

Central America provides ammunition for the Reagangate conspiracy

by Scott Thompson

As the White House faces deteriorating situations in Central America and in the Middle East, where Israel stands poised for a war with Syria that may take on aspects of a great power confrontation, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), the ranking minority member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, announced the last week of March that he would seek hearings on a covert operation that the Reagan administration has mounted against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua. House Speaker Tip O'Neill (D-Mass.), sensing a payoff for the next presidential election, indicated that he might follow Moynihan's lead on behalf of those liberal Democrats who want to hold hearings in the House.

Those hearings would inquire whether the White House has contravened a law Rep. Edward Boland (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Intelligence committee sponsored last December that rules out any covert operation intended to overthrow the Sandinista government. As the Speaker is well aware, the White House would be hard pressed to defend itself because of secrecy requirements.

Of more immediate danger, perhaps, is the possibility that the White House, whose staff is torn on many profound issues dealing with the economy and defense policy, may suddenly begin to hemorrhage, spawning several "Deep Throats" who are prepared to provide the Reagangers with rumors and partially digested facts. One of the most astounding leaks to date occurred the first week of April, when the *New York Times* printed a top secret National Security Council document outlining the current Central American strategy, a document drafted in a meeting at which the treacherous former Secretary of State Al Haig, handpicked for his post by the British-dominated Trilateral Commission, was the ranking official present. It was Haig who, pretending to be a negotiator loyal to the United States, had from the onset deceived President Reagan about Israel's intention to invade Lebanon and who promoted British interests in the Malvinas. U.S. national security officials now concede that the Malvinas crisis was triggered through a secret conspiracy of Britain's Foreign Minister, Lord Carrington, Haig, and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's drug mafia clique.

Well-informed sources report that the Central America document was leaked by White House chief of staff James Baker III and his assistant Michael Deaver, who have re-

peatedly sided with the Trilateral Commission-British axis and its pawns in Israel on policy matters.

It was under the Carter administration, staffed by members of the Trilateral Commission that has since sworn a vendetta against President Reagan, that the hypocritical practice began of denying arms to Central American states in the name of "human rights," while high-level officials steered those same states to Israel—the world's seventh largest arms supplier.

By the time that the Reagan administration took office, it had to rely upon Israeli intelligence and political assets in Central America. To gain hands-on control, the Reagan administration deployed more CIA forces under Constantine Menges, but many of the top field officers came from networks that opposed CIA Deputy Director Bobby Inman's efforts to free the United States from reliance upon British and Israeli intelligence.

Putting Ríos Montt in power

General Efraim Ríos Montt, the Khomeini of Central America, publicly said last year that he could not have carried out the putsch that brought him to power in Guatemala without "Israeli assistance." Ríos Montt, who has carried out a Hitlerian policy of genocide against native Indians, is controlled by those "Christian" fundamentalists in the United States now involved in a joint project to "rebuild the Temple on the Mount" in Jerusalem. This project has been promoted in Israel by Sharon, former cabinet minister Yigal Yadin, and Minister for Science and Technology and Tehiyeh Party head Yuval Ne'eman, while such Trilateral Commission members as Lord Carrington, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Kissinger's former Assistant Secretary for Latin American Affairs William D. Rogers are involved in a West Bank landscam that is linked to the Temple Mount project. (See Special Report.)

After the Carter administration cut off direct U.S. military sales to Guatemala in 1977, under Sharon's direction the Israelis concluded a massive deal for arms and counterinsurgency training that led *Time* magazine to comment: "Guatemalan army outposts in the jungle have become near replicas of Israeli field camps." Israel built and helped staff the main communications and intelligence center of the Guatemalan

army, and they remain within the center today. General Stern, a Sharon ally, set up a company with one José Fierro Aramburu—the Madrid-based Compañia Interamericana de Seguridad—which contracted with the Guatemalan army chief of staff for training the army.

Israeli arms traffickers have dealt in Nicaragua since Yehuda Arazi, who had extensive ties with the Nazi International and organized crime, set up a connection with dictator Anastasio Somoza for the Haganah in the 1940s. When the Jesuit-led Sandinistas overthrew Somoza in 1979, they were carrying Israeli arms. Well-informed sources report Israel still maintains a covert tie to the Sandinistas through Israeli intelligence and mafia channels that intersect wealthy Lebanese, Libyan, and Palestinian families in the region. Israeli gangster David Marcus Katz, who is involved in arms sales through the London-based Israeli Aeronautics Industry (IAI) in addition to his organized crime activities, represents one such interface.

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Israelis have helped the CIA train a mixture of Somoza guardsmen, Sandinista dissidents, Cuban exiles, and others in Costa Rica and Honduras for the recent incursion into Nicaragua.

In October 1982, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir promised a major economic and military package deal to Costa Rican President Luis Alberto Monge, whose wife is Israeli. According to a "secret U.S. document" revealed in the London *Times*, one aspect of this package involves U.S. support for an Israeli-advised "West Bank settlements" program in Costa Rica that would build fortified settlements on

Nicaragua's southern border and allow insurgents and arms to be "infiltrated across the border." Monge is a Social Democrat with close political ties to AFL-CIO Chairman Lane Kirkland who oversees the AIFLD coup and pacification network created by Anglo-Soviet agent Jay Lovestone.

In December 1982, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon visited Honduras, whose troops are now on alert for a potential border clash with the Sandinistas, to make that country the hub of an arms and drugs empire for the region. Sharon's trip was promoted by Lord Carrington's business partner and political point man, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who was then in Mexico with David Rockefeller, the founder of the Trilateral Commission.

The drugs for arms factor

The Israeli faction that has dominated that country's presence in Central America is tied to major narcotics trafficking, which overlaps at the higher levels with cocaine-smuggling routes overseen by Max Fisher, chairman of United Brands and a major Reagan political enemy. United Brands, which is linked today through Fisher to its Israeli counterpart, has been involved in repeated coups as much to control this drug trade as the banana republics themselves. One of Fisher's alleged collaborators in the "Silver Triangle" dope trade was fugitive financier Robert Vesco, who set up shop in Monge's Costa Rica with over \$200 million stolen from the flight capital and money laundering firm, Investors Overseas Services. Vesco has been implicated in multi-million dollar influence peddling schemes with several members of the Carter White House—including the President's brother—that have been the subject of a grand jury probe. The previous Democratic national chairman was almost indicted for his involvement in these matters.

When the Carter administration opened Central America to Israel in 1977, it was General Ze'evi (aka "Gandhi"), who became the adviser to several governments. General Ze'evi has been denounced in the Knesset as the kingpin of the Israeli Mafia with links to a cocaine route running from Ecuador to the United States. It was General Ze'evi, for example, who in 1980 oversaw a major arms deal with the "Cocaine Colonels" of the Garcia Meza government in Bolivia, who came to power in a coup that involved the cocaine funded paramilitary force of Nazi butcher Klaus Barbie.

Intelligence sources report that the Kfir jets which Sharon plans to sell to Honduras are destined for similar drug trafficking operations, which would outflank the 12 anti-drug task forces set up by the Reagan administration. Sharon's agent on the ground in this and other deals is General Gorodish, who was dismissed for corruption after the 1973 war. One of the subcontractors for the Kfir jet is Allianz Hadera, which is reported to be tied through one Joe Lewo to Victor Posner, the heir apparent of Meyer Lansky.

If Democratic Senator Moynihan and House Speaker O'Neill are committed to a truthful investigation, it is beyond hope they also look at this sordid record.