

Raid on ADL offices bares new evidence of spying

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On April 8, San Francisco police, for the second time in four months, raided the West Coast offices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and carted off "a mountain" of new evidence of the group's criminal operations. The raids in San Francisco and Los Angeles are the latest blow to the ADL, which has for years operated outside the law on behalf of organized crime and a range of foreign intelligence agencies, including Israel, the Republic of South Africa, and former communist states of the East bloc.

Simultaneous with the April 8 raids, San Francisco prosecutors released over 800 pages of evidence from the ongoing probe, which initially focused on a former San Francisco police officer, Tom Gerard, and an ADL paid undercover operative, Roy Bullock. Beginning in 1990, the Federal Bureau of Investigation started probing the role of Gerard and Bullock in the theft of FBI classified files on U.S. African-American Muslim and anti-apartheid groups. The missing files were apparently passed on to agents of the South African government, and Bullock and Gerard received at least \$16,000 in cash payments for those documents as well as other intelligence reports on U.S. groups of interest to the South Africans.

As the result of court-ordered wiretaps on Bullock's telephones, the FBI soon uncovered a far broader criminal operation, centered around Bullock's full-time work on behalf of the Fact Finding Division of the ADL. That probe, which focused on the Bullock-Gerard theft of classified San Francisco police files and other secret government data, was, according to news accounts, turned over to San Francisco police and prosecutors last October. Rapidly, the ADL emerged as being at the center of the crime ring. In the words of San Francisco Assistant District Attorney John Dwyer, "The ADL is a target. Their involvement is just so great. . . . The case just gets bigger every day. The more we look, the more

people we find are involved."

San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith told reporters following the April 8 raid that indictments are expected within six to eight weeks. Smith did not rule out further raids on ADL offices prior to the indictments.

Documents detail pattern of crimes

The 800 pages of seized ADL files, interrogation transcripts, ADL computer records, and other documents paint a stunning picture of criminal conduct by a group that has for nearly 80 years portrayed itself as a civil rights agency combatting anti-Semitism and prejudice.

In a book-length exposé of the ADL published in January of this year just days before the San Francisco scandal hit the press, the editors of *EIR* debunked the myth that the ADL is such a "civil rights organization," with extensive documentation of the group's sponsorship by the Meyer Lansky-led National Crime Syndicate and the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The *EIR* book, *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, contained pointed warnings to police departments across the country that they were targets of infiltration and sabotage by the ADL. Nearly 70,000 copies of the book have been sold since the beginning of the year.

The *EIR* book highlighted the "dirty tricks" profile of the ADL's Fact Finding Division, headquartered in the ADL's United Nations Plaza offices in New York and directed for the past 25 years by Irwin Suall. Since 1982, Mira Lansky Boland, a former CIA officer and university classmate of convicted Israeli-Soviet spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, has headed the Fact Finding office in Washington, D.C. and served as one of Suall's key operators.

Documents released in San Francisco confirm the pivotal role of Suall and Boland in the West Coast spy operation. Roy Bullock, the San Francisco-based dirty trickster who

worked as an undercover spy for the ADL since 1954, received his orders from Suall via ADL San Francisco regional director Rick Hirschhaut.

When Lansky Boland was putting together a list of police officers who would be brought to Israel on an eight-day, all-expenses-paid junket in May 1991, which she personally hosted, it was Roy Bullock who arranged for San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officer Tom Gerard and San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Carroll to participate in the delegation. In an interview with the SFPD, Carroll acknowledged that the trip, which was a combined vacation and indoctrination session with Israeli intelligence agents, was payment for past "services rendered" to the ADL. Another participant in the junket was Donald Moore, a former Loudoun County, Virginia sheriff's deputy who played a prominent role in the ADL-instigated railroaded prosecutions of Lyndon LaRouche. Moore was indicted last October for his role in an alleged kidnapping plot against Lewis du Pont Smith, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche.

The crimes of the ADL, however, go far beyond a mere payola scandal involving the bribing of local cops to illegally obtain classified government data.

Indictable on many counts

According to San Francisco District Attorney Smith, the ADL could be prosecuted on 48 separate felony counts alone for concealing nearly \$170,000 in payments to Bullock, who told the police that he was a full-time paid employee of the ADL and maintained a desk at their Bay Area office. The ADL never listed Bullock as an employee and never paid Social Security or other taxes on his salary, which was paid through a Los Angeles lawyer, Bruce Hochman, a onetime federal prosecutor and leader of the ADL in southern California.

At least one incident involving Bullock and another full-time employee of the ADL Fact Finding Division could lead to multiple felony charges, according to the documents released. In October 1992, David Gurvitz, a member of the ADL Fact Finding Division in Los Angeles, contacted Bullock and asked him to obtain illegal police and Department of Motor Vehicle records on an employee of the Simon Wiesenthal Center office in Los Angeles. Bullock obtained that information from Tom Gerard. Next, Gurvitz asked Bullock to contact an ADL confidential informant-*agent provocateur* inside the White Aryan Resistance (WAR) and expose the Wiesenthal operator, Rick Eaton, as a "Jewish spy" to Bullock's WAR informant. Code-named "Scumbag" in the ADL files, the informant was a career criminal who had become a top official in WAR while serving as an undercover snitch for both the ADL and the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF).

Unbeknownst to Gurvitz and Bullock, their conversations, as well as Bullock's subsequent call to "Scumbag" activating a possible violent attack against Eaton, was all

tape-recorded by the FBI, which had obtained a court order to monitor Bullock's phone as part of the probe of the passing of FBI documents on to the South Africans. The Gurvitz-Bullock effort to instigate a possible assault on Eaton was short-circuited by the FBI, who tipped off the Wiesenthal Center and also complained to the Los Angeles ADL office. Gurvitz was fired on the spot. However, when ADL officials contemplated firing Bullock, Irwin Suall, Mira Lansky Boland, and ADL Los Angeles regional director David Lehrer (who personally handled the funding of Bullock's informant network via a secret slush fund under the name "L. Paterson") all threatened to resign if Bullock was let go.

Gurvitz, in return for immunity, is cooperating with San Francisco authorities. He has revealed that the ADL maintains a nationwide army of undercover spies, all of whom are assigned code-names and carry out a variety of covert assignments, some of which clearly violate the law. In St. Louis, the ADL has an undercover operator code-named "Ironsides." In Chicago, there are at least three covert agents named "Chi 1-2-3," one of whom is a former police officer. In Atlanta, the ADL has "Flipper," an Arabic-speaking undercover operative.

When police raided the homes of Gerard and Bullock and the ADL offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco last December, they seized computer disks which revealed that the ADL was spying on over 20,000 American citizens and over 950 different political and civil rights groups. While the ADL has claimed since the outbreak of the scandal that they are carrying out "legitimate" data collection on dangerous anti-Semitic and racist organizations, they have not explained why it is that they are spying on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Jesse Jackson-led Rainbow Coalition, Greenpeace, a wide range of homosexual groups (although Bullock readily admits in police interviews that he is personally a homosexual), labor unions, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Executive Intelligence Review*, U.S. Representatives Ron Dellums and Nancy Pelosi (both California Democrats), and a wide range of Arab-American organizations.

Legal actions pending

The answer to those questions will probably begin to emerge more sharply when ADL officials are brought before a court to answer for their actions. In addition to anticipated criminal indictments in San Francisco, which sources in law enforcement say could lead all the way back to ADL national headquarters in New York City, a class-action civil suit was filed against the Anti-Defamation League on April 14 in the Superior Court of the State of California. Filed by former U.S. Rep. Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., the suit charges that the ADL, Bullock, Gerard, and others illegally spied upon thousands of individuals who were targeted solely because of their opposition to policies of the Israeli and/or South African governments.