

Lines being drawn between ADL racialism and Judaism

by Our Special Correspondent

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in the United States will undoubtedly soon be feeling the negative reverberations of the wild behavior of ADL operative Leonard Dinnerstein at a conference on the Nazi Holocaust which took place in Berlin over March 13-17. Dinnerstein's explosion in a fit of rage, and disruption of a meeting of individuals involved in studying the Holocaust and its causes and effects, will likely produce an international backlash against the ADL thugs among Jewish and Israeli groups, Christian religious organizations, and others.

Dinnerstein's fit threw a rare spotlight on the U.S. patrons of the terrorists behind the Hebron massacre, at the same time as two American-sponsored Jewish Nazi organizations were being "spit out" and banned by the Israeli government on the very day that the Berlin conference opened (see story p. 32).

Dinnerstein, who came to Berlin from his teaching job at the University of Arizona in Tucson, was co-directing a working group of specialists on the Nazi Holocaust on the morning of March 14, on the second day of a conference entitled "Remembering for the Future II," held at Humboldt University in (formerly communist east) Berlin. The conference was co-sponsored by a number of American, British, Israeli, and German institutions, including the ADL on the American side. German sponsors included several leading academies and regional church associations of the Protestant (Lutheran, or Evangelical) Church of Germany, as well as some nationally prominent foundations and institutions. The official conference sponsor was former German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The vast majority of non-Germans among the several hundred who attended one or more of the plenary events, were American academics and others who are involved in what has come to be known in the United

States as the profession of "Holocaust studies."

At the March 14 working group, there were approximately 25-30 individuals in attendance, including figures of some prominence from Israel and the United States, and researchers from a number of countries including Poland, Nigeria, and, of course, Germany. Dinnerstein was eagerly purveying the thesis of his paper on the theme "Anti-Semitism among African-Americans," which repeats the ADL's familiar refrain that anti-Semitism is rampant among African-Americans, but adds Dinnerstein's own special inane spin, that it was Christianity that led African-Americans to despise and denounce Jews. Dinnerstein had earlier made a similar diatribe, at a Nov. 3-4, 1991 ADL-sponsored conference on "Worldwide Anti-Semitism," held in Montreal, where he proclaimed, "Educated blacks are the worst anti-Semitic group in the U.S., and blacks overall have been the most anti-Semitic group since slavery." He also attacked such African-American leaders as Booker T. Washington, Ralph Bunche, and W.E.B. Du Bois as anti-Semitic (see *EIR*, Nov. 29, 1991, "ADL Pushes Race War, Targets Nationalism").

Declaring himself in Berlin to be the world's leading expert on "African-American anti-Semitism," he boasted that his paper would constitute the 11th chapter of a book entitled *Antisemitism in America*, which will be released by Oxford University Press in the United States in April.

Dinnerstein was then challenged by a number of attendees, who drew attention to the rampant fallacies of composition, fraudulent misrepresentations, and distortions in his so-called thesis. At the point that Dinnerstein's claim to be the world's leading expert on "African-American anti-Semitism" was challenged, and one speaker identified a prominent African-American academic as Dinnerstein's "peer," the ADL thug went wild. To the astonishment of all in the room,

he suddenly stood up, shoved his desk forward, slammed his fist on the table top, and announced that he was taking over the meeting from his fellow co-director! This caused an uproar, with several attendees demanding that he stop his abusive behavior or leave the room, at which point he angrily gathered his documents and stormed out.

An American Jewish journalist then revealed, for the benefit of those non-Americans in the room, that Dinnerstein was a senior figure in the apparatus of the ADL (he was not identified as such in the conference documents). The journalist described the ADL as "a group that attempts to operate under the cloak of respectability, but which is notorious for its spying on black and other organizations in the United States and for other underhanded activities." What had just happened, he stressed, was typical of the behavior of the ADL. A prominent African-American in attendance nodded in agreement, thanking the speaker for his intervention.

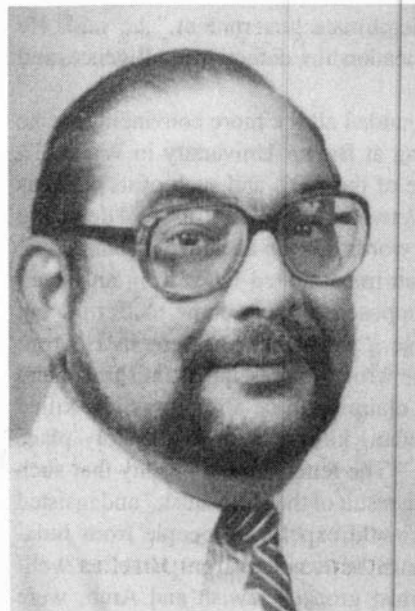
Word about Dinnerstein's scandalous behavior quickly spread throughout the conference, all the more so as the ADL was listed in conference documents as one of the official patrons of the event. One of the conference's main organizers, who had been briefed on Dinnerstein's behavior, told an inquiring journalist defensively that "the ADL only came in at the last minute, I can assure you, their role in this conference is marginal."

The specter of Baruch Goldstein

Dinnerstein's Baruch Goldstein-modeled behavior was, in a sense, a metaphor for the dilemma and tensions of the Berlin event as a whole. Unlike the first "Remembering for the Future" event, held in 1988 at England's Oxford University, the Berlin conference was overshadowed by the Feb. 25 massacre of Muslim worshippers at a mosque in Hebron and the ensuing outlawing by the Israeli government of the Kach and Kahane Chai ("Kahane Lives") organizations. More than one speaker in Berlin drew attention to the ominous parallels between the actions of the Nazis and the Hebron slaughter.

Hence, what is weakening is the ability of various ADL-type organizations to cynically exploit the reality of the Nazi Holocaust for purposes of fundraising, blackmailing Germany, slander and defamation of political opponents, psycho-cultural manipulation of the American population, and so on. Meanwhile, the ADL, as exemplified by the unstable Dinnerstein, is hyper-nervous that its role in protecting the Kach-Kahane savages will soon come to light, and the appellation "Jewish Nazis" will be employed not only against Kach fanatics but against leading ADL thugs as well.

Times, indeed, have changed. The 1988 "Remembering for the Future" event had been sponsored by the late British publisher Robert Maxwell, whose self-professed concern for the future would seem dubious, at best, to those thousands of employees of his firms whose pension funds he systematically looted in order to amass his vast fortunes. At the 1988



Leonard Dinnerstein accuses African-Americans of being anti-Semitic, and says it was Christianity that made them so.

Oxford event, as publicized in British press accounts at the time, participants stridently insisted that the roots of anti-Semitism and the Nazi Holocaust against the Jews should be found, pure and simple, in Christianity.

In Berlin, Maxwell's French-born widow Elisabeth was still a prominent presence, and some speakers tried to promote the "Christianity is to blame" propaganda, but this time such propaganda largely fell flat.

'World Judaism should expel such people'

The tone for the event was set by the keynote of Dr. Franklin Littell. Littell was formerly a top U.S. officer in the post-World War II occupation of Germany, who was influential in reconstructing the postwar German Protestant Church. He has the highest connections in the German political class. He is also one of the creators of the profession of "Holocaust studies" in the United States, directing the work of the Philadelphia Center on the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights.

Littell began by praising certain prominent Germans who had resisted Nazism in the 1930s. Then, proclaiming that the Nazis themselves had, first and foremost, been a terrorist organization, he insisted that the main threat facing the world today comes from terrorism and terrorist-related phenomena. He complained that the necessary fight against such threats is being diluted, and even sabotaged, by a perverse fixation on what are labelled "despised cults and sects." To underscore his point, he blasted the U.S. federal government's behavior in the slaughter of Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas. He accused federal agencies of committing acts of violence that had led to 86 innocent civilians being burned alive. "The Branch Davidians posed no threat to anyone, yet they were treated as an invading force coming off a submarine flotilla from outer space. What happened in Waco was an

illegitimate act by a legitimate government," he said. He attributed this to "poor leadership, defective intelligence, and confusion."

Littell's critique sounded all the more convincing, as he himself is now working at Baylor University in Waco. To those aware of the role of the ADL and such of its allies as the Cult Awareness Network in cooking up the "defective intelligence," Littell's words take on an added meaning.

He next read out an impassioned letter from an Israeli colleague who was supposed to have come to Berlin, but decided not to because, "since the massacre in Hebron, my heart is broken," he wrote, expressing astonishment and dismay that "a person claiming to be a religious Jew killed 50 Muslims on Ramadan, killing them in the holy place where Abraham lived." The letter drew the irony that such an action was a "terrible result of the Holocaust," and insisted that "world Judaism should expel such people from Judaism," and that they must be expelled from Israel as well. Warning that if extremist groups, Jewish and Arab, were not stopped, "there will be terrible bloodshed worse than anything that has happened before," he made a desperate appeal to those attending the conference in Berlin. "Please help us!" he wrote.

Littell insisted that religion today must act to bring about a "disciplined standard of ethics and morals," to strengthen the kind of "civil discourse" based on the notion of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." What had to be reinforced was the concept of "love, what the Christians call *agapē*," as well as the notion known in German as *Menschlichkeit*, or humanity.

This message was not exactly what some of the more hysterical attendees in Berlin wanted to hear, and murmurings of dismay could be heard in such quarters.

Littell was followed by Genscher, who gave a *pro forma* speech about the growing dangers of nationalism and ethnic conflicts in Europe. Then came the turn of Israeli Consul General Mordechai Levy. Here, too, there was an interesting effect. While insisting that there was no connection between the Nazi Holocaust and what had happened in Hebron, Levy took pains to announce that, on that very day, the Israeli government had outlawed Kach and defined its members as terrorists. This announcement drew an enthusiastic round of applause.

In the next days, plenary speakers continued to draw the parallels between the Kach fanatics and the Nazis, even in speeches that might otherwise have had profoundly irrational elements. The oft-repeated reminders of the "Jewish Nazis" short-circuited the usual discussions on "German collective guilt," "the unique German crimes of this century," and so on. It was in such an environment, where reality intruded into deliberations that in the past were most often characterized by hysteria, mudslinging, and mindless emotionalism, that ADL thug Leonard Dinnerstein could not keep himself from cracking up.

Israel bans Kach Party as terrorist

by Adam East and Dean Andromidas

The Israeli cabinet, in a unanimous decision on March 13, announced the banning of the Kach Party and the Kahane Chai (Kahane Lives) organizations. The ban came in response to the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre, in which over 50 Palestinians praying in a mosque associated with the Tomb of Abraham were gunned down by Baruch Goldstein, a leading member of the Kach organization. The move is an opening step by the Israeli government against an operation initiated by Anglo-American circles committed to derailing the peace process and throwing Israel and the region into chaos.

EIR has documented (see *EIR*, March 11) how these organizations were created, deployed, and systematically protected since 1963 when their founder, the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, began working as an informant for the FBI. The patrons include the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and are connected with the British networks in the United States known as the "neo-conservatives."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, on the eve of his trip to the United States for talks with President Bill Clinton, denounced the two Kahane groups as "terrorist organizations" which, he said, are "just like the Palestinian terror groups." Israeli Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair described the two groups as being on a par with the Islamic Hamas movement.

Rabin, who led the cabinet's action, told reporters that "we must condemn them and spit them out." On Feb. 28, while addressing the Knesset (parliament), Rabin, in attacking the actions of Goldstein and his followers at Hebron, made an unprecedented attack on the American networks behind the Hebron massacre. (Goldstein, a Brooklyn transplant, was a Jewish Defense League/Kach leader from the settlement of Kiryat Arba in the Occupied Territories.)

Said Rabin, "To [Goldstein] and those like him we say: You are a foreign implant . . . an errant weed. Sensible Judaism spits you out."

What the ban does

The ban by the Israeli attorney general's office was in response to a government request to "examine and propose possible ways of declaring the Kach and Kahane Chai organizations to be illegal." According to an official statement, the attorney general "was convinced" that these groups constitute "a group of individuals who in their activities employ violence, and are liable to cause death or injury, or who threaten