

Elliott Abrams backs Nazis in Panama

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Is the State Department's social democrat, and putative Jew, also a backer of surviving elements of Adolf Hitler's organization? As a matter of documented fact, he is; but the implications go much further than such odious peccadilloes of one badly soiled Reagan administration official.

The implications are global, and very deep-going. Abrams's support for old Nazi circles within the Panamanian "opposition," symptomizes a Reagan-Bush leadership pushing the United States itself to the verge of destruction over the course of the years immediately ahead. The Reagan-Bush Panama policy is sheer insanity; but it is said, that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

In politics, as in strategy and history generally, and as in the physical sciences, there are some facts which are merely ordinary facts, and other facts which are crucial. In science, we mean by "crucial fact," experimental evidence which shows that one entire body of scientific thought is wrong, from top to bottom, and an opposing body of scientific thought the more correct one. The United States' use of old Nazis as the core of the Panama "opposition," is not an isolated dirty fact; it is a crucial fact, as we shall explain and demonstrate.

The London *Daily Telegraph* of Wednesday, March 16 featured 87-year-old former Panamanian President Arnulfo Arias Madrid as the charismatic leading spirit for those Panamanian figures now being deployed for Elliott Abrams's planned coup against the elected government of Panama. This is the same Arias whom the United States toppled in a 1941 coup, because Arias was at the time a faithful follower of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler; the U.S. State Department has been freshly reminded of those facts, and of the mass executions of a number of Jews, which occurred during the period of Arias's wartime Nazi presidency of Panama.

As *EIR* has documented in its Panama Special Report and other coverage of this matter, young Arnulfo Arias was recruited to the German section of the Thule



*Left to right: Roberto Eisenmann, former Reagan adviser Norman Bailey, and Aurelio Barria, head of the U.S.-based Panamanian opposition, "Civic Crusade," at a 1987 Washington forum to plot Noriega's overthrow. The hard-core anti-Noriega faction in Panama, including elements in the editorship of Roberto Eisenmann's *La Prensa*, is riddled with members of a covert continuation of the old, never-disbanded Nazi organization in that country.*

Society, the Gnostic cult which created the Bavarian Nazi Party and selected Adolf Hitler to lead it. The documentation available indicates that Arias was recruited to the Nazi Party by Hitler personally. In the period of his wartime presidency, Arias openly avowed himself a Hitler admirer, and advanced policies emulating those of Hitler.

While U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese is diligently supporting frame-ups based on Soviet KGB-forged evidence against alleged Nazi accomplices of the past, the State Department's Elliott Abrams is supporting the political faction of a real, live Nazi in a Panama coup plot. Something stinks.

It would be disgusting enough if old Nazi Arias were just one rotten fish in the new coalition assembled around former President Eric Arturo Delvalle. The fact is, the hard-core anti-Noriega faction in Panama, including elements in the editorship of Roberto Eisenmann's *La Prensa*, is riddled with members of a covert continuation of the old, never-disbanded Nazi organization in that country.

The U.S. military intelligence files from the period of the 1920s through 1945 tell the kernel of the story. Throughout the Caribbean region, from northern Mexico down to Peru, and also spread more widely, there existed a Gnostic cult with the same general anti-Christian religious ideology as the German Thule Society, which U.S. intelligence files classified as "SYNARCHIST: NAZI/COMMUNIST." They were so designated, because their ranks were interchangeably Nazi and Soviet agents. This included the Mexican PAN—currently backed by the Reagan administration, Arias circles in Panama, and confederates of the French and Spanish Synarchists generally.

Today, since its legalization by former Colombian President Alfonso López Michelsen, this Gnostic cult has come into the open again in places such as Colombia, Venezuela, and elsewhere, with prominent political links to AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland's AIFLD organization, Robert Vesco's Cuba-based operations, and the region's narco-terrorist organizations generally. An overlay of the roster of key Synarchists from the 1920s through 1945, with the visible elements of the current Gnostic operations in the region, is one of the pieces of evidence showing that what aging Arnulfo Arias intersects today is the continued form of organization of the old Synarchists of the wartime period.

This Gnostic/Synarchist network is assessed by the governments of the Caribbean region as the most dangerous and sophisticated private intelligence organization in the area. Unfortunately, elements of U.S. foreign intelligence are often allied closely with these Gnostic networks in the region, as they are in Panama and Mexico today. However, these networks are also working closely with Soviet foreign intelligence, partly through Syria and old Nazi networks in Switzerland, as well as through East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria. The Soviet links are identical with the channels through which Moscow coordinates Syria-based international narco-terrorism; the channels used by Moscow are the international Nazi organization, headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, which has maintained and rebuilt itself as the unbroken continuity of Nazi leadership from Adolf Hitler himself.

The Panamanian connections came to the surface in the wildly Gnostic ravings of former Panamanian Col. Roberto

Díaz Herrera, on the occasion of his June 1, 1987 discharge. The connections were prominently exposed, more recently, in a *La Prensa* attack on U.S. Democratic presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche. On Feb. 24, 1988, *La Prensa* attacked LaRouche as “a detractor of Basilides.”

Basilides is the name of a key follower of the Simon Magus who founded Gnosticism, and Basilides himself was a key leader of the international Gnostic cult during the second century A.D. The U.S.-backed opposition to Panama’s government is dominated by Gnostic/Synarchist figures who have the closest banking and related financial ties to the Medellín, Colombia narco-cartel.

Elliott Abrams’s staff knows of Arnulfo Arias’s Nazi past and of the Synarchist/Gnostic character of Arias’s Panamanian collaborators today. Abrams’s staff is also fully conscious of the fact that it is the forces which Abrams is backing, which are the allies of the Medellín cocaine cartel, and that the Justice Department’s indictment of Gen. Manuel Noriega is a complete hoax, and part of an attempted cover-up of the truth about the drug-running operations of the Contras noted and tolerated by the Bush-headed Special Situations Group to which Oliver North reported.

It is also relevant that Elliott Abrams is part of a social-democratic faction within the U.S. intelligence establishment, which has been in collusion with these Gnostic circles throughout Central and South America. It is relevant, that the leadership of the Socialist International is not only a leading appeaser of Moscow today, but is a principal organizer for the establishment of an international, one-worldist-tending fascist order in Europe and the Americas by a target date advertised currently as 1992. This is called “democratic fascism,” under which society will be reorganized along fascist corporatist lines, and harsh austerity “democratically” imposed by these corporations. That is the policy to which Project Democracy is committed, with the encouragement of some of the greatest financial powers in the world today.

The relevant point to be made, is that the ideology of the leadership of the Socialist International is purely Gnostic. This has not been the case with much of the membership and local leadership of mass-based socialist parties in Europe. However, at the top, the Socialist International leadership is ruled by Gnostic ideologues.

Of course, those ideologues do not often employ the religious paraphernalia of Simon Magus’s modern followers in their statements as Socialist International leaders. Some of them are active members of overtly Gnostic factions penetrating Christian churches and Jewish freemasonic circles—either the Feuerbach-Barth tradition among Protestant churches, or such effluvia as Karl Rahner-like “liberation theologians” among Catholic dissidents.

What the Socialist International’s advocates of “democratic fascism” do, is to use a secular disguise for Gnostic

mystical dogmas. Such secularized Gnosticism is the characteristic feature of the “socialist ideology” of that organization today. In other words, the characteristic features of such socialist ideology are conceptions of the human individuality and of society which are in perfect agreement with the virulently anti-Christian notions of the individual and society characteristic of Gnostic influences.

We shall show here the importance of that Gnostic characteristic of such social-democratic ideology. These and related facts do bear on Elliott Abrams’s state of mind. However, it were probable that Abrams does not think much about these things from day to day; they are so instinctive with him, that he takes them for granted, and acts in such directions without need to think about the curious way in which his mind works.

Day to day, a bureaucrat such as Elliott Abrams operates on a much simpler set of totally unprincipled assumptions. Washington today operates on the basis of what is called the “power curve.” Once Washington bureaucrats have committed themselves to carrying out a policy-action, they tend to push through any measure they imagine the traffic will bear, simply to adorn themselves with success in conducting the policy-action.

It were likely, therefore, that Abrams’s day-to-day mindset is simply that of such an utterly unprincipled bureaucratic fanatic, who acts from moment to moment on the basis of the perception that his career, his prestige, and the “credibility” of the Reagan-Bush transition depends upon the success of this Panama caper.

Nonetheless, historical processes tend to absorb such purely private motivations of bureaucrats like a sponge. It is the interaction between reality and large-scale philosophical movements which characterizes the outcome of any period of history. In that sense, whether Abrams thinks of this fact, or not, it is the logic of Gnostic cult-influences which is using him as if he were a mere chess pawn in the unfolding of current events.

It is easy to damn Abrams as an all-around, immoral scalawag. The fact remains, he is not a shaper of policy, but merely a highly expendable and relatively low-ranking instrument of the policy which moves him even contrary to his own will. The important thing, on which our attention is focused here, is to understand the real forces at play in the situation, and how the interaction between these forces and reality is shaping the outcome of current history.

The world has come into a time—a *punctum saliens*—when the past four decades’ policy-shaping has reached an outer limit. What has seemed to succeed as policy-shaping during the past decades, especially during the past two decades, is now doomed to be crushed by the emerging onrush of crisis events. Now, it is variously neglected or discounted “factors” in history which will come to the fore as the leading determinants of current and future history. We are entering

Arnulfo Arias: Nazi



According to the book *Holocaust in Panama* by Arístides Iván Hassan R., Arnulfo Arias was responsible for directing the mass executions of 13 German Jewish families in Panama, where Arias now owns what is said to be a coffee plantation. The death squad that carried out the executions during Arias's short, violent wartime presidency in 1940-41, was trained by a Guatemalan protégé of Hitler's ambassador to Panama, Hans von Winter, who set up a political police called GUSIPA. Its chief was Nicolás Ardito Barletta, father of ex-President "Nicky" Barletta.

In 1937, Arnulfo Arias personally met Hitler, when he was ambassador to Italy. It was there he was formally recruited to Nazism, and, sources say, it was during that time the plot to murder Panama's German Jews was hatched.

Arias, who first became fascinated with Gnostic cult activity in 1925, when he became involved with the racist society "Los Polares" in France, has a long history as a

"race scientist" beginning with his education at the University of Chicago and Harvard Medical School.

- In 1930, Arias was a member of Acción Comunal, an occult secret society that carried out a coup d'état in 1931, and installed his brother Harmodio Arias as President.

- In 1933, during his brother's presidency, the same year Hitler's mass sterilization programs were launched, Health Minister Arias proposed a program to sterilize blacks and "mercy-kill" the elderly. The program was rejected by the congress, but in 1941 during his presidency, all blacks admitted to the hospital were forcibly sterilized.

- Arias himself became President in 1940. In his Oct. 1 inaugural address, he proclaimed that "as Panama has ceded its territory to the United States to construct the Canal, Panama also can cede territory to the Germany of Adolf Hitler, so they . . . can help us against Imperialism. . . . The demagogic concept that all men are free and equal is biologically without foundation. . . . The concept of liberty as an inalienable and unlimited right of the individual must give way to the more modern concept of liberty conditioned by the social exigencies of the community."

Before he was overthrown by a U.S.-backed coup in 1941, Arias was able to impose a new constitution prohibiting immigration of blacks, Chinese, and Japanese. He revoked the citizenship of 40,000 West Indian blacks, and even asked the United States to return to the West Indies blacks who had worked on the canal.

now into a period of the deepest crises of this century to date, a crisis so profound that it were possible the United States, as we have known it up to now, might not survive the events unfolding over the course of the 1990s.

What a contemptible little Elliott Abrams, or even a George Bush thinks or does, is of trivial importance at this juncture. Powerful forces, which such weak-brained fellows never imagined to exist, are about to take over the stage. We are entering now a time when only the most profound insight into principles of classical tragedy provides convenient and useful comparisons for the titanic developments about to sweep over the entirety of this planet.

The important thing is to know the real enemy forces, for whom a mere wretch such as Abrams serves as a readily expendable pawn.

What is today's neo-Nazism?

The ugly secret of this age is the rise of power of what is

symptomized by the term: SYNARCHISM: NAZI/COMMUNIST. The first thing to do, to understand the forces at play in the emerging upheavals around this planet, is to find the common denominator of Nazism and Communism, the common father and master of both, who is also the true master of the unwitting Elliott Abrams's mouth, hands, and feet.

As Nazi historian Dr. Armin Mohler documents in his *The Conservative Revolution in Germany, 1918-1932*, the Thule Society which created Hitler's Nazis, never intended Nazism to survive as more than an instrument of widespread destruction, preparing the way for a later form of what is usually referenced today as "neo-conservatism"—today's fashionable way of professing to be a fascist. The Gnostic cults, including their overtly satanist, Crowleyite theosophical offshoots, as well as Synarchist networks, are the chief vehicle through which that transition to the new form of fascism is being pushed.

These Gnostic ideologues, backed by powerful rentier-

financier families of Europe, are typified by Friedrich Nietzsche and Aleister Crowley, who proclaimed their intent to make the twentieth century the end of the "Age of Pisces," which they associated with the images of Socrates and Jesus Christ, and to bring on, instead, the "Age of Aquarius," which they identified with the worship of Dionysos and Lucifer.

It is this pro-satanist, self-styled "brotherhood" of such fellows as Oxford's John Ruskin, Dostoevsky, Nietzsche, Berdayev, Gorky, Blavatsky, Crowley, H.G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, and so on, which is the enemy of all mankind, and the author of neo-malthusian dionysian and other countercultural cults, as well as being the true author of both Nazism and Communism.

In other words, Nazism in Germany, like fascism in Italy, was created to serve as an expendable instrument of policy of this Gnostic-cult network. The character of this network is most easily shown by examining the background to the Stalin purge trials of the 1930s, a background which must be studied to understand adequately not only the seismic succession fight erupting to the surface within the Soviet Empire, but the global strategic crisis for which that succession fight is now the center.

The Russian revolutions of 1917 were run from inside Russia by a combination of powerful aristocratic landowning opponents of the Romanov dynasty, in alliance with an insane rabble called the Raskolniki ("Old Believers"). This operation was coordinated by the backers of the notorious Alexander Helphand "Parvus," the "merchant" of the Bolshevik Revolution. Parvus's backers included the same Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata who brought Mussolini to power in Italy shortly after the Russian Revolution.

The crucial feature of the Communist International was the control exerted over non-Russian Communist parties and also such longtime foreign-based Bolshevik leaders as Trotsky, Bukharin, Radek, Rakovsky, and so forth. This control was exerted by foreign banking interests, like the Venetian financier interests for whom Volpi served as corporate executive. Find the money-bags behind Trotsky and other former protégés of Parvus, and you find the key not only to the Moscow purge trials, but also the curious Western appeasement of Moscow's dictatorship today.

It happens, that these same financier interests who backed such Bolshevik factions as the Trotsky and Bukharin factions, also backed Mussolini, and, for a significant period of time, Hitler. Indeed, during the early 1920s, up into 1923, the Soviet Cheka directly backed Adolf Hitler. That is key to the 1930s Moscow Trials. If we understand this, we also understand the logic of not only Reagan's INF appeasement of Moscow, but also the titanic succession struggle ongoing in Russia today.

From 1918 through approximately 1927, the same wealthy interests who controlled Western Communist parties, and

who had funded Trotsky, Bukharin, et al. prior to October 1917, entered into an arrangement with Moscow known as the "Trust." By 1927-29, the looting of Russia through Bukharin-steered economic concessions to these Western financial circles had pushed Russia to the verge of destruction. So, a collection of forces around Stalin moved, first in alliance with Bukharin to crush Trotsky and the Left Opposition, and then to crush Bukharin's Right Opposition.

Put into perspective the secondary features, as well as the enormities of the Stalin purges. Put aside the special case of the Tukhachevsky purge, a product of German manipulation, with aid of Czechoslovakia's Eduard Benes, of Stalin's increasing paranoia. Essentially, the accused former leading Bolsheviks were guilty of the charge which lay behind the charge: They were slaughtered, almost, but not quite root and branch, because of their historical ties to those powerful Western financier potencies who had backed these Bolshevik "cosmopolitans" earlier, and were currently backing Hitler.

Once it was apparent to Stalin, that the Western financiers behind Parvus's former protégés were backing Hitler for military adventures to the East, Stalin took several courses of action: 1) He proceeded to butcher both the Left and Right oppositions, 2) He began to probe for an anti-Western pact with Hitler, from about 1936, through Parvus's son then serving as the Chekist agent resident under diplomatic cover in Berlin. 3) He prepared to launch an offensive war through Germany, once, he hoped, Germany would be bled to sufficient weakness by the invasion and conquest of Britain.

In truth, in timing, Germany's "Operation Barbarossa" was a preventive strike against Stalin's preparations to overrun Europe with a Tukhachevsky-designed offensive which is very much like the offensive war-plan options devised by Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov et al. for the 1990s.

True, Hitler intended to overrun Russia, but this had been intended to occur in the way which Hitler's emissary, Rudolf Hess, conveyed Hitler's proposal to the British government. After victory in the West, with Britain either conquered or lured into alliance, Hitler had always intended to use captive Western European resources for the conquest of Russia.

However, the Soviets had been committed to the Tukhachevsky "Plan of the Offensive," first being developed for this purpose at the Frunze Academy during the 1920s, to overrun Western Europe. After Tukhachevsky had failed to sell this plan to Britain and France, the German intelligence services ran a successful intelligence operation aimed to induce a paranoid Stalin to decapitate the Red Army leadership. However, Tukhachevsky's plan outlived him—indeed, it is the model for the Soviet war-planning of today.

Had Germany waited until Stalin was prepared to launch the offensive, the Soviet offensive would have been devastating. The Wehrmacht planners relied upon the fact that the Soviet forces had a massive offensive capability, but virtually no serious defensive capacity. Thus, by preemptively attack-



Handshake seals Russian-German pact of 1939, between Stalin and Hitler's Foreign Minister Ribbentrop. Stalin had begun to probe for an anti-Western pact with Hitler from about 1936, through "Trust" networks in Berlin.

ing those Red Army forces, catching them flat-footed, the Wehrmacht might have overrun Russia had Hitler not done Stalin the service of conducting the sieges of Moscow and Leningrad, thus forcing German forces into crippling attrition against the built-in defensive potential of the Soviet cities.

This is the history not only studied by the Voroshilov Academy's Soviet general staff, but is the historical model used to design the current Soviet war plans against the West. Allusions to conclusions based on studies of this period appear not infrequently in the writings of Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov. The Soviet *nomenklatura* will react according to this "model," not only because they are obsessed with it consciously, but because it is bred into their nature to react so.

Most Western analysts of Soviet developments are way off the mark. In one sense, it is true, that Gorbachov is being dumped; but this is no personality conflict, nor does it conform to U.S. Sovietologists' pedantically infantile explanations of the Soviet factional struggles of the 1920s. The lessons of the 1927-29, and 1934-38 purges are being re-

played; the details are significantly different, and the strategic correlation of forces, and their relative dynamics, different, too; but the underlying strategic principles are the same.

There is a crucial flaw in the plan of the strategic offensive elaborated by the late Yuri Andropov and his key protégé, Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov. It is the flaw we examined under the rubric of "Plan A," in the 1985 edition of *EIR Global Showdown*. The playing out of this flaw, which has now come to the surface—in 1988, the year we forecast it to emerge—will largely determine the future history of this planet. The point of no return will be reached within a few years at most, perhaps as early as merely months down the line.

Summarily, it goes like this.

Throughout the postwar period, the Soviet civilian economy has tended to operate at a net loss, much like Italy under the Roman Empire. The prime Soviet productive capacities are devoted to military production. The crucial margin of support for the Soviet civilian economy has been obtained through massive looting of the captive nations of the East bloc. The data to this effect, while fragmentary, is conclusive.

The launching of Marshal Ogarkov's *perestroika* was primarily an economic mobilization preparing for the possible Soviet launching of a simultaneous "first strike" attack upon the United States and overrunning of Western Europe. This was done largely by increasing the intensity of the looting of the East bloc nations; the data is conclusive on this point. So far, the effects were no worse than had been discounted under the terms of a "Plan A" version of the pre-war mobilization plan.

To this, something was added. Moscow attempted to play two cards at the same time. The second card, was massive trade deals with the West, to be subsidized by export of agricultural goods from Eastern Europe, to fill the void in Western European supply caused by the EEC Agricultural Commission's policy of destroying much of Western European agricultural potential.

This arrangement was established through the same international food cartels, such as Armand Hammer, Dwayne Andreas, and Cargill, which are not only the principal agencies for delivering Western food supplies concessions to Moscow, but controllers of the policies of the EEC Agricultural Commission and the policies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This arrangement, mediated through the grain cartels on grain cartel terms, meant that the exportable agricultural supplies must come from the tables of the populations of the East bloc nations.

The data on this is also conclusive. As a result of these two ratchets of deep austerity imposed upon the Eastern European captive nations, the economies of several East bloc nations, including Poland and Romania, are now near the point of an economic breakdown.

During the 1920s, the form was different. Then, accord-

ing to leading Soviet economist E. Preobrazhensky's studies, the Soviet economy was trapped in what the coopted Left Opposition leader L. Trotsky described as a "scissors crisis." Then, to meet the terms of trade on Soviet grain exports demanded by the Western grain trade cartel, Moscow looted industry to sustain the agricultural export output. Soviet industry was pushed to the brink of breakdown by Bukharin's pact with his former financial backers of the West. Today, it is the looting of East bloc economies, rather than Soviet industry, which is the center of the new "scissors crisis."

What concerns Moscow is not the fear that savage austerity will cause hunger riots in Hungary, Romania, Poland, and so forth. Social unrest, Moscow could put down with its customary police-state methods. What, when machines and land-output break down? Police-state methods can not torture machines and land back into fecundity! The military looting of the East bloc nations provokes no greater social unrest than might be controlled by the customary police-state methods; the added burden of concessions pushes the looting into a domain where natural laws, independent of the wills of subject peoples and their conquerors, take over. It is that added margin of looting, that pushes Moscow into a succession crisis: *Glasnost* is doomed.

During 1924-27, on the "scissors crisis," Stalin privately agreed absolutely with the Trotsky whom he personally hated. His opposition to Trotsky, his temporary alliance with dictator Bukharin did not signify, in fact, that Stalin disagreed with the Preobrazhensky analysis put forward by Trotsky. Stalin was already preparing to act in acknowledgement of Preobrazhensky's theses, as he did with the First Five-Year Plan later. Stalin reacted, rather, by first acting to eliminate the dangerous Trotsky, in temporary alliance with the foolish Bukharin, and then easily dumped Bukharin. *With this much, Marshal Ogarkov today agrees.*

The key issue—then and again today—was the relationship to the Communist International's Western Trust partners among the U.S. and Western European rentier-financier circles. Dumping both the Trotsky-led Left Opposition and the Bukharin-led Right Opposition, signified breaking the existing trading relations with the Western financier elements of the Trust. Knowing those financier circles, Stalin took the precaution of breaking those financiers' actual and potential assets among the Bolshevik "cosmopolitans" of both the Left and Right Oppositions, to break the Western financiers' capability of organizing a coup against him within the Soviet command.

Today, the issue is the unendurable penalty of looting the East bloc at the rates needed to maintain the Gorbachov period's *glasnost* program of reopening trade concessions to the Western financiers. The cabal of German financial interests rallied around the ambitious Lothar Späth of Baden-Württemberg will soon discover that its schemes of East bloc trade concessions come *zu Späth* ("too late"). The added

degree of looting of the East bloc needed to sustain trading relations *on those terms* will not be tolerated.

This does not mean that Moscow will cease to seek economic concessions from the West. Rather, it means that the new policy will be modeled upon those of the Soviet First Five-Year Plan, not the Bukharin model. Marshal Ogarkov has been explicit on this in specifying his requirements for a Soviet pre-war economic mobilization preparing for the "first strike" assault against the West as early as sometime during the 1990s.

The issue is, that the *glasnost* reforms associated with the *neo-Bukharinite* aspect of the Gorbachov "reforms," are to be scrapped as decisively as Stalin dumped Bukharin. Moscow is about to drop the *neo-Bukharin mask*, to assume what some Westerners will read, simplistically, *after the fact*, as a resurgence of *neo-Stalinism*. It will not be *neo-Stalinism*; but it will reflect the indicated sort of parallels to the issues which led to the toppling of the Bukharin dictatorship.

One case aptly illustrates the point.

In Bulgaria, onions and garlic are being imported from Egypt. By all prior historical standards, Bulgaria's import of onions and garlic is comparable to shipping coal to Newcastle. The reason for this astonishing anomaly, is that Moscow copied Western "free trade" policies toward agriculture, letting the prices of East bloc vegetables be driven so far below parity prices that the Bulgarian farms simply ceased producing vegetables, and shifted into grain production *for export potential!*

Moscow will doubtless deal with potential resistance in the customary police-state manner, but Moscow will be forced to make some increases in effective prices of East bloc produce, simply to avert a breakdown of those East bloc economies upon which Soviet economic potential itself crucially depends. Deals with the West are not ended; rather, the West will be offered much less "generous" Soviet terms for such trade "concessions." Too bad, Lothar: *zu Späth!*

As the new leadership combination comes to the fore in Moscow, the First Five-Year Plan will be echoed on these points. The shift will be toward an economic war-mobilization according to modern Soviet strategic studies of that earlier model. Such matters as paradoxes of Bulgarian onion production will be treated by means of assigned production quotas and assigned prices. The looting in service of the Soviet military build-up will persist, but it will be rigidly organized with the included intent to maintain the essential structures of agriculture, industry, and infrastructure, and will do this in a way consistent with war economy direction of both the Soviet economy and the occupied territories serving as a Soviet military's logistical basis for forward operations.

The time for this change to erupt, is coming up fast. The most recent signal to that effect is that Mikhail Gorbachov spent five days on his visit to Yugoslavia. That alone signals

that Gorbachov is virtually dumped from key Moscow decision-making. A correlated sign, is that in Gorbachov's absence, Moscow has dumped Gorbachov's March 15 Afghanistan ultimatum to the U.S. government, and has announced that its lowering of the Soviet military operations-level in Afghanistan will be conducted unilaterally by Moscow.

What is in progress in Moscow, is not a fight over the dumping of Gorbachov. Gorbachov lost control during the June-October 1987 period, and could have been dumped at any time then, or later. He was kept on as merely a nominal general secretary, after October 1987, solely for the purpose of manipulating as many strategic concessions from an addled President Reagan as might be cheaply gained. The fight is a much more profound matter than the mere dumping of a general secretary; what is in progress in Moscow is a succession crisis: the deadly business of piecing together the component elements, and related agreements needed to define a new leadership combination.

What is almost certain, is that a combination of the Soviet military, the Russian Orthodox Church, and the fascistic, and violently anti-Semitic Pamyat (Memory) Society will be the "comers" within whatever new combination is pieced together.

The maturity of this process is already indicated by the KGB's orchestration of the obscene events in Azerbaijan, a crisis orchestrated by that Ligachov-Chebrikov-Ogarkov *troika* which serves as the interim government of the Soviet Empire. Whatever Iranian or other foreign elements have been meddling in the Caucasus region, the Azeri "pogroms" against Armenians were orchestrated directly from Moscow's KGB headquarters, with backing of the Ligachov-Chebrikov-Ogarkov *troika*. This nasty operation portends an alliance of the Great Russians and Transcaucasian Georgians and Armenians as the crucial social composition of *nomenklatura* power within the leadership to emerge soon.

The special danger is, that because of the gutlessness of the addled appeasers in the Reagan administration, and also the vast strategic superiority of the Soviets currently, Moscow might accompany this transition with some major military, or potentially strategic-military adventure.

EIR's intelligence nets inside the East bloc are reporting pieces of information, observed on the ground, which, pieced together, show relatively pre-war sorts of military mobilizations in progress over the recent and current period. This is not some Soviet bluff; Moscow is preparing for something relevant to such military preparations within a few months or so, at most, down the line.

U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci's meetings with Soviet officials in Geneva, remind one of the State Department's negotiations with Japan while the Japanese fleet moved in on Pearl Harbor. It is the fact that official Washington is currently virtually insane, and caught in a flat-footed state of compulsion to appease Moscow, that makes the situation so

dangerous. The fact that the Reagan administration is so insane as to contemplate a U.S. military action to overthrow the government of Panama, while appeasing Moscow, is like President Reagan's saying to Moscow, "Please rape me: I am too stupid and impotent to resist any nation whose population exceeds 2 million Panamanians."

Virtually never does Moscow make adventures against adversaries of credible capability and credible political will. Unless the Soviet Empire is directly threatened, Moscow proceeds strategically with Russian peasant slyness, mystically confident of its ultimate global victory, and relies more upon self-destructive tendencies operating within the West, than anything else. It seeks to promote self-destructive cultural erosion in the West, as it does in promoting malthusians' anti-nuclear and other lunacies in the West, or pushing its Syria-pivoted narco-terrorist international operations to the same effect. Its view is fairly summed up, "Since we are fated to win, anyway, why take unnecessary risks?"

There is no contradiction between this Russian peasant slyness, and the vigor with which what is in fact Moscow's Mithra cult-like military dictatorship pursues the goals of crushing military superiority and plans for global and regional military operations consistent in character with Tukhachevsky's "Theory of the Offensive." Moscow prepares to defend itself if attacked, but, more emphatically, prepares the military capabilities it foresees might be required to effect "the final victory" of world-conquest: the West during the span of the present generation, and the conquest of China during the next generation after that.

It will not launch military adventures unless most highly provoked, or it perceives assured victory.

However, the collection of cowardly, if bullying ninnies, which is the impression the current Reagan-Bush administration projects to the world at large, makes an all-too tempting target.

In strategic military equations, an attacking force must weigh three leading factors of the intended victim's capabilities: 1) capability of action, in terms of firepower, mobility, and depth; 2) capability of political will of the command and populations of the targeted prospective victim; and 3) capability of executing efficient command of the capabilities at its disposal. On all three counts, eleven years of Carter-Mondale and Reagan-Bush have brought the Western command to its lowest ebb, the second Reagan administration most decisively so.

Reagan's cowardly retreat from a potentially effective Persian Gulf deployment, and from defense of Europe and the Pacific Rim as well, combined with the disgusting acts of the effort to deliver a bully's crushing military blow against a nation of 2 million persons, Panama, is read in Moscow as a U.S. government like a dying man stumbling from one door to another in search of the first undertaker who will inter him with Graustarkian pomp at a bargain price. Such pomp vic-

tims are too rarely placed in Moscow's target-range to let such a victim pass by safely. Like Hitler's temptation after the Munich appeasement, President Reagan's behavior during his second term has escalated Soviet temptation to near its highest.

There lies one of the gravest dangers in the situation, the risk of a Soviet military adventure in some region of the world.

The Western side of the equation

These developments on the Soviet side coincide with the onset of the worst international financial crisis of this century: A financial crisis like that of 1929-32, but much deeper and moving with greater velocity.

Although this crisis is the outcome of approximately twenty years of "post-industrial" drift, directed by the U.S. government and liberal establishment, the immediately leading features of the present crisis are those set into motion by the New York Council on Foreign Relations' 1975-76 *Project 1980s* package of policies, the policies which have guided the Carter-Mondale and Reagan-Bush administrations since. The combination of the orgy of cultish "free trade" dogmas and the build-up of the greatest financial bubble in history, especially since October 1982, is bringing the Western economies near to the threshold of a rapid chain-reaction spiral of collapse.

The Socialist International welcomes this debacle, which it has avowed to be the opportunity to impose its proposed "democratic fascism" upon North America and Western Europe. The social-democrat's "democratic fascist" dogma, the guiding dogma of the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy and Project Democracy, is essentially as follows.

The social-democratic dogma of "democratic fascism" came to the surface during the 1971 monetary crisis. The economics of the dogma were those identified by Keynesian social-democrat Prof. Abba Lerner, in his Queens College debate with this writer during the fall of that year.

In that debate, Lerner was forced to concede that he was a supporter of the doctrines of Hitler's Economics Minister, Hjalmar Schacht. Once cornered into that admission, Lerner defended it. He argued, that if the Weimar social-democrats had supported Schacht's policy, *Hitler would have been unnecessary.*

These social-democratic ideologues of "democratic fascism" have adopted two additional elements of Nazi and other fascist ideology. They have adopted the "small is beautiful" thesis of the Nazi ideologues, and the notion of a corporatist organization of society, modeled upon the Italian and the Dollfuss variety of Austrian fascism. Over the period since about 1957 to date, the social-democrats have created mass-based support around ideas in this direction through their international "New Left" projects.

They call this "democratic fascism," or, sometimes, "fascism with a smiling face," because they propose that fascist

austerity must be imposed "democratically" by the various corporations they propose to establish in place of existing forms of constituency organization.

In short, the "technicians"—i.e., representatives of rentier-finance—will present the corporations with a kind of multiple-choice questionnaire. This "questionnaire" will ask, "Which of the following economic rights and civil liberties do you prefer to give up, and which do you least desire to give up?" These choices will be presented as "the only objectively available alternatives"; the representatives of the members of the fascist form of corporations will then choose "democratically" which of the alternatives is adopted.

Thus, it is leading social-democrats and bankers of Europe who support this fascist scheme who tend to be the most clear-headed and accurate in ridiculing those who seek to deny the character of the present financial collapse. They accept this calamity with not only confidence, but zeal, because they believe that it is precisely this crisis which makes possible a social-democrat-led sort of "democratic fascist" dictatorship over the nations of Western Europe and North America.

This is already Project Democracy's fascist model for the Philippines and Central and South America. The toppling of Marcos by Soviet collaborators such as Ramsey Clark, and the intended crushing of Panama, are intended to eradicate every nationalist institution from relevant areas of the developing sector, in order to proceed with unprecedented looting of these regions and to impose savagely increased death rates among persons whose skin complexions are not admired by Anglo-Saxons of New Ager Teddy Roosevelt's racist tradition.

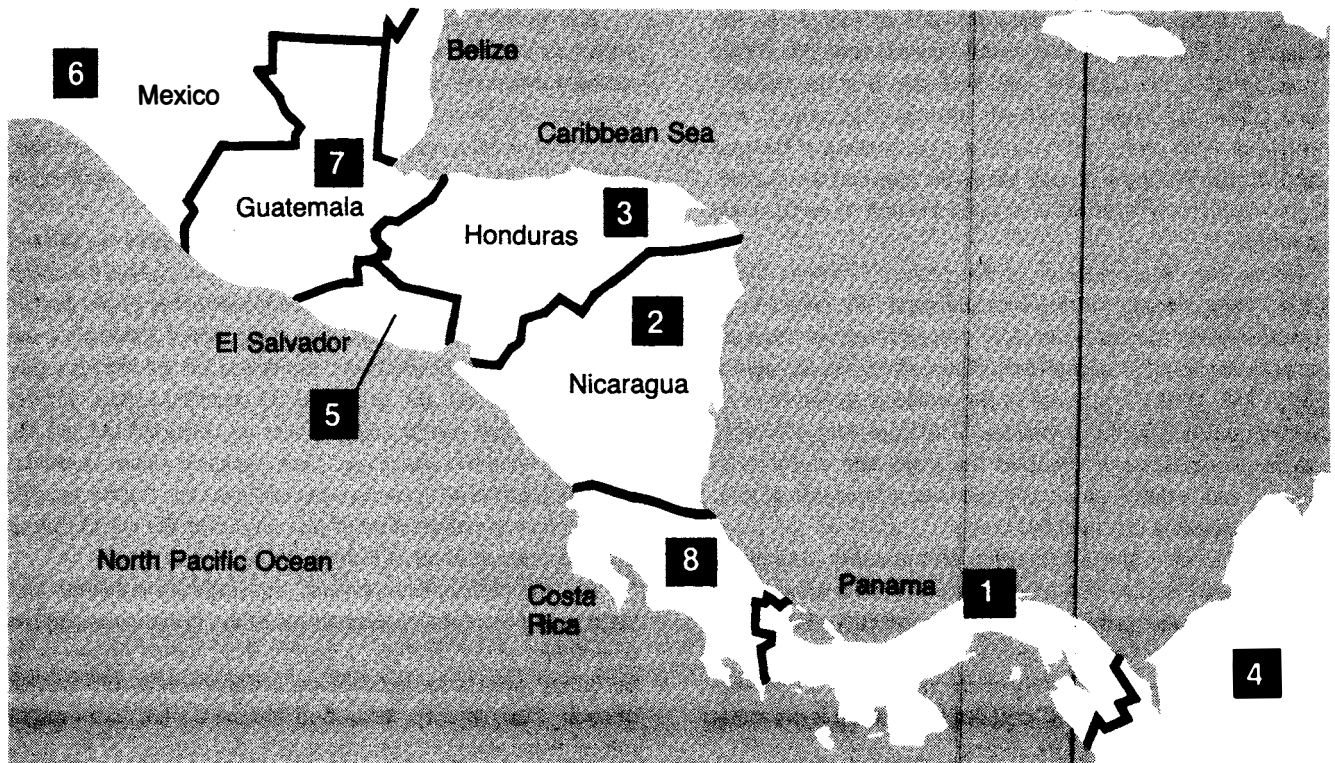
This "democratic fascism," like all fascism, and Soviet Communism, too, are, like the theology of the Muscovite Orthodox Church, Gnosticism in practice. In other words, these are all, like Adolf Hitler, New Ager, forces assembled in aid of the "Dawning of the Age of Aquarius."

It is the intersection of the policy-crisis within the Soviet Empire, with the devastating complex of crises erupting in the West, which is the essential characteristic of the present moment of our planet's history.

How the crisis is structured

Western civilization is essentially the outcome of the Augustinian tradition of Western European Judeo-Christian civilization. "Judeo-Christian" is defined historically, by the collaboration between St. Peter and Philo Judaeus, at Rome, against the Gnosticism of Simon Magus, the Magis' anti-Christ cult of Mithra.

So, in response to Peter's and Philo's success in checking Simon Magus's efforts to recruit among the Jewish communities of Rome, the Emperor Nero launched the effort to exterminate the Christians. So, Mithra cultist Emperor Tiberius, from the Mithra cult center at Capri, had commanded the death of Christ on behalf of the anti-Christ, Mithra.



Central America: prospects for a 'Thirty Years War'

1. Panama: The U.S. Army Southern Command has threatened Gen. Manuel Noriega, that in the next coup attempt, U.S. troops would back the officers trying to overthrow him. The target is not merely Noriega, but the 15,000-man Defense Forces as a whole. Not only will these troops fight if the U.S. invades, but nationalist forces are already setting up militias for that eventuality.

2. Nicaragua: Nicaragua has overwhelming military power in the region, heavily armed by the Soviet Union. It has combined armed forces and militias of 120,000. The U.S. response has been to build up a mercenary, paramilitary force, the Contras, while attacking the professional militaries in the region as a "threat" to democracy.

3. Honduras: Military force of 16,000. One of the poorest countries in the Western hemisphere, the headquarters of one of the dope cartel chieftains. Honduras now faces

the threat of the Contra mercenary forces based on its territory, which are equal in size to its own armed forces.

4. Colombia: The capabilities of the 60,000-man armed forces are overextended, fighting four now-unified narco-terrorist armies. U.S. demands that American troops be sent into Colombia to "fight drugs" would not be tolerated, even by the strongly pro-American military.

5. El Salvador: The country has been torn by eight years of civil war, and the army has been unable to wipe out the Soviet-backed FMLN insurgency. The guerrillas expect they can defeat the government's 45,000-man army, as the economic crisis intensifies.

6. Mexico: The U.S. and Soviet Union have agreed on a civil war scenario in which U.S. troops would be pulled out of Europe, and deployed to police the southern border. Mexico is being hit by a growing narco-terrorist insurgency. Its armed forces number barely over 100,000.

7. Guatemala: While Guatemala's 32,000-man military has held the Soviet-backed insurgency in check, the guerrillas are recruiting among the Indians and being militarily reinforced by the narcotics traffickers.

8. Costa Rica: Has no army, and has been targeted as a major cocaine transshipment center by the drug mob. Drug financier Robert Vesco was based there for many years.

This culture extends as far eastward in Europe as the influence of Roman Catholic missionaries, into the Baltic region, Poland, the Ukraine, and so forth. It is the cultural matrix of the Americas. It extends into the Philippines, and into Africa. This cross, from the Christian borders of Eastern Europe to the Philippines, and along the spine of the Americas, is Western civilization, and is the bastion of civilization as a whole.

Respecting other cultures of this planet, Western civilization's characteristic culture is ecumenical. We have a moral responsibility to assist nations of other cultures in securing access to the benefits of our own. Thus, if we see the matter rightly, our culture's mission in the world is to preserve its superior qualities for the advantage of all humanity. Our duty to make available to all peoples the fruits and methods of scientific and technological progress is an expression of this.

This is what is in jeopardy.

On the surface, the adversary of all humanity is centered presently in Moscow. Moscow is part of the adversary, and that enemy's most powerful military capability. However, the true enemy is a force which infests both Moscow and the West, a force most consistently characterized by the promotion of the "Age of Aquarius" cult dogma as what is presently the leading expression of Gnosticism.

In the affairs of governments, the essence of Western civilization is the principle of *natural law*, as Nicolaus of Cusa and Gottfried Leibniz, for example, identify the proper, non-liberal meaning of *natural law*. This entails such principles as the sacredness of individual human life, the right to development of all persons and nations, the right to be judged by no standard but that of reason guiding the application of natural law, and the commitment of mankind to foster the improved conditions of average life of a growing human population by aid of scientific and technological progress. It means a policy of abhorrence of usury in all forms, and supplying the advantage in social practice to the investment of wealth in the improvement and growth of the scale and per capita productivity of agriculture and industry to effect a rising per capita standard of life.

Starting with the poisonous seed of liberalism, this civilization began its present long drift toward self-destruction during the eighteenth century, with the revival of the model of Roman imperial law as a form of rejection of the Augustinian heritage of *natural law*. Liberalism was then self-defined as a rejection of any intrinsic authority of morality, replacing morality by capricious whims of currently prevailing opinion.

The degenerative process quickened after the 1815 Treaty of Vienna, with the spread of the erotic irrationalism of Romanticism. The second half of the last century saw Romanticism superseded by a more naked evil, Modernism, and out of Modernism came directly the overtly satanic New Age of Ruskin, Nietzsche, Dostoevsky, Teddy Roosevelt, Crowley, H.G. Wells, and so on.

It is the New Age, so viewed in reflection upon its origins, which is the true adversary of all civilization, as it is the modern incarnation of the cult of the anti-Christ. This is the mother—the lunatic Great Earth Mother—of both fascism and communism, including social-democratic "democratic fascism." This mother is expressed by an ideology of practice cohering with the dogmas of Gnosticism.

The problem of those non-Christian cultures we defend as part of a broader definition of civilization, is that they lack a specific ingredient essential to mobilizing the planet for the preservation of even what they themselves fervently, and rightly believe to be their vital interests. It is we who embody relatively the best, the genius of Western European culture, who have what might often appear an acquired instinct for initiating what must be done. Thus, we must place the crucial strategic emphasis upon the area of the cross, not because of any exclusive self-interest of this region of the world, but in the self-interest of all of humanity.

So, the political, economic, and military cohesion and aggregate potentials of the nations of the cross is the bastion of defense of civilization, a region from which no retreat is permitted, whose unified defense is the absolute self-interest of each. That is to say, the notion that the United States might retreat from absolute commitment to the defense of Western Europe—or, part of it—for offsetting gains in the Middle East or Pacific Asia, is a suicidal delusion. We are able to defend these flanks only to the degree we do not weaken any part of the nations of the cross.

This is not to be viewed as an abstract thesis. Practice coincides with this.

The industrial potential of Western Europe exceeds that of the United States. The correlation of present economic power globally is such, that should Western European industries become large-scale suppliers of the Soviet Empire, the Soviet Empire dominates the world absolutely, to the effect that no portion of the world were defensible against Soviet hegemony.

Gnosticism's devastating paradox

In that unfortunate case, the Soviets would butcher their Establishment partners of the West. The study of Hitler-Stalin relations is the demonstration of this.

Nazism was essentially Russian culture superimposed upon Germany, a German-language copy of the Russian fascism of Fyodor Dostoevsky's diary and novels. In the most fundamental respects there was no difference between Nazism and Stalinism. There were numerous differences in detail; the chief difference was that the Nazis spoke German, and that the Stalinists were Russian racists.

So are all Gnostics. In that sense, Gnostics are all cannibals. In a Gnostic world, relations are reduced to who eats whom. If the Russian Gnostics prevail, they will eat the Western Gnostics, for the simple reason that Gnostic regimes do not tolerate power-sharing with representatives of other

racism, except as semi-autonomous subject peoples, colonies, satrapies, and client-states. Bolshevism is essentially racism, in its Gnostic axiomatic roots.

In secular terms, Gnosticism is a form of hatred of reason. It hates instinctively those qualities of the individual human mind which are the source of the generation and efficient assimilation of valid fundamental discoveries in physical science. It hates, for the same reason, any form of art congruent with the principles of classical aesthetics—as physically talented Russian artists show this in their butchery of classical musical compositions, or the system of crotch-display which is the essence of Russian ballet.

Any culture which satisfies such prescriptions of Gnosticism will collapse in the way of the demographic collapse of the Roman empires of West and East.

It should be obvious, that the level of per capita productivity is limited both by the quantity of energy supplies per capita and per hectare. It is also obvious that the conversion of increased energy supplies into higher productivities requires technological progress as Leibniz defined “technology.” It is therefore obvious, that the potential population-density of mankind varies in proportion to both the increased density of usable energy supplies and technological progress.

Without a culture efficiently committed to technological progress, the depletion of natural resources by a stagnating level of technology must lead to a collapse of the potential population-density. This is what destroyed the Western and Eastern Roman empires from within, demographically. This is precisely what the international monetary agencies and the neo-malthusians are doing to the world today.

With the adequate scale of use of even the levels of technology already developed, this planet could sustain two to three times the present world population at levels of per capita existence comparable to Western Europe during the early 1970s. As a consequence of neo-colonialist policies of looting of developing nations, and neo-malthusianism in the industrialized sector, the failure to deploy existing levels of technology has lowered the potential population-density of today’s planet to a level lower than the present human population.

This could be readily corrected, if the world were placed under new management committed to scientific and technological progress. Under Gnostic world-domination, this would never occur. A rapid collapse of potential population-density would occur in the months and years immediately ahead, leading to the most monstrous biological holocaust imaginable, a holocaust which has already begun to explode into the open.

Against such forces of nature, no political system can do anything. No police-state rule, no matter how brutish, can crush the will of the laws of nature. Something must give way; either the political systems submit to the will of natural law, or those nations which sustain such political systems will be eradicated in the fashion of the Biblical Sodom and

Gomorra our Hollywood gangster’s culture has caused us so much to resemble.

Hence, the brutish degeneracy of the Reagan-Bush administration’s actions toward Panama are symptomatic of the view, that whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad.

The great strategic issues of our time involve the problem of the Soviet Empire’s military and related might and aggressive commitments to world-rule. However, in the language of the physicist, the Soviet problem is but an unignorable, efficient singularity of a subsuming, higher process. The actual strategic conflict of today, is not among states as such; the conflicts among states are merely singularities generated by a more profound conflict. That more profound conflict is between great opposing cultural forces, now locked in combat to the death of one or the other. This conflict between the adversary, Judeo-Christian and Gnostic cultural currents, intersects the laws of nature, as principles of physical economy reflect those laws of nature.

Either the forces of our culture destroy the power of what Gnosticism represents, or the laws of the universe will crush out of existence, relatively soon, every nation whose political systems tolerate any longer the persistence of the recent twenty years’ policy-shaping trends.

The Panama case is one of the crucial tests of whether the political system of the United States today is morally fit to survive. If the United States fails those tests, the United States will rapidly cease to exist. If that occurs, it will be for most of you as if you had never existed, and all of your ancestors will also become as if they had never existed; for there would be, then, no outcome of your existence or theirs, but the most contemptible memories in the minds of whatever future generations of humanity, somewhere, might survive the holocaust now brewing.

Even in the movements of a poor worm such as Elliott Abrams, sometimes reflections of the oncoming destiny of mankind as a whole are to be adduced. If we can do such things as this scoundrel Abrams proposes to do to Panama, Mexico, and so forth, then the ultimate significance of what we do to those victimized nations is that such actions display to us our own character: the character of a people which has lost the moral fitness to survive, a people whose own destruction will be brought about by those mechanisms which prompt them to tolerate the monstrosities of an Elliott Abrams.

If the practical-minded experts around Washington today are right, then things will go in the direction they are already drifting. If they are right on that account, then the virtual obliteration of the United States will assuredly occur during the course of the years just ahead. In such a circumstance, the only thing worth doing is to kick against all the pricks, and commit oneself all the more resolutely, even ruthlessly, to what must be done; to rescue this nation from the looming debacle it presently seems quite literally Hell-bent on bringing about.