

Australia Dossier by Bruce Jacobs

Keating signs on to race hate law

B'nai B'rith's Leibler brothers are pushing draconian legislation to crush their political enemies.

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating has now thrown his Labor government's muscle behind proposed "racial vilification" laws soon to be introduced into Parliament. Speaking at the Zionist Federation of Australia's 36th biennial conference on May 28, Keating claimed that the proposed Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill was necessary to "dissuade those who seek to incite violence and hatred."

The new legislation, based on a 1992 bill which lapsed when a federal election was called in March 1993, proposes jail terms of up to two years for "vilifying" a person's race, tribe, or ethnic group, or for violent acts motivated by race hate. Ethnic organizations will be able to initiate criminal actions against individuals for "psychological" hurt claimed by their members.

Immediately following Keating's speech, the proposed legislation was denounced by several newspapers and public figures. Prominent Sydney radio talk show hosts Brian Wilshire and John Laws excoriated the bill, while even the Hollinger Corp.-controlled *Melbourne Age* blasted it.

In its lead editorial of May 31, entitled "Race Case Unproven," the *Melbourne Age* noted, "We could understand the government's concern if there were in Australia significant neo-Nazi or other racially bigoted groups intent on violence and civil disturbance. But where is the evidence for such groups in Australia? . . . [Immigration and Ethnic Affairs Minister] Senator Bolkus talks about offenses that are 'of such

magnitude and so repulsive' that criminal sanctions are called for. But where is the evidence of such offenses? Where are the groups hogging the airwaves or roaming the streets, inciting violence or preaching hatred?"

Who is pushing this entirely unnecessary legislation? asked the *Herald Sun* newspaper on May 31. "The Keating government's latest pandering to sectional interests is a direct threat to our freedom of speech," said its lead editorial. "With its proposed racial vilification laws, the government again yields to pressure from powerful and noisy lobby groups. . . . Where is the push coming from? The prime minister, Mr. Paul Keating, chose the Australian Zionist Federation's Melbourne conference to confirm that the government will go ahead with the legislation."

The head of the Zionist Federation of Australia (ZFA) for the past decade has been Mark Leibler, the head of the Melbourne-based Arnold Bloch Leibler law firm which specializes in tax evasion for its wealthy clientele, and, according to one informed source, is Paul Keating's private tax lawyer.

Mark Leibler, together with his brother Isi, the president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and co-chairman of booze baron Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress, have been the most vociferous advocates of such legislation, in particular its draconian criminal penalties. As even the generally pro-Leibler *Australian Jewish News* of Feb. 12, 1993 noted in coverage of the ZFA's submission on the topic to the Attorney

General, "The ZFA wants artistic works, academic and scientific statements, and fair reports or comments on matters of public interest to be subject to scrutiny for racial vilification," chilling clamps on free speech which even the Labor government had proposed to exclude from the bill.

The Leibler brothers are the leaders of the Australian wing of the organized crime-connected Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in the United States. An example of the Leiblers trying to shut up those who question their own shady dealings was the 1992 parliamentary inquiry into the Australian Taxation Office, which showed a widespread pattern of tax evasion possibly totaling as much as \$30 billion. When the inquiry verged on the role of Mark Leibler, one of Australia's foremost tax lawyers and an official adviser to the Taxation Office, in all of this, Leibler started screaming "anti-Semitic" at those Members of Parliament and other authorities who questioned him.

The only "evidence" to which the Leiblers can point to bolster their proposed legislation is the existence of tiny neo-Nazi groups such as the violence-prone National Action. Yet National Action, and another Australian neo-Nazi group, the National Front, were both founded by David Greason, a paid journalist of Isi Leibler who penned a major attack against Lyndon LaRouche's Australian co-thinkers, the Citizens Electoral Councils, in Leibler's *Without Prejudice*, the magazine of the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs which he chairs.

A known agent provocateur, the British-born Greason is also widely believed to be an operative of Britain's MI-5 intelligence agency and the heavily MI-5-influenced Australian Security Intelligence Organization, Australia's equivalent of the FBI in the United States.