

Solarz zeroes in on South Asia

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Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Asia and Pacific Affairs, has recently completed a marathon tour of South Asia—from Dhaka to Delhi to Islamabad and back to Delhi, Agra, and Amritsar in Punjab. Since the bought-and-paid-for agent of the U.S.-based Zionist mafia has made his mark in other parts of Asia, notably the Philippines, as a Trojan Horse for gross outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations, it is pertinent to ask just what kind of nasty operation is afoot.

Bangladesh, it appears, is the immediate target. “I would of course very much like to see the establishment of a genuinely democratic government in Bangladesh, which can only be achieved through the holding of free and fair elections,” was how Solarz responded when asked in New Delhi Jan. 17 to comment on his talks with Bangladesh President Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad.

Solarz said Ershad had agreed to hold “free and fair elections,” with special arrangements to ensure participation of the opposition—which has so far refused to participate in elections unless the President first steps down—including invitations to foreign observers and journalists “to monitor the electoral process in order to minimize the prospects for fraud.”

He did not detect any “willingness or eagerness” by President Ershad to resign, Solarz reported, so he could only “hope” that “a way can be found” to hold elections soon. (In the Philippines case, a neat little scandal in Washington over Ferdinand Marcos’s alleged real estate investments, cooked up by Solarz and his cronies, was found to be an efficient way to get the ball rolling.)

Congressman from Bombay?

But Bangladesh was by no means the congressman’s only concern. Solarz’s visit is part of a gambit that appears to be the brainwave of the Indian Embassy in Washington, intended to gain favors by propitiating the head of the House Affairs subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. Hence, a red carpet for Solarz, “friend of India,” that included meetings with the prime minister and an open door to the other top brass in Delhi, meetings with ruling party MPs and opposition leaders. The visit was topped off with a trip to Punjab for meetings with Sikh religious officials and Akali political leaders.

Indian officials may smugly believe they are recruiting an agent for India in the U.S. Congress—it is a conceit Solarz cultivates. He opened his New Delhi press conference by

pointing to his new “Nehru jacket” and stating that since he was frequently referred to as “the congressman from Bombay,” he ought to look like one.

The quip has its own revealing irony: Bombay is the mafia center of India, not its political center. Moreover, Solarz’s financial godfathers are top figures in the international Syrian-Jewish business mafia that has a base in the Flatbush district of New York and dirty operations running through Bombay and a dozen other major cities of the world. This mafia’s strings are tied to the hardline Zionist faction in Israel associated with Ariel Sharon.

No wonder then, that in the paean to a worldwide “peace breakout” with which he introduced himself to the press in Delhi, Solarz neglected to mention the opening of a dialogue between the U.S. and the PLO. And no wonder that the extravagant praise and boundless optimism for what he termed the “great leap forward” in Indo-Pakistani relations supposedly signaled in the encounter between Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Indian Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in Islamabad, fell flat.

On Punjab, duplicity was only temporarily blurred by a heavy dose of patronizing rhetoric. “I have come to find out how bad the situation is and are civil rights really being violated by India,” Solarz was quoted by the *Hindustan Times* in Amritsar. Later, in New Delhi, he brushed off questions about human rights abuses against Sikhs—the subject of hearings in the U.S. Congress under his own authority in recent years—and instead declared that there had to be a “political solution” to the problem in Punjab (a stunning idea which has presumably never occurred to Rajiv Gandhi and his associates).

Indeed, there is a hidden agenda in Solarz’s interest in South Asia. As this magazine has documented, his sponsors in the Mossad and its front organizations have promoted the Sikh separatist-terror cause internationally. At the same time, the Israeli government has insisted that its terror against the Palestinians is nothing by comparison with India’s “oppression” of the Sikhs. It is also common knowledge that the Mossad has repeatedly circulated disinformation implicating India in plans to bomb Pakistan’s nuclear research center at Kahuta.

Who is recruiting whom, and to what? As F.J. Khergavala, West Asia correspondent of the *Hindu*, put it in the only critical commentary as yet: “Even if one gives the government of India the benefit of the doubt concerning hopes for aid and technology from the United States, what is the price that India will be required to pay?” That payment will have to be made to Israel, Khergavala correctly insists, and the price will be linked to what India wants in Washington.

Solarz cloaks himself in the banner of democracy, and is otherwise smart enough to pay obeisance to India’s territorial integrity, Indo-Pakistani friendship, and so on in public utterances in New Delhi. But what he actually does with his “New Delhi card” remains to be seen.