
Profile

Rep. Tom Lantos: George Soros' Walking 'Clash of Civilizations'

Part 1, by Scott Thompson

Tom Lantos, the Democratic U.S. Representative from the California district encompassing San Mateo and part of San Francisco, became the ranking minority member of the House International Relations Committee, this year. Although himself a victim of the Holocaust that claimed 500,000 Jewish lives in his native Hungary, Lantos has acted as a virtual walking "clash of civilizations" (i.e., Samuel Huntington's attempts to foment ethnic and religious warfare around the globe), threatening Palestinians and China, Russia, and other nations with sanctions that would destroy any potential alliance with the United States, and heighten the danger of World War III.

Not only has Lantos been working hand-in-glove with such organized-crime-linked entities as Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, but, ironically, Lantos has also been in the pocket of "British Golem," mega-speculator George Soros, who has twice admitted that he learned how to carry out his speculative looting on behalf of his offshore hedge funds by serving as a small cog within Adolf Eichmann's Nazi genocide machine in Hungary (see last week's *Feature* story). Lantos aided and abetted Soros in destabilizing the Hungarian government of Prime Minister Jozsef Antall in 1992, partially through his work on the board of Soros' Central European University, based in Budapest. The reason for this action was that elements in the Hungarian government opposed the sort of International Monetary Fund (IMF) "shock therapy" then being peddled by Soros throughout the former East bloc. The two carried out their task by painting as "Nazis" precisely those who stood in the way of the kind of austerity which the IMF borrowed



Rep. Tom Lantos (R-Calif.)

straight from Nazi Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht.

In a forthcoming article, we will review Lantos' close ties with Soros and the Zionist Mafia. Here we review some of Lantos' recent legislative history from the 106th and the current 107th Congress.

The Middle East

In March 2001, Lantos was one of the leading sponsors of the Middle East Peace Commitments Act (H.R. 1795), that he and 209 other Congressmen described in a letter to President George Bush as expressing that "it is time for the United States to require that the leadership of the Palestinians speak and act against the continuing violence and terrorism, or face a significant change in our relationship with them."

Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), joined by House International Relations Committee Chairman Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.) and Lantos, who were the primary sponsors of H.R. 1795, wrote a letter to their House colleagues stating: "The continued refusal of the Palestinian leadership to live up to their explicit commitments—all publicly signed and witnessed by the President of the United States—to resolve their conflict with the State of Israel by exclusively peaceful means requires a decisive U.S. response."

The legislation requires the President to report to Congress that the Palestinians are living up to what the legislation determines is "their obligations," and, if they are not in compliance, all or some of the following sanctions would be imposed, including: barring from entry to the United States all Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Palestinian Authority officials; downgrading the status of the PLO office in Washington; designating as Foreign Terrorist Organizations the PLO or entities associated with the PLO (including Fatah and Tanzim) and the Palestinian Authority (including Force 17) which have engaged in attacks on Israelis; and cutting off all non-humanitarian aid to the West Bank and Gaza. The President has the authority to waive any or all of the sanctions, if the waiver is determined to be in the national security interest of the United States.

Somehow, H.R. 1795 became attached as a rider to the House version of the 2002 Foreign Operations Appropria-

tions bill. During the week of July 23, Congress thus exacerbated the danger of Middle East war, by approving sanctions language against the Palestinian Authority by a vote of 381-46. There was very little debate in either house on the bill, and there are several other anti-Palestinian bills being pushed in Congress. Shortly after the House overwhelmingly approved the sanctions against the Palestinians, Sens. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced parallel legislation in the Senate, whose passage *EIR* experts on Capitol Hill believe will have a similar overwhelming response.

Lantos and Gilman also co-sponsored H.R. 426 on Oct. 24, 2000. It stated: "Arafat has encouraged, promoted, and abetted violence and refused to engage in future negotiations."

Lantos, who is on record in favor of cancelling annual foreign aid payments to Egypt that are recompense for maintaining its peace agreement with Israel, took part in a press conference with ADL Executive Director Abe Foxman on March 29, 2001, on the eve of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's official visit to the United States on the peace process. They called upon the Egyptian government to halt the alleged anti-Semitism appearing in that nation's press; however, what they included in this category were cartoons that described Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "collective retribution" and assassination policy toward all Palestinian factions "as ruthless aggressors and Nazis."

But perhaps most significantly, Lantos revealed himself as allied with those seeking to promote a religious war in the Middle East similar to the Thirty Years War in Europe, when, on Oct. 1, 1999, he praised Dorothy Davidson Gerson and Byron Gerson. These two people, according to Lantos, had funded reconstruction of the eastern Huldah Triple Gate on Jerusalem's al-Haram al-Sharif (a.k.a. Temple Mount), Islam's third most holy site, and the stairway to the Second Temple on the Mount and an observation deck. It was Sharon's Sept. 29, 2000 visit to the Temple Mount that sparked the latest, most deadly outbreak of irregular warfare known as the Al Aqsa Intifada, when he approached the Al Aqsa Mosque during Friday prayers, accompanied by a heavy police escort. Jewish terrorists had already been caught trying to blow up the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock, in order to rebuild the Third Temple. The Gersons' project is the first known attempt to rebuild the Third Temple. The goal of certain members of the Anglo-American establishment, and their puppets among Jewish radicals and Christian fundamentalists, is to trigger a new Thirty Years War (see "Who Is Sparking a Religious War in the Middle East?" *EIR Special Report*, September 2000).

Russia

Lantos has repeatedly attacked Russia under President Vladimir Putin, for "human rights abuses" and its "lack of freedom of the press and democracy." The latter comment

specifically refers to Putin's strong steps against the organized-crime-linked "oligarch" Vladimir Gusinsky, who owned NTV. (This was embodied in H.R. 352, introduced on June 14, 2000.) In a press conference on June 1, 2001, Lantos stated that he was introducing a bill, the Democracy Act for Russia (H. Cong. Res. 128), which would devote \$50 million toward building a "free press" and buttressing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that oppose Putin. Throughout his speech at the National Press Club, Lantos praised the work of Soros and called upon Russia to be thrown out of the Group of Eight (G-8).

Confronted by this author on how a Member of Congress could possibly speak for the six other sovereign members of the original G-7, Lantos responded: "It is always important to take a look at the second aspect of my proposal, namely, suspending Russian membership in the G-7. When [former Russian President Boris] Yeltsin was invited as the eighth member of the G-7, transforming it to the G-8, we had no illusion that Russia was economically ready to be on the same level with Japan and Germany and the United States. Nor was Russia, in terms of its democratic comportment, anywhere near at the same level. But, this was an expression of hope and confidence that it would build. . . . And, the time has come to face up to this. Putin, obviously, very much craves to be a member of the G-8, because this gives him prestige, which he desperately is hungry for. . . . While wholly in favor of engagement, I think the time has come to put an end to the charade of treating Russia as an important economic power with a democratic form of government. My Act on this is clear."

Asia

Lantos has consistently been one of the strongest Democratic opponents of permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with China, and has also opposed renewal of normal trade relations (cf. his H.R. 57 of June 7, 1999). This is undoubtedly why organized labor, that has gone insane on this issue, was the largest contributor to Lantos' Y2000 reelection campaign, contributing \$78,000 in political action committee money.

Lantos' efforts to make a new "enemy image" of the Chinese have not stopped there. On several occasions he has passed resolutions to strengthen the Taiwan Relations Act, including provision of the most modern weapons possible, the training of Taiwanese military officials, and so forth. Lantos has also co-sponsored a resolution to give Taiwan a separate seat in the UN, and spoken frequently against Chinese "human rights abuses, whether it be the crackdown on the Falun Gong cult or alleged repression of the Tibetans, who had been living under conditions of serfdom before the Chinese liberated them from the theocracy of the Dalai Lama.

As the second part of this profile will show, there are two entities behind Lantos' "Ugly American" legislative agenda: a literal Zionist Mafia, and Soros.