

## Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

### Dope mafia rigs 'hate crimes'

*Those calling for "hate crimes" legislation have some skeletons in their own closets.*

On Aug. 8, Dennis Stevenson, an Independent Member of the Legislative Assembly for Canberra, stunned the chamber by naming the bosses of Australia's drug and pornographic video operations. One of those he cited was Alexander Gajic, whose lawyer, Leon Zwier, traveled to the U.S. "to negotiate with various organized crime groups to set up a deal to import and franchise X-rated videos." Zwier, continued Stevenson, "was recently made a partner of Arnold Bloch, Leibler, and Associates."

The implications of Stevenson's revelation are sweeping: Bloch, Leibler's senior partner is Mark Leibler, adviser to the government of Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and brother of Australia's number-one Zionist, Isi Leibler.

Isi Leibler is president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, president of the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, and number two in Canadian whisky magnate Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress. Isi is also a very close friend of Prime Minister Hawke. The Leibler brothers are reported to be very close, both personally, and in their business dealings.

Mark Leibler has also led the charge for "hate crimes" legislation, targeted at independent political forces.

A months-long media drumroll about "hate crimes" and "neo-Nazi groups" reached a high point with an article in the Aug. 7 Melbourne Age which attempted to tie the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), the country's best-known independent politi-

cal movement, to "right-wing white supremacy" groups.

The same day, Mark Leibler claimed on radio and television that police were investigating "hate crimes," and demanded that federal "hate crimes" laws be passed. But federal and Victoria state police told the CEC they had little or no evidence of "neo-Nazi" or "hate crimes" activity, and were irritated at the hype.

Propaganda about "hate crimes" was launched in 1987-88 by one of Leibler's cronies in the Zionist lobby, Melbourne Age writer David Greason, a Briton widely viewed in Australia as a joint property of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization and Britain's MI-6. Greason knew his subject: In 1980-81, he founded the white supremacist "National Action Group." After a switch to the extreme left, he popped up as an adviser to the prime minister of Papua New Guinea, and then as first secretary to the opposition deputy leader in Australia's Parliament.

Greason has written on "hate crimes" for the *Australia-Israel Review*, whose publisher, reputed Mossad operative Michael Danby, launched a tirade earlier this year against anyone who exposed that "hate crimes" had been faked. He cited a radio broadcast by a Palestine Liberation Organization supporter, Assad Abdi, who asserted the Israelis were engendering anti-Jewish incidents in order to tarnish the Arab-Australian community and "create disturbances." Abdi gave an example of a Melbourne case "when there was a person attempting to place a bomb in

a Jewish building and to leave various clues to implicate Arab Australians."

Danby wailed that these were "infantile allegations." To maintain that hate crimes were genuine, he reported, "Last week, to their great credit, the Victorian police arrested and charged the head of the National Action Group for making a bomb threat to the Jewish Solidarity rally at the Palais Theater." The NAG group in question was the one founded by Danby's columnist, David Greason!

The anti-hate crimes lobby has been accused of involvement in big-time tax evasion and money-laundering as well.

In April 1991, the Australian House of Representatives Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration cited 15 major Australian corporations for evading hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes through offshore tax havens, which were often used by organized crime syndicates. Tax specialist Barbara Smith told the committee, "There are extremely powerful and privileged people favored [in tax avoidance] who may have some sort of control over governments."

Smith's testimony drew an angry response from Hawke government taxation adviser Mark Leibler, who blustered that Smith's charges were "stupid, outrageous, and without foundation."

Leibler's response was understandable: He himself advised two of the 15 companies admonished. Australian sources say one was the transportation giant TNT, owned by Leibler's friend Sir Peter Abeles. Sir Peter, Bob Hawke's closest adviser, is familiarly known in Australia as "the White Knight," in reference to the 1983-85 Costigan Royal Commission inquiry into the drug trade, which reportedly pinpointed Abeles as "Mr. Big" in Asian heroin trafficking.