

Middle East File by Joe Brewda

Prince Bandar and the Iran-Contra crew

In a previous column (Dec. 13, 1991), we noted that Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar's formerly secret meetings with the Israelis and the U.S. Zionist lobby, which have been going on for at least four years, have now become public. Anglo-American policy is intent on forming a Saudi-Israeli political and financial axis to dominate the Mideast, based on an Arab, especially Egyptian, cheap labor pool. This is one of the objectives of the so-called Mideast Peace Conference.

This Saudi-Zionist collaboration did not start yesterday, but dates back to World War I; more recently, the Reagan-Bush administration deepened this relationship.

One place to look for an understanding of what is going on, is at some of what has been made public in the Iran-Contra affair, particularly the case of Adnan Khashoggi. The Saudi money-man, who after being "discovered" by U.S. Army intelligence (with some help from the British), was passed along to other networks, typified by his close relationship with such Mossad officials as David Kimche, Yaacov Nimrodi, and Al Schwimmer.

According to the congressional testimony of many witnesses, the seed money for the 1984 phase of the deals began when Khashoggi transferred funds from the Monte Carlo branch of the corrupt Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), to U.S. National Security Council (NSC) accounts at Crédit Suisse in Geneva.

Consider this:

- The BCCI, busted for narcotics money laundering in July 1991 and let off on a plea agreement in December, is owned by the Abu Dhabi royal family and several luminaries in Saudi in-

telligence such as Kamal Adham. Its European operations were controlled by British Rothschild operative Alfred Hartmann.

- The NSC accounts that the Iran-Contra networks used were formed and managed by Willard Zucker, formerly the attorney for the Mossad and CIA-linked Investors Overseas Services, Ltd., and one of the operatives most carefully protected in the Iran-Contra scandal. Zucker's former law firm, Willkie, Farr and Gallagher, run by Kenneth Bialkin, controlled IOS. In fact, it was fined \$35 million in civil penalties in connection with that bank.

- Bialkin was the attorney for Khashoggi during the period that the Saudis provided funds for Zucker's NSC accounts. Bialkin was also during this period the chairman of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the most powerful nominally Jewish organization in the United States.

Bialkin continues to be one of the most powerful Zionists in the United States. The ADL is one of those organizations that Bandar and his aides has been meeting with.

Project Democracy targets Turkey

The National Endowment for Democracy, a "private" organization controlled by the U.S. National Security Council and funded by the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), held a conference in Bodrum, Turkey Sept. 15-20, entitled "Democracy and Liberal Economics in the U.S.S.R. and Turkey." The NED is the public front for the covert dirty tricks operation known as Project Democracy.

One hundred people attended, primarily drawn from the major groups in the former Soviet Turkic republics, especially from Azerbaïdzhân. So did Paul Henze, the former CIA station

chief in Turkey, now at the RAND Corporation, and Graham Fuller, formerly the Reagan-Bush NSC's Mideast hand. The conference was convened by *Yeni Forum*, an NED-funded magazine edited by Yalcin Aydin. Mesut Yilmaz, the Turkish prime minister at the time, who established the NED-linked Endowment for Turkish Democracy a few years ago, was also involved with it.

Some people say these are the same circles who would like to inflame the Azeri-Armenian crisis to justify an international intervention. The NED is very close to some of those strange "refugee" outfits, such as the International Rescue Committee, that are now active with the Kurds on the Iraqi border, as well as in the Caucasus.

Oily Bahrain deals touch Bush family

The fact that the Harken energy company got a huge contract with Bahrain in January 1991, within days of the war on Iraq, has become the focus of some media attention. One of Harken's directors is George W. Bush, the President's son; Sheik Khalifah, the emir who approved the deal, more recently approved setting up a U.S. base in Bahrain. One of George Sr.'s first big deals at his Zapata Oil Co. was setting up Bahrain's first offshore oil rigs. Corruption?

But a more important connection has been ignored. Harken's largest shareholder and former chairman, Alan Quasha, was formerly an attorney for Nugan Hand, the CIA bank that the Australians found had smuggled heroin when George ran the agency. The chairman of that bank, Donald Beazley, later took over Citi-National of Miami, a bank where another Bush boy, Jeb, did much business.