

Dope, Incorporated runs arms to both sides in Central America

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According to highly reliable intelligence reports from Mexico City, the Israeli embassy there has been identified as one of the prime sources for running guns into both the "left" and "right" sides of the increasingly dangerous conflict in El Salvador.

EIR's sources also pinpointed the number-two man in the Israeli embassy as being the key individual responsible for coordinating the funneling of guns via Costa Rica into El Salvador.

EIR's counterintelligence staff is looking further into the nature and origins of the massive gun- and drug-running apparatus in Latin America. The profile of elements of the Israeli embassy's direct involvement in these operations points in the direction of the \$200-billion-a-year international drug cartel, which has been named by investigators Dope, Incorporated.

Centered among the international banks based in London, Hong Kong, and New York, Dope, Inc. has offshore components throughout the Caribbean leading into Canada and Mexico. It is the determining command apparatus for the Israeli elements operating in Mexico. The Israeli aspect of the arms and drug sales ties into a group within Israel identified by French journalist Jacques Derogy in his book *The Israel Connection*. The political forces represented by Dope, Inc. historically overlap in operational capabilities with both the Socialist International-run "left" and its "right-wing" counterparts. They also form the financial and political shock troops of the forced population reduction planned by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

The Canadian connection

The Israeli elements in charge of the armaments operations are linked to a notorious gun and dope runner named David Marcus Katz. Although Katz had been identified two years ago as being responsible for Latin America gun-running using Mexico as a base of operations, Israeli sources have told *EIR* that Katz is still operating in Mexico. Katz used the million-dollar arms and narcotics business to funnel money into the National Religious Party in Israel, a party now rife with corruption scandals.

Katz is just one component of Dope, Inc.'s Latin

American capability. Central operational control over Latin American, and especially Caribbean, gun and drug activity is in Canada. The notorious Bronfmans—the bootleg whisky family of the 1920s and drug financiers of the 1970s—and their interlocking financial empire based on Seagrams, the major family-owned company, provide the Canadian connection. Through the Bronfman nexus, the Canadian component of Dope, Inc. has a war room for coordinating these operations which is historically tied to Sir William Stephenson's British Special Operations Executive.

In one of the Bronfman enterprises, Space Research, the arms merchant activity is readily identifiable. Space Research, a high-technology laboratory involved with weaponry, was set up in Highwater, Quebec under the auspices of the Canadian government. At the same time, Space Research developed a weapons-testing and transshipment point in the Caribbean on the islands of Grenada, Barbados, Antigua, and Dominica. Out of this center, major shipments of arms—including high-grade weapons—were made to Israel and South Africa illegally until 1977. An exposé in the Montreal *Gazette* forced the Space Research operatives to limit their activity, but the same apparatus is still in place under the new regimes in the Caribbean.

In Mexico, the Bronfman empire intersects with the Domecq/Bacardi liquor interests. The Mexican ambassador to Canada, Agustin Barrios Gómez, comes directly from this circle. Also tied to these political networks are Foreign Minister Jorge Castañeda and his stepson, Andrés Rozental; Castañeda's wife comes from a leading Russian emigré-Zionist family with Canadian connections.

Another link is the Bronfman lawyer and controller, former Anglo-Canadian Special Operations Executive agent Louis Mortimer Bloomfield. During World War II, Bloomfield built the Division Five-Counterintelligence apparatus of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later ran the Permindex corporate entity which ran the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Bloomfield's Mexican contacts are centered around the former president of Mexico and leading oligarch Miguel Alemán.

At the Israeli end of this network is billionaire Saul Eisenberg, whose corporate empire extends not only to all of Asia, but also into Latin America. Eisenberg runs a weapons-development nexus in Israel which is reportedly directly involved in arms merchandising into Latin America. He is presently the Israeli consular official in Panama City.

Working with Eisenberg and the Canadian-based corporate interface is a group of Israeli generals led by Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi. Ze'evi, a.k.a. "Gandhi," set up gun-running operations into Bolivia and Ecuador. Ze'evi was the Ecuadorian adviser in 1977 when the apparatus of financing guns for drugs, especially cocaine, was arranged.

Ze'evi has been identified by French journalist Jacques Derogy as a leading figure in the Israeli mafia which in the United States operates most significantly in Miami and southern California. The Central American interface is through Costa Rica and Panama. Ze'evi is presently the special minister in charge of the police and the interior ministry, providing him with complete command over the illicit arms and drug operations internationally. He came under attack from the Israeli Police Inspector General Hertzal Shafir, before Shafir was forced to resign by the Interior Minister, National Religious Party chief Josef Burg.

The key Israeli mafia figure Ze'evi works with is Bezalel Mizrahi, one of the godfathers of organized crime in Israel. Mizrahi has been definitively linked to U.S. organized crime figure Meyer Lansky. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reportedly has a complete dossier on the "Israeli Generals' Ring."

United Fruit-United Brands

The leading corporation that viewed Central America as its private plantation has been United Fruit—now the United Brands Corporation—currently run by Saul Eisenberg's "Millionaire Club" compatriot Max Fisher. Fisher, along with Eisenberg and several other prominent financiers, in 1968 formed a firm called the Israel Corporation, which handled the illicit funds from the drug and gun-running operations. Fisher's United Brand's fleet of ships run approximately 30 percent of the cocaine out of Latin and Central America. It was through United Fruit capabilities that the 1954 Guatemala coup d'état was carried out.

Most importantly, Max Fisher and his associates in Canada, Israel, and the United States provide a great deal of financing to the Socialist International. Fisher has been a longtime patron of the Socialist International trade union, the United Autoworkers (UAW), and through the auspices of the UAW and its networks many revolutionary groups are being funded. The pay-

ments are conducted through the Institute for Policy Studies, the left-wing Socialist International organization which has UAW President Doug Fraser on its board of trustees.

The Cuban interface

Over the last two years, IPS and its multifaceted offshoot institutions and networks, including the Transnational Institute (TNI) in Amsterdam, have become part of the Cuban intelligence operations in the Caribbean and Central America. Phillip Agee's August 1978 trip to the Cuban Communist Party youth festival consolidated the Cuban intelligence interface. The "liberation organizations" including the Antigua Liberation Front, New Jewel Movement in Grenada, Guadeloupe Liberation Army, Barbados People's Alliance, and Central American liberation organizations, are interlocked between IPS-TNI and the Cuban intelligence organization, DGI.

This is how Socialist International gets its arms for the "revolutionary movements." It is also through IPS that Cuban intelligence monitors Central Intelligence Agency activity in that region. Phillip Agee's *Counter-spy* anti-CIA activity has been instrumental in upgrading the ability of Cuban intelligence in running covert action against the United States. Although most of the U.S.-based CIA actions actually play into the hands of the destabilization effort of the Central American-Caribbean region, Agee's activity provides crucial assistance in pinpointing Cuban intelligence targets.

Cuban intelligence's new chief for the Department of the Americas, Jesus Montane, has announced a "call for armed struggle" in the Caribbean and Central American region. Montane, recently appointed to the Cuban intelligence division concerned with the Americas operation, is considered by U.S. intelligence sources to be running terrorist operations inside the United States as well. Through IPS and related networks operating in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, Cuban intelligence is presently preparing for a terrorist upsurge. The latest bombing at a U.S. air base in Puerto Rico is exemplary of the kind of action that is to be expected.

IPS's Gar Alperovitz mirrored Montane's armed struggle call by stating in Stockholm last summer that, as a result of the Puerto Rican "liberation" struggle, New York City will be turned into another Paris during the Algerian civil war in the early 1960s.

At the end of January on the island of Grenada, the Socialist International, IPS, and Cuban-backed liberation groups will gather to map the further destabilization of the entire Caribbean. If the situation in El Salvador moves along the path of a bloody civil war, the Caribbean will shortly ignite in the same fashion. All the operations are now set in place.