

for Newmont Mining, a mineral firm linked to drug-legalization advocate George Soros. At the time, De Trazegnies proposed in a newspaper article to establish supranational arbitration over the Peru-Ecuador conflict, arguing that the most that Peru would lose would be a few kilometers of “inhospitable terrain,” in exchange for winning “the confidence of foreign investors.”

De Trazegnies’s nomination as Foreign Minister violated Peruvian law, given that just one day before his nomination he was still the plenipotentiary ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, which has status as a state and which therefore made him technically a foreign citizen inside Peru. De Trazegnies, who spent two years in Europe reclaiming his title as Count de las Lagunas, was also president of the Peruvian Foundation for the Conservation of Nature, today known as the Nature Foundation, a principal recipient of funds from Prince Philip’s World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). It was the networks of the WWF, through Conservation International, the Nature Conservancy, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, that originally proposed the creation of an ecology park in the Condor Mountain Range, between Peru and Ecuador, to transform it into a “binational park.” These groups then put the proposal into Luigi Einaudi’s bag of negotiating points. *EIR* first exposed those plans in “The ‘Parks for Peace’ Ploy for Bloody Border Wars,” in its Aug. 22, 1997 issue.

### **The demilitarization of Peru and Ecuador**

The final objective of this process is the dismantling of the armies of Peru and Ecuador, an old dream of London and its one-worldist agencies, such as the Inter-American Dialogue. Such proposals now appear to have been taken up by both Fujimori and Manhuad. The latter recently revealed that the guarantors had successfully pressured Fujimori into removing Peruvian Gen. Nicolás Hermoza from his position as general commander of the Peruvian Armed Forces, precisely because he opposed the idea of a binational park and of demilitarization.

The speeches of both Presidents at the signing of the Brasilia agreement, were in effect announcements that the era of demilitarization had arrived in both their countries. Fujimori laid the blame for Peruvian poverty on military expenditures, and committed himself to henceforth deploying all funding from armaments into “social expenditures.” Mahuad went so far as to say that “the peace agreements are the best measure for fiscal austerity” in his country. The dismantling of the armed forces will lead to a very delicate situation for the two nation-states involved. As General Hermoza warned in his farewell speech, the “threat of narco-terrorist subversion is not over in the country.”

Far from bringing peace, the agreements recently signed under “the spirit of Williamsburg,” have lit the fuse on a huge social powder keg in the Peruvian Amazon, and specifically in the border region of Loreto. There, on the

same day that the Presidents were signing the accords in Brasilia, an enraged mob in the city of Iquitos, capital of Loreto province, broke through police barricades and burned several public offices, including the headquarters of the regional government. They nearly lynched Peruvian Interior Minister Gen. José Villanueva Ruestas, whose car ran over and killed two individuals while trying to escape the mob. There were three other deaths, the result of shots fired by security forces to try to stop the riot. In the midst of this chaos, which may well have been manipulated by narco-subversives, the courthouse of Loreto was burned, along with thousands of court documents and evidence against drug traffickers in the region.

Loreto has been a region where various separatist efforts have been historically manipulated, and which today is under the ideological control of Spanish priest Joaquín García, the so-called “Samuel Ruiz” of Peru—a reference to the leader of the Zapatista insurgency in Mexico. García heads the so-called Center of Theological Studies of the Amazon, the biggest publishing house in Peru’s Amazon region, and also controls the Historic Museum of Iquitos and the Departmental Library. Throughout the recent months, García has been the mouthpiece for what he considers the “rights” of Peruvian Amazon ethnic nations in the peace process.

## **Investigate Israeli spying on Iraq**

by Muriel Mirak-Weissbach

The international press, as usual, started working overtime in late October to create the climate for a new crisis between the United Nations and Saddam Hussein, as soon as it was made known that the Iraqi Parliament had endorsed the decision, by the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council on Nov. 2, to terminate cooperation with the United Nations inspection teams. The same international press made every effort, apparently, to ignore or, more precisely, to black out, the most significant event in Iraq related to this decision, which was a bombshell speech delivered to Parliament by Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Tariq Aziz, just prior to its vote on the issue.

Dr. Aziz presented evidence that Israeli intelligence agents had penetrated Iraq, under the aegis of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM). The revelations made by Dr. Aziz have turned the tables on the entire cat-and-mouse game which the UN has been playing with Iraq since 1991, and have placed on the agenda of the “international community” the following, most pertinent question: If Israel

has indeed been using the UNSCOM as its Trojan horse, to penetrate top agents into Iraq and spy on the country's military and technological capabilities, then does this not mean, that the so-called "evidence" of alleged Iraqi violations of the UN weapons ban, has been being planted by the same spies? When is Israel going to be submitted to official investigation, for its spying on sovereign nations, and doing so through the good graces of the UN? When, once such investigations have been duly completed, will sanctions be levied against Israel, for espionage of this sort?

Aziz was not generic in his allegations; he was quite specific. According to accounts carried in the Arabic press, he reported that at least three UNSCOM inspectors were Israeli intelligence officers, who had entered the country with false passports. The names he gave (transliterated from Arabic) were: Col. Roneed Hahan Haduri, who works in the Iraqi section of Israeli military intelligence; Col. Naseen Shamai, who works in the Arab Affairs Office of the Mossad; and Jedian Deliail Shamoni, who works for Israeli military intelligence. Another name Dr. Aziz mentioned was that of Col. Friedman Jakov Rikson, an expert on nuclear affairs in Israeli military intelligence. All of them entered the country with false identities, and under the cover of UNSCOM.

It is not known, when these Israeli intelligence agents were active inside Iraq, nor is it known, how and when the Iraqis discovered them. What is known, to corroborate Aziz's revelations, is that at least two UNSCOM officials had to leave the country, because of their espionage activities. The most clamorous case was that of weapons inspector Scott Ritter. Following complaints by the Iraqi government of Ritter's espionage activities, he left the country in September. As a cover for his escape, Ritter claimed that he was resigning, in protest over alleged softness on the part of the Clinton administration, vis-à-vis Iraq! The real story, is a different one.

### Ritter's admissions

In an interview with the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* on Sept. 28, 1998, Ritter spilled the beans on Israel's caper with UNSCOM. He virtually admitted that all the "intelligence" on alleged Iraq weapons violations had come from Israel. Ritter went so far as to say, that the Israelis had been more forthcoming with such "information" than even the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. And, he said that the FBI was investigating him for alleged espionage in favor of Israel. His story is that the CIA told the FBI to open an investigation, in an effort to discredit him. Ritter told *Ha'aretz* as well, of his several visits to Israel, with the full approval of UNSCOM director Rolf Ekeus.

"From 1994 to 1998, I was there a lot," Ritter told *Ha'aretz*, referring to his visits to Israel. "I can honestly say . . . that if it weren't for Israel, the Special Commission would not have been able to carry out the anti-concealment effort." He also said he thought the reason the CIA wanted the FBI to

investigate him had to do with petty rivalries, since UNSCOM had a better working relationship with Israeli officials than with the Americans. Ritter, of course, swore that he had not accepted a shekel for his services. "I didn't receive any money from Israel," he said, "I got a shake of the hand, a pat on the back."

Exactly one month later, the news was carried by a few enterprising wire services in the region, about another UNSCOM agent, caught in the act of spying. This time, it was a technician of Chilean nationality working as part of the 120-person UN inspections team, named Julio Minos. He was expelled from Iraq on Oct. 26, after having been caught photographing sensitive military installations. Instead of being arrested, and brought to justice, Minos was whisked out of the country aboard a UN plane, and sent to safety in Bahrain, according to Nils Carlstrom, the head of the UNSCOM unit in Baghdad. Carlstrom added, that Minos was the second UNSCOM official to have been expelled within two weeks; on Oct. 12, a U.S. arms inspector was kicked out, after having photographed a missile site, with a private camera.

### Economic warfare against Iraq

Thus, the repeated protests by the Iraqi government increasingly over the past months, that the UNSCOM operation is nothing but a cover for espionage, have nothing to do with "paranoia" or "propaganda." These are the facts. It is also a fact, that the man heading UNSCOM since July 1, 1997, Richard William Butler, is a British intelligence officer, decorated by the Queen, coordinating in tandem with the Israeli Mossad and military intelligence, the entire project aimed at destroying Iraq's economy, and ensuring that it never be capable of emerging as a modern nation with advanced science and technology. It has been Butler, who has carefully leaked his observations to the press—not reported to the UN Security Council—that Iraq had violated this or that weapons ban. It was Butler who told the press Iraq had chemical warheads ready to go. It was Butler who told the *New York Times* that Iraq had biological weapons poised to strike Israel, and that they could "blow away Tel Aviv." It was Butler who briefed a group of 45 American Jewish leaders that there were 45 Iraqi warheads that could not be accounted for. Through such and similar interventions, Butler has calculated the means to set off crises between the UN and Iraq, and has succeeded twice since taking over last year, always coinciding with the periodic reviews by the UN Security Council, of the status of Iraqi weapons inspections.

With the revelations made by Dr. Aziz, there is no excuse for any government to tolerate the continuing provocations organized by the British and Israel, through UNSCOM, provocations that are part of a broader policy to ignite chaos through confrontation in the region. Benjamin Netanyahu's Israel must be stopped, before it—indeed, a nuclear power which is not subjected to any controls, conventions, or international agreements—blows up the world.