

Attic Chronicle by Phocion

Papandreou and 'The Trust'

Certain facts are now revealed for the sake of certain monitors in Switzerland.

There is a Greek ship-owner, by the Italianized name of Giovanni Latsis, who has lavishly bankrolled numerous of Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou's political projects. One of Giovanni Latsis' better known gestures of generosity was the donation, by personal check, of U.S. \$10,000,000 to Mr. Papandreou in his capacity as Greek Defense Minister.

Now, this Giovanni Latsis, who spends half of each year in the environs of Venice, makes most of his money by purchasing Libyan oil—through the good offices of Armand Hammer—and selling said Libyan oil to Israel. Dr. Armand Hammer, you will recall, since the beginning of this year, has been brokering a major, secret, diplomatic rapprochement between Israel and the Soviet Union, closely coordinating his endeavors with Prime Minister Shimon Peres (as opposed to the Shamir-Sharon idea of a deal with Russia).

Now, you will ask, what does this have to do with the large-scale shake-ups that are going on in Mr. Papandreou's government recently. In sequence, events are as follows:

During September, a team of three middle-level CIA officials visited Greece to first inform Mr. Papandreou that, according to Soviet GRU defector Col. Sergei Bokhan, his government had been infiltrated by "Soviet agents." In response, the Greek Premier created a National Security Council and placed as its presiding officer Mr. John Charalambopoulos, the minister to the prime minister and ex-

foreign minister. Charalambopoulos, the de facto head of the Greek National Security Council, has a special affinity with Israel, Giovanni Latsis' prime customer for Libyan oil: From his first marriage, in 1944, with a Haganah lady, Charalambopoulos is the father of a son who now has senior rank in the Israeli Defense Force, and a daughter who is a senior field officer of the Israeli Mossad, operating in Western Europe. His relations with his first, Israeli wife have, in the past, been reported excellent. Charalambopoulos' current wife is the niece of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of *Jerusalem*, a player of some weight in Israeli politics.

Upon the formation of this new National Security Council, the Papandreou government embarked upon a drastically new internal policy based on a series of riots and disturbances provoked by the government itself. The most notorious such provocation—and *EIR* has this information directly from a Greek Police official—was the rioting, in early November, at the Athens Polytechnic School, which resulted in the death of a 15-year-old boy, and the subsequent sacking of the chief and deputy chief of police, two men who had made enemies of Mr. Papandreou's inner circle as well as the visiting three-man CIA advisory team, because of their own ideas about how to combat international terrorism.

It is still premature to draw conclusions respecting these developments. In fact, the little morsels pre-

sented above may not make too much sense to the average reader. In fact, these items are being made public at this time for the benefit of a certain lawfirm-cum-investment house in Switzerland which we know avidly peruses items we present in this column.

To these discerning readers, a further word of advise: Watch what happens in Greece with the case of Nazi fugitive Alois Brunner, now residing in Syria. Mr. Papandreou's foreign ministry announced on Nov. 25, that it intends to seek Brunner's extradition from Syria to Greece, in order to try him for the murder of 46,000 Saloniki Jews during the Second World War. It will be recalled that some of these murdered Saloniki Jews were members of the Recanati family, with prominent interests, today, at the Israel Discount bank.

Now, it so happens that the chairman of the board of directors of Giovanni Latsis', the occasional Venetian denizen's, shipping company also sits on the board of Israel Discount Bank.

Think now what prominent theater could be played in Athens, or in Salonika, should Papandreou's friend, Hafez Assad, extradite Alois Brunner to Greece. Many an Israeli legal and intelligence expert will fly over to prepare for the trial. Why, half of the port of Haifa might be deserted as its Saloniki residents, those who escaped Brunner's ire in 1943, fly over to Greece to testify. Once there, they would encounter numerous Syrian officials, also helping in the preparation of the trial. Among them, one might find numerous old acquaintances from the city of Aleppo. Only very few know the significance of Aleppo, among them being the monitors in Switzerland, and the nephew of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, now presiding over the Greek National Security Council.