
How Britain runs the 'radical left'

New information obtained from Tavistock agent Vale

As a result of a months-long investigation into disruptions by British intelligence pedigreed networks against the U.S. Labor Party and its European affiliates, a mass of evidence has been accumulated showing that 1) British Intelligence, through its Tavistock Institute-centered Psychological Warfare Division (PWD) maintains thorough control over the "political left" Trotskyist, anarchist, Maoist and "Third Camp" movements throughout the advanced sector; and 2) in addition to the cited operations against the Labor Party and its affiliates, these capabilities are directed at political terrorism and at espionage operations into the Soviet sector. The overall policy parameters of British Intelligence's deployment of these capabilities are associated with the Bertrand Russell "New Dark Ages" faction, a faction committed to the wholesale destruction of scientific knowledge and the proliferation of antitechnology movements worldwide.

This report is intended to provide relevant intelligence services with a detailed dossier of the cited British Intelligence "cult of leftism" based on investigative findings completed over the past month and a half — with a specific eye towards identifying areas of priority followup actions.

through the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Second International elements linked to the United Auto Workers (UAW). In general, all of these were known to represent different operational capabilities, all run through the same Bertrand Russell track of British Intelligence.

The special investigative objective of the USLP counterprobe was to establish a greater "closure" on precisely how these capabilities interfaced, and to solve a number of lingering questions of precisely which British Intelligence channels were used for inside-outside NAG actions against the organization, dating continuously at least to the Columbia University student strike of 1968.

Two evidentiary tracks were established during the early weeks of the investigation. The elaboration and cross-gridding of the two tracks provided all of the answers by Jan. 2, 1979.

First, written evidence was compiled showing that a team of anthropologists and sociologists from the University of Chicago, Columbia University and other locations had been deployed into the USLP as witting agents, principally although not exclusively in the period immediately following the Aug. 15, 1971 Nixon New Economic Policy fiasco. In tracing out background information on this team, it was discovered that the deployment into the Labor Party was part of a larger team that had been constituted during 1963-64 for the purpose of creating an array of "pluralist" terrorist capabilities for use of British Intelligence in running chaos operations against the United States. Among the terrorist cults fostered by this one tightly knit grouping out of the Anthropology Department of the University of Chicago were the American Indian Movement, the Revolutionary Union, and the Puerto Rican terrorist FALN.

Although this team generally represented lower-level deployables who had been selected *out* of prestigious careers within the premier anthropological departments and institutions of the U.S., Canada and Britain, one of the compensations for their dirty efforts was an access to such "respectables" as Margaret Mead, Grand Dame of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and a steady stream of money provided through such channels as the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the Episcopal Church and the American Friends Service Committee. Mead maintained

Who runs NAG

In the last weeks of 1978, the U.S. Labor Party Counterintelligence Division became aware of an intensive pattern of NAG activities, slanders and financial warfare directed against selected Party members and supporters. On the basis of previous patterns of such disruptions dating back some 10 years, it was known that the principle networks involved were the National Security Council grouping around former Columbia University East European studies head Zbigniew Brzezinski, radical sociology, anthropology and history department operatives deployed through Eugene Genovese's Marxist Perspectives group, Zionist dirty tricks units deployed

occasional — although interested — contact with individuals within this deployment from 1968 on, and expressed direct interest in the Labor Party feature of their activities throughout 1973. Mead's involvement reflected a publicly documented growing concern over the Labor Party by the Aspen Institute branch of British Intelligence from the time of the European Labor Party's summer 1972 intervention to expose the fraud of environmentalism at the United Nations sponsored International Conference on the Environment in Stockholm. Mead's fellow Aspen trustees Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson) and Maurice Strong had filed an internal memorandum within days of the Stockholm incident detailing the ELP impact. As the result of activities conducted by three ELP members, a three year project cost-estimated in the tens of millions of dollars was nearly stillborn. Co-author Barbara Ward is a leading figure in the World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH), the international arm of the London Tavistock Institute-PWD, a significant point of closure later in this report.

The second evidentiary track (we shall return to detail the first track at appropriate later points) developed beginning Dec. 18, 1978. In the course of a sequence of covert interviews with known participants in past NAG projects, USLP Counterintelligence discovered that two prominent Western European-based NAG operatives of known British Intelligence pedigree were in the New York City area, on ostensibly "separate" deployments. The conjuncture of the intensification of anti-Labor Party network operations and the presence of these two individuals indicated that something of major significance was afoot.

The two cited individuals were Michel Vale and Juergen Dragsdahl. Dragsdahl is the editor of a Copenhagen publication called *Information*, a channel for information and operations run by the Jesuit-trained Bertrand Russell operative Philip Agee. During December 1975, Dragsdahl's publication was among a Europeanwide network of anarchist-situationist sheets that published lists — provided by Agee — of U.S. CIA personnel. The assassination of Athens CIA station chief Richard Welsh was the direct consequence of this project. During the same winter 1975 conjuncture, Dragsdahl — along with Swedish counterparts such as Joachim and Miriam Israel, and Jan Myrdal (*Folk i Bildt*) — published slanders against the Labor Parties that had been authored by the Agee-associated CounterSpy-Fifth Estate, a branch of the U.S.-based Institute for Policy Studies — itself a subsidiary and now merged branch of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. The "ID format" slanders against the Scandinavian branches of the ELP intensified through 1976 with increasing active participation of Dragsdahl, who was joined during March 1976 by one George Lennox, a self-described agent of the British Special Air Services (SAS) — the covert branch of British Intelligence responsible for both terror and counterterror operations directed against the population of Northern Ireland. SAS's claim to fame is its maintenance of brainwashing camps where terrorist cadre for a variety of European

terrorist countergangs are programmed.

Within the United States, Dragsdahl's closest associations are with the New York City *Guardian*, a semi-official organ for the October League-Communist Party M-L, holders of the official franchise of the Peking government in the U.S. Through October League bigwig and former *Guardian* editor George Nicholas, direct contact is maintained with the Institute of Pacific Relations centered at Vancouver's Simon Fraser University. The Institute is a subsidiary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA). On the West Coast, Dragsdahl is the Scandinavian contact point for the San Francisco Bay Area Black Panther Party — now completely degenerated into a drug-extortion ring through successive operations run through the Berkeley School of Criminology, another important branch of the anthropology-sociology tree involved in cultcreation projects.

The Mike Vale case

Though Michel Vale's pedigree is precisely that of the already cited anthropology "field hand," he represented a unique point in the overall network deployed against the Labor Parties and their allies. Vale's direct involvement in NAG operations of the most vicious sort against Labor Party members dates back to the late 1960s. Therefore, even fragmented information provided by Vale constituted vital links drawing together the entire scope of the operation under investigation.

Vale, an international traveler operating under the cover of being a Russian language translator, further represented the convergence of Bertrand Russell networks operating in Western Europe, North America and the Far East.

From the late 1960s, Vale was the northern European (i.e. West Germany and Scandinavia) coordinator of a Russell Peace Foundation project called the American Deserters Movement. Under the pretext of running an underground railroad-safehousing operation for American GIs rebelling against continued U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, Vale and company conducted espionage penetration into the Soviet bloc (until their activities coincident with the spring, 1968 Prague destabilization placed them squarely in the camp of Zbigniew Brzezinski and Amnesty International), trafficked in illegal passports, weapons and so forth, and carried out profiling and recruiting activities that spilled over into the creation of such terrorist gangs as the Japanese Red Army, the Italian Red Brigades and the Baader-Meinhof Red Army Faction.

Among the prominent names associated with Vale in this late 1960s-early 1970s Western European based operation were: Robert "Bo" Burlingham, Andrew

Kopkind, Bernadine Dohrn, Mark Lane, Alexander Cockburn, Takahashi Takemoto, K.D. Wolf, Peter Spengler, Joaquim and Miriam Israel, Dan Schechter, Noam Chomsky, H. Bruce Franklin and Wilfred Burchett. The American Deserters Movement was itself a subsidiary project of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation directed from London by Russell and by longtime Russellites including Stephen Spender, Christopher Farley, Ralph Schoenman and Russell Stetler. These individuals (see appended biographical data) are to the present day leading advocates of the environmentalist antitechnology New Dark Age.

By 1971, the Vale American Deserters Movement was housed in Frankfort, grouped around a newsletter called "The Next Step" (TNS). At this point, the Vale operation directly intersected with the nascent European Labor Party. In coordination with disruption efforts in the United States run through Vale collaborators Chomsky, Nat Hentoff, Eugene Genovese and Howard Zinn, "The Next Step" attempted to infiltrate and wreck the European Labor Party. The two projects continued in an escalating pattern, converging during the spring through winter months of 1973 in a series of assassination attempts against Labor Party Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. coincident with efforts directed through the University of Chicago anthropology team to establish a phony profile of the Labor Party as a leftwing terrorist cult.

When the project as a whole collapsed following the early weeks of 1974, a significant portion of the "inside" operation fled the Labor Party and regrouped in a nest of overlapping NAG teams. Through this entire sequence of events Michel Vale was a central witting figure. Following 1974, elements of the network retained principal responsibilities as a disruptive force against the Labor Parties. Other elements of the network, having been rendered largely ineffective, were transferred to other Russellite projects and retained as special consultants on future deployments against the USLP.

Elements of the TNS team that retained loyalty to Vale were for the most part deposited in various locations around the U.S. and Europe and assigned as watch officers against the Labor Parties. In the United States, Boston-Cambridge was designated as a special watch station — with the Cambridge Policy Studies Center, the editorial board of the *Working Papers for a New Society* and the *Boston Real Paper* serving as the immediate operational center. University of Chicago-trained sociologist and Vale sexual partner Carol Pryor (nee Farber), her husband, and Robert "Bo" Burlingham (code name: Arlo) — all former ADM/TNS members — to the present play especially active roles in this watch command. Given his identification in FBI records and Congressional Internal Security reports as a founding central committee member of the Weathermen terrorists and his particular close association with University of Chicago Weatherman fugitive Dohrn, Burlingham retains a particularly low public profile.

All of this information was corroborated between Dec. 18 and Jan. 1, in initial phases of an entrapment of Michel

Table 1: Principal editors and contributing authors, Critique magazine

Ernest Mandel

Fourth International

Paul Sweezy

Monthly Review

Peter Sedgwick

University of Leeds, British International Socialists (IS), formerly Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB)

Mihailo Markovic

Praxis (Yugoslavia), "Belgrade 10"

Bertell Ollman

New York University, former President, Student League for Industrial Democracy (SLID)

Paul Piccone

Telos

Mary McAuley

Lecturer in Soviet Government, University of Essex

Andre Gunder Frank

Swedish Social Democracy, Wenner-Gren Foundation

Scott Maikle

Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Glasgow

Table 2: Institutions officially associated with Critique magazine *

In addition to these editors and principal contributors, the list of officially associated institutions cited in *Critique* includes:

Pravda Vitezi

The bulletin of the "Committee to Defend Czechoslovakian Socialists"

The Conference of Socialist Economics

University of Sussex

International Socialist Review (Fourth International)

New York City

Socialist Revolution (formerly Studies on the Left)

San Francisco

The Insurgent Sociologist

Kritik der Politischen Oekonomie

West Berlin

Monthly Review

New York City

"Study Group on the Russian Revolution"

School of European Studies, University of Anglia, Norwich

Praxis

Berkeley, California

Prinkipio

West Berlin

* cited in *Critique* magazine

Vale. An interview with Vale took place at a New York City restaurant in the early evening hours of Jan. 2, 1979. In the course of the interview, which lasted for several hours and was held in the presence of two witnesses and a third observer who obtained photographic evidence, the remaining key features of British Intelligence's Trotskyist-anarchist-Third Camp operations fell into place.

With only the rarest of exception, the "radical left" internationally is organized as an interfaced nesting of political cults controlled through the Psychological Warfare Division of British Intelligence, a branch associated primarily with the wartime Tavistock Institute in London. Presently, the Tavistock capability is housed at the Universities of Sussex and Glasgow. While the anthropology and sociology departments of these universities turn out batches of what Tavistock founder Dr. John Rawlings Rees called "psychiatric shock troops" (in his primer *The Shaping of Psychiatry by War*), the manufacturing of psychological warfare packages is significantly the assigned task of the Russian and East European studies departments, which were largely established immediately following World War II for the purpose of applying Tavistock methods for the fostering of Cold War confrontation, espionage profiles and anti-technology ideologies in both the East and West.

It was out of the Russian studies departments of Glasgow and Sussex that a "political cult" project was activated beginning in January 1972. The initial phase of the project involved a series of meetings called the "Conference of Radical Scholars of Soviet and Eastern European Studies (CRSSEES)," held at Glasgow, Sussex, and London beginning in 1972 and extending through at least 1975. In September 1973, the Conference was institutionalized through a quarterly journal called *Critique*, published at Glasgow.

What was the character and purpose of the *Critique* groupment? According to Vale's own testimony, since corroborated through published sources, the project involved the convergence of top strata within the Fourth International, within the leftwing of the Second International, and within Zionist intelligence networks, for political destabilizations against the Soviet sector and the Federal Republic of Germany (BRD).

Within the Soviet bloc, the principal vehicle for the destabilizations was to be the fostering of dissident movements, including a targeted campaign on behalf of dissidents involved with Zionist intelligence circles. The recent cases of East Germany's dionysian cult kook "Wolf" Biermann, and the more high-level cases of Havemann and Bahro are among the projects run through the Sussex-Glasgow *Critique* grouping under British Intelligence.

Within the Federal Republic, the included objective has been the splitting out of the youth wing of the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) into a left-radical oppositionist party embodying the proterrorist, anti-technology outlook embodied in the miniscule Green Party. The consequences of a successful severing of the JUSOs would be a degeneration of West German politics

into a "left versus right" psychological warfare (Tavistock) game centered around the persons of Willy Brandt and Franz Josef Strauss — both agents of the Aspen Institute.

Towards these objectives, *Critique* brought together under one Tavistock roof virtually every variety of left "political cult" in the advanced sector. A review of the editorial board and principle contributing authors of *Critique* makes the point clear. (See tables.)

The founder, editor and publisher of *Critique* is Hillel R. Ticktin — a South African Jew who was sent under apparent Institute of Race Relations auspices on a five year profiling mission into the Soviet Union. He was placed, on his departure, in the Russian studies department of the University of Glasgow, under 50-year British Intelligence espionage operative Alexander Nove. Ticktin specialized in a "radical Trotskyist" critique of the Soviet economy — centered around a strong rebuke of dirigist economic planning. This nominally "leftist" profile in fact conformed precisely to the antitechnology environmentalist and appropriate technologies movement then being launched by Tavistock through the Aspen Institute and the successors of Julian Huxley — as well as to the operational profile of the Mandelite Fourth International. One of the principal present operations of the Fourth International is the smuggling and covert dissemination of *Critique* in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

By Vale's direct admission, the overall *Critique* project is maintained as an affiliated project of Amnesty International, the London centered "human rights" agency that has served as a Brzezinskiite deployment into the Soviet bloc and the Third World (Brzezinski was himself an advisor to AI up until his appointment to the National Security Council directorate).

Vale himself represents a valuable case of intersection between the "left cult" profile of *Critique* operation and the Tavistock Institute proper. While functioning as an operative of the *Critique* circuit, Vale simultaneously was officially employed by the World Federation of Mental Health (WFMH) — the official international arm of Tavistock. Vale's work for WFMH included preparation of Russian language transcripts of the 1975 Copenhagen convention. During his attendance at that event, Vale spent one and a half days in private consultation with Margaret Mead about the *Critique* espionage efforts ... both against the East bloc and against the Labor Parties.

The Vale-Mead intersection in these matters provides critical closure between the first and second evidentiary tracks cited above. Mead, until her death late last year, was a seminal figure in basic Tavistock activities spanning five decades. Mead's responsibilities for overseeing operations against the Labor Parties involved her in both the University of Chicago anthropology deployments (Vale was a graduate of that institution) and the *Critique* project. In addition to the *Critique*-centered Vale operations against the Labor Parties on two continents, Peter Sedgwick of the same publication's editorial board was a controlling figure over at least one former operative inside the New York City Labor Party named Arthur

Birnbaum. The circles grouped around *Socialist Revolution* editor James Weinstein and around Mandel himself have a history of direct activities against Labor Party chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. dating to the 1950s.

One is led to the fully substantiated conclusion that the nominal "radical left" internationally is nothing more than a wholly owned psy-war project of British Intelligence — which indeed it is.

Summary of the Case

Relevant background information for the case of Tavistock-*Critique* is summarized as follows. The present effort is appropriately seen as a regroupment of an operation that was in effect, employing much the same circle of operatives, from the immediate postwar period. At that time, the project was principally aimed at establishing British Psychological Warfare Division control over what was to nominally pass for political life within the postwar German Republic. A project organized out of the Wilton Park division of British overseas intelligence created a subproject around the editorial board of *Sozialistische Politik* — a left-fabian journal associated with the leftwing of the SPD and the Frankfurt School/Tavistock affiliate. The board included Ernest Mandel, Richard Loewenthal of the Frankfurt School, Oskar Necht, Herbert Marcuse and Count Peter von Oertzen, among others. This board was the kernel of the Bertrand Russell Peace Pledge Union in the Federal Republic, a project that later spawned terrorist Ulrike Meinhof. In the 1960s, the very same project was renamed the Sozialistische Buero. This project was under the control of Necht and played a further principal role in fostering the Baader-Meinhof operations of the 1970s. In effect, *Critique* represents a reunion of old agent hands within the same left-radical intelligence project.

This nest of operatives took on one further point of closure with the current Vale-Dragsdahl expedition in the United States. The ostensible purpose of the Vale-Dragsdahl trip is the recruitment of the vestiges of the Bertrand Russell networks in North America into the *Critique* project. Among those visited by Vale in his three week tour of America were: New York University's Bertell Ollman (recently defeated in his Brzezinski-backed efforts to gain the chairmanship of the political science department of the University of Maryland), Cambridge-trained slavery advocate Eugene Genovese at the University of Rochester, Warren Sussman at the Rutgers University history department (both Genovese and Sussman head up Marxist Perspectives — a project related to *Critique* already based on a dozen U.S. universities), and Bo Burlingham.

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