

ADL mouthpiece spreads Britain's 'Germany is Fourth Reich' lie

by Our Special Correspondent

In the course of the July 6-8 conference of the Edgar Bronfman-led World Jewish Congress (WJC) in Brussels, Belgium, the British-architected campaign to libel Germany as the emerging "Fourth Reich" was escalated to new and dangerous dimensions, especially as the libels disseminated in Brussels included full backing for the Serbians in their murderous war against a Croatia falsely depicted as a German puppet, pro-fascist state. By promoting such lying propaganda, Bronfman is swimming in perilous waters, and might find himself being held responsible for some of the nastier goings-on on the European continent today.

This propaganda activity was not a primary subject in the formal conference speeches and presentations in Brussels, with one or two noteworthy exceptions. Rather, it centered around a publication called *Searchlight*, which is produced by an organization of the same name. For all intents and purposes, *Searchlight* magazine is the public mouthpiece in Europe of the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL). First set up in 1962 by an all-party group of the British Parliament, it has also come to serve the interests of one or another division of the British secret services. And, under the cover of claiming to combat "racism and fascism," *Searchlight* has as well, in recent years, done considerable dirty work on behalf of certain of the communist intelligence services of the East, a tradition that it is maintaining down to the present day, with its support for Slobodan Milosevic's national Bolshevik Serbia.

At the WJC conference, *Searchlight* played a very visible and active role, particularly in the entrance hall of the conference center outside the rooms where the formal conference proceedings took place. According to information made public by the WJC, *Searchlight* "researchers"—likely working for an entity linked to the magazine which goes by the curious name "Searchlight Information Services: Specialist Research into Racism and Fascism"—had been the primary providers of material for a photo and document montage purporting to depict anti-Semitic groups, individuals, leaflets, publications, and incidents around the world. One *Searchlight* "researcher" told a journalist privately that this material had been readily procured, since "we have infiltrators in all of the anti-Semitic groups." This admission casts doubt on whether all the depicted episodes of anti-Semitism are genuine, or are the products of *Searchlight*-ADL agents provoca-

teurs. In the United States, the ADL is notorious for such tactics.

Searchlight also had a prominently displayed literature table, at which the magazine and other information was liberally distributed to the more than 1,000 attendees. Obviously, the magazine's activity was not only approved by Bronfman and his WJC bureaucracy, but was put forward as a featured aspect of the WJC's global endeavors, to the extent that any innocent observer entering the conference center would conclude that *Searchlight* is, indeed, a vital part of the Bronfman-WJC structure.

And, of the broader ADL apparatus as well. Bronfman himself is a leading funder of the ADL. One of the featured speakers at the WJC conference was ADL national director Abe Foxman. The "Anti-Semitism World Report 1992," around which the Brussels conference was thematically organized, was composed by London's Institute of Jewish Affairs, which is funded, in part, by the ADL. In its various issues, *Searchlight* repeatedly refers to its intimate collaboration with the Center for Democratic Renewal in the U.S., which is an ADL organizational clone.

Goebbels is alive and working for the ADL

It is in the context of such realities that the feature article in the July *Searchlight* must be evaluated. This issue was widely disseminated at the WJC event, and had undoubtedly been composed with the event in mind, to achieve the maximum propaganda effect. The five-page feature is entitled "Germany's Secret Balkans Plan." The charges made are more lurid than even some of the worst from Milosevic's Serbian propaganda apparatus. For all the professions of *Searchlight* to be "the international anti-fascist monthly," the article reads like an extract from the speeches of Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels.

It begins with the wild claim that recent massacres committed against Croats were actually committed by foreign mercenaries in the employ of Croatia, and then blamed on "the overwhelmingly Serbian Yugoslav Federal Army." This was done to "deceive the European Community observers," who would assume that the Serbs had perpetrated the crimes. In case the reader had not gotten the point, *Searchlight* emphasizes that these mercenaries are "the type of men who flocked into Hitler's Waffen-SS legions."

Neither at that point in the article, nor at any point thereafter, is the slightest mention made of the horrible devastation committed in cities like Vukovar, Osijek, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, and others. Either these didn't happen, in *Searchlight's* peculiar political universe, or, evidently, they were committed by the Croats and Bosnians against themselves.

The reader is next introduced to the ostensibly seminal role played in such mercenary intrigues by Opus Dei, the "historically pro-fascist Catholic organization." After this comes the "hard porn," as *Searchlight* "documents" the activities of a "Black Legion" fighting in Croatia, supported by the U.S.-based Nazi organization NSDAP-AO, whose leader Gary Rex Lauck has ostensibly issued "Croatia needs help" appeals, which contain such statements as: "Many Croats stand on the side of White Europe and also on the side of a Nationalist New Order on the continent." Lauck has been joined by "German Nazi volunteers," the existence of which, claims *Searchlight*, has been willfully covered up by leading officials of the German government—evidently in furtherance of nefarious "Fourth Reich" ambitions. "Croatia has become the focal point for fascists internationally," the magazine intones.

Geopolitical fantasy

At this point, *Searchlight* moves into the realm of British geopolitics. Under the subtitle "Germany—Playing for High Stakes," the author asserts: "Closer examination of the EC's slavish backing—it does not even pretend to be even-handed—for any faction that wants to give the breakup of Yugoslavia a helping hand shows clearly that the general policy is being determined by the new, reunified, and increasingly powerful Germany. The Kohl government's support firstly for Slovenia and more recently for Croatia has been a startling replica, in broad terms, of the stance taken in the Balkans both by the Kaiser's regime and later by Hitler's Nazi dictatorship."

"A startling replica in broad terms?" Obviously committed to butchering the truth, *Searchlight* cannot refrain from butchering the English language as well.

Nor can it refrain from bemoaning the death of communist Yugoslavia. *Searchlight's* author writes that Germany's Balkans diplomacy "set the seal on any last surviving chance of preserving the Yugoslav state, even though at that stage the U.S.A., France, and Britain hoped this could be achieved."

The *Searchlight* Orwellians never mention, of course, that the populations of Croatia and Slovenia overwhelmingly voted, in free and fair elections in the spring of 1990, to become independent from Yugoslavia.

It gets worse: "Revived German imperialism wants nothing less than the complete destruction of Yugoslavia in order to extend its influence." This is part of a wider game, as the "spearhead" of Germany's effort is "the bid to weaken NATO—which was established originally to keep Germany

Bronfman-linked magazine promotes drug legalization

In 1978, Edgar Bronfman of the Seagram's interests and his friends in the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reportedly were deeply disturbed upon being informed of the publication of the book *Dope, Inc.*, which had been written by a research team working under a mandate from Lyndon LaRouche. Among its findings, the book documented the link of certain of Bronfman's financial, business, and family interests to networks involved in the international narcotics trade and the laundering of narcotics-derived funds. Soon after its release, Bronfman reportedly provided seed funding for a campaign, run primarily by the ADL, to denounce the book, as well as LaRouche and organizations and individuals associated with him, as "anti-Semitic." That "LaRouche is an anti-Semite" slander has continued unabated, down to the present day.

But now, 14 years later, important new evidence has come to light that Bronfman indeed sponsors organizations and entities involved in the promotion of legalization of drugs, as well as in slandering those fighting drugs as "fascists" and "Nazis."

The British magazine *Searchlight* was prominently involved in the activities and logistical infrastructure of the July 6-8 conference in Brussels of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), for which Bronfman serves as president. In its June edition, there is a lurid attack on collaborators of LaRouche in Germany, for their campaigns against drugs.

The attack appears under the headline "AIDS Victims Get Nazi Treatment." The article purports to document a pattern of violent actions across Europe against drug-

under control." This is to be done by the establishment of the proposed "European Corps," which threatens to lock Europe into a "German defense structure." To prove the point, experts are quoted from London's Royal Institute for International Affairs and International Institute of Strategic Studies, expressing concern about Germany's ambitions.

The author concludes with fits of clinical hysteria, as he rails about how the German Army and intelligence services are being systematically restructured for "future interventions" into eastern Europe, including "military intervention to regain 'lost territories' like Silesia and East Prussia, as a result of provocations. . . . The intentions of German revanchism are becoming clear enough to be seen by anybody who bothers to look."



Chip Berlet, one of the drug legalization lobby's mouths.

users, AIDS victims, and immigrants, committed by a ragtag of fascist or Nazi groups. *Searchlight* intersperses such ostensible documentation with comments like: "Campaigning on the drug issue is not new for German Nazis," and "The so-called anti-drug campaign has become a part of the fascists' repertoire."

Toward the end, one reads: "Not wishing to be excluded from the fascist chorus is the loony right Schiller Institute in Germany, which has been busy promoting its own bizarre 'anti-drug campaign.'

"In its newspaper *Neue Solidarität*, the weird right-wing cult, which is led by Lyndon LaRouche, attacks liberal thinkers who have called for decriminalization of drugs. In particular, the paper smeared Hamburg state president [Henning] Voscherau, a life-long Social Democrat, as 'a mouthpiece of the Mafia' for advocating more

humane strategies in dealing with the drug problem."

"Liberal thinkers" and "human strategies"? The fact is, Voscherau is the foremost proponent, among office-holders in Germany, for the legalization of drugs.

Searchlight then comments: "In fact, the tightly controlled prescription of opiates would remove the drug mafia's \$500 million per year market and recognition of this and the importance of the AIDS-HIV syndrome has been instrumental in shifting establishment thinking in Europe."

Lawfully, the same *Searchlight* has a review plugging the new book of the drug lobby scribbler Chip Berlet, *Right Woos Left*, which warns leftists to avoid being wooed by "the fascist right" on issues like opposing the Gulf war. It was the same Berlet, one of the most persistent ADL-backed slanderers of LaRouche in the United States, who authored a major slander against LaRouche in the drug lobby's *High Times* magazine, which was billed on the cover under the title "LaRouche: He Wants to Take Your Drugs Away."

Searchlight and Berlet are collaborating with the London magazine *New Statesman*, the mouthpiece of the British Fabian Society, in circulating slanders against LaRouche into Great Britain.

At the WJC conference "The LaRouche Cult" was denounced in the "Anti-Semitism World Report 1992," the document around which the Brussels event was thematically organized. The "World Report" was compiled by London's Institute of Jewish Affairs, which is patronized jointly by the WJC and the ADL. "Anti-Semitism is a mainstay of the LaRouche publications," it writes. "His publications—the *New Federalist* (formerly *New Solidarity*) and *Executive Intelligence Review*—single out prominent Jews, Jewish families, and Jewish organizations for special abuse." Activities of the LaRouche movement in the United States and Mexico are singled out for scrutiny in the report.

Read as a threat

The article must be read as a threat to leading German, Catholic, Croatian, and other influentials across Europe. In this light, it is to be noted that in its March issue, *Searchlight* had carried a prominent item entitled "LaRouchites in Croatia Peace Campaign," attacking "Helga Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Schiller Institute in Germany . . . [and] wife of the far-right Lyndon LaRouche," for her "Call for an International Committee to Save Croatia." As is widely known across Europe, Zepp-LaRouche's efforts had been instrumental in bringing international attention to the genocide being committed against Croatia by the Serb-Yugoslav army combination, and in getting the German government off the fence, in its diplomacy vis-à-vis Yugoslavia.

As pertains to Germany specifically, the epithet "Fourth Reich" has been used to create an atmosphere where leading political or financial figures could be assassinated, and the act blamed on anti-imperialist terrorists. For example, the assassination of Deutsche Bank chief Alfred Herrhausen on Nov. 30, 1989 was carried out amidst a propaganda barrage against the emergence of "Greater Germany." Such verbiage was widespread in the terrorist milieu, but as a July 1 feature on Germany's ARD television station demonstrated, the much-publicized "Red Army Faction" terrorists who supposedly killed Herrhausen probably never existed in fact, but were likely invented for the public eye by "secret services" who were the probable authors of the Herrhausen assassination (see *Report from Bonn*).

While German television did not identify which "secret services" it had in mind, experts have drawn attention to the hysterical warnings about a "Fourth Reich" that were issued, beginning in late 1989, by then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, former British Trade and Industry Minister Nicholas Ridley, and London *Times* scribbler Conor Cruise O'Brien (see *EIR*, July 17).

But there is another voice in the *Searchlight* article, evidenced in the epithet "German revanchism." That was the stock terminology used by the Soviet intelligence services and propaganda apparatus ever since World War II, whenever they denounced certain "threatening" political trends in West Germany.

Bronfman's ties in the East

It is hardly surprising that Edgar Bronfman would sponsor such an "East-West" propaganda project. Throughout the late 1980s, he intimately cooperated with the East German communist regime in various projects, not the least of which was building his Seagram's liquor empire in the East. For such collusion, he has been roundly attacked in recent months by such Jewish influentials as Lord Weidenfeld of Britain, Simon Wiesenthal of Austria, and Michael Wolffsohn of Germany, as well as by the German Jewish magazine *Semit*. All have called into question his right to represent the Jewish community internationally, given his sordid deals with the East Germans.

Bronfman's underlings at the WJC's New York headquarters have also cooperated with communist regimes and with the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations in the targeting of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and of various other individuals accused of being Nazis or Nazi collaborators. At its May 1990 conference in West Berlin, the WJC had presented a special award to Neal Sher, head of the OSI, for his efforts. During that May 1990 event, *Searchlight* operatives were ostentatiously boasting about their collaboration with the Soviet Union, in building "Nazi war crimes" cases. *Searchlight* literature distributed at this month's Brussels event continues to boast about that activity.

In Brussels, however, the "Nazi-hunter" OSI activity was kept off the agenda, for certain understandable reasons. The most celebrated of OSI cases, the extradition of Ukraine-born retired Cleveland auto worker John Demjanjuk to Israel and his later conviction on charges of being the Treblinka concentration camp's infamous "Ivan the Terrible," has disintegrated, both in the Israeli appeals process and in a review process by a U.S. appeals court in Cincinnati, Ohio. Evidence has come to light that the OSI systematically withheld and distorted evidence, in collaboration with the Soviet judicial apparatus, during the late 1970s and '80s, in order to frame up Demjanjuk. Both in Israel and in the United States, there have been calls for OSI's Neal Sher and his predecessor Alan Ryan to be tried and jailed for their manipulation of evidence and obstruction of due process.

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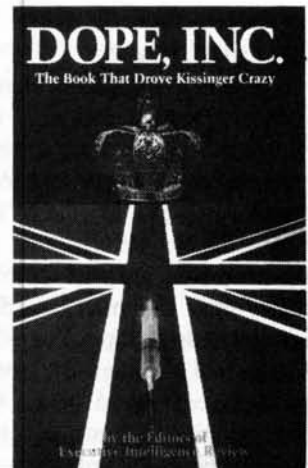
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