

# The Pollard spy-case coverup: bigger than the Kim Philby affair?

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One week after the Nov. 26 arrests of Jonathan Jay Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson Pollard, on charges that they were spies for Israel stealing U.S. military and scientific secrets, a massive coverup operation has been hastily thrown into place, involving U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, the national leadership of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and virtually every other major Jewish organization in the United States, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, and the Israeli cabinet.

While this cast of characters is made up for the most part of long-time, public fixtures of the Israel lobby in the United States, the critical fact of the case is that the Pollards were not "friendly spies" for Tel Aviv, as Shultz, Moynihan, and ADL chairman Kenneth Bialkin have claimed. *They were "false flag" spies for the Soviet KGB, working through a Moscow-linked network of Israeli rightists grouped around former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and longtime Soviet "Trust" agent Armand Hammer.*

What emerges from a weeklong investigation by a team of *EIR* investigators, drawing on numerous sources in the United States and Israel, is a complex Soviet spy scandal, perhaps unparalleled since the 1963 defection of Harold "Kim" Philby, the British MI-6 executive who is now a general in the Soviet KGB.

Puzzling hints of the Soviet-bloc involvement in the Pollard spy activities surfaced on Dec. 3 when the U.S. Attorney for Washington, D.C. issued an affidavit in federal court charging that Mrs. Pollard, a sales representative for a shadowy New York City-based public relations firm, Commcore, was passing classified U.S. military intelligence reports to the Peoples Republic of China. Notably, the attorney for J. Pollard, Richard Hibey, recently left the law firm of Surrey and Morse. Partner Surrey, from 1973 to the present, was general counsel to the National Council for U.S.-China Trade. Jonathan Pollard's father, Dr. Morris Pollard, a reported former member of the Israeli Haganah and an associate of the Wietzman Institute in Tel Aviv, is, according to Notre Dame University colleagues, a member of the Chinese Academy of Science and frequent Peking visitor.

As *EIR* reported in its last issue, U.S. and Israeli intelligence sources have stated categorically to *EIR* investigators

that Jonathan Pollard, a civilian employee of U.S. Naval Intelligence since 1979, was part of an Israeli-based spy ring that was passing U.S. military secrets on to the Soviets from at least 1982 on. Pollard was personally recruited to the spy net by no later than 1974, according to the sources, while he was still an undergraduate at Stanford University. At the time of his graduation from college, Pollard already held the rank of captain in the Israeli Defense Force, according to classmates, a fact that Pollard took great pride in reporting to anyone who would listen.

Among the primary targets of the vast spy ring, the sources asserted, were details of the U.S. strategic defense research effort, and classified U.S. intelligence on Soviet penetration of the military and security services of a number of Arab nations.

Among the covers reportedly used by the Israeli network to gather technical intelligence for Moscow was the Lavie project, a controversial Israeli jet fighter program, utilizing top-secret U.S. technologies including stealth and advanced electronics. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger had waged a protracted, but ultimately losing, fight during the first Reagan administration to block the delivery of the blueprints of these technologies to Tel Aviv—arguing that Moscow would have little difficulty getting their hands on these prize American systems once they were passed on to the Israelis.

The publicly identified architect of this Israeli-Soviet spy ring was Rafael "Dirty Rafi" Eytan, a long-time Sharon aide who ran a clandestine terrorist unit out of the office of the prime minister from the time of the Begin government, and who, under the Peres regime, has worn a second hat as head of a little known Israeli scientific espionage unit known by the acronym LEKEM.

Eytan is simultaneously suspected, according to several U.S. intelligence sources, of having deployed the assassination teams that murdered Arab lobbyists Alex Odeh and Tscherim Soobzokov, are believed responsible for seven other bombings in the United States since the beginning of the year, and control large sections of the Jewish Defense League and the Gush Emunim, both Jewish underground groups associated with Rabbi Meir Kahane. A spinoff of the JDL, the Jewish Defense Organization, led by an ADL-FBI stringer, Mordechai Levi, is one of the prime suspects in the Odeh

and Soobzokov murders, although FBI director William Webster is reported to be running a massive coverup of these terrorist acts on U.S. soil, because they lead back to Eytan.

The mounting evidence that the same networks are also behind the recent wave of anti-American terrorism in the Mideast and Europe reportedly has top officials of the ADL and the American Jewish Committee shaking in their boots in fear that their own long-time involvement in these activities will surface.

As U.S. and Israeli investigators were beating the bushes to turn up new clues on the extent of the Israeli espionage activities in the United States, the Peres government was moving to sweep the scandal under the rug.

The instant that Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, after 90 minutes of consultation with Secretary of State Shultz, issued a lukewarm "apology" for the indiscretion, Shultz shamelessly accepted the admission of Israeli government complicity in the spying as if the United States was at fault. In fact, ADL boss Bialkin, a known figure in the American dope lobby whose law firm was once fined \$35 million by a federal court for aiding Robert Vesco in the theft of hundreds of millions of dollars from Investors Overseas Service (IOS), went so far as to justify the Israeli spying on the grounds that the United States had become too cozy with moderate Arab states committed to the elimination of Israel. Meeting with Peres in Jerusalem on Dec. 2 in his capacity as president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Bialkin attacked the Reagan administration for failing to provide Israel with military secrets on pro-American Arab states, thereby forcing Israel to resort to covert information-gathering.

On Nov. 29, in the opening salvo of the coverup, the *New York Times* published extensive excerpts from the initial findings of the Israeli government's official probe, passed to the *Times* by Israeli officials. In the course of claiming that Pollard had initially approached the Israelis in 1984—a wild contradiction of already published facts in the case—an unidentified Washington, D.C. journalist "with close ties to Israel" was reported to have been the mediator between Pollard and Eytan.

An Israeli source intimately familiar with the case has told *EIR* that that journalist was Yosef Bodansky, a former writer for the Israeli Air Force journal who worked at the Pentagon's Technology Transfer branch until his brazen efforts on behalf of Israel forced even Richard Perle and Steven Bryen, two of Israel's biggest boosters at the Defense Department, to let him go. A close associate of JDL founder Joseph Churba, Bodansky now writes for the *Washington Times* while serving as the Middle East research director for MidAtlantic Research, a private intelligence group run by John Rees, Arnaud de Borchgrave, and Robert Moss. All three men were named in a December 1980 *EIR* special report as suspected KGB "moles" penetrated into U.S. conservative circles through the Heritage Foundation. Pollard himself was

a participant in seminars at the Heritage Foundation headquarters in Washington.

According to a former CIA officer who has reviewed the Pollard file, the importance of the case does not lie with Pollard's own role, which was little more than that of a collector and disseminator of stolen documents gathered by a cell of Israeli-Soviet agents infiltrated into a string of federal agencies. As the result of cracking the Pollard case, a number of other cells reportedly could be busted, involving well known figures in the State Department, CIA, and the White House itself. Among the names mentioned by the ex-intelligence agent, who insisted on anonymity, is Undersecretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Elliott Abrams; Abrams for law firm, Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, and McPherson, now represents Ann Henderson Pollard. Also mentioned were State Department press spokesman Bernard Kalb, and White House TV correspondent Marvin Kalb.

Other U.S. intelligence community sources have reported to *EIR* that the suppression of the Soviet track into the Pollard affair has been the principal focus of the coverup effort. Allegedly, White House Chief of Staff Don Regan teamed up with Sen. Moynihan to convince President Reagan that the United States must put the Pollard affair in the past and focus solely on the grave danger posed by Soviet espionage activities.

### **Moynihan: personal contact**

According to at least one source, Moynihan was strongly motivated to bury the Pollard scandal due to his own personal contact with the 31-year-old spy. Pollard reportedly was a channel of libelous disinformation on *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, a leading proponent of the Strategic Defense Initiative, into Moynihan; and Moynihan may have been responsible for providing Pollard as a "source" on LaRouche to NBC producer Pat Lynch, who produced a March 1984 smear feature on LaRouche, then a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, on the now defunct "First Camera" news magazine show.

The underlying issue of the Pollard case is the strategic betrayal of the United States by an Israeli government that appears to be united on only one issue: the imperative to build a new partnership with Moscow. Not surprisingly, the architect of this Israeli abandonment of the U.S. is Armand Hammer, the aging billionaire whose fortune derived from his early 1920s recruitment into "The Trust," the Soviets' long-term penetration operation into the West. Hammer's latest Moscow adventures have seen him enter into partnership with suspected Israeli mafia figure and former Mossad chief for Europe, Shaul Eisenberg, in major projects in the PRC, the Koreas, and the Philippines. This China thrust by the Hammer-Eisenberg combination has provoked speculation, based on the Pollards' dealings with the PRC, that, beyond Eytan and Sharon, the Soviet espionage chain leads right up to the Occidental Petroleum doorsteps of Hammer.