

## Justice Department: 'lawless and out of control'

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In the course of the month of June, the U.S. Department of Justice has undertaken a multi-pronged offensive to implement the corporatist (i.e., fascist) policy agenda of the "Project Democracy" covert government apparatus within the administration, while desperately attempting to protect that same apparatus from public exposure and criminal indictment. Three initiatives launched by what some legal observers have called an increasingly "lawless and out of control" Justice Department stand out:

1) the announcement of a civil lawsuit designed to facilitate a government takeover of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters;

2) the beginning of a broad investigation of the nation's bankrupt savings and loan industry;

3) an attack on the independent prosecutor system, with particular venom reserved for Lawrence Walsh, the independent prosecutor in the Iran-Contra affair.

The most dramatic of these initiatives was Justice's announcement of its intention to file a lawsuit designed to place the 1.7 million member International Brotherhood of Teamsters under government control, using the longstanding allegations of mafia control over the union in order to invoke civil racketeering statutes known as RICO.

The Department's actions have created an uproar among conservatives and liberals alike, protesting the excessive action by the Justice Department. Typical was the reaction of Washington, D.C.-based consultant Victor Kamber, a long-standing critic of the Teamsters, who stated that the action was "unconstitutional and impractical. If there are corrupt union officers, they should be prosecuted and removed in a fair trial under law. But to circumvent due process is unfair and threatening to fundamental liberties."

The statements issued by the Teamsters, however, were

more to the point. In a press release, the union accurately compared the Justice takeover effort to "union takeovers by communist and fascist governments. Our government supports the free trade union Solidarity movement in Poland, while attempting to destroy it at home."

Moreover, the department stated that the attack on the Teamsters was to be merely the first in a series of such initiatives to take over the U.S. trade union movement. Among the other announced targets of the Justice Department's actions are the International Longshoremen's Union, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International, and the Laborers International Union of North America.

The targeting of the independent trade unions, simultaneous with the witchhunt against the nation's savings and loans, clearly points to an effort to bring the nation's most important constituency institutions under control prior to an economic blowout. These actions, which are reminiscent of those taken by Mussolini prior to his imposition of a corporatist-fascist state, are key domestic policy agenda items for the Project Democracy crowd popularly associated with Lt. Col. Oliver North, and still embedded in the Reagan administration. It is not a coincidence that the unions targeted are known as non-AFL-CIO-controlled unions, as it is the AFL-CIO that has been one of the prime movers of Project Democracy from the beginning.

### Protecting Project Democracy

The Justice Department's actions come at a time that the department is virtually headless. Attorney General Ed Meese has come under increasing scrutiny for his role in the Wedtech corruption case and the Iran-Contra affair, and has had to recuse himself from any decisions on critical matters before the Justice Department. Included among these were the

department's review of the independent prosecutor system.

Because Meese's lawyer, Irving Nathan, is also the lawyer for Col. Aviem Sella, the case officer for convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, Meese has had to recuse himself from any cases bearing on Israel-related issues, issues which are at the center of the shadow government that ran Project Democracy.

The result has been a virtual coup inside Justice, with critical decisions being made by Deputy Attorney General Arnold Burns, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Trott, Criminal Division head William Weld, and a permanent bureaucracy within the department.

The department's well-publicized attack on Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh points to what is really going on. While the congressional Irangate committee hearings have focused on attempting to affix blame on the President and paralyze the administration, Walsh's investigation has been attempting to systematically unravel the Project Democracy shadow government that has manipulated administration policy increasingly since 1983. In so doing, Walsh has spared no one, which, among other things, has resulted in a much closer scrutiny of the role of the Israelis in the affair.

The focus on the Israelis, which became public with the issuance of grand jury subpoenas for David Kimche, Adolph Schwimmer, Ya'acov Nimrodi, and Amiram Nir, threatens to unravel all the dirty back-channel arrangements that have been established between the Project Democracy crowd, the Israelis, and the Soviets. These arrangements, which have often been mediated by George Shultz's State Department, and Armand Hammer, have consistently resulted in the adoption of U.S. policies whose only beneficiary has been either the Soviet Union or Israel.

### **The permanent bureaucracy**

An examination of the persons who are now attempting to control the Justice Department, clearly establishes their own roles at the center of these back-channel arrangements for years, in and out of government. For example, a cursory examination of the background of the number-two man at Justice, Deputy Attorney General Arnold Burns, makes it clear that he is hardly the man to oversee any investigation involving the Israelis.

Burns, who had no prosecutorial experience prior to going to Washington, has been an active member of the Republican-Jewish Coalition established by Max Fisher of Detroit. Fisher is a key figure in the U.S. side of the Israeli mafia. The coalition's reputation came into question after its financial chairman, Ivan Boesky, was indicted and arrested in New York City for the biggest Wall Street insider trading scheme in history. According to law enforcement sources, some of the money Boesky had skimmed off was used for illegal arms deals with Iran.

The Israeli mafia, through its main political mouthpiece, Ariel Sharon, is a critical part of the Israeli back-channel with

the Soviets. It was Sharon, through his subordinate, Rafi Eytan, who set up the Pollard espionage apparatus in the United States. It is a matter of public record that the Pollard apparatus was a "false flag" operation, with the intelligence gathered by Pollard going from Israel directly to the Soviets.

Burns's New York law partner, Walter Feldsman, is on the board of the New York-based Sterling National Bank. Sterling National was set up by Frank Ericson, a member of the Meyer Lansky mob. It remains the top bank of the Anti-Defamation League today. This alleged Jewish civil rights organization is a political intelligence and dirty tricks unit for Dope, Inc. and the Sharon wing of Israeli intelligence.

While Burns is bad enough, his associates Stephen Trott and William Weld are worse. Sources in the American Bar Association's Committee on Terrorism have stated that Trott and Weld have been key in establishing a back-channel with the Soviets for "joint anti-terrorism operations." The source, who is in a leading position in the ABA's committee, stated that neither Trott or Weld go along with Meese and other Reagan appointees who believe that the Soviets are the main patrons of international terrorism. Instead, they believe that the Soviets are threatened by terrorism as well, and have every reason to discuss this issue in good faith.

Underneath Burns, Trott, and Weld is what is known as "the permanent bureaucracy" in the Justice Department. Comprised of Criminal Division assistants Mark Richard and John Keeney, as well as the head of the Criminal Division's internal security, John Martin, among others, this network has been in place since the Carter administration or longer. In this capacity, they have been responsible for every travesty and coverup committed by the Department of Justice over the last decade. Mark Richard, John Martin, and then-Justice employee Joel Lisker were responsible for covering up the Billygate affair of 1978-80. If this had been exposed, the Carter administration's policy of arming both Khomeini's Iran and Qaddafi's Libya in collaboration with Israel, would also have come to light in 1979. The same network carried out the policy currently under investigation as Irangate.

Moreover, this network, along with Henry Kissinger, were responsible for the establishment of the back-channel between the Department of Justice and the Soviets known as the Office of Special Investigations, the phony Nazi-hunting unit created in 1979.

Under the cover of hunting Nazis, OSI is the only agency within the U.S. government with an official relationship to the Soviet KGB. Not only does OSI's cases against "Nazis" largely rely on manufactured evidence provided to them by the Soviets, OSI has become the means for greatly increased Soviet influence on the U.S. government. It is through this channel, that joint U.S.-Soviet-Israeli operations, such as the expulsion of Karl Linnas, the banning of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim from the United States, and the assault on U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, are undertaken at Kremlin behest.