

## David Lowe and Africa

In the mid-1980s, David Lowe, who now channels National Endowment for Democracy (NED) funds to the Soros apparatus, was deputy to Irwin Suall of the Anti-Defamation League, and the pair ran the ADL's "Fact-Finding Division," which included a program of cooperation with the South African apartheid regime.

On Jan. 15, 1993, the *San Francisco Chronicle* broke the story that the ADL was under investigation for spying on American citizens, stealing police and FBI files, and giving them to the South African regime.

The FBI probe of South African spying became one of the biggest espionage scandals in history, when the San Francisco District Attorney's office announced the city's probe of the ADL. San Francisco police investigators found that the ADL was illegally spying on at least 950 political organizations including the NAACP, the Rainbow Coalition, Greenpeace, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the United Auto Workers, the Christic Institute, Operation Rescue, the Nation of Islam, the United Farm Workers, Act-Up, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Lyndon LaRouche's political movement.

Police investigators also found that the ADL was infiltrating police departments, bribing police, and obtaining classified government data on 20,000 American citizens. Further, the ADL was selling information on anti-apartheid groups to agents of the South African government.

The San Francisco authorities concluded that what they had unearthed was part of a nationwide spy operation run centrally out of the ADL's national headquarters in New York City under the direction of its "fact finding" director, Irwin Suall.

As Suall's deputy, Lowe wrote the main reports of the ADL in that period of domestic espionage. Because of this work, and the foreign connections involved, Lowe was hired by the NED's founding and permanent president, Carl Gershman, to run the NED's international operations.

The NED was created in 1983 as the overt U.S. government funding agency, explicitly corporatist, for Anglo-American imperial projects in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Its major job in the 1980s was promoting the "Contras'" adventures in Central America, the gun-running and cocaine-trafficking associated with Oliver North.

NED president Gershman, a former leftist turned right-wing strategist, had started his own career with the ADL, bonding him to the apartheid-linked Lowe.