

New evidence links CAN 'cult awareness' network to satanists

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Evidence has come to light linking the extended apparatus of the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) to the satanist network which spawned the gruesome Son of Sam killings in the New York City area in the mid-1970s. The Wall Street financial and intelligence families which sponsor the work of "anti-cult" political vigilantes have also been implicated.

According to legal documents, the New York law firm of Morris and McVeigh acted as counsel to leading members of the Process Church of the Final Judgment, a satanic cult, during the investigation into the Son of Sam murders. Morris and McVeigh also handles the legal affairs of the Bodman and Achellis foundations, the single largest contributors to the American Family Foundation, the "mother" of CAN. During the 1980s, AFF received over \$500,000 from the elite foundations.

Documents further reveal that John Markham, the former Assistant U.S. Attorney who railroaded Lyndon LaRouche to jail, was the attorney for the same Process Church, and later was a keynote speaker at the 1990 national CAN convention.

The anti-cult hierarchy

The anti-cult movement is a sophisticated project of Wall Street banking and intelligence families with the financial aid and protection of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

At the center of the movement is the American Family Foundation (AFF), an organization of psychiatrists and social engineering experts whose core advisers have been seminal in creating the rock-drug-sex counterculture of which organized satanism is an integral part.

AFF and CAN overlap through individuals such as Dr. Louis Jolyon West, professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine. West is a member of the AFF advisory board and recently attended CAN's national convention, where he received the political hate group's highest award.

West gained notoriety in the 1960s for openly promoting the use of thallucinogens, and received CIA funding for experimentation with LSD as part of the notorious MK-Ultra Project.

Herbert Rosedale, the president of AFF, is counsel and adviser to Dr. Philip Abramowitz, director of the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. The JCRC receives funding from

the ADL. Albert Parker, Rosedale's law partner, was the vice chairman of the New York ADL Appeal, its fundraising arm, before his death.

The AFF has been funded, in the main, by a handful of top Anglo-American Wall Street family foundations. Among them are the the Scaife Family Foundation, the J.M. Foundation, and the Pew Foundation.

In recent years, the San Francisco-based Swig Foundation has provided crucial support. Foundation trustee Melvin Swig is a national commission member of the ADL and a national executive board member of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

The Bodman and Achellis foundations

The single largest financial promoters of the AFF for the past decade have been the Bodman and Achellis foundations. These two foundations have overlapping trustees and officers, and are both housed in the New York City law offices of Morris and McVeigh, which firm also acts as general counsel for both foundations. Morris and McVeigh partner Guy Rutherford is an officer of both foundations, while Mary Caislin, secretary of the foundations, is also a director of the J.M. Foundation.

Both the Bodman and Achellis foundations and the Morris and McVeigh law firm are full of New York intelligence and banking families who generally avoid the political limelight, preferring to shape national policy through private foundation grants.

George Bodman, who established the Bodman Foundation with his wife, was the senior partner in one of the oldest Anglo-American Wall Street investment houses, Cyrus J. Lawrence and Sons, founded in 1854. Bodman was active in intelligence circles and ran the intelligence service of the War Trade Board of New York during World War I.

Of the founding partners in Morris and McVeigh, the former was a trustee of the Bank of New York with George Bodman, while the latter was the president and trustee of the Bodman and Achellis foundations.

Among its many projects, the Bodman Foundation funded the International Rescue Committee, while William J. Casey, later to become CIA director, was its president.

The board of trustees of the Bodman Foundation includes former Amb. Walter J.P. Curley, an associate of William Casey; Peter Frelinghuysen, whose family is married into the

family of former CIA official Cord Meyer; and John N. Irwin III, whose father served under Henry Kissinger as undersecretary of state.

A close inspection of the grant-making activity of these foundations discloses support for institutions that have been important to the erosion of Judeo-Christian culture. In 1969, the Bodman Foundation financed the Temple of Understanding, the only religious chapel housed in the United Nations in New York. The Temple is the creation of the Lucis Trust, a satanic cult founded in London in 1922 as the Lucifer Trust. The name was changed to make the nature of the organization less conspicuous.

American sponsors of the Lucis Trust include Henry Clausen, former supreme grand commander of Scottish Rite Freemasons; the Rockefeller Foundation; former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara; Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum of the American Jewish Committee; and Thomas Watson, Jr. of IBM. Watson is the uncle of John N. Irwin III.

Offices of the Temple of Understanding are located at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, which is also funded by the Bodman Foundation. The church is well known as a sponsor of "New Age" activity.

The Son of Sam connection

In 1976-77, a series of brutal murders gripped New York, leaving six persons dead and seven wounded. The killings were credited to the infamous "Son of Sam." Although independent law enforcement and investigative reporters detailed that a satanic cult was at the center of the killings and that there was more than one killer, some powerful individuals and institutions enforced a coverup which maintained that a deranged assassin, David Berkowitz, was solely responsible. To aid the coverup, Berkowitz was never brought to trial.

The new evidence linking the CAN apparat to the Son of Sam murders revolves around former Assistant U.S. Attorney John Markham. Prior to joining the Justice Department, Markham was the private attorney for the Process Church of the Final Judgment, an avowedly satanic and Lucifer-worshipping cult which openly promoted the use of drugs and deviant sexual behavior. The church was founded in London in the 1960s and then established itself in the United States.

Markham filed Process Church incorporation papers with the state of New York on Jan. 17, 1973. Christopher Fripp and Katherine Fripp, leading members of the church, signed those documents as church officers. Later that month, on Jan. 26, Markham filed incorporation papers with the state of New York for the Disciple's Thrift Shop, a Process Church fundraising project. Markham was also a member of its board of directors. During his activity with the satanic church, Markham was employed by the prestigious law firm of Shearman and Sterling.

According to investigative reporter Maury Terry, author of the book *The Ultimate Evil*, there was evidence which linked the Son of Sam cult to the Process Church.

Some of the famous "Son of Sam" letters which were sent to authorities after the killings included satanic elements which were explicitly used by, or part of, Process Church theology. Further, a police report included the fact that Berkowitz was seen with "Father Lars" who, according to Terry, was part of the Process Church.

According to a source who was a member, the Son of Sam cult intersected numerous other satanic cults in the New York metropolitan area. The source related that the cult had its East Coast headquarters in an abandoned church in Westchester County near the Putnam County line, and that members frequented a number of estates in the area. Christopher Fripp, Markham's client and associate in the Process Church, owned an estate in the Westchester County town of Pound Ridge, in the area described by Terry's informant. According to William Bainbridge, a researcher who infiltrated the Process Church, the Pound Ridge estate was used in secret by the upper echelons of the church.

In fact, on Oct. 14, 1980, the very day that Terry shocked the satanic underground with an article in the Gannett press which revealed that not only were the Son of Sam murders carried out by a satanic cult, but more importantly, that Terry's new information came from a source who had been a member of the cult, the Pound Ridge home of Christopher Fripp changed hands. The attorneys involved were Morris and McVeigh.

Morris and McVeigh had had previous dealings with members of the Process Church. During mid-October 1979, Terry had written a series of exposés which leaked that the Son of Sam case had been secretly reopened by New York City authorities based on evidence that there was more than one killer. Shortly thereafter, on Oct. 23, Rainer Greeven, an attorney at Morris and McVeigh, filed papers for Katherine Fripp to effect a change in name from the Foundation Faith of the Millennium (a Process offshoot) to the Foundation Faith of God. Curiously, documents show that the change had been voted at a board of trustees meeting on Nov. 30, 1977, a few months after David Berkowitz's arrest. But the papers were not filed with the state of New York until after Terry's report that evidence showed Berkowitz was not a lone gunman.

Markham's involvement with the Process Church and the Foundation Faith of the Millennium proceeded through the time of the Son of Sam killings. During late 1976, while working for the law firm Lillick and McHose, Markham moved to San Francisco and registered the Foundation Faith of the Millennium with the state of California, using his apartment at 837 Columbus Street as the church's principal address. Although Markham moved out, church members moved into his apartment while Markham continued to pay the rent. According to sources, those church members left in August 1977. It was on Aug. 11, 1977 that newspaper headlines across the country blared that David Berkowitz had been arrested for the Son of Sam murders.