

Let's get those ayatollahs out of the Congress

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When a majority of you elect me President, in the November 1988 elections, please give me a better Congress, one that is able to think rationally.

It is time that you, as ordinary citizens, were told a few very high-level, very dirty secrets about some of the things corrupting our government. I shall begin by identifying some very strange behavior by the Congress lately, and then explain to you how such things are made to happen.

First, what I mean by "very strange behavior." For example:

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, 100 Democratic members of Congress filed a suit in the U.S. Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, demanding that President Ronald Reagan be forced to invoke the so-called "War Powers Act" as authority for sending U.S. military forces to patrol the Persian Gulf. Thus, many of the same members of Congress ready to lynch the President for his military aid to Khomeini's Iran, are intervening now to give the Khomeiniacs a free rein for terrorist actions throughout the Middle East.

The action was led by Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.), who is backed by the same Project Democracy caught red-handed in the Iran/Contra arms-trafficking operations, Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO bureaucracy. Supporters of Lowry's initiative include Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), one those presidential candidates the news media has described as mental "dwarfs."

This is not the only such case of raving insanity from a large portion of the Congress. Since the November 1984 elections, the Congress has pushed through a series of bills

which have no effect but to wreck the U.S. government, bankrupt the United States, and generally destroy the credibility of the United States around the world. This pattern began with the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, and continued by ramming through a lunatic tax reform bill. Since the November 1986 elections, insanity seems to have taken charge in most areas of legislation.

I am not exaggerating. At the time the original Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill was rammed through, some of its supporters in the Congress explained the legislation as "an insane idea whose time has come." In the latest proposed version of Gramm-Rudman, which some are attempting to attach to the debt-ceiling bill, a supporter has described this as "a planned train-wreck."

Admittedly, President Reagan has not been exactly a mental giant in his legislative program for economic and monetary policy. At a time when the U.S. economy is sliding deeper and deeper into an economic depression, for lack of job-creating investment in agriculture, industry, and infrastructure, the President demanded a tax-bill which eliminated all tax-incentives for such investments. The President also supported a Gramm-Rudman bill which makes the federal government itself unmanageable.

President Reagan's foolishness on economics aside, none of this could have happened if the Congress had not behaved insanely. Most of the energy of the Congress since 1984 seems to have gone into passing bills which even some leading Congressional supporters admit make no sense.

When a body of government, the Congress, repeatedly pushes through laws which even leading Congressional supporters admit make no sense, we can eliminate two possible

causes for such acts. First, we know that none of these bills that make no sense was pushed through under pressure from the majority of the legislator's constituents back home; none of these bills that make no sense was "pork-barrel" legislation. Second, even leading supporters of the bills in the Congress admit the laws passed have no rational explanation. In other words, in all of these cases, the Congress had no reason of its own to pass such crazy bills.

What other reason could there be, which would have caused them to push through bills that make no sense? Must we not suspect that some force outside the Congress has been pulling the Congressmen's strings? It certainly wasn't the voters. Who was it, then?

The first place to go to seek the answer, is the official funding records of the Federal Election Commission. Begin with the biggest blocs of political action committees. On the Republican side, that includes the late Terry Dolan's National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), a powerful lobby led by a circle of Republican homosexuals.

A more powerful lobby is a network of political action committees coordinated by AIPAC, the so-called "Zionist Lobby," better named the lobby of the former friends of organized crime's Meyer Lansky and his friends, the circles of frequent Moscow visitor Edgar Bronfman, Soviet agent Armand Hammer, Max Fisher, and so forth. AIPAC's complex can, and does, deliver more money, directly and indirectly, to more members of Congress than any single other such influence—as you saw in the way the Joint Select Committee of the Congress covered up the truth about Irangate during the recently televised hearings.

Don't go off half-cocked and call this the "Israel lobby."

It does not represent Israel, although it is very closely tied to a Moscow-connected, right-wing faction in Israel around Ariel Sharon and the cronies of professed fascist Michael Ledeen. The U.S. side of this crew includes the billionaire Bronfman interests, the Meshulam Riklis who bought Ariel Sharon the farm where this set often meets inside Israel; money-grubber Henry A. Kissinger is in tight with this crowd in some scams, and Alexander Haig is part of the same circle.

This crew is connected to a faction inside Israel, a faction built up by the late Meyer Lansky and his cronies. Like the late Prime Minister Golda Meir, who bounced Lansky not only out of Israel, but halfway around the world into a waiting jail in Florida, there are factions in Israel who are fighting to stop Ariel Sharon and his cronies.

Inside the U.S., the controlling elements behind the AIPAC PAC syndicate all have "past" ties to the Astor-Rothstein-Lansky North American and Caribbean organized-crime syndicate of the 1920s and 1930s, and that "past" rubs off on the morals and methods of the lot of them today. Once Golda Meir was out of the way, this crew of "ex-gangsters" moved in on Israel, to push through the organized-crime takeover of Israel which Lansky had been attempting when

Golda Meir heaved him out of the country.

This crew of "ex-gangsters" has wrecked Israel's agricultural and industrial sectors. It has grabbed control of much of Israel's foreign weapons-trading operations as a power-base. Naturally, normal Israelis don't like this crew one bit, but since this crew of "ex-gangsters" has powerful U.S. backing, and tremendous wealth, honest Israelis have not been able, so far, to break the power of this faction.

This is the crew, tied to frequent Moscow-traveler Edgar Bronfman, and tied also to longstanding Soviet agent Armand Hammer, which coordinates AIPAC. It is also the major street-level lobby, in both the U.S. and Israel, which has been behind Israel's open and the U.S. government's secret arming of the Khomeini terrorist dictatorship since 1979. Through this crew's close connections with "former" Soviet intelligence operative Jay Lovestone and Lovestone's powerful network inside the AFL-CIO international department, it is also a leading force inside the "secret government" set up under the National Endowment for Democracy, Project Democracy, and President Reagan's Executive Orders 12333 and 12334.

That explains much about the strange behavior of the Joint Select Committee of the Congress in the televised Irangate hearings. It also explains much about the behavior of the 100 Congressmen in launching the federal suit against President Reagan's containment of Khomeini's efforts to spread the war in the Gulf. However, that is only the "street level" of the corrupt control exerted over the behavior of many in the Congress.

The truth about Meyer Lansky

The late Sen. Estes Kefauver's "Kefauver Commission" investigation of organized crime in the United States, was a stunning exposure, and probably an honest effort, as far up into organized crime as it succeeded in reaching. However, the myth of the "Italian-American mafia" was just that. After Arnold Rothstein and his ambitious protégé, Meyer Lansky, wiped out the Sicilian mafia's "Moustache Petes" during the gangland wars of the 1920s, and once Lansky succeeded the murdered Arnold Rothstein, Meyer Lansky masterminded all U.S. organized crime, top-down, until the day he died. If there were fellows like Al Capone of Italian-American extraction in organized crime, they all worked for Lansky, until Lansky turned them in to federal agencies, or they died suddenly.

It started with the repeal of Canadian Prohibition and the Rockefeller family's key role, through control over the Baptists and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in pushing through what became the Volstead act. "Quite coincidentally," Rockefeller adviser MacKenzie King's Canada repealed its prohibition against alcoholic beverages at nearly the same instant Prohibition began in the United States.

The key figure in what followed was the Astor family of Vincent and Cliveden's Lady Astor, the latter notorious as

leader of a circle of Hitler's 1930s admirers, and also claimed by press reports as the grandmother of Hollywood's Elizabeth Taylor. The connection between then and now is the private, Anglo-American secret-intelligence organization run under the cover of the Astor trust, sometimes referenced as "The Room."

There was a dapper fellow, a "black sheep" from a respectable Jewish family of New York, Arnold Rothstein, a compulsive gambler who successfully plied the passenger ships traveling back and forth between New York City and Europe. It was Astor who picked up Arnold Rothstein, and used Rothstein to create organized crime's smuggling of Scotch whisky and Canadian rotgut into the United States. Rothstein, like Boston's Joe Kennedy, also close to the Astors' Cliveden set, acquired contracts with British distillers. The latter brought the hooch to points outside the U.S. territorial limits, and organized crime took responsibility for the merchandise from that point on.

Meanwhile, in Canada, the Baron de Hirsch's sense of humor prevailed. To meet Canada's need for a brewer of illicit hooch, the Baron's network supplied a Bronfman ("whisky-man") from the lower Danube region. Bronfman's Prohibition rotgut, rumored to taste like old socks from Russia's Odessa, later evolved into Seagram's. There was another leading brewer of rotgut, Rosensteil, whose Prohibition product evolved into Schenley's. (The difference is, the morning after drinking Seagram's, one's mouth tastes like Schenley's.)

As the Astors' private intelligence organization moved in on the official U.S. government, over the course of the late 1920s through the 1930s, Astor-linked Lansky's organized-crime apparatus became more and more a protected asset of the resulting arrangements within the Anglo-American intelligence community, and within political power as such.

Lansky's organization kept its organized-crime capabilities, but became increasingly "respectable" during and following World War II. It performed services for the U.S. intelligence community. It took control of Hollywood, and moved over into areas of popular entertainment. It moved into control of large areas of spectator sports and legalized gambling, two of the most basic methods for "laundering" of large masses of proceeds from underworld activities, and as a ruse for tax-evasion. Regular businesses, including corporate giants, found the special capabilities of Lansky's organization "useful." The booms in real-estate speculation over the postwar period, became a major factor in the combined financial operations of Lansky's syndicate and its "respectable" partners.

David Rockefeller went into partnership with Lansky and others in that curious enterprise known as "The Mary Carter Paint Company," the point of origin for Resorts International and Intertel. Enterprising attorneys and others, found services rendered to Bronfman, the Jacobs family, and other elements of Lansky's circuit a springboard to power within law-en-

forcement agencies of the federal, state, and local government, and into the inside of powerful political machines such as those of the Rockefellers and the Kennedy machine of Walter Sheridan.

With the postwar establishment of the state of Israel, Lansky and other families of organized crime found profit and respectability in becoming professionally Jewish. There were weapons to be smuggled, deals to be struck, and fundraising to be organized, activities in which gangsters could be made to appear champions of noble causes, and skim super-profits at the same time. This helped as drug-trafficking escalated as a source of big revenues, especially after Billy Mellon Hitchcock's LSD-25 coup of the early 1960s; don't get caught with the drugs as such, but there was profit in financing the "deals" through cut-outs, and more profit in laundering at fat discounts the growing proceeds of the trafficking itself. "Who, me, tied to drugs?" Lansky could protest; "Are you anti-Semitic or something?"

All the while, while Lansky's organized-crime syndicate was becoming highly respectable in Hollywood and Las Vegas (which it owned, essentially), the arrangement begun between the Astors and Arnold Rothstein not only continued, but grew closer and stronger.

Organized crime's ties to intelligence were especially close to "ex-Communist" Jay Lovestone's labor-oriented network inside the postwar intelligence community. Gangsters became "right-wing social-democrats." Take the details of the Banks case as documented in proceedings of Canada's Parliament, for example.

In the immediate postwar period, Great Lakes shipping was dominated by the Canadian Maritime Union (CMU), a Communist Party-controlled union. Banks, a U.S. felon of more muscle than scruples, was sent to Canada, as part of the postwar anti-communist labor activity of Jay Lovestone and his cronies, all with the backing of the U.S. State Department.

Banks's mayhem around Canadian Great Lakes ports the Canadian government tolerated. What upset the Canadians was the parliamentary scandal which erupted when Canadian intelligence reported that Joseph "Joe Bananas" Bonanno, had moved into Montreal, and with him a great increase in the traffic in opium from Mao Ze Dong's China. Canada did not object to Banks's bringing in help from his friends in the U.S.A., but when some of those fellows began to build up their own crime empires inside Canada, and a few homicides turned up, that was a scandal.

In the end, it was discreetly arranged that Banks would be indicted on a non-extraditable charge, and released on relatively modest bail. Mysteriously, he was able to slip past Canadian authorities, across the border into the U.S., and turned up next in New York City waters, on the private yacht of a leading national U.S. union figure.

This particular connection between Lansky's syndicate and the intelligence community ran as follows.

The key figure was Jay Lovestone. Lovestone, a Soviet intelligence asset who had been appointed head of the Communist Party U.S.A. by then-Soviet dictator N. Bukharin, fell out of power when Stalin overthrew the Bukharin dictatorship, but remained an intelligence asset of Stalin's until approximately 1938, running under such covers as what became the International Rescue Committee, and basing himself out of the New York offices of what was affectionately known by its victims as "Dubinsky's plantation," the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (IGLWU). Key Lovestone intelligence operations were based in the ILGWU's industrial engineering department. In 1938, Lovestone formally broke with Stalin, and upgraded his standing part-time connections to U.S. State Department intelligence into full status as Dubinsky's own "State Department socialist."

Out of this came such U.S. intelligence figures as Leo Cherne, Irving Brown, Roy Godson, and a few high-ranking names that might really surprise you. During the postwar period, during the emergence of the CIA, Lovestone et al. took control of U.S. intelligence's international labor operations, and also control of political operations in such nations as Italy. In addition to his permanent base at Dubinsky's "plantation," Lovestone and his crew ran intelligence operations through the AFL and CIO, and ran what became the AFL-CIO international department. Lovestone also maintained a key role within an organization with which he had been long associated, the League for Industrial Democracy (LID), the home-base of figures such as Michael Novak, Jeane Kirkpatrick, and the Anti-Defamation League's Irwin Sull today.

The association between Lovestone and Lansky's syndicate became so close, that the two are massively intertwined today, notably in regions such as the Caribbean drug-trafficking circuits, where AFL-CIO international department assets, funded by the U.S., cohabit intimately in political alliance with leading drug-trafficking associations.

Who is deceived by the existence of this nest within the U.S. intelligence community? The ordinary citizen, the ordinary dues-paying union member, of course. At the top? No one: The arrangement is an unbroken continuity since the Astor agreement with Arnold Rothstein, setting up what became Meyer Lansky's crime syndicate.

Who really runs organized crime?

What is the significance of the Astors, and the wealthy and influential Anglo-American families which share their peculiar tastes in assets and enterprises? You might ask the Mellons, the Scaifes, and a few others of that circle, but I doubt that they would tell you the truth.

The original Astor came from Waldorf in Germany, but, as a Tory sympathizer tied to London and Swiss circles, he skedaddled until after the heat of the American patriots had simmered down at the close of the 1776-1783 War of Independence. He returned to make a killing in Manhattan real

estate, and was responsible for more than one killing, according to one biographer, in the fur trade. The Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City is a monument to the family's origins. The family established a wealthy, ultimately titled branch in England, from which the family backed the Lucifer-worshipper crony of satanist Aleister Crowley, Rudolf Steiner, supported Steiner's anthroposoph spin-off from theosophy, and backed Steiner's founding of a network of schools, named the Waldorf Schools in memory of their benefactor.

The family became associated with other wealthy hard-case families who thought that the American Revolution had been a terrible mistake, and who dabbled in strange religious experiments and utopian schemes, such as Adolf Hitler, in pursuit of a new world order under which the philosophy of the Declaration of Independence and Federal Constitution could be driven from human racial memory.

The difficulty confronting wealthy families of this sort of persuasion, is that wealthy persons of their philosophical bias are a very tiny portion of the population of society at large. The power of wealth as such can go only so far in controlling society at large. They require the assistance of large organizations capable of controlling the leaderships of political parties and other governmental and popular institutions. By the nature of the business, some of these organizations must be very nasty ones, like the crime syndicate built up around Lansky.

This brings us back to the subject of the AIPAC-centered syndicate of PACs now exerting the kind of control over our Congress we saw in the Joint Select Committee's cover-up of the actual role of Michael Ledeen in the Irangate scandal. Are these fellows an "Israeli lobby"? Do they live in Israel? Do they work for Israel's national interests, or do they simply visit Israel to check on their political investments and West Bank real-estate scams there? For them, Israel is just another case of "this here deal," and their support for Israel turns out to be just another gangster's scam, from which they skim off as much as the traffic will bear.

How do they get away with this? They get away with it, because those powerful, wealthy families which use them wish to permit them to get away with it; because those families consider organized crime and its street-level political cronies a useful way of controlling the policies of the government of the United States, as well as Israel. These scoundrels immediately associated with controlling the AIPAC political-corruption syndicate are able to function, because circles higher up wish them to function in that way.

As President, I know enough to be able to steer this nation of ours out of the terrible crisis into which we are sliding. Give me a Congress which can no longer be controlled by an AIPAC syndicate or any similar sort of corrupting arrangement. Give me a Congress of intelligent and courageous representatives of ordinary citizens, and together, that Congress and I will turn the situation around.