ADL's 'Get LaRouche' hit-man Suall dies

by Scott Thompson

Irwin Suall, the chief of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Fact Finding Department, and an enemy of Lyndon LaRouche, died on Aug. 17, at the age of 73. For the past few years, particularly following the 1994 San Francisco police and FBI probe of ADL espionage operations, Suall had been in semi-retirement.

The New York Times obituary, on Aug. 20, lauded Suall's work for the ADL. It highlighted his training at Ruskin Labor College at Oxford, and his work from the late 1940s for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU), the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas, the Jewish Labor Committee, and other Fabian/Zionist outfits, before he came to the ADL in the mid-1960s to create its Fact Finding Department, its in-house spy shop in what was euphemistically known as the Civil Rights Division.

Suall was the overseer of the ADL's involvement with the "Get LaRouche" task force. Sources in New York City in the 1980s said that Suall met frequently with both Henry Kissinger and William Buckley during the height of the "Get LaRouche" push. As part of that operation, one of Suall's Fact Finding agents, Mira Lansky Boland, had been a leading figure in the salon of Wall Street investment counselor John Train, which set up the combined media/political frameup propaganda operation which "railroaded" LaRouche to prison on fraudulent charges.

Suall had been part of that black propaganda campaign. He appeared on the March 4, 1984 NBC "First Camera" slander against LaRouche; he was the ADL contact point for propagandist Dennis King, terrorist Mordechai Levy, and the Yippies, who were all deployed against LaRouche; and, was the controller of the ADL's San Francisco spymaster Roy Bullock. According to the San Francisco District Attorney's office, Suall was believed to maintain illegal files on more than 1 million Americans in the ADL's national headquarters in New York City.

An Oxford-trained Fabian Socialist

Suall attended Brooklyn College during 1941-43, majoring in economics. In 1943, he became an organizer for the Young People's Socialist League, the youth arm of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) of Norman Thomas. In the same year, he joined the merchant marine, and became an unpaid organizer for the Seafarers International Union. In 1948, as a member of the Seafarers,

Suall won a scholarship to the Ruskin Labor College, Oxford University.

In 1950, Suall graduated with a degree in economics and politics, and he returned to the United States, where he was taken under the wing of David Dubinsky, then the principal factotum of the ILGWU. Dubinsky had been the chief mentor for Jay Lovestone, the former Bukharinite head of the Communist Party USA; he claimed that Lovestone was "kosher," and had dropped his affair with Communism. In fact, according to *EIR* studies on the Anglo-Soviet intelligence operation known as "The Trust," Lovestone remained a spy for a faction of the Soviet NKVD until Nikolai Bukharin was purged in 1938. Lovestone was a contemporary of Suall at the ILGWU.

Suall's training at Oxford, with its track record for producing British intelligence officers, raises an obvious question: Was Suall recruited there to work for British intelligence? This is not as far-fetched a question as it might appear. Recently released British intelligence wartime archives reveal that Suall's predecessor as ADL chief spook, Sandford Griffith, was recruited to work for British MI6 in 1938, and remained a British intelligence official for the remainder of his life. All the while, Griffith deployed the ADL's army of private investigators, "pollsters," and infiltrators against a wide array of American groups on the ADL's "enemies list." Sources familiar with Griffith's wartime activities also reported that he had been suspected of having ties to the Soviet Union, as well as Britain.

In 1957, Suall became National Secretary of the SP-SDF, the top administrative and policy position. While a Socialist, in 1962 Suall joined the Jewish Labor Committee, an outfit for Jewish trade unionists, and was hired as a public relations director by Emanuel Muravchik. In 1962, Suall authored a pamphlet entitled "The American Ultras," a study of "rightwing organizations" published by the League for Industrial Democracy.

In 1967, Suall was hired to run the ADL Fact Finding Department, its "dirty tricks" operation, where, in his own words, during a deposition in the case of *Lyndon LaRouche v. NBC*, Suall said that he took responsibility for "counteraction" and "remedial action." Suall's measures included deploying a small army of *agents provocateurs*, e.g., James "Jimmy" Rosenberg and Mordechai Levy, who carried on the FBI's White Hate Groups and related "dirty tricks" operations after the FBI's Cointelpro was exposed and officially shut down. In one instance, Rosenberg tried to get a branch of the Ku Klux Klan in Trenton, New Jersey to blow up the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's local office.

Recently released FBI files on the San Francisco Police Department's investigation of ADL spying show that the ADL was spying upon anti-apartheid groups for South African intelligence (BOSS), and on Arab-American leaders for Israeli intelligence (Mossad).