

At present, the leading Golden Triangle/Golden Crescent network operating in the Philippines is an Australian one based in Thailand, where yachts are loaded and shipped to Hong Kong, then exported into the Philippines and finally transshipped to Europe and the United States. NARCOM busted the Colombian-Philippines connection for cocaine distribution headed by Peter Vizcardi a.k.a. Silvio Costa, an Australian national of Italian descent. Vizcardi was the financier of the Italian "Colombian-Philippines" cocaine traffick- ing group. Cocaine production in the Philippines is not as

extensive as marijuana; however, General Montaña told this reporter that it has been reaching into the upper echelons of Philippine society within the last two years, as a result of the influence of U.S. jet-set types. The major area of cocaine production is the Central Visayas and Iloilo.

Among the key distribution vehicles for heroin from the Golden Crescent are Philippine Airlines and Pakistan Inter- national Airlines. The Pakistan consul general was kicked out of the Philippines for coordinating the drug operation. NARCOM intelligence found out that some of the Pakistani

The U.S. drug lobby and the Philippines

A close look at the circles in the United States and Canada who are running operations to topple the Marcos govern- ment, reveals numerous connections to the shadowy un- derworld of dope and terrorism. According to a former high-level U.S. intelligence official, one of the leading figures involved in the Philippines is **Hank Greenberg**, who runs the New York City-based International Insur- ance Company of America, one of the leading underwri- ters and re-insurers of the Philippines banking system. Greenberg is said to have had business ties to CIA Director William Casey, and this may have something to do with Casey's problems with the Philippines.

An Israeli intelligence source told *EIR* that a Mossad faction which was involved in the assassination of South Korean President Park Chung Hee, operates from Canada in conjunction with Greenberg. Two financiers, one Israeli and another a Canadian—**Harold Arviv** and **Charles Yannover**—using a South Korean assassin named Ji Shik Moon, not only were involved in the Park hit, but were also involved in planning the assassination of Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino, whose death in 1983 provided the pretext for the destabilization drive against President Marcos. Subsequent investigations revealed that Yannover, a joint Mossad-British intelligence agent, was involved in a North Korean-funded plot to kill both South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan and President Marcos at a golf tournament in 1981.

A key congressional opponent of the Marcos govern- ment, **Rep. Stephen Solarz** (D-N.Y.), represents dope- lobby interests, specifically, the Lebanese-Syrian Jewish banking interests in New York City (including from his Brooklyn constituency), Beirut, and Rio de Janeiro. So-

larz's key contact point in this dirty-money network is dope banker **Edmund Safra**, the former chairman of American Express Company and a friend of Henry Kissin- ger, who brought Kissinger onto the Amex board. Safra's apparatus extends into the Philippines through his long- standing relationship to Israeli arms merchant **Shaul Ei- senberg**, who has offices in the Makati business district of Metro-Manila. Eisenberg's Far East Trading Corpora- tion is the largest Israeli concern now operating in the People's Republic of China, where it manufactures light weapons. One U.S. intelligence source indicated that some of Eisenberg's weapons are winding up in the hands of the Soviet-backed New People's Army (NPA) in the Philip- pines. Eisenberg lives seven months of the year in Beijing (Peking), where he rents the top three floors of the Hilton Hotel.

Solarz and the Kennedy wing of the Democratic Party have financed the newspaper of the Philippines opposition in San Francisco, the *Philippines News*. It was bailed out with money from two real-estate operatives with ties to drug-money laundering: **William Coblentz** and **Moe Bernstein**.

Michael Armacost, former ambassador to the Phil- ippines and now Undersecretary of State for Political Af- fairs, has interests in the Philippines through his brother Robert, who is president of the Bank of America.

Not to be overlooked is the media, which has played a crucial role in building the anti-Marcos destabilization internationally. As *EIR* has documented on other occa- sions, the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and the major television networks are closely interlocked with the drug lobby. Completely overlooked in the melee sur- rounding the assassination of Aquino was the role of ABC- TV's correspondent **Ken Kashihara**, who witnessed the assassination and, with the cooperation of NBC-TV's Asia news director, spirited out of the Philippines a witness who later wound up secretly testifying to members of Congress. Whether this unknown individual was Mrs. Quijano, the prosecution's key witness in the Aquino as- sassination trial, is the subject of an ongoing investigation.