

# Drug and gambling czars tied to vote theft

*How Bronfman, mobsters fix United States' elections*

U.S. Labor Party investigations into widespread fraud reported in the primary elections this year have uncovered a pattern of evidence that the vote fraud machines in major cities are controlled by figures closely associated with organized crime, drug running, gambling, and laundering of "dirty money" from those activities.

The results of our investigation are presented in several case studies, which show the shocking collusion of organized crime networks, closely associated with British financial interests and their Zionist allies, in robbing American voters of their franchise.

At the top of the operation, investigation points to the Canada-based Bronfman family of whiskey magnates whose influence and control over organized crime dates back to the Prohibition era when they supplied bootleg liquor to the notorious Purple Gang. From these beginnings, families associated with the Bronfmans, like the Jacobses in Buffalo and Max Fisher in Detroit, moved to expand their operations and political control in the U.S. The Jacobses have seized control, through a concessions franchise originally known as Emprise and now called Sport-Services, of race tracks, casinos, and other major sports operations around the country.

In 1971, after several years of scandals, Emprise was finally indicted by a Los Angeles grand jury for an illegal takeover of a Las Vegas gambling casino in 1966. Indicted along with Emprise were Anthony J. Zerilli of Detroit, son of Joseph Zerilli who has been identified by law enforcement experts as the head of a Detroit organized crime gang; Michael S. Polizzi of the Grosse Pointe Valley Die Cast Association and a "lieutenant" in the Detroit mob; Anthony Giordano of the St. Louis Banana Distributing Company; Jack Schapiro, owner of the Silver Slipper Casino in Las Vegas; and Arthur J. Rooks, a Detroit municipal court judge.

Most recently, Emprise-SportServices has been implicated in the 1976 murder of Arizona reporter Don Bolles.

Detroit's Max Fisher, who has camouflaged his origins somewhat more effectively, is said by informed sources to control Detroit drug distribution, which is the jumping-off point for much of the Midwest drug traffic.

## St. Louis:

In the August primary election in St. Louis, the political machine of Democratic Congressman William Clay was reported to have engaged in blatant fraud including registering and voting thousands of non-existent voters from abandoned buildings, ballot stuffing, tampering with the printed returns recorded on voting machines, rigging machines, and threatening voters and candidates. The campaign of harassment and obstruction of justice accompanying the fraud including attempting to bribe Clay's independent Democratic opponent Elsa Hill, then threatening to murder her; interfering with the influencing of judges; and carrying on persistent intimidation and harassment of U.S. Labor Party members and candidates.

The Clay machine is, in fact, merely an arm of St. Louis organized crime associate Morris Shenker's far-reaching organization. Shenker, an attorney and Las Vegas casino owner, holds the St. Louis organized crime franchise of the Buffalo Jacobs family which owns Emprise-SportServices. Shenker, who has represented the interests of Emprise and its Mafia associates in indictments stemming from illegal efforts to take over gambling ventures, is currently under investigation by the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Shenker helped rescue William Clay from a career of petty theft and launched his congressional career with the assistance of Harold Gibbons, St. Louis Teamster boss. Clay had been expelled from college for illegal gambling, fired as a bus driver for stealing and removed from an insurance company job for altering the books. Through his position on the St. Louis Law Enforcement Assistance Administration machine, Shenker authorized funds for Harold Gibbons and William Clay to establish a paramilitary

youth gang organization which has "policed" elections for Clay since.

## Michigan:

In this state in the August third party qualification primary, the U.S. Labor Party, which statisticians project received 30,000 votes statewide, was officially credited with 525 votes. After a three and a half-day hearing documenting thousands of uncounted votes, a federal district court judge refused to place the Labor Party on the ballot. The conspiracy to keep Labor Party candidates off the ballot in Michigan dates back to 1976 when an unprecedented third party qualification primary was established.

Max Fisher, a former Purple Gang associate, in conjunction with his law firm Cohen, Honigman and Schwarz, has for years had a financial stranglehold on both the Republican and Democratic parties in Michigan. Fisher dictates policy for the Republicans; his lawyer Avern Cohen dictates policy for the Democrats. Through these networks Fisher placed his own man, Howard McGowan, a disbarred lawyer, in a key position at the State Board of Elections. It was McGowan who wrote the third party primary qualification bill, specifically to keep the Labor Party off the ballot.

The United Auto Workers and other "muscle" linked to drug-pushing and Michigan real estate speculation, under the thumb of Max Fisher, carried out the "street level" mobilization for fraud through their control of boards of elections. Fisher permits UAW local organizations to hold drug-pushing franchises inside the auto plants.

Law enforcement sources in Michigan say that Fisher has the unique combination of control over police and prosecutorial apparatus in the state, and control over local philanthropy to provide him with both immunity from prosecution and a number of impeccable "charities" through which to launder his funds. The control over police and prosecutorial operations (Avern Cohen recently became head of the Detroit Police Commission, for example) also provides immunity from prosecution for blatant vote fraud and ongoing harassment and intimidation of political candidates and their campaign workers. (The Michigan Labor Party has experienced almost two hundred arrests of its organizers in the last year.)

An exemplary look at the prosecutor's office in Genesee County, Michigan shows why this immunity exists. There, District Attorney Robert Leonard, who has consistently refused to prosecute drug pushers, has been named in a federal court indictment charging known Detroit gangsters, including Emprise-linked Anthony Zerilli, with attempting to purge state criminal records so that the gangsters could be approved by the Nevada Gaming Board to take over a casino. According to the indictment, Robert Leonard advised Zerilli and his associates how to accomplish the record tampering.

In Genesee County, a 15 percent sample of computer votes cast in the recent primary showed that more than 50 percent of the Labor Party's votes had been left "uncounted."

## New York:

The Erie County (Buffalo) New York intermeshing of the vote fraud and organized crime machines is extremely straightforward; operations in the rest of the state are characterized by only slightly more subtlety. Organized crime in upstate New York centers in the Jacobs Brothers' Sport Services Inc. The U.S. Labor Party has definitively identified the Jacobs Brothers as the upstate New York connection in the Bronfman drug-running operations conducted through Canada to New York. The Jacobs brothers, in their efforts to turn Federal heat off their enterprises, have been able to go right to the top of the Democratic Party nationally, retaining the services of Kennedy-linked Lawrence O'Brien.

Individuals connected to SportServices also form a factional core within the Marine Midland Bank, which has its corporate headquarters in upstate New York, through such holdings as Niagara Frontier Services and First Mark Corp. This faction of the bank's board has led the fight for that bank to be taken over by the British Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for centuries the international bank most prominently involved in the drug trade.

In 1976, the Erie County Democrats delivered a minimum of 20,961 fraudulent votes for Jimmy Carter according to documentation submitted by the Labor Party to federal authorities in New York. This machine is dominated by Joseph Crangle, who utilized the black poverty apparatus of Arthur Eve in the 1976 fraud. Crangle and the Jacobs brothers joined forces to carry the election of Daniel Patrick Moynihan to the U.S. Senate in upstate New York. Moynihan has returned the favor by championing drug decriminalization and legalized gambling for the state.

On Oct. 5, 1978, as the Buffalo U.S. Labor Party mounted a campaign to expose the drug links of the Jacobs brothers and to prevent the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from taking over Marine Midland Bank, U.S. Labor Party candidate for Congress Khushro Gandhi's nominating petitions were challenged by a man named Bartkowski. Bartkowski is known by political sources in Buffalo as a hack for Joe Crangle and for Khushro Gandhi's Democratic Party opponent Hank Nowak.

In 1976 during the early tests of the Carter Administration Nowak participated in a national campaign to get President Carter to pardon Lewis Jacobs for an Emprise conviction in a Nevada gambling case. Nowak cited the Jacobs brothers as "pillars of their community" in his letter to the Department of Justice. The Justice Department rejected a pardon for Jacobs as totally "inappropriate."

A similar surfacing of the direct links between the Bronfman machine and the vote fraud apparatus is underway in Westchester County, New York, where a challenge to the nominating petitions of U.S. Labor Party congressional candidate Michael Billington's nominating petitions has been upheld by the "bi-partisan" Board of Elections. Westchester County follows the Michigan model of both the Republican and Democratic Parties being heavily influenced and funded through organized crime. In Westchester County, Edgar Bronfman owns the Democratic Party,

and dictates its moves from his home, a palatial Westchester estate. The county's Republican Party is shaped behind the scenes by John Loeb of the Loeb, Rhoades investment bank. Although nominally a Republican, sources in Westchester report that Loeb has done everything in his power to insure the successful election campaigns of Billington's Democratic Party opponent, Congressman Richard Ottinger, a longtime Fabian. John Loeb is married to the former Mrs. Edgar Bronfman.

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## How organized crime runs vote fraud: preliminary investigation

City                      Key Controller

### ST. LOUIS    Morris Shenker

#### Investigative History

- Owner of several Nevada casinos. Defended Emprise and Jacobs brothers as their attorney.
- Under investigation for use of pension monies for organized crime purposes.

#### Role in Vote-fraud apparat

- 'Godfather' of the Clay political apparatus in St. Louis, is heavily implicated in vote fraud.
- Through associates, implicated in the setting up the LEAA gangs in St. Louis who enforce fraud.

### MICHIGAN    Max Fisher

- An associate of the Purple Gang prohibition smuggling operations. Linked to Bronfman operations through this and through prominent role in the Zionist Lobby.
- Through financing, heavily controls both Democratic and Republican parties in Michigan.

- A Fisher-linked Board of Elections official wrote Public Act 94, Michigan's third party primary law.
- Jewish Labor Committee elements are the core of the UAW vote fraud machine in Michigan, and also the direct link to Fisher.

### BUFFALO, N.Y.    Max and Jerry Jacobs

- A Bronfman-connected gangster family. Their corporation, "Emprise," connected with Arizona murder of reporter Don Bolles. Morris Shenker often works for them.

- Through Joseph Crangle, exert control on Erie County Democratic Party machine.
- Democratic Party ties include former party chairman Lawrence O'Brien.
- Implicated in effort by ally, Nowak, to throw his opponent Gandhi (U.S. Labor Party) off ballot.

### WESTCHESTER CO., N.Y. Edgar Bronfman , John Loeb

#### Bronfman

- Senior member of the Bronfman family.
- Under investigation many times for organized crime links and other illegal activities.
- Extremely powerful in Democratic Party.

- The county's bi-partisan Board of Elections challenged U.S. Labor Party's candidate Billington.

#### Loeb

- Controls Republican Party.
- Married to the former Mrs. Edgar Bronfman.