

according to foreign journalists. When will the direct responsibility of the sheikh and the emir, Basil Salim Sabah al-Salim and Basil Jabir al-Ahmad, be proven for all the crimes of collective murder and genocide to which hundreds of innocent Palestinians, Kuwaitis, and Arabs are exposed? We mention in particular Sheikh Ahmad Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah, who was proved by Kuwaiti sources to have personally committed murder and torture.

Here we do not restrict ourselves to calling for trials, as we find it to be our human duty to demand Arab and international public opinion to intervene using all means to stop these massacres and to deter the culprits.

We think that the command of the U.S.-NATO alliance, which is spreading its military shadow over Kuwait, the Gulf region, and the [Arab] peninsula, is completely responsible, because what is being committed is taking place within the sight and sound of these forces—and frequently under their supervision, according to numerous Western press testimonies—as we have said in previous memoranda.

● Prisons, detention camps, and the situation of the detainees: In addition to the aforementioned documented testimony and information, the Palestinian Human Rights Committee has received irrefutable reports and documents from the al-Tasamuh committee, which is a non-governmental committee established in Kuwait following the formation of the Kuwaiti Human Rights Committee and which concerns itself with defending the rights of Palestinians in Kuwait. These reports reveal the terrifying facts about the situation in Kuwait. They truly are an indictment of the murders, persecutions, and torture committed daily by the Kuwaiti authorities with the knowledge, supervision, and blessing of the U.S.-NATO alliance forces. These documents also reveal the reality of the tragic situation which thousands of detainees and hostages suffer in public and private prisons of Kuwait.

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Bilderbergers hold top-secret meeting

by Scott Thompson

No sooner had the participants left Tokyo from the April 20-22 meeting of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, than preparations were under way for the even more secretive and high-powered Bilderberg Society to gather for its annual conference June 6-7. Despite the extraordinary secrecy in which the conference was shrouded—such that even determining the location of the meeting required a major sleuthing effort—*EIR* has been able to glean, through a series of interviews, a good idea of what issues are on the group's agenda, and who the major players are.

While the Bilderbergers can no longer claim the monopoly in policymaking for Western Europe and North America that they held during the first 20 years of the group's existence, they still do represent considerable clout within the Anglo-American financial community. It is therefore useful for anyone opposed to the oligarchy's "new world order" to monitor their activities closely.

An example of their continuing power can be seen from the fact that former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office returned *EIR*'s call to agree that the decision to pull the plug on her government had been taken at the 1989 Bilderberg meeting in Spain. Further, Thatcher's aide said that the decision had been to continue the prime minister's disastrous economic policies, by giving them a new face. All the aide wanted to know, was what the Bilderbergers would be up to next.

The origins of the society are similar to those of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), New York Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, and such elite institutions. The first Bilderberg conference was held in Holland in May 1954, with support from, among others: the Royal Institute of International Affairs; "European Movement" leader Joseph Retinger; H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands; establishment liberal W. Averell Harriman, who promoted eugenics in the 1920s and 1930s; and, U.S. Director of Central Intelligence Gen. Walter Bedell Smith. From the beginning, the Bilderberg gatherings attracted the top names of the establishments of North America and Europe, including men like: the Duke of Edinburgh (Prince



No photographers are allowed at the Bilderberg Society meetings; at left, is an artist's conception of the most recent proceedings.

Philip), William and McGeorge Bundy, British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Peter Rupert Lord Carrington, Sullivan and Cromwell's Arthur Dean, and former U.S. Undersecretary of State George Ball. Just as the Carter administration would later be run by "Trilaterals," so the Kennedy administration was run by "Bilderbergers." The society's meetings were held at deluxe retreats, which were heavily guarded to keep out journalists and other snoops.

As for the 1991 meeting, it has even been difficult to discover who was making the preparations for it. However, through means that *EIR* is not at liberty to disclose, it was discovered that the society used a leading bank to reserve an entire hotel in Baden-Baden, Germany (near the Black Forest) for the period from June 5-9. The hotel was the deluxe Steigenberger Badischer Hof. Asked if this would be the main site of the conference, the executive secretary of the society's Amsterdam headquarters would only say: "You should not know that information."

Mideast: 'Baker's peace conference will explode'

Interviews by *EIR* with associates of the Bilderbergers show that there were three main policy issues at the 1991 meetings, which, if implemented, would unleash "free market" looting on the world, on the model of the Roman Empire. Some of the Bilderberg leaders stated that they were in direct

competition with plans of jailed political statesman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. to integrate Europe by building an infrastructure grid of nuclear energy power plants and a high-speed rail "Productive Triangle."

The main paper on the Middle East was written by George Ball, who has been described as the most powerful North American member of the Bilderberg Society next to David Rockefeller. Ball said that because Secretary of State James Baker had failed to reach a community of principle during his recent shuttle to the area, any ensuing Middle East peace conference "would explode." According to *EIR*'s interview with a man who had talked to Ball about the Bilderberg paper, Ball considers the Arab-Israeli conflict far more important than the fate of Iraq and Kuwait.

Another Bilderberger, Harlan Cleveland, who had been an assistant to Ball on Mideast and other matters at the State Department, elaborated in a discussion with a journalist: "There are simply too many American initiatives in the region. The Baker shuttle is one, and it is at best procedural. If Baker could arrange a Middle East peace conference, it would explode; there's nothing in common." Instead, Cleveland, who claims the destruction of Lebanon was some kind of accident, called for the radical restructuring of Syria, Jordan, Israel, and the overthrow of the Gulf monarchies. After disposing of the claims of Yasser Arafat and the PLO to have a separate state, Cleveland concluded: "Israel may have to

agree with Sharon on Jordan being Palestine.”

Cleveland is today head of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota, through which he is close to such “Zionist lobby” members as Burton and Geri Joseph, and Dwayne Andreas.

NAFTA: a debt bailout for Wall Street

EIR interviews have documented that Chase Manhattan banker David Rockefeller is the rallying point for plans to turn the North American Free Trade Agreement into a global free enterprise system. As we reported almost a year ago, Rockefeller began to accelerate work on what has since become NAFTA after the 1990 meetings of the Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg Society, and Council on the Americas. According to sources in Rockefeller’s office interviewed by *EIR*, the banker worked personally with President George Bush and Treasury Undersecretary David Mulford. He was also a regular consultant to a Bush policy team coordinated by Owen Wethington at the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, which prepared for NAFTA with the June 27, 1990 Enterprise for the Americas initiative.

Well-informed sources say that Rockefeller’s closest aide has been his deputy on Chase’s international advisory board, Henry Kissinger. Kissinger’s chief economist, Alan Stoga, told a journalist on May 24, after the “fast track” plan for NAFTA passed Congress: “This is one of the most creative acts of financial diplomacy.” NAFTA “has made Mexican debt service payments, despite periodic adjustments, sustainable,” he stressed. Stoga revealed that the whole point of the eight-year program to build up the *maquiladoras*—the slave labor assembly plants on the U.S.-Mexican border—had been to find a way to finance Wall Street debt holdings with cheap investments. Stoga said that it was true that Kissinger was trying to secure rights to Mexican and Venezuelan oil. Although he said the reason was that the Gulf war had shown that the United States could not rely upon Middle Eastern sources, he revealed that this oil grab was part of the original Enterprise for the Americas plan.

At an April 22 press conference in Tokyo, where David Rockefeller announced his replacement as North American chairman of the Trilateral Commission by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, Rockefeller called for the creation of a global free enterprise system under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Ironically, it had been Volcker’s 20% interest rate policies that not only shut down U.S. farms and industries, but also doubled and tripled Ibero-American debt, past those nations’ abilities to pay. Said Rockefeller: “The world could be heading toward a new division into neo-mercantilist trading blocs—a result which I believe could be catastrophic. . . . A successful outcome of the Uruguay Round [of GATT] must be the number-one priority of all of us, including Europe. I am not arguing that the responsibility for the outcome of GATT rests only with Europe, although Europe will have

to be a key part of the solution and will have to give GATT at least as high a priority as integration.”

Asked on May 18 whether many Trilateralists were really threatening more military actions like those of Panama and the Gulf to seize the raw materials and enforce debt payments of recalcitrant Third World countries, Trilateral spokesman Andrew Frankel replied bluntly that if Enterprise for the Americas does not succeed, “then the U.S. abdicates its economic leadership after demonstrating its military leadership. . . . No one is predisposed to use the military, but you can’t say never! It may not be necessary after the Gulf and Panama, [but] it’s a sort of subtle projection of power.”

This kind of Roman Empire thuggery is the real content of the plans of banker Rockefeller.

Europe: Wreck the LaRouche ‘Triangle’ plan

According to a former U.S. State Department intelligence source, one of the key people who organized the European side of the Bilderberg meet was Kissinger’s longtime friend R. Mark Palmer. Palmer became involved in a conflict-of-interest scandal in 1990, when on advice of Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (formerly of Kissinger Associates, Inc.), he tried to stay on as U.S. ambassador to Hungary until the last moment, before joining the Central European Development Corp. (CEDC). A series of articles on Palmer in *EIR* (see “Probe Eagleburger Role in East Europe Looting Scheme,” *EIR*, March 23, 1990) led to the opening of an investigation by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Further, House Banking Committee chairman Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Tex.) referred to related scandals in April 25, 1991 testimony to Congress.

The CEDC has brought together such powerful financial interests as those of the Canadian real estate billionaires the Reichmanns and Bronfmans, together with Estée Lauder’s son Ronald, and others. But there are reports that the firm is having problems. As a result, R. Mark Palmer told a source, who spoke with *EIR*, that CEDC had relocated to Berlin to gain German capital, apparently dropping plans of his London banking friends to set up an alternative network to Germany in Eastern Europe. According to an interview conducted by *EIR* with someone who had spoken to Palmer in May, he is now trying to sabotage LaRouche’s Productive Triangle program. Not only has Palmer brought the French nuclear industry into Hungary and Czechoslovakia to implement part of LaRouche’s program by building power plants, but he even parrots the phrase “rail triangle” from LaRouche.

According to the source, Palmer said: “The Triangle of high-speed rail has enormous credibility. . . . A lot of new track is going to be laid in different directions. . . . But, whatever you do, stay away from Lyndon and Helga Zepp-LaRouche on this. They went after me. It was very unpleasant. . . . There is tremendous credibility in Europe for new rail, but the LaRouchies have no credibility for it as spokesmen.”