

has been, historically, grafted onto them by official Russian state imperial policy for over a century now, long before the "Bettelheim syndrome" was studied by Great Britain's Tavistock Clinic.

To better understand Ariel Sharon's and his braintruster David Kimche's current pro-Russian, anti-American policy, one must proceed from the fact that Soviet grand strategy is seen, in Moscow, as the concluding chapter of a longstanding Russian chauvinist imperial commitment to establish Moscow as the "Third and Final Rome," the center of a sole, ecumenical empire, modeled after the Byzantine Empire and its predecessor, Imperial Rome. Most of 19th-century Russian policy, from the Crimean War onward, was determined by this growing impulse of the "Third Rome" perspective, which, among its features, included the "drive for warm-water ports," which stands as a euphemism for taking over the Middle East, and the brutal, cynical inducement to force East European Jews to embrace Zionism as their only remaining choice for survival and self-respect.

During 1986, General Secretary Gorbachov's government intends to remove all U.S. military presence from the Mediterranean Sea and, as a result, turn this vital artery which carries 75% of Western Europe's trade, into a Russian lake, from the standpoint of preponderate naval power. Also during 1986, Moscow intends, by means of military blackmail and appropriate arms-control proposals, to decouple the defense of Western Europe from that of the United States. Toward these two objectives, Moscow has assigned Israel one very important role: Israel is to ensure that no political forces friendly to the United States remain in positions of power and influence either in the Arab world, or anywhere else in the Mediterranean basin. This is the significance of last winter's aerial bombardment of Tunisia, of the *Achille Lauro* crisis and its aftermath, and of the current, Mossad-triggered Libyan crisis.

From their perspective, Sharon's Irgunist friends, game-master David Kimche (the secret author of Sharon's "Mediterranean strategy"), and the old "Trust" interests in the Zionist orbit, Recanati, Dweeks, Luzzattos, see in this vast redistribution of power in the Mediterranean and the Near East, their golden opportunity to establish themselves as the "New Venice." Their game, in large part, depends on rapidly eliminating the last remnants of pro-U.S.A. loyalists in the region, so as to present Israel as the "sole" asset the United States will depend upon. For the weeks ahead, there is an additional twist in Sharon's perspective: Sharon and his friends are now committed to accelerating this process of knocking the United States out of the picture *before* the Russian gameplan has consolidated its positions, so as to make Moscow also depend, at least in part, on Israeli policies. Defense Secretary Weinberger's continuing refusal to involve the United States in a set-up, losing military adventure against Qaddafi, is, at this time, the principal obstacle to Sharon's present, accelerated gameplan.

## Irgun, Mossad, and

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Perhaps the single most important question facing the United States, when it comes to international terrorism today, is whether, within the next 90 days, the Israeli faction of Ariel Sharon and his covert operations chief Rafi Eytan, will assassinate prominent U.S. political figures such as Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

It is hardly accidental that both LaRouche and Weinberger are on the same "hit" list. The Russians' secret intelligence service, the KGB, and the Irgun faction of the Israeli Mossad, both know that Weinberger and LaRouche have gotten to the bottom of their dirty deal concerning the Middle East and U.S.-Soviet relations.

The operational threat to Weinberger and LaRouche was signaled by an article in the KGB's weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* on Jan. 8, 1986, which stated that "Weinbergers do not live forever." *Lit. Gaz.*, *Izvestia*, and other Soviet publications have attacked LaRouche on numerous occasions, and the East German magazine *Kernenergie* in January 1985 accused him of being the "forerunner" of President Reagan, in his advocacy of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

It is an open secret, therefore, that both the Soviets and the Sharon-led Israelis want LaRouche and Weinberger out of the way. This fact has major implications for international terrorism and political assassinations in general.

The Soviets and the Israelis have come to an understanding, based upon an ambiguous division of labor between the two: The Israelis will cover for Soviet-sponsored terrorism in Europe, and will concentrate their own efforts inside North America. The major requirement for this special relationship between Moscow and her Jerusalem allies is to keep the United States off balance—to the benefit of both.

The aim of this low-intensity warfare, in Moscow's view, is to utilize international terrorism to soften up President Reagan before the Soviet economic and war mobilization against the United States reaches its climax. For the Israelis who are in on this deal, the aim is to prevent an effective U.S.-directed peace effort in the Middle East, which could determine Israel's choices to the true benefit of the entire region.

In Israel, the forces around Israel's Minister of Trade and Industry Ariel Sharon and his operational tool Rafi Eytan, are working with fundamentalist fanatics such as Yuval Ne'e-

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man and Geula Cohen to provoke an explosion at the Temple Mount, where the third holiest shrine of the Moslem world, the Dome of the Rock, is located. Following the murderous acts of the Soviet- and Israeli-controlled Abu Nidal terror organization, which killed 15 and wounded 112 at the Vienna and Paris airports on Dec. 27, the overall gameplan of Sharon and company includes: 1) finding a way to come directly into power, bypassing foreign minister and Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir; 2) driving the Palestinians out of the West Bank; and 3) creating a pretext for going to war with Syria, as the means for annexing the so-called safety zone in southern Lebanon and the West Bank/Gaza strip.

## The Mossad's origins

To properly understand the mentality of this grouping in Israel, it is necessary to trace out some of its past actions, and some of the reasons behind them. We identify here the essential features of the role of the Irgun (the Hebrew term for "The Organization"), which gave rise to the current Mossad faction. This network will be investigated in more detail in a soon-to-be-released *EIR Special Report*.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi was founded in 1929 through a fusion of the youth section (Betar) of the Revisionist Zionism of Vladimir Jabotinsky—an individual described by Israel's first head of state David Ben-Gurion as "another Hitler"—and a split-off from the Jewish Defense Units, the Haganah. Known as "Haganah B," and led by a Haganah officer named Abraham Tehomi, who joined forces with two of Jabotinsky's followers, Irma Halpern and Moshe Rosenberg, the Jerusalem unit was established in April 1931. It became a terrorist-counterterrorist organization with its own intelligence network.

Its actions during the 1930s were led by David Raziell and his collaborator Abraham Stern, who later split off from the Irgun to form the notorious Lehi or Stern Gang in 1940. This was the unit which later blew up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 98 British soldiers and officials.

Raziell began covertly training members of the underground at a Hebrew girls school. This use of a typically innocent cover to conduct covert activity, which later became the hallmark of the Mossad, was originally invented by the Irgun. To the minds of the founders of the Irgun, such measures were not only necessary, but essential for survival,

because of what they perceived as overwhelmingly hostile conditions. Surrounded by the growth of Nazism and Arab fanaticism of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who, along with the British Mandatory Government, organized attacks on Jewish settlements, the Irgun emerged as a more militant operation than the Haganah. In 1937 Jabotinsky, a Jesuit-trained Zionist, became the supreme commander of the Irgun, a post he held until his death in 1940.

The counterparts of the Irgun were the Labor Zionists and their Jewish Defense Units, the Haganah. Led by David Ben-Gurion and Chaim Weizmann, the Haganah received its training from a top British military intelligence officer named Orde Wingate, who himself became a fanatical Zionist.

A political-scientific intelligence espionage operation was set up by Chaim Weizmann under the guidance of Winston Churchill's top "spook," Sir William Stephenson, the man who helped set up the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the precursor of the Central Intelligence Agency. This apparatus later established the Mossad, or, as it is known, the Institution.

Only certain capabilities of the Irgun were brought into official service. The relationship between the dominant faction of the Israeli leadership and the "opposition" or "minority" faction created a feeling of insecurity among the leaders of the Irgun, who believed that only by spectacular and bold actions could their real power be felt. This became their hallmark within the Mossad organization.

To further sharpen the profile of both sides of the Mossad, it is necessary to understand the "survivor" mentality. In the interests of "survival" at any cost, both the Haganah and the Irgun even attempted to make deals with the Nazis. In one case, representatives of the Irgun met in Berlin in 1938 with Heinrich Himmler's chief deputy, Adolph Eichmann. In order to "help Eichmann get the Jews of Europe, the Irgun leadership made a series of deals with Eichmann," according to the memoirs of Irgunist Yitshak Ben-Ami. Though the details of these deals may never be fully known, they involved providing the Gestapo and the SS intelligence network with the names of British agents.

This is the same mentality that today leads Sharon to "facilitate" attacks on the United States. According to one Israeli intelligence source whom this writer met in Bonn in the summer of 1982, it was Ariel Sharon who facilitated the bombing of the U.S. embassy in Beirut, killing eight top CIA personnel.

It stands to reason that if certain Irgun leaders made deals with the Nazis, why not with the Soviet intelligence services? This is certainly how their successors are thinking about the Soviet Jewish immigration question today. Through a series of complex deals arranged through "The Trust" of Armand Hammer, Israeli leaders now find themselves prepared to undermine the waning power and influence of the United States. From the standpoint of "survival," it appears wise that Israel make its deal with the Russians.

As a result of the conditions under which Zionism emerged from World War II, and given the complex web of intrigue and double-crossing at the time, the mentality of those who were shaped by these events makes it difficult for them to see the true interests either of Israel or of the United States. Only this can explain why a Jonathan Pollard could be deployed to spy on the United States on behalf of not only Israel, but also of the Soviet Union.

From this standpoint, the notion that Mossad hit teams are deployed in the United States, no longer appears so far-fetched.

### **International assassination teams**

In the aftermath of the Munich Massacre at the 1972 Olympics, the Israelis deployed a network of hit teams to target the murderers of the Israeli athletes. One of these counterassassin teams, however, mistakenly identified a Moroccan waiter as a top Palestine Liberation Organization op-

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erative, and killed him. This resulted in the arrest of six Israeli operatives by the Norwegian authorities in the town of Lillehammer, Norway.

The overall chief of Mossad Western European operations during this period was "Dirty" Rafi Eytan. Eytan, the ultimate controller of Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, was dismissed by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. He then came to the United States and worked with Israeli mafia figure and former drugstore chain owner Amon Barness, who is now living in Panama. Eytan, along with the founder of the Jewish Defense League, Meir Kahane, began a recruitment drive among young Jews at the Hebrew Schools and yeshivas who would make "Aliyah" (return to Israel), receive training from the Israeli Defense Force, and later be deployed back into the United States to carry out terrorism and assassination. During the 1973-77 period, up to Menachem Begin's election victory, Eytan and Kahane established a parallel Mossad, based upon Irgun methods of cell-structure and control, which could be utilized for both unofficial and official purposes.

The recent wave of assassinations of so-called Nazis and PLO supporters was carried out by this group. The Mossad-Irgun apparatus recruits heavily among Jews from Arab

countries, who, by culture and physical features, are Arab. This allows much so-called Palestinian terrorism to be conducted by the Israelis, who would tell U.S. intelligence officials that they had "penetrated" Palestinian organizations. Whenever an atrocity against Jews in the diaspora or within Israel is needed to further Sharon and Eytan's schemes, their special "Arab terrorist" units are deployed.

Key to these "parallel" Mossad hit teams, according to U.S. intelligence and law enforcement, is an Israeli operative named Dan Aerbel, who operates in North America, according to a highly reliable source. Aerbel was described as a member of the hit teams which were deployed and arrested in Norway. Aerbel's team in the United States is again comprised of six-man units.

At the time of Aerbel's European "hit" assignment, his cover was as a shipowner and businessman who traveled extensively to Libya in 1971-72, selling sportswear and soccer balls. This was two years after Muammar Qaddafi came into power. Aerbel's Libyan activities are still not fully known. One of his associates on this mission was a woman named Sylvia Raphael, who was later killed in Larnaca, Cyprus by the PLO's Force 17, when posing as a tourist. Her death and the near-escape of the deputy director of the Mossad who was with her prior to the shoot-out, precipitated the Israeli strike on PLO headquarters in Tunis in the summer of 1985. Another operative of this network was Marianne Gladnikoff, who was a member of the Jewish Defense League.

At present, this entire apparatus is operational in the United States: not just Aerbel and his team, which is primed for assassination assignments, but also Israeli operatives and agents who have penetrated the U.S. intelligence services and the military. This apparatus is directly controlled by Sharon and Eytan. Recently, after the negotiations over the Pollard affair between the United States and Israel were concluded by Judge Abraham Sofaer, legal counselor for the State Department, Eytan's LEKEM, or scientific espionage apparatus, was supposedly dismantled. But in reality, Eytan was just redeployed by Sharon into the position of chairman of Israel Chemicals, the state-controlled chemical firm. It is likely that Sofaer knew that this would occur, since his past arrangement with Ariel Sharon was established when Sofaer was the trial judge in Sharon's libel suit against *Time* magazine.

Since the Pollard affair and the recent wave of assassinations, this Mossad apparatus is being redeployed into Canada. Through a network of organized crime figures in Montreal and Toronto, with a Windsor, Canada sub-base, the hit teams are dispatched. New York City remains the control center, while the Baltimore area serves as the paymaster locale. With 800 Libyan, Palestinian, Iranian, and Syrian terrorists carrying false passports, readied for activation inside the United States, unless U.S. intelligence and security abandons its dependence upon the Israelis, the Soviets and the Sharon-Eytan forces will soon have a field day in their war of terrorism against the United States.