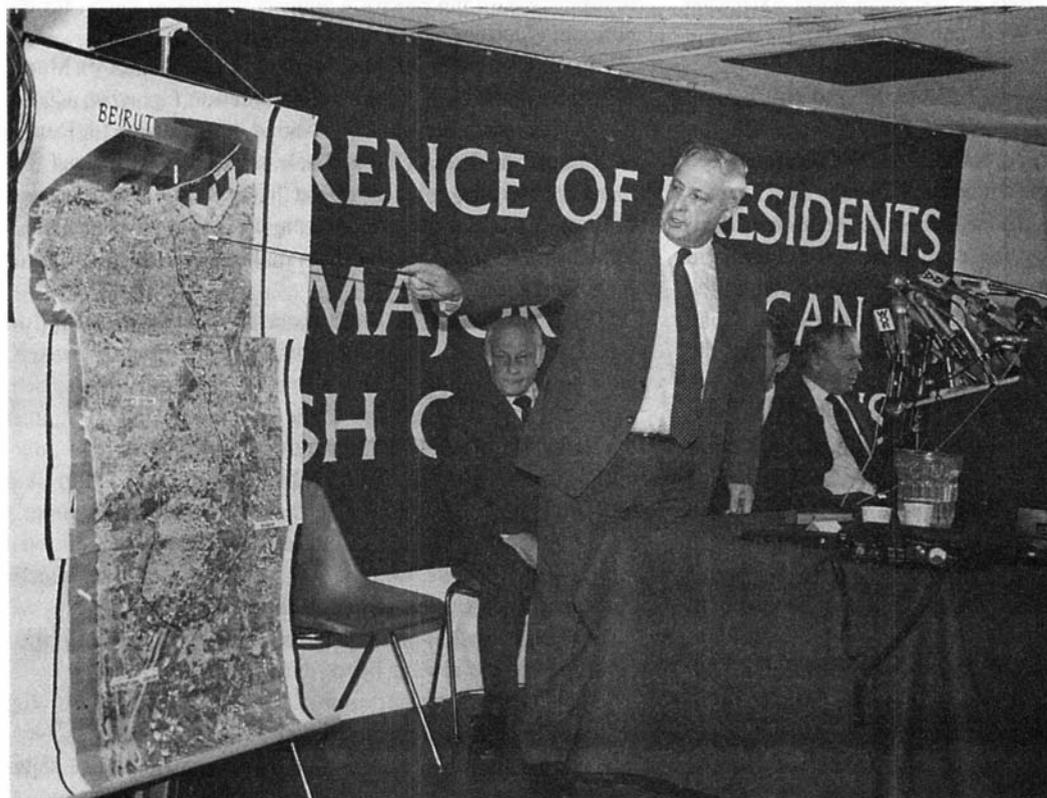
Protected in high places

As has been recently documented in other locations (such as the campaign white paper, "Assault on the Presidency," published in April 1994 by the LaRouche Exploratory Committee), many of the same creatures described in our 1986 Sharon report have, since then, been at the center of death threats and political assassination campaigns against President Bill Clinton. Some of the controllers of the potential assassins of Clinton are part of the same apparatus that was behind the November 1963 murder of President John F. Kennedy. It was precisely this network, which formed the political and ideological support apparatus for Baruch Goldstein, who slaughtered 28 Muslims in a mosque in the West Bank town of Hebron in February 1994; a review of the Sharon report's section on the Jewish Defense League/Jewish Defense Organization, leaves a sense of *déjà vu* about "who" and "what"

was involved in Goldstein's massacre. Sharon himself has been a chief fundraiser for the "settlers' movement" that was Goldstein's base of operations.

It is this complex, which continues to be the main terrorist threat in the Middle East, a fact underscored by the Nov. 4, 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and by the allegations by Yasser Arafat and his senior aides that the same "Jewish extremist" elements behind the murder of Rabin have developed *operational* coordination with Hamas. Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi, a key figure whom Arafat has named in the past days for suspected links to Hamas, is identified in the Sharon report as a "godfather of the Israeli Mafia" deeply implicated in British-directed destabilizations in the region.

Sharon's networks should long ago have been dismantled, and the protagonists, including "King Arik" himself, effectively neutralized. Short of such measures, taken belatedly now, it can be safely forecast, that the Middle East will be submerged in chaos, and all hopes for a lasting peace drowned in blood. But as the Sharon report had already shown then, a main obstacle to the necessary decisive action, is that they have been *protected by officials in government*, not only tainted officials in Israel but also key figures in the U.S. Department of Justice (particularly the department's so-called Office of Special Investigations, or OSI) and the FBI. This is the same corrupt, permanent DOJ-FBI bureaucracy, closely interfaced with top ADL figures, such as organized crime-



Gen. Ariel Sharon at a New York press conference in August 1982, pointing at a map of Beirut, Lebanon. In 1982, Sharon, then defense minister, lied to Prime Minister Menachem Begin about his plans for a Lebanon invasion, which led Israel into a quagmire of bloody slaughter. Now, Sharon is trying to make a comeback in next month's national elections.

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."

The case of Edmond Safra

Banker Edmond Safra, a frequent figure in the *EIR* report, is typical of the *dramatis personae* who are more notorious today, than ten years ago. In 1986, we identified Safra as the “chief financial godfather of the Syrian Jewish community, now relocated to Brooklyn, New York.” In the mid-1980s, Safra won a court suit, and proceeded to donate \$1 million of his earnings to the ADL.

Since the issuance of the Sharon report, especially following the Nov. 4, 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, Safra has become a center of controversy in many nations. It is not to be excluded, that he will be finding himself in serious legal and related troubles in the not-distant future: Most explosive, was the revelation that Safra was the financial patron of the Rabbi Avraham Hecht, who uttered prayers for the death of Rabin, in the weeks before the assassination. For this, Safra has drawn opprobrium from Jews, in both the United States and Israel, and from others interested in peace in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, he is involved in a bitter legal fight in Israel, with former associate Jack Nasser. That, too, could land him in big trouble.

Safra’s activities are also in the middle of serious debate among U.S. law enforcement agencies, regulators, and Congressional oversight committees. The story is this: Safra’s Republic National Bank in New York City has historically worked closely with the New York Federal Reserve (see *EIR*, Feb. 6, 1996, “New York Fed Is in Bed with Safra and the Russian Mafia”). Largely through Safra’s bank, during 1994 and 1995, some \$40 billion, sold on seignorage basis, have been sold to Russian banks and their customers based in Moscow. Russia’s dollarized

gray- and black-market economy is largely in the hands of mafiosi and “former” KGB intelligence operatives and is characterized by tax fraud, usury, illegal export of raw materials, and the laundering of Western drug money, as well as the usual rackets of prostitution, extortion, etc. The matter is being debated in the U.S. House Banking Committee.

Safra’s problems also derive from a “spin-off” operation from his financial empire. A derivative of the Safra banking and financial empire, is the murky Union Bancaire Privée (UBP) of his former school-chum in Lebanon, Edgar de Picciotto. UBP has been under investigation in the United States, South Africa, and Switzerland, for money laundering. For the time being, UBP has been authorized to participate in a buy-up of a major Brazilian bank, Banco Excel. This case involved massive national debate in Brazil, with the De Picciotto and Safra clans coming into the spotlight, and with the friends of UBP accusing *EIR* of masterminding the anti-UBP campaign.

One part of the De Picciotto web, is a shadowy consulting firm based in Geneva and Paris, called Geopol. Geopol’s chief, Pierre Hafner, is currently in a Swiss jail. A Geopol board member, Hans Kopp, who has been at the center of a number of scandals in Switzerland, has recently been denied the right to practice law that country. The head of Geopol’s Paris office, one Laurent Murawiec, was formerly a correspondent for *EIR*. Interestingly, his break with *EIR* began, to a significant extent, when he raised hysterical objections to the Sharon report, and did everything in his power to impede and obstruct its circulation in Europe and the Middle East: More precisely, under the cover of such “objections,” Murawiec was looking over the cast of characters included in the report, as his potential future employers! Obviously not a very secure employment, in view of the fate met by his friends these days.

ting house of Buckingham Palace and of the cream of Britain’s aristocracy since the 1700s.” In late 1985, during a trip to London, Sharon stayed at Stein’s home.

Ultimately, the report documents, the “dark side” in Israeli politics dates back to the World War II use by William Stephenson, founder and head of the British Special Operations Executive (SOE), of criminals for intelligence purposes, in what was labelled, by Stephenson, “Operation Underworld.”

Another element in the picture, is that, in the United States, the “contact-points” for the Sharon apparatus have invariably been key figures in the U.S. “neo-conservative” movement. This is documented in the section of the report which details the case of Jonathan Jay Pollard, a U.S. Naval

Intelligence officer who stole sensitive secrets from the United States on behalf of Israeli intelligence, which were then passed on to the Soviets. The “neo-con” connections are usually centered around the Heritage Foundation, based in Washington. The Heritage Foundation was set up by such Margaret Thatcher intimates as the late Lord Keith Joseph, and is, to this day, a notorious outpost of the British Empire in the United States.

From Jack the Ripper to Ariel Sharon

Sharon’s British pedigree is further brought to light if we move from the British connections, to Sharon’s direct involvement in several of the British Empire’s most important destabilization operations in the Middle East. The best

known, without doubt, is his commanding role, as Israeli defense minister in 1982, in the extremely bloody Israeli invasion of Lebanon. It is no accident that that invasion occurred soon after Britain's seizure of the Malvinas Islands in the South Atlantic, from Argentina. Both were part of a British strategy to militarize the areas south of NATO's traditional view, and to implicate the United States and other Western nations in "North vs. South" wars against developing sector nations.

Two other important British-directed operations are detailed in the Sharon report: the "West Bank land scam" and the plot to "rebuild the Temple of King Solomon" on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, where the Al-Aqsa Mosque is located.

The West Bank land scam was an elaborate scheme for transferring important land to Sharon-related interests, as part of a more general process of arranging Israeli annexation of key West Bank lands, in order to relocate hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews. The overall scheme involved highest-level Soviet-Israeli channels of discussion, highlighted by a meeting of Sharon with Soviet GRU (military intelligence) officials in Cyprus, in 1981. Other Soviet-Israeli arrangements were worked out through the mediation of such "Trust" figures as the late Occidental Petroleum magnate Armand Hammer and Seagram's liquor chief and World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman.

During 1982, there were several different sessions in which the land scam was discussed. The first was at Sharon's ranch, which had been bought for him by Meshulam Riklis. At the various sessions, one or all of the following individuals were present, among others: Sharon, Henry Kissinger, Harry Bloomfield, General Ze'evi, "Dirty Rafi" Eytan, the late Lord Harlech (David Ormsby-Gore), and Lord Peter Carrington. The presence of the last two underscores the high-level British patronage of the illicit scheme.

Consistent *EIR* exposés of the land scam, beginning in 1982, went a significant way to aborting the more nefarious features of the arrangement from being implemented.

As for the second of the two indicated operations, the Sharon report brought to light that the controlling force behind the plan to "rebuild the Temple of Solomon," is the Quatuor Coronati "research lodge" of the Mother Lodge of British freemasonry, the United Grand Lodge of England, headed by the Duke of Kent. The mythos of British freemasonry very much revolves around a cult of Solomon's Temple. The modern-day project for "rebuilding the Temple" goes back to the 19th century, with direct promotion from the British royal family. In 1862, the Prince of Wales made a highly unusual trip to Palestine, trying to bring this region into the British Empire, in order to secure key land and sea routes to the crown jewel, India. Following that trip, the British founded the Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF). Two of its original members, Sir Walter Besant and Sir Charles Warren, were among the nine founding members of the Quatuor Coronati lodge. War-

ren was head of the Metropolitan Police during the investigations of the "Jack the Ripper" murders, and at the center of a freemasonic conspiracy to cover up British royal family implication in crucial aspects of that bloody affair!

The most explosive sections of the Sharon report show how the British monarchy remains the controlling force, up to the present time, in the conspiracy to "rebuild Solomon's Temple." The report extensively documents the chains of command in this operation, from the highest British levels, through such Syrian Jewish financiers as Edmond Safra (see accompanying box), and down to the gutter level of terrorists.

In this context, the report reveals a crucial channel of British pollution of the Israeli security services, and one that need be kept in mind, in understanding the "security lapses" that permitted the murder of Rabin. The nerve center, in and around Israel, of agitation for "rebuilding the Temple," is an educational school, or yeshiva, called Ateret Cohanim. The Sharon report had already spotlighted, ten years ago, that several leading "priests" at Ateret Cohanim, were members of Shabak, the Israeli internal security service!

Again, these are Sharon's babies. The top U.S.-based bankroller of Ateret Cohanim is Florida wheeler and dealer Irving Moscowitz. In a mid-1980s discussion, Moscowitz had confided: "Sharon is the King, a visionary. A great man. His time will come" (see box p. 58).

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