

Al Gore, who arrived at the Wye Plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore, along with Sharon, for the final session.

Fortunately, *EIR* had already alerted some senior officials in the Pentagon and the U.S. intelligence establishment that a "hard push" would be made at the summit to secure Pollard's release. Sharon, in particular, wanted Pollard free *before* the start of the final status talks.

President Clinton's apparent blunder, in not shutting the door altogether on the Pollard release provoked a full-scale mobilization of large segments of the U.S. national security community. AP reported on Oct. 23 that Capitol Hill was crawling with CIA and Pentagon officials, demanding that the President categorically reject the "free Pollard" drumbeat. The message was not lost on Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and other pro-Zionist Republican legislators. As you will learn below, in Michele Steinberg's exposé of the Jerusalem- and Washington-based Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), the right-wing Likud and Mossad apparatus has extended its penetration of the U.S. conservative networks to include leading Congressional Republicans. But, faced with a wild-card election campaign, the GOP Temple Mount hawks beat a temporary retreat from their plan to quietly back a Clinton pardon of Pollard. On Oct. 28, Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Intelligence Committee Chairman and ex-CIA case officer Porter Goss, and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (Ala.) wrote to President Clinton, demanding that he *not* release Pollard, on the grounds that the confessed Israeli spy still posed a national security threat to the United States.

Bigger than Pollard: the hunt for 'Mega'

Talk about chutzpah. The resurfacing of the "Free Pollard" forces comes at a moment when U.S. national security agencies are once again hunting for a high-level Israeli "mole." In the spring of 1997, the *Washington Post* revealed that the National Security Agency had intercepted a phone call between a Mossad agent posted at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and Danny Yatom, then head of the Mossad. The conversation revealed that Israel had an agent code-named "Mega" operating inside the White House. Israel denied the allegations, but *EIR* has learned that the hunt for "Mega" is continuing, and that the focus of the probe is the Office of Vice President Al Gore.

As you will read below, in Joseph Brewda's review of the Pollard case and the "X Committee" of Israeli moles who abetted the Pollard treason, the Sharon-led penetration and subversion apparatus is still in place inside the Washington "permanent bureaucracy" apparatus. A crackdown on the "X Committee" and its offspring "Mega" operation is urgently called for at this time. Take out the garbage in Washington, and "Meathead and his Butcher" would be soon relegated to the waste bin of history — just in time to avert a new Middle East holocaust.

Profile: IASPS

Think-tank threatens U.S., Israeli security

by Michele Steinberg

In June 1998, when Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) was forced to cancel his appearance to speak at a forum in Jerusalem of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), that should have triggered a security investigation of the right-wing extremist think-tank, founded in the mid-1980s and now financed by the "Get Clinton" networks of Richard Mellon Scaife.

Gingrich's speech was cancelled after the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* exposed the fact that IASPS President Robert Loewenberg, who organized the event, had written an article comparing former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, an architect of the Oslo peace accords, to the Hungarian Rudolph Kastner, "who helped the Nazis murder Jews." Loewenberg also charged that the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated by right-wing Jewish fanatics on Nov. 4, 1995, was using "police-state methods" to implement the peace agreement. The *Ha'aretz* exposé prompted every major Israeli politician to immediately denounce the Loewenberg statements, leaving Gingrich, whose wife reportedly had a job with IASPS, exposed as a saboteur of his own government's support for the Oslo Accords.

Despite this Israeli scandal, the networks behind IASPS, from Gingrich, to the Hollinger Corp., to the networks of butcher Ariel Sharon, are counting on IASPS to help prevent the realization of the Oslo Accords by the May 1999 deadline.

The following profile, as a follow-up analysis of the interim agreement forced through by President Clinton at the Wye Plantation talks, provides an outline for responsible leaders in the United States and Israel to remove IASPS and its offshoots from any access to information or discussion of policy in the areas of military, economic, and especially security issues. For example, the revelation that Salem Rajeb Sarsour, the "Hamas" terrorist who carried out the Oct. 19 bombing that injured 64 Israelis, was a paid Shin Bet agent, is just a taste of the dirty operations that IASPS intersects in both the United States and Israel.

In the United States, the investigation should emphatically include the suspected "Mega" Israeli spy ring, which has been accused in press reports of activities ranging from theft of intelligence, to wire-tapping the telephone of Monica Lewinsky, and using alleged tapes of her conversations with President Clinton for blackmail.

The Pollard 'surprise'

On Oct. 25, many political observers were shocked when Prime Minister Netanyahu's demand for the release of spy Jonathan Pollard exploded into the headlines and threatened to prevent the signing of the peace agreement. But, readers of *EIR's Alert Service* were not surprised; they had been told:

"During a visit to the White House in August 1998, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu pressured President Clinton to free Pollard immediately. Netanyahu argued that he 'needed' the freeing of Pollard as leverage with the right wing in Israel, in order to proceed with the next phase of Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. When Netanyahu left Washington, he thought he had a deal with the President. But a few days later, President Clinton made it clear that there was no way that Pollard was about to be freed.

"U.S. sources say that Netanyahu wanted the Pollard issue settled, so that the United States would have no leverage over Israel, as the negotiations with the Palestinian Authority move into the decisive 'final status talks.'"

The accuracy of *EIR's* report on Pollard came not from secret sources, but from an ongoing investigation of IASPS, beginning in 1996, when *EIR* first reported on IASPS's affiliation with former U.S. Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle, a long-identified Sharon collaborator, and suspected member of the "X Committee," the higher level, as-yet-uncovered controllers of Pollard.

In June 1998, the report by *EIR* correspondent Dean Andromidas, that IASPS was getting Mellon Scaife funds, according to *Ha'aretz*, was another indication that IASPS's campaigns are linked to the highest levels of British and Israeli interests out to topple the U.S. Presidency.

Finally, an August article in the *Wall Street Journal* by IASPS Division Director Angelo Codevilla, a former U.S. Senate staffer who trades in his reputation as an anti-Soviet "cold warrior," called for Pollard's release. It signalled that the campaign to free the spy, who received a life sentence in 1986, was in high gear. Codevilla was supposed to bring key traditional right-wing forces on board the campaign to free Pollard, but only the John Birch Society joined the campaign. Furthermore, Codevilla's praise of Pollard may have backfired.

Codevilla not only lied that "the damage was . . . theoretical" and "barely hurt Washington's intelligence operations," but the title of his article proclaims, "Israel's Spy Was Right About Saddam." Then, telegraphing the IASPS's latest campaign to launch a "Contra"-style war against Saddam Hussein, Codevilla condemned top U.S. officials like Adm. Bobby Ray Inman for pushing a "policy [that] turned Iraq into a danger to mankind . . . [and] helped supply the technologies that killed U.S. soldiers in the Gulf War."

In a blatant compromise of U.S. interests, Codevilla proclaimed, "Pollard's sin is blowing the whistle on an embarrassing policy—a sin for which he is serving a life sentence instead of four years."

Neither the *Wall Street Journal* nor Codevilla revealed

the connection of this story to IASPS, which, by then, was bragging of its control over Netanyahu.

How IASPS ticks

Headed by a relocated American, Dr. Robert Loewenberg, IASPS originally had its office in Jerusalem, where it concentrated on attempting to impose a Mont Pelerin-style free-trade economy. By its own statement, IASPS seeks the overthrow of "Israel's socialist economic system with a free-market economy." Loewenberg's writings frequently, and viciously attack Labor Party leaders like Shimon Peres as East European "communists," who compromise Israel's national interest. Loewenberg exudes a hatred for the Oslo peace accords.

The ability to succeed in this mission required upgrading of IASPS operations in the United States, while maintaining operations in Israel. IASPS's major units are:

The Division for Economic Policy Research (DEPR), in Jerusalem, headed by Hoover Institution senior fellow Alvin Rabushka. IASPS publications call him the originator of the "flat-tax." Rabushka has written four books on Hong Kong, and co-authored a study of Israel's economy with free-trade fanatic Steve Hanke. Rabushka commutes between California and Jerusalem, but the failure of the "free-trade zone" law in Israel has moved this division of IASPS into the background for now.

The Division for Research in Strategy and Politics, located in Washington, D.C., is considered by IASPS to be the crown jewel in the drive to free Pollard, stop the Oslo Accords, and shape U.S. policy on the Middle East, including an Israeli nuclear deterrent. Headed by Dr. David Wurmser (who also works at the Scaife-funded American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Johns Hopkins University, and the Washington Institute for Near East Policy), the office vows its mission to be: "to demonstrate a constant, physical Institute presence within the policy-making community in Washington; to serve as a home-base for Koret fellows who are completing their internships for Congress; and to house the Division for Research in Strategy and Politics."

This division is where Angelo Codevilla works. It could be considered the "active measures" section of IASPS for the immediate period ahead, where it is expected to "undo" some of the major features of the interim agreement signed at the Wye Plantation summit.

Infiltration of Congress

The key to IASPS strategy is access, including the Congressional interns program known as the Koret Fellows, named for the Koret Foundation of San Francisco. Koret Foundation director Tad Taube is one of the three identified members of IASPS's "Millionaires Club." While the Koret Fellows began as a resource for members of Knesset (the Israeli parliament), it became clear that the real power for the Institute lay in penetrating the U.S. Congress, through their

collaborator Newt Gingrich.

According to a recent report by IASPS President Loewenberg, the Koret fellows undergo a “two-year program of daily policy analysis . . . at the Institute in Jerusalem.” During that time, they are assigned to work with members of the Knesset, but the role of Knesset staffers is limited. Therefore, it was crucial to engineer the Washington connection. Crucial to this was Gingrich.

Loewenberg and other IASPS officials brag that Koret interns have service with all of the top Congressional leadership in Gingrich’s camp, including the Speaker himself, Republican Majority Leader Dick Armey (Tex.), House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich (Ohio) (pictured in IASPS literature with his female Koret intern), and Rick Lazio’s Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Banking Committee.

The IASPS penetration has also reached the Senate, where one Koret fellow landed a job at the Senate Republican Policy Committee under Sen. Don Nickles (Okla.).

The brief biographical sketches that IASPS provides of the Koret interns, shows that many of them have military intelligence backgrounds with the Israeli Defense Force.

As soon as the Washington office came on line in 1996, Gingrich appeared as a speaker at their first annual dinner. Immediately, publicity was lined up in the *Wall Street Journal*, which lavishly praised a paper produced by an IASPS task force called, “A Clean Break, Strategy for Israel in the Year 2000,” headed by Richard Perle.

The repeated promotion of IASPS by the *Journal*, including Perle’s project on “Israel 2000” and the Codevilla announcement of the Pollard flank in August 1998, is no accident. The *Journal*’s editor Robert Bartley is a key player in “Get Clinton” operations of Kenneth Starr, as a participant in the Great Falls, Virginia “salon” of lawyer Theodore Olson. Olson handled the appeal of Pollard’s conviction for spying. In 1994, Olson wrote an article for the *Journal* defending Pollard against the “anti-Israel” Inman, in exactly the terms used by Codevilla and IASPS. Like IASPS, Olson is a recipient of Scaife’s funding through the *American Spectator*, a key anti-Clinton propaganda outlet.

The importance of Perle, the Scaife funding, and the *Wall Street Journal* was best described in 1996, in IASPS literature by Loewenberg: “. . . the Institute predicted that Israel’s socialist economy would weaken the country. . . . And there would be terrorism instead of peace. We said these things — in 1992!

“For four years nobody paid any attention. Then on two banner days in July this year three things happened: . . . In his July 10 [1996] speech before a joint session of [the U.S.] Congress, Mr. Netanyahu made announcements using the language of two [IASPS] reports. . . . ‘The Jubilee Plan,’ with an introduction by Jack Kemp, and the second ‘A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm’ (presented to the prime minister in Israel by Richard Perle, July 8).

“On this same day, the *Wall Street Journal Europe* published selections from both of these Institute studies, and . . . ran a major editorial supporting the Institute’s work. . . . On the next day, July 11, the *Wall Street Journal* in the United States . . . published its own editorial, also on the Institute’s two studies.”

The addition of Perle to the IASPS roster was a major upgrade. A former Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Reagan administration, Perle is, most importantly, a director of Canadian Conrad Black’s newspaper empire, the Hollinger Corporation. Perle represents the IASPS interface into the higher levels of Anglo-American circles behind the assault on the Clinton Presidency. Since 1993, Hollinger has called the shots on demanding the ouster and impeachment of President Clinton, through their operative Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, a second generation spawn of British intelligence, who first “discovered” Paula Jones, and helped Jones gain access to the foundations and publicity that financed her multimillion-dollar legal harassment of the President.

Also on Hollinger’s board, is Henry Kissinger, the notorious agent of British influence, who recently called for Clinton’s Presidential powers to be handed over to a sub-group of the National Security Council until the President could be impeached. Kissinger claimed that this was the model he used to run the United States during the impeachment proceedings against Nixon in 1974.

The IASPS, AEI, Hollinger interface should become the focus of an investigation of active sabotage of U.S. policy in the Middle East. It is this network that represents Sharon’s key assets in the United States.

Already Perle and Wurmser have come out with a frontal assault on the CIA, in order to intervene into the security arrangements worked out at the Wye summit. At an AEI forum in late October, Perle demanded the resignation of Steven Richter, the head of the CIA Near East Division, for failing to oust Saddam Hussein. Wurmser attacked the involvement of the CIA in monitoring Palestinian anti-terror measures, “one of the most dangerous and pernicious things for our intelligence structure.” This dangerous hysteria by Sharon’s American assets portends an escalation of violence.

Perle is also pushing the elimination of Saddam Hussein through an Iraqi version of George Bush’s Contra policy. Already, the Gingrich forces in Congress provided a legislative nod to Perle’s war proposal in Iraq by voting up \$97 million for Iraqi opposition groups. Immediately, Perle’s favorite, the British-based Ahmed Chalabi of the Iraqi National Congress, bragged to the press that he would receive the bulk of these funds. Perle is pushing the United States to recognize Chalabi’s group as the government of Iraq, and to receive all the Iraqi funds currently frozen in Western banks.

Until the IASPS network is cleaned out and exposed as a national security risk, the threats to the peace process and those leaders involved in trying to bring Middle East peace about, are a serious concern.