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## Background

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# New leads point to Lord Russell network

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Recent new findings by Australian and Swedish investigators, of Trotskyite/Fourth International responsibility for the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, have reopened the dossier on one of the most important counter-intelligence files of this century: the network of the late Lord Bertrand Russell.

According to Australian investigator Roy S. Carson, Swedish murder-suspect Anders Hjelm has had ties, for several years, to a Nottingham, England-based entity called the Institute for Workers Control. Founded in 1968, the IWC shares the same office and telephone-switchboard number in Nottingham, as the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation's international headquarters. The IWC and the Russell Foundation are basically interchangeable entities, the former with more direct responsibility for coordinating anarcho-syndicalist ferment under the rubric of "industrial democracy," and the latter with responsibility for overseeing the international "peace movements," and such "New Age" Jacobin insurgencies as the one that brought Ayatollah Khomeini to power in Iran. The "Russell House" publishing group in Nottingham publishes the Soviet KGB-front magazine *Searchlight*, which targets leaders found unfavorable to the Soviet dictatorship for assassination, and *World to Win*, the magazine of Bob Avakian's Revolutionary Communist Party and Revolutionary International Movement, which supports the murderous "Shining Path" narco-terrorists in Peru.

The "Russell File" takes the investigator into many dirty corners, for example, the 1920s-30s group at Cambridge University in Great Britain, known as the Cambridge Apostles, a secret, freemason-like society, out of which the Soviet Union recruited several of their top penetration agents in this century, including British homosexuals Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt, and Russell himself. The Cambridge Apostles cultivated what one lover of Burgess called a "gay intellectual freemasonry," out of which the so-called "Homosexual International," or "Homintern," was spawned.

Second, Russell was the godfather of the 1950s "Pugwash" movement, which has played a key role as a special East-West back channel, through which the Soviets have been able to bring about the unilateral *démontage* of Western defense and industrial capabilities. "Pugwash" is the found-

ing institution behind what is today misnomered the "peace movement." Russell himself built upon the international opposition to the Vietnam War in the 1960s-70s, to build a global Jacobin movement, opposed to industrial progress and in favor of various "environmentalist" and "ecological" cults. Russell was one of the patrons of the rock-sex-drug counter-culture.

The main group behind the 1980s' European peace movement, European Nuclear Disarmament (END), was, in fact, founded by the Russell Foundation, on the basis of an international peace appeal, written in 1979, by peace-movement guru, E.P. Thompson of Great Britain, on behalf of the foundation. Thompson's decades-long ties to the Bulgarian secret services should be a matter of some interest to investigators.

Following the fifth annual END meeting in Perugia, Italy, in 1984, a special operation was established to coordinate "peace movement" ties into the East bloc. Based in West Berlin, this is called the "East-West Dialogue Network," and is headed by Euro-Green parliamentarian Dieter Esche. Esche works closely with the Pax Christi affiliate in Amsterdam, and with the Russell Foundation in Nottingham. The Russell-END complex has begun secret meetings on Jan. 8, 1987, in Brussels, Belgium, to plan the Seventh Annual END meeting, in Coventry, U.K., from July 15-19, 1987.

### The Swedish case

It's no great surprise to see the Russellites turning up, in a terrorist context, on the Swedish front. Lord Russell was one of the patrons of the late 1960s/early 1970s "deserters movement" of American army-deserters, who based themselves out of Stockholm. While a certain percentage of these individuals acted on the basis of opposition to the Vietnam War, the "deserters movement," as such, became a group out of which various KGB-backed terrorist or proto-terrorist sects were created.

At a spring 1969 conference in Stockholm, pieced together with the included purpose of building an international support movement behind the deserters, IWC-Russell ideologue Noam Chomsky, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, first came into contact with Emma Rothschild, daughter of Britain's Lord Victor Rothschild. Then 21 years old, Emma had begun political association with a group of British peaceniks congregated in the late Peggy Duff's International Council for Disarmament and Peace (ICDP). Peggy Duff had been a co-founder in the 1950s, with Russell, of the so-called "Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament."

By the early 1980s, Miss Rothschild had become an important person on the Swedish peace-movement scene, appointed by Olof Palme to the Palme Commission on International Disarmament Issues and to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). In the interstices, so to speak, of such activities, she reportedly developed a love affair with Palme.