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Why does Helms think Nazis will democratize Panama?

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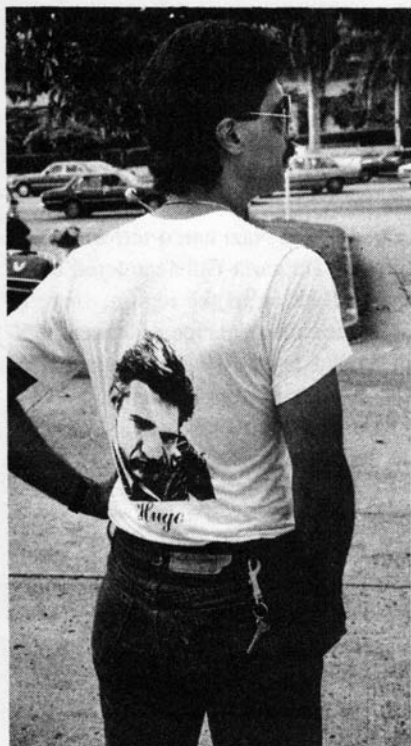
The following release was issued internationally by NSIPS on Feb. 28, 1986 under the title, "Why does Jesse Helms believe hard-core Nazis mean 'democratization' in Panama?"

The staff of Senator Jesse Helms is working for the early, probably bloody destabilization of Panama, in order to bring back to power the 1940 Nazi regime of **Arnulfo Arias Madrid**, under which rule the bodies of thirteen murdered Jewish families were dumped into a later discovered mass grave. Has the former stalwart patriot, Helms, gone haywire?

There is no room for argument, concerning former Panama President Arias's past or present Nazi pedigrees (see story, page 27). Long before Arias's nine-month tenure as the pro-Hitler President of that country, Arias's European travels brought him into the inner circles of the **Thule Society**, the Gnostic cult, that created the Nazi part, Adolf Hitler and several key Nazi leaders. In 1919 the Thule Society listed a member of the **Thurn und Taxis** family as its member. Arias was not merely some foolishly sentimental Hitler admirer; he was the Adolf Hitler of Panama. Now, as the leading figure of the Panama opposition, he does not advertise his anti-Semitism as loudly as he did back in 1940, nor does he still speckle his public addresses with fulsome praise for Hitler, but little else has changed. This is the Arias around whom Helms currently proposes to build the "democratization" of Panama!

Has Jesse Helms gone haywire, or, will it turn out that he is being blackmailed in some way?

Certainly, Helms has changed since the days he was fighting against Henry A. Kissinger and the Trilateral crowd. He is seen proudly with Israel's fascist hooligan, **Ariel Sharon**, and his staff proudly asserts that Helms is working closely with the very same liberals whom he used to oppose. The reason for this change? We don't know whether it's blackmail, wild opportunism, or what; we know that the change has been a profound one, and that Helms has done an about-face on several crucial issues since he abruptly dropped his commitment to oppose the



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If, five years ago, someone had proposed that the United States spark a civil war in Panama, among other operations to destabilize strategically vital allies, Senator Helms (top) would have correctly demanded an investigation of such treason. Now, his office is promoting exactly such catastrophic measures, including an alliance with supporters of assassinated terrorist Hugo Spadafora in Panama (one such supporter is shown with Spadafora T-shirt).

confirmation of the ultra-liberal Thurn und Taxis crony, **Richard Burt**, as U.S. ambassador to Germany.

Helms's backing of a hard-core Nazi variety of "democrat," in Panama, is only the most recent in a series of developments.

At the end of 1984, *EIR* warned Senator Helms that he was being linked to the assassination of India's Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi**. We called to his attention, a letter issued over his signature to the narco-terrorist **Khalistan Liberation** organization, the sponsoring agency claiming credit for Mrs. Gandhi's assassination. We were told that the senator had not actually signed that letter, that someone in his staff had affixed the signature by the automatic-signing device in the office, without the senator's knowledge. We were assured that this problem would be corrected; it was not corrected.

The senator's link to support of international narco-terrorist forces had been made through an agent of Bulgarian and other Soviet fronts, one **Jon Speller**. Jon Speller and his father, Robert Speller, are products of the patronage of a figure intimately associated with Bolshevik official **Leon Trotsky** in the establishment of the Soviet super-intelligence operation known as "The Trust," **Commander Sergius Riis**. Speller is the leading lobbyist for the Khalistan narco-terrorist organization in the United States, and works closely with **Rabbi Morton Rosenthal** and other **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)** figures also collaborating intimately with these terrorists.

The links to Speller and Sharon's network, are the most visible of the contaminating elements involved in the recent

behavioral modification of Senator Helms. This is the same circle behind **Sharon's spy-network in the United States**, the network behind the two **Pollards**. Included in the Pollard network are **John Rees**-linked **Josef Bodansky**, the *Washington Times's* **Arnaud de Borchgrave**, and other peddlers of Soviet-sponsored disinformation. Like Helms's staff, **Major-General (ret.) George Keegan**, a crony of terrorist **Meir Kahane's** old partner, **Joseph Churba**, is a dupe of this same network. This is the orbit of frequent Moscow-traveler **Edgar Bronfman**, and Soviet agent **Armand Hammer**. Hammer was brought into Soviet intelligence through the same Soviet "Trust" organization as Jon Speller's patron, **Sergius Riis**. Not irrelevant is the case of **W. Averell Harriman**, a former member of Soviet "Trust B," a former intimate of Josef Stalin, as well as a Mussolini admirer and 1930s backer of **Adolf Hitler's Nazis**.

Key to Helms's disorientation are two leading members of his Washington staff, **Cliff Kiracofe** and **Jim Lucier**. Helms is saturated with Soviet and Sharon disinformation, through such channels as "Trust"-linked Jon Speller, and the narco-weapons-trafficking circles of Sharon et al. operating in Central and South America since the soft-on-drugs, Tri-lateral President Jimmy Carter's secret agreements reached in the setting of Camp David. During the 1970s, most of the Israeli gun-running in Central America was run through Mexico City-based **David Marcus Katz**; more recently, Sharon's circles have moved in to bypass Katz, with a really nasty drug-for-guns operation, which arms both sides in the conflict regions, and which is linked, through the old Robert Vesco operation, to hard-core Nazi and other narco-terrorist

operations in the region. Much of the Washington intelligence establishment now relies upon these gangsters for what is passed around as "hard intelligence" on Central America and international terrorism! Helms's office is among the credulous victims of this hoax.

In addition to these channels of corruption, Helms is among the putative conservatives disoriented by the influence of the **Heritage Foundation**, another of Jon Speller's favorite haunting-places around Washington. At the beginning of 1981, *EIR* published documentation, including verbatim admissions from top officials of the Heritage Foundation, proving that the Heritage Foundation is a "conservative front-operation" of left-wing elements of Friedrich von Hayek's **British Fabian Society** operating through the London **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)** and the **Mont Pelerin Society**. Heritage officials bragged, during late 1980, that they would destroy the Reagan administration, by smuggling in left-wing programs under "conservative" labels. The credulous Reagan administration swallowed the bait, as we have seen since.

In addition to other sabotage of the United States, the Heritage Foundation has been the leading agency assigned to wreck the President's **Strategic Defense Initiative** from the inside, chiefly through **Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Daniel P. Graham** and **General Robert Richardson**. Graham's circle has caused the largest part of SDI funding to be wasted on an unworkable system of "kinetic energy weapons," instead of the only means of strategic defense presently feasible.

Senator Helms is also influenced by groups of self-styled "fundamentalists," prominently including those who have either gone soft on Moscow, as the Reverend **Billy Graham** has, and also those backing terrorist Meir Kahane's efforts to unleash Armageddon by blowing up the Islamic Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem. How much responsibility we can attach to these influences is not yet determined, but the influence does exist.

The Cuban exiles

A more definite influence on Helms's office, comes by way of Cuban-exile channels linked politically to **Omega 7**. Helms has apparently overlooked the pre-Castro history of Cuba, as I, for one, saw and knew it first-hand back during the 1950s. This connection is of special importance in shaping Helms's views toward Panama in particular.

The former Cuban dictator, **Fulgencio Batista**, was closely linked to organized crime's **Meyer Lansky** from the late 1920s until he was deposed, with U.S. backing for **Fidel Castro**, in 1959. Batista was also backed by the **Communist Party of Cuba**, as historical records document massively, and as any business visitor of Havana saw first-hand in dealings with the Batista machine during as late as the 1957-58 period. **Chicago** and **Las Vegas**-connected elements of Lansky's organization virtually ran the night-life and organized crime of Havana, and much of the crowd expelled from Cuba

after 1959 was intimately affiliated with the **Lansky gang**. Many of the exiles from Castro's Cuba are honest persons, but there is a powerful minority which functions as gangsters inside the United States and the Caribbean centers today, in the same way as organized crime functioned in pre-1959 Havana. There are links from Miami into Caracas, Panama, and elsewhere, closely tied to old Nazi narco-terrorist operations, and deeply linked to Bulgaria-Cuba-centered drug-trafficking and weapons-trafficking in the region, some of this on friendly terms with the **Pan-American-Grace (PAN-AGRA)** network, from Batista days to the present time. This latter, PANAGRA circle, is the wire from Washington, D.C., into old Nazi **Arnulfo Arias** in Panama today; it is currently Jesse Helms's wire into the **Nazi Arias's** circles.

The Spadafora case

The hook on which Senator Helms is currently attempting to destabilize Panama, is Helms's use of an allegation which Helms's staff knows to be without basis in fact: the allegation that the chief of Panama's defense forces, **General Manuel Antonio Noriega**, has committed a "violation of human rights" in the killing of Sicilian mercenary **Hugo Spadafora** (see box, page 29).

First of all, Spadafora was killed in Costa Rica, not Panama. Most probably, he was killed by Nicaraguan "Contras." Spadafora, formerly involved in the Sandinista forces, had ostensibly joined the "Contras." His loyalty came under suspicion, as a series of operations in which he was involved, were each blown to the Sandinistas.

Naturally, in the case of such a habitual double-crosser as Spadafora, the list of suspected authors of his demise is a long one. However, at the time of his death—in Costa Rica, not Panama—he was the "Contras" problem, and operating in their territory.

Helms's staff is fully aware of these facts. That makes Senator Helms's tearful embrace of Spadafora's brother a pretty smelly business.

Granted, the senator has had a grudge against former Panama President **Omar Torrijos** and **Torrijos's** circle, ever since the old debate about the treaty turning administration of the canal over to the Panamanians. If one did not look at the matter more closely, we might be tempted to explain away the senator's embrace of Spadafora and old-Nazi Arias as a case of a man blinded by a personal grudge. Looking deeper, we discover that the senator's office is involved in several destabilizations, including the effort to kill Peru's President **Alan García**.

Go back to 1978-81. Suppose that someone in Washington had then proposed the following package of State Department operations: 1) decouple the U.S. strategically from the Federal Republic of Germany; 2) destabilize Egypt (the Suez Canal); 3) turn southern Africa over to increasing control of Soviet forces based in Angola, Mozambique, and the Soviet embassy in Zambia (the South Atlantic, the Cape of

Good Hope, and the West's strategic minerals source); 4) start a civil war in Panama (the Panama Canal); 5) destroy the last U.S. naval base in the western Pacific (Subic Bay); 6) abandon South Korea: among other, kindred enterprises. Senator Helms would have led a Senate Committee inquiry into what he would describe, more or less plainly, as treason.

Why is he supporting today, what he would have denounced as "treason," then? Clearly, for whatever reason, the senator has gone haywire. We hope our open exposure of this situation, will help to shock Helms back into being himself.

Moscow targets Sen. Jesse Helms

by Kathleen Klenetsky

Senator Jesse Helms has no doubt allowed himself to be convinced that he's fighting to protect Panama from a "communist takeover." But what this doyen of the American conservative movement is actually doing, is exactly what Moscow and the State Department would wish him to do.

Helms is already preparing to give the "Philippines treatment" to another Ibero-American country, Mexico. According to the Feb. 19 *Financial Times* of London, Helms will begin hearings on U.S.-Mexico relations March 11 in his Western Hemisphere Affairs subcommittee. "Such hearings could be expected to echo conservative judgments that not only is Mexico's economy a statist breeding ground for corruption, but that the time is overdue for it to start reforming its political structures and move firmly in the direction of embracing true democracy."

Over the last two years, Helms has undergone a policy transformation so astonishing, one is forced to ask: Has Helms sold out to the East? That would appear to be the only rational explanation for a string of recent, bizarre, actions on Helms's part, including:

- his documented involvement with Jagjit Singh Chohan, the Sikh leader implicated in the assassination of Indira Gandhi;
- his refusal to assume the chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1984, thereby permitting Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), who played such a dirty role in the State Department's Philippines operations, to take over that key committee;
- his demands that Israel be granted its "Biblical lands" in the West Bank;
- his abject silence in the face of the State Department's coup against long-time U.S. ally Marcos.
- his withdrawal of opposition to "decoupler" Richard Burt becoming ambassador to Bonn, as soon as the State

Department assured him that "conservative" Arthur Davis would be named ambassador to Panama. The result is "New Yalta" agents as ambassadors in *both* West Germany and Panama.

Helms, Speller, and The Trust

EIR has documentary evidence that Helms has been the successful target of an operation run by The Trust, the Western financial networks built into wealth and power by Moscow as Soviet concessionaires.

The leading vehicle for Trust penetration of Helms has been Jon Speller, who supplies much of the "intelligence" and policy orientation on which Helms has relied. Speller has been identified by former U.S. intelligence officials as a "dangerous" figure suspected links to the famous former British MI-6 executive, Kim Philby, now a general in the Soviet KGB.

Speller's still-active father, Robert, founder of Robert Speller & Sons publishers, is a protégé of two Americans who were both prominent figures in the pre-1917 phase of The Trust, Commander Sergius M. Riis and Stanley Washburn. Riis and Washburn were both deeply involved in the Bolshevik Revolution. U.S. Naval Intelligence's Riis, close associate of Leon Trotsky, became a ranking figure in the Bolshevik secret service.

Robert Speller was working with Riis by not later than 1935. By the postwar period, from his base in North Carolina (Helms's home state), Speller, by his own account, was running a "private intelligence organization" comprised of 60 men and women in the United States and abroad, most of them handed to him by Riis. From its inception, the Spellers were also involved with the Irgun, the heart of Soviet-Trust operations in Israel.

It is perhaps significant, in light of Helms's role in the Panama situation, that among Jon Speller's published works are *The Panama Canal: Heart of America's Security*.

Speller was instrumental in orchestrating Helms's turnaround on the issue of Israel, which today plays a central role in Soviet and Trust global operations.

Until about two years ago, Helms had taken a relatively sane approach to the Middle East, calling for a comprehensive peace which would deal fairly with Palestinian demands for a homeland. In 1982, in the midst of the brutal, Ariel Sharon-led Israeli incursion into Lebanon, Helms demanded, on national television, that then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin resign. "Begin makes Yasser Arafat look like a Boy Scout," charged Helms. "The American people find repugnant the continuation of the destruction of the property of innocent people," he said, "not to mention the killing of innocent people."

Since then, Helms has done a stunning *volte-face*, and is spouting the same "Eretz Israel" line as Begin—the Soviet policy to use Israel as the Soviet empire's chief satrap in the region. Last August, Helms journeyed to Israel, under the