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Israeli intelligence taking over CIA

Zionist lobby targets U.S.-Arab economic ties in bid to hamstring

A concerted drive against independent U.S. intelligence-gathering capabilities has been launched over the past two weeks by the Israeli Mossad foreign intelligence service in cooperation with top-level circles of British intelligence and the U.S. Anglophile faction centered around National Security Council head Zbigniew Brzezinski and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Targeting primarily key traditional American business and industrial contacts with important ties to the Arab nations and to Iran. this drive has the aim of circumventing U.S. opposition to an Israeli escalation of the Middle East situation, up to and including Israeli use of nuclear weapons in long-range strikes against Arab Gulf oilfields. A related intent behind crippling of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is to fix U.S. operational dependency on the Zionists and the British for evaluations and policy guidelines.

To these ends, several emergency Zionist Lobby operations have been set into motion — all signalled by the Nov. 15 appearance of Israel's head of Military Intelligence, Shlomo Gazit, before a special Senate staff session where he made the central point that American intelligence in Iran had "failed" and that Israel had had a "better reading" of events there. Since that time, key Zionist lobby controllers have begun an extensive slander and watergating campaign against those Americans who have tried to develop strong business and other ties with the Middle Eastern nations.

The chief front organizations for the Mossad, the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee, are spearheading the Israeli drive. Both Zionist organizations recently initiated a propaganda attack aimed at American businesses and industries that deal with the Arab world, "pro-Arab" American leaders such as Bert Lance and John Connally, and — in the words of the ADL — "former U.S. CIA operatives once stationed in the Middle East and now collaborating with the Arabs."

In two massive reports issued last week, the ADL and the AJC name hundreds of Americans, who, they claim, are "Arab agents." (See accompanying article.)

In somewhat more academic language, the Jewish Committee report, authored by Massachusetts consultant Louis J. Walinsky and a long-standing Mossad collaborator, former New Dealer, economist Robert R. Nathan, titled "Arab Investments and Influence in the United States," sets as its key objectives:

to explore a) the recent explosion of Arab investments in the U.S.; b) the manner and degree to which they have contributed to the enormous exercise of U.S. policy decisions and private sector behavior; and c) to consider what U.S. government policy responses to these developments may be necessary, approrpiate and desirable to safeguard our national interests.

This introduction sets off a 37-page diatribe against "Arab power and influence in the U.S.," followed by a 12-page appendix that documents, item by item, 84 cases of either "Arab Direct Investment in the U.S., 1974-1978" or "Arab Contracts Awarded to U.S. Firms, 1974-1978."

The content of the report, often rambling and unfocused, is an analysis of "Arab Investments in the U.S.," a section more remarkable for what it covers up rather than reports. Filled with tables to document the ostensible disparities between the total oil countries' surpluses and the "combined current account deficits of the rest of the world," the report displays great concern over strange money flows — but without once referencing the massive distortions in world money flows created by the illicit international drug trafficking and related offshore banking operations. This process, Nathan and Walinsky are undoubtedly aware, is controlled from the top by British and Zionist financiers.

The aerospace-commercial bank campaign

The AJC's report occurs in the larger context of a Zionist lobby watergating campaign unleashed against those networks essentially interfacing the U.S. commercial banks and the high-technology U.S. air freight carrier-aerospace sector.

The centerpiece of this campaign was an unusual series of exposés made before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee on Nov. 22 by a Morgan Guaranty

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executive vice-president, Harrison V. Smith. In response to questions from Ohio's Senator Howard Metzenbaum, a Zionist lobby favorite, Smith suddenly revealed that "three oil-rich Arab nations have invested \$2.2 billion in major U.S. corporations including significant ownership blocs in six airlines," according to a front-page account in the Nov. 23 Washington Star.

In an article entitled "Arabs Invest \$2.2 Billion in U.S. Firms," Star staff writer Leonard Curry emphasized that Smith's revelation was "the first disclosure of Arab investment in top-tier American companies since the petroleum exporting countries inflated world oil prices five years ago and began accumulating billions of dollars."

According to Curry, Smith detailed Morgan's hand in investing money for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Abu Dhabi in equity positions, in some cases amounting to a near "controlling interest," in Seaboard World Airlines, Trans World Airlines, Braniff, Eastern, United, and Airborne Freight Corporation.

Hearing these details, Metzenbaum snorted, "This

looks more like recontrol of the airline industry rather than decontrol." Notably, the *Star* article concludes suggestively that "under federal law a U.S. airline would lose its right to operate in this country if more than 25 percent of its voting stock is owned by foreigners" — a clear implication that the airline industry as a whole is about to be hit by a Zionist Lobby-British financing scandal.

Corroborating this is a pattern of reopening of dossiers implicating U.S. air corporations in various bribery scandals. Thus, in Egypt, officials of Egypt Air with historical links to Seattle's Boeing Aircraft have come under investigation during the past two weeks for having accepted bribes. And in Iran, the dossier has suddenly been reopened on a two-year-old case involving "dubious dealings" and "questionable payments" between New York State's Grumman Corp. and Iranian military officials, according to a Nov. 28 piece by Wall Street Journal reporter Jerry Landauer. In a piece titled "Jets and Iran: Documents at Grumman Raise Questions About Role of Shah's Aides in Plane Sales" Landauer predicts an immi-

Great Britain pushes 'astonishing arms sales' in Persian Gulf

In a Nov. 28 interview, one of Washington's most respected experts in the field of military developments in the Middle East laid out the alarming prospect that Great Britain has begun to undercut both American and French interests in the Middle East through a rapidly expanding arms sale campaign throughout the area. The source began by evaluating recent evidence that the French are having sudden difficulties in marketing aircraft and other military equipment to Egypt and other Arab countries under contracts previously worked out between France and the Arab Gulf-funded Arab Military Industries Organization (AMIO). He continued:

Reports are now circulating around Washington that the British have stepped into the AMIO situation in a big way, trying to market their Hawk jets.

This follows other reports that the British have been showing that plane off to various Middle East airforces, including Abu Dhabi, Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and others. There is growing competition between Britain and France on this, and maybe growing British competition with us as well. But the basic struggle is between Britain and France.

This is part and parcel of a very active British program to sell arms abroad. The British, as a matter of national policy and not just aerospace interests' policy, have launched an astonishing sales effort abroad, including various delegation tours of the Gulf. The latter delegations are obviously in competition with the French and the Americans, and there are reportedly new goings-on between the British and the Saudis.

nent Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into an interlocked series of cases — all of which were first dredged up two years ago! Not only Grumman is involved in this nexus, Landauer emphasizes, but also Rockwell International, the Bell Helicopter Division of Textron, Inc. and Avco Corp. On the Iranian side, the targeted individuals have been individuals "extremely close to the Shah" and "strong supporters of U.S. defense interests."

These scandals fit into larger relevant patterns, most particularly what one highly informed Washington source refers to as Great Britain's "astonishing arms sales efforts abroad," especially in the Persian Gulf (see box).

Equally significant is an attempt to leverage the air industry investigations into a general investigation into the entirety of Arab-U.S. economic relations — exactly as per the ADL and AJC's recommendations. Thus, gleefully describing Harrison Smith's revelations as "totally unexpected" and Smith himself as a "turkey," as he "spilled all sorts of things he didn't have to spill," an aide to Metzenbaum gloated that "the Arabs will probably now take their money out of Morgan in anger at what Smith has done; this could soon spill over to hit the Citibank and Chase connection to the Arabs."

Similarly, a second aide involved in Metzenbaum's subcommittee told this journal Nov. 29 that "it would be a logical progression" for the Metzenbaum questioning to extend into the "general nature of the highly diversified Arab portfolios into energy, defense, and utilities."

This push, in turn, traces back to a mid-November privately announced campaign by retired General Julius Klein, one of the nation's highest-up military connections to Israel's Mossad and a leading Chicago area-based controller of Zionist lobby activities, to "go after David Rockefeller and Robert Abboud" (presidents of Chase Manhattan and First National Bank of Chicago, respectively) for "being at the center of the Arab big money relationship to the U.S."

The Israeli Military Intelligence connection

In a parallel operation to that of Julius Klein, the Zionist Lobby has taken an active role in the Administration fight to reshape the Central Intelligence Agency's foreign operations. Two weeks ago General Shlomo Gazit testified before 25 senatorial aides on the controversial issue of CIA incompetence in dealing with Iran's crisis. Gazit, according to the Washington Post, stated that the CIA did not know about the building crisis in Iran until it was briefed by Israeli intelligence. What Gazit, of course, did not state is that Mossad has well-known intelligence penetration into Iran and directly interfaces with the militant Iranian opposition, most importantly the fanatical Ayatollah Khomeini, who was identified by highly placed French sources as a "top Mossad agent." Khomeini has been exiled in Paris since his ouster from Iraq two months ago.

The issue of Israeli intelligence expertise on Iranian intelligence is also increasingly being highlighted in press sources with known links to liberal pro-Israel circles in the U.S. The *Christian Science Monitor*, Nov. 28, praised Mossad's intelligence capacities in Iran as better than those in the U.S., and states that Israel is "concerned" over the well-being of Iran's oilfields in the event of a new upsurge.

Mossad's intervention into the Administration's policy towards Iran is meant to undercut the established traditional "old boy" connections between the Iranian court, the military, and Iran's secret police, SAVAK. As a result of Israeli and allied British intelligence attacks on the Shah using such opposition leaders as the octogenarian Khomeini and other Shi'ite and Sufi sects, these longstanding traditional intelligence networks in Iran have suffered. Now, Israel and its allies are trying to destroy the CIA by charging it with "incompetence" in failing to "predict" the revolt in Iran.

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Zionist intelligence expert: 'Washington clearly failed'

The following are excerpts from an article by former Air Force Middle East intelligence coordinator Joseph Churba, which appeared in the Nov. 30 Baltimore Sun under the title "Strategic Stakes in Iran." In the piece, Churba — collaborator of warhawk retired Air Force Gen. George Keegan and a known creator of the Jewish Defense League — builds up a picture of a massive Soviet threat to Iran as a means of "proving" the unreliability of American intelligence services in responding to "Soviet expansionism."

Fundamental questions of Western security are being raised by the gravity of the current turmoil in Iran. . . . Were Moscow to acquire a hold on Persian Gulf oil, the political and economic effects on NATO and Japan would be catastrophic. . . . In retrospect, Washington clearly failed to appreciate the extent to which Iran's concepts of national security were identified with the person of the Shah.

Thus far, Moscow has maintained a deceptive public neutrality toward the Shah's plight. Presumably, such pragmatism will continue until the Kremlin judges the time right to strike against the Shah. . . .

Another disquieting point in America's "Iranian policy" relates to the presumption of Iran's domestic stability despite accelerated modernization. There remains a general tendency in the National Security Council and State Department to understate the sectarian and ethnic nature of Middle East society. Such fragmented societies, lacking internal cohesion, are inherently unstable and therefore never fully reliable for strategic sustenance. . . .