

Korea and Iran. The historian pointed to the parallels to 1956, when Britain, France, and Israel invaded and seized the Suez Canal, at the same moment that the Hungarian Revolution erupted against the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe.

The Israeli source also noted that Cheney is well aware that if the United States launches a pre-emptive attack on North Korea, using mini-nuclear weapons, the international outcry will be so great that no near-term opportunity will exist to take on Iran. So, an American attack on North Korea, coinciding with an Israeli limited strike on Iran cannot, the two sources insisted, be ruled out. They both concurred with LaRouche's assessment of Cheney's desperation.

The 'X Committee' Factor

Both Cheney and Blair, LaRouche pointed out, are surrounded by the "X Committee," the Anglo-American neocon apparatus that has been playing the Israeli "breakaway ally" game for decades. It is the X Committee that is out to blow up the Persian Gulf "oil patch" and the surrounding area.

The term "X Committee" refers to senior Reagan-era Pentagon officials suspected of deploying Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, but never caught. Among those still playing pivotal roles today in Washington are Richard Perle, Michael Ledeen, Paul Wolfowitz, Frank Gaffney, and Douglas Feith.

A number of these X Committee figures wrote the July 1996 report titled "A Clean Break" for incoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, spelling out a regional war scheme to knock out the governments of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt. It is that plan, passed from the X Committee gang in Washington into Israel, that is still playing out today, and is behind the "Israeli" provocations against Syria and Iran.

One possible pathway to halting these "silent preparations for war" will be open soon in the Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va. On June 13, former Pentagon Iran analyst Lawrence Franklin will appear in court for the unsealing of grand jury indictments, which are expected also to name two "former" AIPAC (American Israel Political Affairs Committee) senior employees, Steven Rosen and Keith Weissman. The three, possibly along with several Israelis, are expected to be charged with espionage-related crimes, involving the passing of classified information to an Israeli embassy official, Naor Gilon, whom former U.S. intelligence officials have identified as the Mossad station chief in Washington.

Larry Franklin was the Iran desk officer at the Pentagon's Near East South Asia policy unit headed by William Luti, now a White House Special Assistant to the President. Luti came out of Cheney's VP office and was part of an X Committee cell at the Pentagon that reported directly to Cheney chief of staff I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, according to eyewitness accounts. Other members of the cell, who apparently used Franklin as their patsy, included outgoing Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Doug Feith, one of the co-authors of "A Clean Break."

Israeli Computer Spying Linked to 'X Committee'

by Edward Spannaus

A computer espionage scandal with ties into the United States and Britain is wracking Israel, with top executives from a number of major Israeli companies, and employees from three private detective agencies, having been placed under arrest. The probe centers on the use of "Trojan Horse" computer software to spy on other companies and to steal secret computer data from them.

According to a well-informed Israeli with ties to the intelligence community, the Trojan Horse operation was also used to penetrate the British MI-6 intelligence service, and U.S. intelligence agencies, and is linked to the "Amdocs" operation which *EIR* had exposed shortly after the 9/11 attacks, in our investigation of the Israeli "art students" spy network operating in the United States.

On May 31, the Israeli press reported that top officials of Israeli telecommunications giants Amdocs and Bezeq International were marched into police stations in Tel Aviv for questioning. An Amdocs official acknowledged using one of the private investigators implicated in the Trojan Horse case, but claimed that it was all for legitimate purposes.

The spy scandal began last November, after police discovered that Michael Haephrati, a London-based Israeli who developed his computer skills during three years with the Israeli military, had developed a computer program which could penetrate target computers without being detected by anti-virus systems, and then transmit data from those computers to others. Some sources believe that Haephrati is using an updated version of PROMIS, a "trap door" spying program that was stolen from a U.S. software company, Inslaw, by the Justice Department during the Reagan Administration.

The scope of the current investigation is continually expanding. "Right now, it is a very sophisticated investigation," Tel Aviv police superintendent Peal Liat was quoted by the London-based *Computer Weekly* as saying. "We have something like 150 different computers that were taken by investigators. Every computer they open, they discover more. Every day it gets us more companies that ordered the information, and more companies that were infected."

"They were able to see everything, from e-mails to documents to information," Liat said. "And they were able to copy it and take it out. We think the Trojan had the ability to log

keystrokes.” Images and documents were sent to FTP servers in Israel, Germany, and the United States, *Computer Weekly* reports.

Amdocs and the ‘Art Students’

Although the Israeli investigation is being portrayed as one involving industrial espionage, Amdocs has previously been implicated in much more sinister operations in the United States.

- In 1997, Amdocs was involved in the installation of a new telephone system in the White House, in what is believed to have been part of the “X Committee” operations targeting President Bill Clinton (see preceding article). According to reports which surfaced in the U.S. press in the Spring of 2000, the FBI was investigating the operation, in which supposedly secure White House telephone discussions were being intercepted and transmitted to Tel Aviv. It was reported at that time that the FBI had sought an arrest warrant for an Amdocs employee, but it was quashed by the Justice Department.

- Following the 9/11 attacks, *EIR* and others reported on the three-year investigation being conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the Israeli “art student” ring, which had implicated Amdocs in a number of ways. Many of the “art students” carrying out surveillance of U.S. security and military facilities, had entered the U.S. with work permits listing Amdocs as their employer. The DEA documented efforts by the “students” to profile law enforcement and military personnel for prospective recruitment by Israel.

- The DEA suspected that Amdocs, which provides billing services to the 25 largest phone companies in the United States—and thus had access to records of almost every telephone call dialed in the country—was providing counter-surveillance information to Israeli mafia drug-trafficking circles about the actions of law-enforcement agencies, and about wiretaps placed on targets of law-enforcement investigations.

- In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, U.S. law enforcement personnel established that a number of the Israel “students”—many of whom had specialized training in the Israeli military—were also infiltrating Arab-American communities, and lived in close proximity to some of the 9/11 hijackers. Others had long-established connections to suspected Islamic terrorist cells.

As we reported in our profile of Amdocs in the Feb. 1, 2002 issue of *EIR*, the senior managers of Amdocs are reported to be senior members of the Israeli military and intelligence services. The company is still very secretive. The Israeli business publication *Globes* reported on May 31, 2005, in connection with the Trojan Horse investigation: “Although Amdocs is a public company, it shies away from the media. Amdocs’ managers have never given interviews, the company is parsimonious with information, and often behaves like a covert organization.”

Science in Russia: Alive, But Malnourished

by Jonathan Tennenbaum

On May 16-18, the Vernadsky State Geological Museum, located across from the Kremlin in the center of Moscow, hosted a remarkable conference entitled “Science and Our Future: Ideas to Change the World.” The conference, the second yearly event of this kind, brought together 65 Russian scientists and research workers from a wide spectrum of fields of research, ranging from geology and geophysics, biology and medicine, theoretical physics and engineering, to areas related to improving the living conditions and infrastructure of human populations. And, indeed, several of the ideas, discussed during the three days of sessions, do have the potential to change the world in a significant manner.

The Vernadsky Museum itself, in addition to being a unique exhibition of V.I. Vernadsky’s discoveries in biogeochemistry and his conception of the Noösphere, houses a research institute with unique competence in problems concerning the origin, exploitation, and management of the Earth’s mineral resources. Lyndon LaRouche, who with his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche visited the Museum in April 2004, has repeatedly emphasized the importance of these capabilities, embodying the scientific heritage of Vernadsky, for organizing a world economic recovery in the period immediately ahead.

A Charged Political Atmosphere

The conference sounded a hopeful note amid an atmosphere of uncertainty about the future of Russia, and of Russian science in particular. Mad President George Bush’s provocative visit to the Baltic, the destabilizations in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, the implications of the “Orange Revolution” in Ukraine, and arm-twisting efforts of Condoleezza Rice during her visit in Moscow, added up to a sense of hostile “strategic encirclement” of Russia—just as the nation moved to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the victorious end of World War II. On the streets one could hear people say that the losses suffered by Russian society as a result of the economic disintegration and looting of the country by so-called “liberal reformers” and “oligarchs,” after the collapse of the Soviet Union, have been in some respects even worse than those suffered in World War II.

In any case, since the mid-1990s, the Russian population has been shrinking at a net rate of between 500,000 and 1 million persons every year. Many of the most promising young scientists and other professionals have emigrated to the West, in search of a better life. Unfortunately, the economic