

ADL and Congress: the best government drug money can buy

The following profile of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, and other leading Zionist lobby agencies is excerpted from a forthcoming book by an EIR investigative team. That book, which is scheduled for publication before the end of the year, catalogues the pernicious central role of the ADL and AIPAC in the international organized crime apparatus, especially in the drug trade. The role of these drug-lobby fronts in the corruption of our federal government is a critical feature of America's ongoing political crisis and, for that reason, this material is released in advance of the book's publication.

In 1974, Richard Nixon resigned as President as the result of the botched Watergate break-in at the Democratic National Committee's headquarters in Washington, D.C. during the 1972 presidential campaign. As reporters, congressional committees, and special prosecutors pored over the details of the Watergate scandal, evidence of a pattern of bribery and coverups emerged that contributed to Nixon's resignation more than the break-in itself.

Since the fall of Nixon, the American political lexicon has been blessed with such Watergate offspring as "Debategate," "Cartergate," "Iragate," "Bushgate," and "Iraqgate." Political corruption scandals have become commonplace.

Yet despite this growing addiction to political sleaze, the vast majority of Americans are totally oblivious to the fact that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and its fellow hooligans in what is euphemistically dubbed the "Zionist lobby" ("drug lobby" is a far more appropriate description) commit crimes against the American electorate that make Watergate seem tame by comparison. Blackmail, extortion, and bribery are such routine tactics of the Zionist lobby that its primary target-victims, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, have been turned into political mush, incapable of governing under the best of circumstances, and completely paralyzed in the face of the current political and economic crises.

While the media have led the charge against congressional incumbents, appealing to a justified and growing "throw the bums out" sentiment among the majority of voters, the sad reality is that unless the power of the Zionist lobby is cut down to size, any newly elected Congress will be like lambs walking to the slaughter, and nothing will change.

An illegal system of contributions

Officially, both the ADL and its leading collaborator in this corrupting of the Congress, the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, are forbidden from engaging in political campaigning due to their tax-exempt status. Both groups have managed to systematically break the electoral and tax laws with impunity—largely due to the fact that they have placed fellow travelers in key posts in the Executive branch regulatory agencies that are supposed to monitor the activities of groups benefiting from the tax exemptions: the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

A glimpse at how the Zionist lobby has used the power of the narco-dollar to corrupt and control the Congress is contained in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 10, 1992. The suit, filed by a group of retired U.S. diplomats against the FEC, charges that the agency failed to impose sanctions against AIPAC for functioning as an unregistered political action committee. Even though the general counsel at the FEC agreed that AIPAC had violated the law, FEC commissioners decided in July 1992 not to take any action against the group.

According to the court papers, AIPAC secretly controls at least 27 different political action committees (PACs) (other investigators place the figure at 59), and uses them to funnel enormous amounts of money to candidates for Congress who support AIPAC's political agenda. Under FEC statutes, strict limits are imposed on how much money can be given to an individual candidate by a single PAC. The purpose of the regulation is to curb the power of special interest groups in the financing of candidates. But by running dozens of PACs, AIPAC, according to the suit, illegally circumvents the law.

The case of the Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs (Jacpac), one of the 27 PACs named in the suit, underscores the close relationship between AIPAC, the ADL, and the PACs. Jacpac lists among its directors the wives of Thomas Dine and Stuart Eizenstat. Since 1980, Dine has been the executive director of AIPAC. Eizenstat, a former domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter, is the head of the National Jewish Democratic Council (NJDC), an ADL-dominated organization dedicated to winning control over the Democratic Party and placing as many of its members as possible on the staffs of congressmen, governors, and mayors.

Spreading narco-dollars

Where does all of the money come from to buy up the hundreds of congressional seats currently owned by ADL-AIPAC? A brief look at the Roundtable PAC, another one of the 27 outfits cited in the lawsuit as AIPAC-owned, begins to answer that question. Roundtable PAC was founded in 1981 by a group of ADL and AIPAC officials and contributors, led by Malcolm Hohlein, the head of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. From its inception, it was housed in the Manhattan offices of a firm called Integrated Resources. Integrated was a thinly veiled money conduit for Michael Milken and his crew of junk bond peddlers at Drexel Burnham. In fact, Drexel CEO Stephen Weinroth, the liaison between Milken and Ivan Boesky in their insider-trading scams, was a director of Integrated. All of Milken's prime "investors" socked their money into Integrated as a tax dodge. All of them also poured contributions into the Roundtable PAC.

Among the biggest donors to Roundtable were Ivan Boesky, Robert Davidow (Milken's personal aide at the Beverly Hills office of Drexel), and the sons and daughters of Meshulam Riklis, Laurence Tisch, Saul Steinberg, and Paul Milstein (of Carl Lindner's United Brands).

When the Roundtable PAC holds its meetings, guests of honor include New York Attorney General Robert Abrams, Minnesota Attorney General Hubert "Skip" Humphrey, and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.). All are regular recipients of AIPAC-controlled PAC dollars. In return for such generosity, Moynihan in 1986 shepherded a revision of the tax code through the U.S. Congress that gave Integrated Resources an added \$43 million in tax breaks. With friends like Moynihan in the U.S. Senate, Integrated could afford to be generous—at least for a while.

The relationship between Milken and Integrated was so tight that within three months of Milken's indictment in March 1989 for insider trading, Integrated defaulted on \$1 billion in short-term loans. It seems that without the running pipeline of hot money from Milken's bottomless Caribbean cash pool, Integrated was lost. The AIPAC-ADL-run political action committees, in short, represent the combined financial clout of the Lansky dope syndicate. Any similarity between ADL-AIPAC and the national interests of the state of Israel or the Jewish people is purely coincidental.

Contributions are staggering

All told, 211 candidates for the U.S. House and Senate from 48 states received money from the ADL-AIPAC PACs between Jan. 1, 1991 and March 31, 1992. Of the 211 recipients, 187 were incumbents. The total amount contributed in that 15-month period was well over \$2 million, making the ADL-AIPAC combination the second largest source of institutional money to candidates for federal office, second only to the combined donations of all of the labor union PACs. By October 1992, that figure had soared past the \$3 million mark.

The ADL-AIPAC PACs don't funnel the majority of their

money to Jewish candidates, or even into candidates running for office in states where there are large Jewish populations. More typical of the kinds of officeholders and candidates who receive AIPAC funding is Richard C. Shelby (D-Ala.). First elected to the Senate in 1986, Shelby has recently gained notoriety for attempting to impose the use of the death penalty on the District of Columbia. Shelby received \$67,800 from the AIPAC PACs in the 15 months beginning in January 1991, and has a career total of \$133,825 in contributions.

Another recipient of AIPAC largesse is Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), who ran an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1992. Harkin came into the Senate in 1984 by defeating incumbent Roger Jepsen, who in 1981 had cast a decisive vote against AIPAC in a fight over the sale of AWACS surveillance aircraft to Saudi Arabia. In his first Senate bid, Harkin received over \$100,000 from the AIPAC combine. His career total in AIPAC money is a staggering \$366,130.

A total of 29 current incumbent senators and congressmen have received over \$100,000 in contributions from the ADL-AIPAC PACs. A dozen have received \$50,000 or more just for their 1992 reelection campaigns.

That "dirty dozen" is made up of Richard Shelby (D-Ala.), Mel Levine (D-Calif.), Timothy Wirth (D-Colo.), Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Christopher Bond (R-Mo.), Kent Conrad (D-N.D.), Robert Packwood (R-Oreg.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), Harris Wofford (D-Pa.), Thomas Daschle (D-S.D.), and Robert Kasten (R-Wisc.).

Narco-dollars are the key to the ADL's hold over the U.S. Congress, but the ADL and AIPAC have other trump cards as well. Both groups operate secret, highly illegal units that gather blackmail material and carry out dirty tricks against political opponents.

When Richard Nixon got caught running such a "plumbers unit" at the offices of the Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP) in 1972, the American people demanded his scalp. It remains to be seen what the reaction will be now that AIPAC has suffered its first damaging defection from its own "plumbers unit."

Gregory Slabodkin, who worked for a number of years in AIPAC's Policy Analysis unit, eventually got turned off by some of the dirty deeds he was ordered to carry out by the unit's chief, Michael Lewis, and he quit his job and went public with his story. Michael Lewis is the son of Dr. Bernard Lewis, the Oxford-trained Arabist who was the architect of the Carter administration's "Arc of Crisis" policy which abetted Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution in Iran and the spread of fundamentalism throughout the region.

"Policy analysis," the euphemistic label given to AIPAC's "plumbers," maintains dossiers on thousands of American activists—many of them Jewish. University professors who criticize AIPAC or ADL's activities are placed on a blacklist. Their lectures are monitored by spies, who occasionally stage disruptions. Their homes and cars are vandalized. University alumni linked to ADL and AIPAC threaten to pull financial backing

Illegalities finally catching up with AIPAC

The Zionist lobby's arrogant bullying tactics, especially as they relate to the Washington political scene, are finally beginning to blow up in its face. On Nov. 3, David Steiner, the president of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee was forced to suddenly resign when a taped conversation, in which he brags about his group's control over the incoming Clinton administration, was made available to the *Washington Times*. Excerpts of the tape, a conversation between Steiner and New York Jewish activist Harry Katz, were published the next day by the newspaper and were later carried by all major news outlets.

Katz, a longtime Jewish activist and small-scale financial backer of AIPAC, covertly taped a conversation in which the AIPAC president boasted that:

- AIPAC had dozens of people in key posts inside the Clinton campaign;
- he was personally negotiating Clinton's choices for secretary of state and national security adviser;
- AIPAC had worked out a secret deal with Bush administration Secretary of State James Baker III which led to Israel receiving nearly \$1 billion in additional under-the-table U.S. aid;
- AIPAC aided the reelection campaign of Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hi.) by conducting a \$27,000 voter poll and providing other aid.

All of these actions by AIPAC, which has tax-exempt status, are totally illegal. Naturally, once the tape was

made available to the press, Steiner resigned, issuing a statement in which he denied that his bragging was a true reflection of AIPAC's activities. "In an effort to encourage and impress what I thought was a potential political activist calling on the telephone, I made statements which went beyond overzealousness and exaggeration and were simply and totally untrue."

Steiner's indiscretions are not the only problem besetting AIPAC. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is reportedly furious at AIPAC's heavy-handed warfare against the Bush administration and its cozy ties to the now-defeated Likud Party. Rabin is in the middle of a war with Likud operators inside the Israeli intelligence establishment who are apparently running an underground war to retain power over the all-important foreign intelligence service. AIPAC has been an important collaborator of those Likud-Mossad circles. As part of Rabin's reported cleanout efforts, AIPAC Executive Director Thomas Dine has reportedly been kicked upstairs and another senior AIPAC official, Steve Rosen, is said to be about to be given the axe.

Early this year, the Federal Election Commission refused to act on a complaint filed by a group of former government and elected officials who charged that AIPAC was secretly running dozens of pro-Israel political action committees in violation of its tax-exempt status. The FEC and Internal Revenue Service are notorious for their protection of groups like AIPAC and the ADL.

But now, with Steiner's remarks out in public, with a lawsuit pending in federal court on its coverup of AIPAC's activities, and with Steiner now at least potentially a target of federal prosecution for fraudulent solicitations of contributions, the FEC may find itself under the gun.

from the schools unless the targeted faculty members are immediately fired or blocked from tenure.

Members of Congress are cast as either friends or targets of the ADL-AIPAC syndicate. If they are on the friendlies list, they may be the recipients of weekly computerized blackmail dossiers on some of their colleagues and other policy-shapers, which are called "activities." The "activities" dossiers are sent out in plain white envelopes bearing no organizational emblems. Deniability is a priority, and the whole filthy blackmail and extortion program was deniable—until Slabodkin's defection.

AIPAC's Policy Analysis unit maintains a singularly close link to the ADL's parallel Fact Finding department, which engages in the same kind of activity. In fact, shortly after Thomas Dine took over as executive director of AIPAC, he hired Amy Goott as the first full-time staffer of the Policy Analysis unit. Goott had worked for years at the ADL; her shift of address was apparently blessed by her

bosses at the ADL, and she continued for a period of time to work for both agencies, thereby assuring near-total integration at the covert operations level.

One feature of the job that ultimately got under Slabodkin's skin was the fact that many of his targets were prominent Jewish activists, usually affiliated with left-wing causes in both the United States and Israel. Many were outspoken critics of the Israeli Likud government's brutality toward the Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories. Many simply favored a peaceful and equitable solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. And many of these Jewish activists were treated to the same violence and vicious smearing by ADL-AIPAC that was meted out to Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) officials.

This "McCarthyite" targeting of prominent Jews who bucked the ADL or AIPAC on some policy issue or financial deal underscores the fact that the ADL and AIPAC are anything but a Jewish "defense organization."