

ADL's friends nabbed again fostering neo-Nazi terror

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Yet another government intelligence service long known for its intimate links to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) has been caught masterminding a "neo-Nazi" gang, this time in Canada.

On Aug. 14, 1994, the *Toronto Sun* revealed that Grant Bristow, a well-known Canadian rightist who founded the white supremacist Heritage Front, had been an agent provocateur for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). Founded in 1989, by 1993, the Front had attracted an estimated 700 skinheads and other assorted radicals to its ranks. According to the *Sun*, "over the past couple of years, he [Bristow] threw himself into running a small unit of the front that specialized in a dirty-tricks campaign against anti-racists." The unit apparently conducted break-ins to offices of groups critical of its activities, and orchestrated harassment campaigns, often pinning the operations on other "anti-racist" organizations.

All the while, Bristow was receiving at least \$50,000 in annual salary from CSIS. Some of this money apparently went to Bristow's extensive travels, which enabled him to forge links to other white supremacist groups. Canadian authorities are probing Bristow's links to a neo-Nazi international organization which was apparently supported by the efforts of the Canadian Heritage Front. Bristow was ostensibly employed at a customs brokerage house and may have been instrumental in the production and distribution of neo-Nazi literature around the world.

Bristow's activities for CSIS were reportedly exposed by Brian McInnis, an aide to former Solicitor General Douglas Lewis, who claims that he leaked a copy of a classified CSIS memorandum, stamped "read and destroy," documenting Bristow's employment, to a reporter for the *Toronto Star*. McInnis was subsequently arrested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and could be charged with violating Canada's Official Secrets Act. However, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* on Aug. 27 claimed that "senior Front members now believe it was Metro Toronto Police who told the *Toronto Sun* that Mr. Bristow was a CSIS mole after they grew sick of him stirring up problems in their jurisdiction."

It took the B'nai B'rith less than 48 hours to leap to the defense of Bristow and CSIS. In a bizarre statement published in the Aug. 16 *Globe and Mail*, Canada B'nai B'rith spokesman Frank Dimant "praised CSIS if it had indeed

placed an informant who 'had his finger on the pulse' of the Heritage Front, because any information he obtained could be used against the organization in a trial." Dimant's statement appeared to ignore the fact that Bristow, and by implication the CSIS, had actually created the Heritage Front out of whole cloth. However, a review of the ADL's own notorious involvement in creating and deploying neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan (KKK) terrorist cells to fill their fundraising coffers and build their own credentials as "extremist experts" makes it clear that Dimant was reacting to the fact that yet another ally of the ADL had been "caught in the act," in much the same way that the ADL itself was nailed instigating neo-Nazi terrorist violence in California last year.

San Francisco probe

Readers of *EIR* will recall that in December 1992, the San Francisco police raided ADL offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco as part of a probe into ADL spying on tens of thousands of North American political, religious, and civil rights activists. Although the year-long probe was eventually dropped by San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith, after he came under intensive political pressure from Bay Area ADL allies and from ADL-linked career bureaucrats at the Department of Justice, the investigation turned up extensive details about the ADL's massive illegal spying and dirty tricks apparatus.

The probe began in 1990 when the FBI discovered that a West Coast ADL employee, Roy Bullock, had sold classified FBI documents on the Nation of Islam to agents of the South African secret police. It later mushroomed into a probe of League agent provocateur operations inside the White Aryan Resistance (WAR).

As the result of a court-ordered wiretap of Bullock's home telephone, the FBI learned in October 1992 that Bullock and another ADL "fact finder," David Gurvitz, were soliciting a violent attack against an employee of the Los Angeles Simon Wiesenthal Center by WAR. The ADL had planted a felon, whom the League code-named "Scumbag," inside the WAR hierarchy, and Bullock and Gurvitz were overheard giving "Scumbag" the license plate number and home address of their target, Rick Eaton. They claimed that Eaton had tried to infiltrate WAR meetings and instructed "Scumbag" to tip off other WAR members about the "Zionist

spy." Bullock obtained the confidential data on Eaton through San Francisco Police Inspector Tom Gerard. Gerard was apparently one of a number of local law enforcement officers throughout the country who worked for the ADL, illegally providing classified police and other government data on individuals on the ADL's "enemies list."

The discovery of the plot against Eaton put the FBI in a very uncomfortable situation. Not only had the FBI for decades collaborated with the ADL in similar infiltration operations against a wide range of domestic U.S. groups, but Bullock himself was also a paid operator for the FBI, courtesy of the San Francisco ADL office. Even more embarrassing, "Scumbag" was being jointly run by the ADL's Bullock and special agents of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)! Although the ATF agents were apparently oblivious to the ADL's involvement with "Scumbag," ATF nevertheless benefitted from the debriefing sessions with him at an ATF office.

The FBI eventually concluded that the Eaton assault would be a disaster, and it later came out that the Bureau had sat on the advance wiretap evidence. FBI agents alerted Eaton and the Los Angeles Wiesenthal Center, and then confronted ADL officials in Los Angeles about the Gurvitz-Bullock operations with "Scumbag."

Gurvitz, a new employee, was quickly fired. However, senior ADL officials, including chief Fact-Finding Division head Irwin Suall and his Washington, D.C. crony Mira Lansky Boland, threatened they would quit if any action was taken against Bullock, a 25-year veteran of ADL covert operations. Bullock was kept on. Suall wrote a letter, which was found by San Francisco police in Bullock's personal papers, praising him as the "best" undercover sleuth they had ever employed.

The FBI decided in November 1992 to cover up the ADL's criminality by focusing the probe instead on San Francisco cop Gerard. However, when the FBI went to the San Francisco Police Department's Special Investigations Division and confronted the chief of the unit on Gerard's collusion with the ADL, the SFPD turned around and launched an all-out investigation to determine the extent of the ADL's criminal contamination of the department. Once the police launched a serious probe of ADL corruption, the FBI joined with DOJ officials to attempt to sabotage the effort. A year later, the San Francisco police had amassed evidence that the ADL was running a massive agent provocateur and infiltration effort against nearly 1,000 domestic political groups from coast to coast. Other ADL operators, including Jimmy Rosenberg of the ADL's New York City national headquarters, were unearthed as top figures in a large number of Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi organizations.

ADL collusion with the Stasi

Following the collapse of the communist regime in East Germany, mountains of evidence were surfaced showing that

the ADL had enjoyed a long-term relationship with the feared Stasi secret police service. In February 1993, Germany's leading expert on East German secret police operations, Michael Wolffsohn, told the *Washington Post* that he had reviewed evidence in the Stasi archives proving that the East Germans had been behind the postwar buildup of the neo-Nazi underground in the West. Wolffsohn, an Israeli-born German-Jewish military historian, told the *Post* that "disbanded" Stasi cells continued to run the German neo-Nazi scene even after the reunification of Germany. This effort, which he documented in a series in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and in a book-length exposé, was abetted by the ADL, particularly through the efforts of World Jewish Congress (WJC) head Edgar Bronfman, an ADL vice chairman and leading fundraiser. Irwin Suall was a close collaborator of many of the Stasi's leading agents and assets inside the European Socialist International.

The Wolffsohn charges were driven home recently, when the *Kölnner Express* of Aug. 29 revealed that Paul Münstermann, the deputy chief of Germany's foreign intelligence service, BND, took early retirement this year when it was learned that two of his top agents had been longtime Stasi operators.

Caught 'red-handed'

Not only has the ADL been caught running a large piece of the worldwide "neo-Nazi" apparatus in partnership with a number of former East bloc and western police and intelligence services. The League has recently come under heavy public attack for its report on the so-called religious right, which has driven many of the ADL's former allies into a frenzy. The book-length report, *The Religious Right: An Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America*, was written in conjunction with a number of unsavory groups, including People for the American Way and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, a front group for the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasons. It assailed Christian conservatives as a collection of anti-Semites and "authoritarians."

Since the release of the report, many Christian groups that had formerly been closely allied with the ADL have published attacks against the League. The two most prominent of these were published by the Christian Coalition, headed by Pat Robertson, and by the Free Congress Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based group headed by Paul Weyrich. Both attacks document the ADL's use of guilt by association, fake quotes, and unreliable sources in painting a picture of conservative Christians as a collection of extremists. The Weyrich report concluded: "ADL may have a self-interest in worsening the picture of anti-Semitism and creating new enemies when in reality and on the basis of the real evidence, the old ones may have receded. Political power and fundraising often depend on the existence and perception of enemies."