

Armand Hammer clique pulls Israeli government into the Soviet orbit

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Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov's Paris Oct. 4 announcement, that Moscow was on the verge of reopening diplomatic relations with Israel, reflects a fact which is presently terrifying traditionalists inside Israel itself: Israel's close cooperation with Moscow's terrorist frontmen, Syria and Libya, is very far advanced at the present time. What frightens some leading Israelis the most, is the fact that the Soviet agents around Armand Hammer, Edgar Bronfman, and Ariel Sharon, have taken over large chunks of the United States' intelligence functions, and are blinding and disorienting the U.S. government with a torrent of wildly false information.

On the surface, it might appear that Israel's present cooperation with Syria and Libya, in efforts to topple the governments of Egypt and Tunisia, is merely consistent with Israel's long record of starting wars each time forces in Israel and the U.S.A. are at the edge of launching a new Middle East peace process. When Israel's Moshe Sharett tried to launch a peace process, the legendary David Ben-Gurion launched a war. When U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers launched his "Rogers Plan" for Middle East peace, the 1973 Arab-Israeli war was triggered to sabotage the Plan, dump Rogers, and promote Henry A. Kissinger to Secretary of State. When President Reagan launched the "Reagan Plan," Ariel Sharon launched the bloody invasion of Lebanon, leading to the present destruction of that nation. As President Reagan relaunched the peace process, Israel committed an act of war against Tunisia and threatened to invade Jordan. Considering the pattern over decades, it might appear to some, that nothing much has changed.

The recent Greek elections were followed immediately by Greece's forming an alliance with the Warsaw Pact against NATO member Turkey, and this event, combined with the takeover of Lebanon by Soviet ally Syria, has unleashed a Soviet plan for immediate takeover of the Middle East as Moscow's zone of strategic influence, and pushing the U.S. Sixth Fleet out of Mediterranean. As part of this, Moscow has approved cooperation among Israel, Syria, and Libya, for the killing of Palestine Liberation Organization head Yasser Arafat, the destruction of Jordan, and the destabilization of Egypt, Tunisia, and Algeria.

In this setting two factions in Israel are competing to see which can win the race to make a deal with Moscow first. Ariel Sharon and terrorist Meir Kahane, sponsored by the coalition of Soviet agent Armand Hammer and Edgar Bronfman, have the best inside track with Moscow at this time, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres is pushing hard through channels of Romania's President Nicolai Ceausescu.

Following the visit to Moscow of PLO Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddoumi, Yasser Arafat made repeated public statements warning that a "New Yalta" agreement had been made, which would place the entire Middle East within the Soviet sphere of strategic influence, and that he, Arafat, was scheduled to be eliminated very soon, as part of the package. High-level sources have confirmed, that Moscow officials told Kaddoumi of this "New Yalta" deal, and proposed the PLO's immediate dumping of Arafat.

Following this, on Sept. 25, 1985, Soviet-trained "Force 17" agents of Syrian intelligence killed three Mossad agents at Lanarca, on the island of Cyprus, which Israel used as a pretext for bombing Tunisia. On Oct. 6, 1985, an assassination-team of four Syrian intelligence agents boarded the Italian cruise ship *Achille Lauro*, on which President Reagan's daughter Maureen was reported to be booked, and by a series of coincidences, temporarily took over the ship on Oct. 7, 1985, killing an invalided 69-year-old U.S. citizen, Leon Klinghoffer. The director-general of the Israeli foreign ministry, David Kimche, then claimed to have proof that Tunisia-based Yasser Arafat was behind a planned piracy against the ship. In both cases, Israeli officials knew that the incidents were directed by Arafat's enemies in Soviet Damascus. The leading known facts about the *Achille Lauro* case make the point very clearly.

Facts of the case

Fact #1: On the *Achille Lauro* affair, the evidence is clear, that no takeover of the ship itself was planned in advance. To take over a ship of that design, the terrorist team would be obliged to take over three areas of the ship, the bridge, the radio room, and the engine room, and would be equipped to mine the ship with explosives. This requires between 12 and 18 trained terrorists. Therefore, if there were

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only four terrorists on the ship, the piracy was essentially an unplanned action by a team originally assigned to some other mission, most probably the assassination or kidnaping of some individual of exceptional political significance, such as President Reagan's daughter or some important intelligence operative.

Fact #2: The assassination-team was under the control of Syrian intelligence, linked to Syrian agent Abul Abbas. This is a Soviet-controlled faction of Palestinians working to eliminate Arafat.

Fact #3: Israeli foreign ministry director David Kimche is openly collaborating with Libya's Muammar Qaddafi, in operations directed against both Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Tunisia.

On Oct. 1, President Reagan stated publicly, that the reason his government had cooperated with the Israeli bombing of Tunisia, was that he trusted the information he had received from Israeli intelligence. The Israeli intelligence, it was later proven, had been a lie. The President's own statement makes it absolutely clear, that Israel had succeeded in duping the President of the United States with this lie. The President placed the United States' strategic position in the Middle East and Mediterranean region in immediate jeopardy, for no other reason than that he had been taken in temporarily by Israeli influence over the U.S. intelligence services.

The Israeli government is working in behalf of an arrangement with Moscow, Damascus, and Tripoli, and the United States has turned over major portions of its own intelligence services to "reliable ally" Israel. Worse, the elements of Israeli intelligence being deployed into the U.S. intelligence services are under the control of the faction of Soviet agent Armand Hammer and his accomplice, Edgar Bronfman.

The 'Trust'

There are two reasons for the surfacing of this new cooperation against the United States between Moscow and Israel. The more obvious reason, is circumstantial; the Soviets are taking strategic control over the Middle East, and Israel is determined to survive by making arrangements with

the region's new overlord. The more complicated, but more important reason, is the fact that the faction behind Sharon is headed by Soviet agent Armand Hammer. Armand Hammer, like his father, Julius, has spent his entire adult life as an agent of a branch of Soviet intelligence set up by Cheka head Felix Dzerzhinsky, the "Trust."

With cooperation from Winston Churchill's famous spy, Sidney Reilly, the Soviet Cheka, predecessor of the present-day KGB, used wealthy Russian businessmen and Russian aristocrats in the service of the Soviet government, to set up a far-flung financial empire in the West. During the later 1920s, wealthy Western financiers, such as Averell Harriman, were coopted into this "Trust" organization, through the system of "foreign concessions" set up under the New Economic Policy of the 1920s.

Although the "Trust" was set up formally under Lenin, Trotsky, and Dzerzhinsky, it was in fact nothing but a continuation of an operation established at the beginning of the 20th century through the most famous, and wealthiest, super-spy in modern history, the Odessa-born Alexander Helphand, also known as "Parvus." Parvus was directed by Venice's powerful Count Volpi di Misurata, who was the creator of Libya, and the man who put Benito Mussolini into power in Italy. Volpi was at the center of the complex of financier interests which orchestrated the Balkan wars of 1912-14, and both the 1905 and 1917 Russian revolutions. Parvus was co-author of Leon Trotsky's doctrine of "Permanent Revolution," and the German-British spy who organized Lenin's 1917 "sealed-train" journey from Switzerland to Petrograd.

Parvus had owned Trotsky during the events of 1905. He also owned Karl Radek, N. Bukharin, G. Ryazanov, Christian Rakovsky, and others among the Bolshevik leaders Stalin later ordered killed during the 1930s Purges. If one studies the lists of banking families who financed Russian revolutionary leaders before and during World War I, and who were financial angels of both the Left Opposition and Right Opposition during the late 1920s and the 1930s, one has the beginnings of a list of the Western financial interests tied to Armand Hammer's "Trust" operations of today. The list is nearly completed by adding such anti-Semitic names as "Harriman," and assorted other European aristocrats and "concessionaires" who were integrated into the "Trust" during the 1920s. One must also include former Nazi financiers in Switzerland and elsewhere, who were taken over by Soviet intelligence's "Trust" operations beginning about 1943. One must add to this consolidated list, the Communists and ex-Communists who went into business ventures whose financial success was helped by Soviet operations run through "Trust" resources in the West. Some of these are famous as financial backers of Communist parties and Communist "fronts." Others are kept in more discreet roles, either as KGB "sleepers" or in active covert intelligence functions.

This "Trust" was the true reason for the bloody factional struggles within the Soviet leadership during the 1920s and 1930s. Although the "Trust" was predominantly an asset of

the Soviet secret services, it was so powerful a force, both inside and outside Russia, that it was able to attempt to take over its Soviet master. Inside the Soviet leadership of the 1920s, the faction controlled by the "Trust" were the "cosmopolitans." Stalin tried to control the "Trust," by playing the Right Opposition against the Left, and then cutting down the "Trust's" key figure of the post-Lenin 1920s, N. Bukharin. During the purges of the 1930s, Stalin slaughtered most of the more famous of the "Trust's" agents within the Soviet Communist leadership. The "Trust" continued, but that ever-suspicious nationalist, Stalin, reduced its power inside Russia greatly, until Khrushchov's rule. Wherever a Soviet official speaks kindly of the memory of Bukharin today, there speaks the voice of the "Trust."

If one selects, from the readily accessible names on a list of "Trust"-affiliated Western financiers, a much shorter list of those financier interests with Jewish names, one has some of the facts which

Sharon's faction today. One must add to that list of financial assets of the "Trust," elements of the old Soviet Left and Right Opposition who adopted an anti-Stalin cover and went

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into Western intelligence services after 1938, noting those who went into what is sometimes called "the Zionist Lobby" after World War II:

At that point, one begins to appreciate the fear expressed by a large faction of Israeli patriots. Those patriots, led by men and women who are not amateurs in the intelligence profession, see the Soviet-controlled "Trust," big names of organized-crime included, taking total control over Israel, and transforming the nation into a drug-trafficking brothel. That is what they see as the issue behind Ariel Sharon's drive for dictatorial power. That is why they hate the U.S. State Department, which they rightly see as propping up Sharon's faction.

Many Israelis know, and have said repeatedly, that there is no hope for Israel unless Israel reaches a peace-agreement with the Palestinian Arabs. As long as Anglo-American Middle East policy continues to be strongly influenced by American and European arms of the "Trust," the Israeli factions working for peace have no chance of preventing Israel's takeover by butchers such as Sharon and the terrorist Kahane.

The jet intercept: Moscow is laughing

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With President Reagan's decision to approve Israel's terror-bombing of Tunisia and intercept an Egyptian jet carrying the hijackers of the *Achille Lauro* oceanliner, the United States has launched a "war on terrorism" which has Moscow cheering.

There is a very simple solution to the present crisis between the United States and Egypt, said a Middle East observer: "If the United States is really committed to the fight against international terrorism, as they claim after the intercept of the Egyptian Boeing 737 plane, then Washington should attack Libya!" The Oct. 15 *Wall Street Journal* quoted a "senior administration official" expressing the same view. The next step should be to attack: Libya, Iran, and Syria.

This view may be shared by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who is said to have opposed the intercept of the Egyptian plane, certainly not out of weakness, but because he foresaw the events which have since unfolded.

But Weinberger lost out to Secretary of State George Shultz. Thereupon, a very blind and foolish President Reagan, after years of doing nothing about terrorist atrocities that at times took hundreds of American lives at a single blow, atrocities in which the highly visible culprits were Soviet allies and puppets in the Middle East, finally decided to act—against America's own allies in the Middle East!

No wonder that the President's intercept action has received the highest praise from Moscow. Wrote TASS on Oct. 11: "The American anger against the crimes of the terrorists of the *Achille Lauro* is understandable and just. . . ." Indeed.

There was similar jubilation in the Israeli government, especially the Sharon faction, now almost public in conspiring with the Soviets against the United States.

In sum, the President's new "boldness" against terrorism has been tailored by Secretary of State George Shultz within a "New Yalta" framework of agreements with the Soviet Union—a pure expression of American disengagement, giving the Soviets suzerainty over a region in which the American interest, by America's own actions, has been discredited and destroyed. And, the entire affair is thus a clear factional victory of Shultz over Weinberger, a dire portent for the Geneva talks.

The Kremlin rests assured that, unless Moscow itself