

## From New Delhi by Susan Maitra

### The enemy of my enemy. . .

*The Anti-Defamation League capitalizes on a short-sightedness in the foreign ministry.*

On Jan. 5, three high-level representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith (ADL) left New Delhi for Bombay after talks with top officials of the External Affairs Ministry, including Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao. Though officially billed as "private," the visit marks a significant advance in the Mossad plan to get a foothold in India—a plan which has been implemented by the Zionist lobby in the United States though the Indian embassy in Washington.

By contrast with the secret visit of then-Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan with then-Prime Minister Morarji Desai in 1977, ADL national chairman Burton Levinson, national coordinator Jess Hordes, and Washington office chief Abraham Foxman visited the capital openly. Their meetings, which also included parliamentarians and selected journalists, were noted in the press, though government spokesmen refused to comment on the talks.

The general impression that the visit is part of a process to establish full diplomatic relations between India and Israel is most certainly misleading. The state of Israel—which India recognized in 1950, but declined full diplomatic relations—is one thing. The ADL is quite another, and India has particular reasons to be more than cautious when it comes to this particular creature: Leaders of the ADL and individuals in its orbit have been instrumental in promoting the cause of Sikh separatism.

For instance, Ecuador's recognition of the "Khalistan Government-in-

Exile" of Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan and the plan to establish "Eretz Punjab" on some 30,000 acres of prime cocaine-growing land in Ecuador, which came to light in July 1985, was entirely the handiwork of the Mossad and its agents in the ADL. Ecuador had become South American headquarters for the Mossad in 1977, when Israeli Gen. Rehavan Ze-evi, a counterterrorism adviser to Menachim Begin, emigrated to Quito.

Among the leading figures in the plan was Rabbi Morton Rosenthal of New York, director of the ADL's South American division, and reputedly among the top 10 Mossad operatives in the Western hemisphere. Rosenthal's friend, then director of the U.S. State Department's Human Rights Division, Elliott Abrams, was in on the scheme, which was projected to pave the way for U.N. recognition of the Sikh terrorist leadership.

Abrams included a justification of Sikh separatism in the 1985 State Department Annual Report to the House Appropriations Committee, in defiance of the Reagan administration's opposition to Sikh terrorism.

Rosenthal is a business partner and close political associate of the Anglo-Soviet spook Jon Speller—exposed in *EIR's* book *Derivative Assassination: Who Killed Indira Gandhi?*—who sponsored all of Chauhan's tours of the U.S. as part of an effort to dupe the American government into aiding and abetting the Khalistan movement.

Speller was also the link for Sikh terrorists to weapons supplies via the British Lord Bethel's "Free Afghani-

stan" operation. And it was the Mossad that played the key role in linking Sikh terrorists with Islamic fundamentalists in Canada, and in facilitating arms smuggling through that country.

Ironically, this same crowd has now been laundered to Indian officials as "friends of India." Congressman Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) has used his position as head of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to orchestrate this magic show.

Solarz was instrumental in promoting the first congressional forum on "human rights violations against the Sikhs in India"—pulling out at the last minute, perhaps to enhance his image as the "friend of India." He also arranged for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's meeting with the Conference of Major Jewish Organizations in New York last June.

There the prime minister promised that relations with Israel would be upgraded, as indeed they were in September when the Israeli consulate in Bombay, closed in 1982 when the consul attacked Indian foreign policy in an interview, was reopened.

Solarz's success cannot be attributed to his own cleverness. Nor is it the case that Indian officials do not know the facts stated here. Most likely, Solarz offered the chairholders in the Washington embassy something they couldn't refuse: a big fuss in Congress over the "Pakistan bomb." The Foreign Ministry's obsession with Pakistan evidently did the rest.

Prior to his recent groundbreaking visit to Pakistan, Rajiv Gandhi secretly sent an emissary from his own staff, because he could not trust the Foreign Ministry mandarins on the subject of Pakistan. Whether he follows through on the implications of his own insight, to put the ADL overtures in the "national security risk" category, remains to be seen.