

Soviet-tied dopers run dirty tricks against Bush for Dukakis

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Now that the first phase of a successful Soviet intelligence operation smearing the Bush campaign as "Nazi-linked" has been completed, U.S. intelligence professionals and political activists would do well to draw the appropriate conclusions. Within a week of the Sept. 8 *Washington Jewish Week* article launching the attack, at least eight slandered Bush ethnic organizers were ousted, including campaign vice chairman Fred Malik.

Spurred on by the Bush campaign strategists' inept cowardice, the KGB will soon launch a second phase of its operation, with Bush campaign co-chairman Gov. John Sununu (R-N.H.) being one of its top targets, according to reliable sources.

High-level Bush spokesmen have publicly stated that the campaign will do nothing about the slanders, hoping that they will go away. Betrayed ethnic organizations, on the other hand, have simply shut down their Bush campaign organizations, with potentially significant implications for the election. As one analyst states, "The Captive Nations community is the Joe six-pack, blue collar, Reagan Democrat vote. The race will be close and Bush needs these votes in key states like New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, and California." In these four states, the ethnic vote is decisive. The overconfident Bush campaign will also soon be whacked in California in a related, Soviet-linked "October surprise" centered on the Vice President's well-known Contra connection.

Years ago, the overt interference of Soviet intelligence officials in a U.S. election, in this case on behalf of Michael Dukakis, would be viewed as a virtual *casus belli*. Today, the Romanian embassy publicly admits assisting the Dukakis campaign on "exposing fascists" working for Bush. This is a hell of a way to run a railroad.

Investigation by this newsservice has shown that while the slander campaign is Soviet-directed, it also utilizes a vast U.S.-based capability which is more properly identified as that section of the U.S. establishment and intelligence community that is Soviet-aligned. The origin of this network is to be found in what was referred to in the 1920s as "The Trust," and which is today linked to such Soviet operatives as Occidental Petroleum chairman Armand Hammer. It is

this network which is the topic of this report.

Old KGB slanders

While *Washington Jewish Week* is commonly depicted as the source of the line that Bush is soft on Nazis, the actual origin of the paper's formulations is found in a recently released pamphlet written by United Auto Workers and Democratic National Committee research department consultant Russ Bellant, and published by former *High Times* correspondent and "fascist researcher" Chip Berlet. The booklet's ponderous title is, "Old Nazis, the New Right, and the Reagan Administration: The Role of Domestic Fascist Networks in the Republican Party and Their Effect on U.S. Cold War Policies." Every one of the ousted Bush officials later targeted by *Washington Jewish Week* was first cited by Bellant within the first few pages of this smear.

The pamphlet is a compendium of slanders originally authored by East German Stasi disinformation operative Dr. Julius Mader and KGB official Ernst Henry in the 1950s, and since elaborated by U.S.-East German Friendship Society operative Charles R. Allen, Jr., and the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL has specialized in protecting Soviet intelligence operatives by claiming that anti-communism is anti-Semitism. The only surprise in the pamphlet is that it frankly cites Allen and the ADL as its sources, as well as *Searchlight*, the British Communist Party magazine tied to Mader and Henry.

That the pamphlet which triggered the media flap peddles a Soviet line, should be apparent to any intelligence official. In one wild section, Bellant argues that favoring a strong defense is evidence of Nazi sympathies, going so far as to claim that the rather staid American Security Council has as its goal to "finish a job originally started by German National Socialism, militarily eliminating the U.S.S.R." Retailing Mader and Allen's tired slanders, Bellant wails about Nazis being all over the "military-industrial complex." Similarly, *Izvestia* describes the Pershing missile and SDI as "Nazi weapons," designed by "Nazis."

Naturally, the pamphlet violently defends the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), the



Gov. Michael Dukakis flanked by 'High Times' stringers Russ Bellant (left) and Chip Berlet (right).

"Nazi-hunting unit" which relies almost exclusively on Soviet "evidence." Notable OSI targets have included Dr. Arthur Rudolph, also smeared in the pamphlet, who was deported from the United States in 1985 while leading a key SDI research team. Every OSI/Soviet witness against Rudolph was later proven to be a liar by a West German prosecutor.

The curious 'Chip' Berlet

Although DNC consultant Russ Bellant is cited as the pamphlet's author, internal evidence indicates that it was largely drafted by its publisher, Chip Berlet, "researcher" for the Political Research Associates of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Reviewing Berlet's history, and his patrons, is of great counterintelligence value to anyone investigating Soviet penetration of U.S. intelligence agencies.

The son of a U.S. Army colonel, John Foster "Chip" Berlet was named in honor of former Secretary of State Dulles, whom he now decries. Curiously, Colonel Berlet was associated with the Israeli Discount Bank of New York, an Israeli intelligence proprietary unrelated to the ADL and Soviet propaganda operations targeting "Nazis."

Berlet drifted into radical causes in college, particularly those favoring narcotics legalization, homosexuality, and Fidel Castro. By 1975, Berlet had been recruited to the National Students Association (NSA), which had earlier been exposed as a CIA front managed by Tom Braden and Cord Meyer, and by the time of Berlet's tenure, had been shopped out to left-wing intelligence networks directed by Hubert Humphrey and Walter Mondale. Berlet was reportedly recruited to the proprietary by former NSA president David Ifshin, later Mondale's 1984 campaign counsel.

At NSA national headquarters, Berlet continued to organize for homosexual causes, and also became the Washington correspondent for *High Times*, the pro-drug publication. Berlet became the NSA's top fundraiser, and its liaison to its foundation supporters, the Field Foundation and the

Carnegie Endowment, both of which are no strangers to intelligence operations. NSA activists at the time describe Berlet as a permanent, non-ideological staffer, almost apolitical.

It may have been in this period that Berlet first hooked up with John Rees, then a Vietnam war resistance activist who later surfaced as an FBI-linked official in the John Birch Society. Rees's operations are funded by Richard Mellon Scaife, the Mellon heir known for his support of the Hoover Institution and right-wing Social Democrat Roy Godson. Godson's operations are what intelligence specialists would term "classic Trust." According to a June 5 article in the *Baltimore Sun* magazine by Doug Birch, "right-winger" Rees recently introduced "left-winger" Berlet to Scaife at a party devoted to funding anti-LaRouche causes.

Following a several-year stint in Chicago, Berlet moved to Boston in 1987 to cover the LaRouche trial, taking his group, Mid West Research, with him. It is Mid West Research, now named Political Research Associates, that published the Bellant pamphlet triggering the Bush-Nazi hoax. While in Chicago, Berlet also edited the National Lawyers Guild magazine *Public Eye*, and, according to some reports, was an activist in the Chicago Area Friends of Albania, a front for the Communist Party U.S.A.-Marxist-Leninist. Berlet's Chicago operations were funded by the Better Government Association (BGA), directed by former Justice Department official J. Terence Brunner, and controlled by some of the city's most powerful law firms. Berlet is believed to have operated under the direction of former Carter administration commerce secretary and ADL official, Philip Klutznik, a likely ringleader in the current Nazi smear.

While Berlet was hooking up with the NSA, Bellant was then leading CARD, an anti-military, anti-draft organization at Wayne State University. By the end of the 1970s, Bellant was already employed by the UAW to do research on its opponents, and had come under the control of Richard Loebenthal, the Detroit director of the ADL. Under Loebenthal's

direction, Bellant began attending meetings of the Michigan KKK organizations, and related Nazi parties, where he is believed to have acted as a classic provocateur. By 1986, Bellant was hired as a consultant to the research department of the Democratic National Committee, then run by Israeli national Leah Kedar, to do research on “neo-fascists,” meaning Lyndon LaRouche, whose political movement had just won two state democratic primary races. It was during this period that Bellant began devoting increasing energy to preparing his recently released report.

Closely affiliated with Bellant and Berlet in this DNC research project, was Lynne Wells, then head of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal, an anti-fascist research collective controlled by Atlanta ADL operative Charles Wittenstein. A former activist of the Maoist October League, Wells has since been replaced by Lenny Zizkind, formerly of Missouri, who has worked under the control of ADL Fact-Finding director Irwin Suall, the former aide to the Socialist Party’s Norman Thomas.

The grain cartel connection

While Bellant’s pamphlet denouncing “Nazis aligned with Bush” is dependent on Soviet sources, the funding for its production was laundered through a group of self-described “fat kittens,” grouped around George Pillsbury of the Minneapolis-based flour company fortune. Interestingly enough, it was the Pillsburys, and the closely associated Moore family of Nabisco fame, which created and first funded the ADL, and also sponsored the ADL-tied Humphrey-Mondale machine. As any student of Russian history knows, the international grain cartel was central to directing the Russian revolution, and the “Trust.” Not accidently, the Pillsbury company is the miller for the Cargill grain cartel, and one of the main U. S. firms pushing the sell-off of the U. S. harvest to Moscow.

Pillsbury’s Funding Exchange/National Community Funds, whose offices are housed at 666 Broadway in New York, bankrolled both the pamphlet smearing Bush, and related operations against Lyndon LaRouche, who is also condemned in the booklet. Founded in 1971 by George Pillsbury, the Funding Exchange contributed \$5 million in grants to “alternative charities” in 1986, including such oddities as the “Asian Lesbians of the East Coast,” and “Children of the Green Earth.”

Pillsbury is the central public figure in the foundation. The brains behind the operation, however, is David R. Hunter, the controller of the Eastern Establishment’s main funders of radical causes—the Stern family fund and the Ottinger Foundation. Pillsbury refers to Hunter as the “godfather of progressive philanthropy.”

Pillsbury, Hunter, and perhaps some KGB psychiatrist, have succeeded in recruiting a number of other heirs of prominent U. S. fortunes to Soviet causes. In addition to several of Pillsbury’s own family, these include: Annie Hoffman, a

Kodak heiress; Obie Benz, of the Sunbeam bread fortune; Cary Ridder, heir to the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain; Ellen Malcolm, granddaughter of a founder of IBM; Bob Friedman of the Levi-Strauss fortune; and Paul Haible of the du Pont family. It is not known whether William Weld, or his wife Susan Roosevelt Weld, are tied to Pillsbury. The former Justice Department criminal division director, Weld was a funder of the radical Boston *Real Paper*, while his wife, Teddy’s great-granddaughter, is a Maoist enthusiast.

Pillsbury reports that his first political donation was to the Black Panther Party in 1972, while studying at Yale. Following his radicalization, he established an informal therapy group for “the troubled rich” to advise them on how and where to donate their money in an ethical manner. The Haymarket Foundation, named after the 1800s Chicago anarchist riots, is one of the member organizations in Pillsbury’s Funding Exchange which sponsors closed-door recruitment sessions. Attendees, who are usually rich-kid graduates of the radical 1960s, are given a chance to discuss their guilt about their high social position “in an imbalanced class structure,” while their pockets are emptied.

How these confused heirs are transformed into funders of Soviet intelligence operations is described by George Pillsbury’s first cousin, David Pillsbury Becker, who credits the Haymarket Foundation with giving him a personal identity. The recruitment process is identical to what Moscow used in forming the Kim Philby spy network out of the 1930s Cambridge “Apostles.” Interviewed by *New Republic*, Becker states, “It was important to me on a strictly coming-out level. . . I was gay and I was guilty of having money. I came out with my money at the same time that I came out sexually. Haymarket helped me get my life on track.” One Washington-based fundraiser who works the “fat kittens” cynically reports, “Most of these rich brats are so ‘coked up’ that they need someone to manage their money.”

Back to the KGB

The campaign to libel George Bush as a virtual Hitler-lover was funded by the U. S. families tied to the “Trust” and the Dukakis campaign. The formulations used are pure KGB. The key Western-based organization used to conduit these slanders, and even cited as a Bellant source, is *Searchlight* magazine of London. As recently as Sept. 6, *Searchlight* was praised in the pages of the Soviet publication *Sovetskaya Latvija* for “documenting” that there are thousands of Latvian SS members hiding out in Britain. U. S. *Searchlight* reporter Lindsay Charlton’s charges of Nazis under the bed are based on Soviet archives, *Sovetskaya Latvija* reports.

Founded by the now deceased Communist Party operative Maurice Ludmer, *Searchlight*’s chief editor is Gerry Gable, a former Communist Party candidate for Parliament. Callers to the Soviet embassy in London in need of information on “fascist groups” are duly referred to *Searchlight* and Gable. At least until recently, the embassy liaison to the

magazine was maintained through press attaché Gennadi Shabanikov.

Gable maintains close ties to the Soviet embassy, and to such U.S. associates of Berlet as the ADL-linked Ken Lawrence. Reportedly, he has also been active in the 62 Group, an organization formed of former members of the Irgun, the Zionist terrorist organization. Gable is also in regular contact with the Paris office of the ADL in running "anti-Nazi" operations.

Curiously, Gable also works closely with the Special Branch, the British political police, and also MI5 and MI6, the domestic and foreign intelligence agencies, respectively, as well as the Israeli Foreign Office. The particular conjunction of institutions strongly suggests the combination of "Trust" interests which sponsored the Russian revolution.

The primary controller of *Searchlight's* literary product is the VVN, the German acronym for "The Society of Those Persecuted by the Nazi Regime—League of Anti-Fascists." The VVN was created in the Soviet-occupied zone in 1945, and, in turn, functions under the control of the KGB's Coordinating Committee of International Veterans' Organizations, also a key link to the U.S. Department of Justice's OSI. Until his recent retirement, perhaps, the VVN was covertly directed by Stasi intelligence chief and KGB officer Markus Wolff. The entire network works under the direction of Ernst Henry and Julian Semyonov.

A reputed KGB colonel, Semyonov is often in the United States and Western Europe, where he maintains contact with senior Western intelligence officials such as the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Walter Laqueur and Prof. Stephen Cohen of Princeton University, the latter an editorial adviser to the left-wing weekly, *The Nation*. A "spy novelist," Semyonov is also a correspondent for *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the KGB's semi-official organ which frequently praises *Searchlight* and the OSI.

Ernst Henry, a.k.a. Semyonov Rostovsky, now in his 80s, has been identified as the "spymaster of the Philby circle," and a patron of the *Searchlight* network. According to some reports, Henry had recruited MI6 agent Donald Maclean to Soviet intelligence, and played an important role in the Philby network. Henry has also specialized in slandering U.S. intelligence as full of Nazis, including aiding the OSI in its attack on SDI scientist Dr. Arthur Rudolph.

A typical example of Soviet praise for *Searchlight* is found in the April 8, 1986 issue of *Izvestia*, where A. Krivopalov expounds on the "neo-fascist" link to the British Conservative Party. Krivopalov writes, "Of this unsavory alliance we are once again reminded by the magazine *Searchlight*, which for 20 years of its existence has gained great popularity in exposing ultra-right ideals in the political life of the 'establishment.'" The *Izvestia* article, and the *Searchlight* attack on a supposed neo-fascist/Conservative Party alliance, serve as a model for the recent attack on the Bush campaign.



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