

THE JEWISH ROCKEFELLER AND OTHER BIG LIES

It was Hitler who defined what had been known forever to politicians and advertising mavens: people will believe a lie as long as it is repeated often enough and long enough, and that the bigger and more outrageous the lie is, the more readily will it be believed. This maxim is as true today as it was thousands of years ago, and it was applied most effectively in the Soviet Union.

Here is a Soviet underground joke: "Question: What nationality were Adam and Eve? Answer: They had to be Russians. Who else would have no clothes to wear, no house to live in, exist on an apple a day and believe that they lived in Paradise?" It can be argued that the existence of this joke and of thousands of others like it that poked fun at a system that claimed to have created a perfect society, is proof of the failure of Soviet propaganda, and it is undeniable that most Soviet citizens ignored or ridiculed the more blatant and crude examples of Soviet propaganda. Few were stupid enough to believe that they lived in the best, most just and most affluent society on earth. There were, however, other areas in which the Big Lie technique proved to be astonishingly effective. Nowhere was this more so than in the government sponsored anti-Jewish campaign that was disguised as a campaign against "rootless cosmopolitans" in Stalin's time, and later as a struggle against Zionism and Zionists.

Scholarly publications presented the ubiquitous Zionists as faceless fiends who penetrated and controlled the world's economy, exercised enormous political power and were largely successful in achieving world domination outside of the Soviet bloc.

I have in my library a book published by the Bielorrussian Academy of Sciences, certainly a prestigious academic venue, which explains in great detail that the Holocaust was the result of a secret accord between the

nazis and Zionist leaders. It details a pre-war meeting in Cairo when Ben-Gurion, Chaim Weizman and others ostensibly met with Adolf Eichmann in order to plan the murder of old and sick European Jews so that the younger and stronger survivors could then go to Palestine and build a Zionist imperialist base there. The article gives the name of the boat on which Eichmann arrived, the name of the hotel and the room number where the meetings took place, and it paints an altogether credible scenario of a totally imaginary occurrence, a Big Lie that could not be contradicted or exposed in the Soviet Union.

The same book credits the Jews as being the first to engage in genocide, quotes imaginary chapter and verse of the Talmud that allegedly mandates Jewish physicians to kill non-Jewish patients on Rosh Hashana, implies a sinister plot responsible for greater infant mortality among non-Jews as compared to Jews in Czarist Russia, and explains the British refusal to admit Jewish refugees to Palestine before and during World War II by the flat assertion that the alleged refugees were really German spies.

What brought this to mind was the conversation I recently had with a 23-year old Jewish immigrant from Moscow. He is bright and educated - he attends college here and had taken college level courses in Russia.

He firmly believed, among other things, that 40% of America's wealth and America's economy is controlled by Jews, that the Rockefeller family is Jewish, that the 6-Day War was won by Israel because U.S. Air Force pilots helped the Israelis destroy the Egyptian air force, and that Jews didn't do much fighting in the Soviet army during World War II. I was even more surprised that these absurd beliefs were shared by his exceptionally intelligent and well-educated mother who is a Ph.D. and has published over 300 scientific papers.

It took the encyclopedia and volumes of history text books to convince them that the Rockefellers were Protestants, that Jewish wealth in America is minuscule compared to the WASP "old money", that the Israeli Air Force managed quite well by itself, without American help, and that Soviet Jews

earned a remarkably disproportionate number of battlefield medal and decorations at a time in spite of official disapproval of giving medals to Jewish soldiers.

But, maybe this is all for the best. Could it be that the reason the Soviets could be convinced to partially reverse their traditional policy of absolute prohibition of emigration to all Soviet citizens, and to allow limited Jewish emigration was their fear of Jewish influence and Jewish power in their main Cold War adversary, the U.S.? Could it be, that like my new Russian-Jewish friends, they believed their own lies? Surely, Jewish emigration was not due to humane considerations or concerns for family reunifications; there were no such concerns when they refused to repatriate Crimean Tartars or permit Ukrainians to reunify with their relatives in Canada. It would be indeed ironic if anti-Semitic lies were the cause for winning one of the few victories the Jews have won in centuries- the freedom of Soviet Jews!