

propaganda can only do the Israeli state harm in the long run.

Inside the League

Scott Anderson and Jon Lee Anderson

(Dodd, Mead and Co., New York 1986)

This is the only book I know on the **World Anti-Communist League**. Most of it is new to me but the few bits I am familiar with look accurate, and it is reasonably well documented. It is really in two distinct sections. The first half is a shortish history of WACL, its prominent supporters and founders, and though its patchy and incomplete, this is by far the best account I know of. The second half is really an account of the rise of the death squad politics of Central and South America, and while the people described are indeed linked to WACL, the authors do not show that WACL per se had much to do with the slaughter.

The first section, WACL's history, is particularly useful for this country because it contains the best extant account of the **Anti Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN)** and its figurehead **Yaroslav Stetso**, a bunch of Nazi-collaborators, murderers and anti-semites funded after WW2 by the US and UK governments. As the scabs of the history of the immediate post-war years are picked, ABN and Stetso will get more and more attention. (Incidentally, there is not the slightest chance of the British government doing anything about the ex-Nazis now living in this country. To expose them would entail exposing their links to British intelligence. It is a safe bet that not a sheet of official paper with their names on it now exists in Whitehall.)

As this is the first book on WACL I am in no position to evaluate it. However, as the first book it is, for the moment, invaluable. Somebody in this country should put it, and fast.

The Holocaust Denial

Gill Seidel

(Beyond the Pale Collective, Leeds 1986)

This is very good and should prove useful for some time. Although it is focused on the groups and individuals - chiefly in France, the UK and the US - which are the chief participants in attempts to revise the Holocaust out of existence, it offers the only attempt I am aware of at an integrated survey of recent and current neo-Nazi activities. Much of this will be familiar in outline to readers of Searchlight, but even the familiar sections - WACL, Northern League, Pearson, GRECE - have been nicely summarised and, best of all, thoroughly documented. The 28 pages of chapter 3 have 111 footnotes, all of them appropriate.

The last chapter, Contemporary racism and anti-semitism, I'm less sure of. I'm not at all sure that I accept, as Heidel claims, that all anti-zionists are anti-semites. Heidel has also contributed a chapter to The Ideology of the New Right (ed. Ruth Levitas, Oxford 1986) which is more or less an expansion of this final chapter. My opinions on the current 'line' in anti-racist strategies are of

no relevance here, but when I read in Heidel's essay that "the racism of the neo-conservative New Right is cultural" it seems to me that something has gone wrong. 'Cultural racism'?

Get Gough! The loans affair conspiracy

Dennis Freney

(Dennis Freney, PO Box A716, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia - £4.50 airmail, £3.75 seairmail: international money orders only)

In Lobster 11 (p31) we referred to CIA operations in Australia in the middle 1970's. Since then we have received Freney's Get Gough!, the most detailed account of those episodes we know of. This is A4 format, 75 pages, many photographs, and although it is difficult to follow in places - a profusion of new names and organisations - there is enough that can be understood to make it worth acquiring. There are lots of interesting trails here, Nugan-Hand, Task Force 157 among them.

This period takes on a new significance at the moment because it appears that the CIA is running the same 'loans affair' operation against the Lange government in New Zealand. The background, the four year anti-NZ campaign by the US government, is detailed in How the US tries to subvert Lange, Robin Ramsay, in Journal of European Nuclear Disarmament No 26 (from END, 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3BR -£1.00 plus postage). But this piece, written in mid-January finishes just as the NZ 'loans affair' began. A mid-February update on the 'loans affair' by Owen Wilkes appeared in Wellington Confidential February '87 (PO Box 9034, Wellington, New Zealand - no price, but £1.00 should secure a photocopy).

Other NZ sources of information of interest are:

* Watchdog - the journal of the Campaign Against Foreign Control of New Zealand, from PO Box 2258, Christchurch, New Zealand;

* Big Sister - newsletter of the Organisation to Abolish the Security Intelligence Service, Box 1666, Wellington, New Zealand;

* New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone Committee, PO Box 18541, Christchurch, New Zealand, which publishes and distributes material on US/CIA operations in the region.

As multi-national capital shifts east in search of cheap labour and new markets, the focus of CIA et al operations is shifting also. The Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand, is going to be the 'hot' area for the foreseeable future.

Counter-insurgency in Rhodesia

J.K. Villiers

(Croom Helm, London 1985)

An expanded Masters thesis, full of descriptions of psychological operations by the Rhodesian forces (which failed utterly: and no wonder, they were useless), and rather less about pseudo-gang activities which, like their equivalents in the British operations in Kenya, were a success - i.e. they killed a lot of people.