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The involvement of the Chinese Communist government, the Australian Chinese Research Institute, former NSW premier Bob Carr and the University of Technology Sydney and reported ASIO warnings, which brings such politicians as Sam Dastyari and former politician Andrew Robb under scrutiny, also brings to mind the history of Communist subversion and infiltration in, not only recently the USA and Australia, but Canada in the late 1940s. Let's first look at Chinese business woman Sheri Yan – from an ABC Fairfax report:

Ms Yan came to the attention of the Australian public through a report of an ASIO raid on a Canberra flat she shared with her husband Roger Uren, a former high-ranking intelligence official. The ASIO raids allegedly discovered sensitive government files in the home of a high-profile Chinese socialite and her Australian husband, a former high-ranking intelligence official.

The covert ASIO raid of Ms Yan and Mr Uren's Canberra property in October 2015 was timed to coincide with events across the Pacific. In New York, Ms Yan and several other Chinese business people were being arrested by the FBI for allegedly running a bribery racket in the United Nations. According to US District Attorney Preet Bharara, Ms Yan and her co-accused had paid kickbacks to the president of the United Nations general assembly, John Ashe, and in return, Mr Ashe performed certain services for wealthy Chinese businessmen.

Follow that story here.... <http://www.news.com.au/national/politics/chinese-spying-scandal-asio-raids-allegedly-find-government-files-in-socialite-intelligence-officials-home/news-story/ba98fc13f29ae327af2cdf638b5e788d>

and here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-06-05/asio-china-spy-raid/8589094>

But not everyone trusted Sheri Yan. John Fitzgerald, a former Ford Foundation director in Beijing turned Swinburne University China expert, told Four Corners and Fairfax Media of a warning he received from an "old friend in Australia's security establishment" to "stay away from Yan".

"I understand that Sheri Yan is very closely connected with some of the most powerful and influential families and networks in China," Mr Fitzgerald said. "Once you know that, you don't need to know much more."...

The Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) doesn't belong at University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

The Conversation, June 5, 2017 - theconversation.com/the-australia-china-relations-institute-doesnt-belong-at-uts-78743

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ACRI (Australia-China Relations Institute) was founded with over A\$2.8 million in donations from two wealthy Chinese entrepreneurs that had recently migrated to Australia. Bob Carr was appointed its director.

Last month six of Australia's top journalists visited China for a week as guests of the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). They were greeted by top Communist Party officials and toured some of China's new infrastructure projects. Some (but not all) returned to Australia singing the praises of Chinese President Xi Jinping's showcase "One Belt, One Road" (OBOR) initiative and the opportunities for Australian businesses.

Bob Carr, the director of ACRI and a professor of international relations at UTS, claims we are in danger of being "hung out to dry" if we listen to the "China hawks" and don't more fully engage with China. Yet few have paused to ask why one of our universities is being used as a conduit to promote China's national interest, and who is actually paying for it.

China's rise forces us to think carefully about both the opportunities and costs of a closer relationship with China. These difficult discussions are taking place in government offices, boardrooms and chancelleries around the globe, but must also be a part of the wider public discussion. Australia is no exception. China is our single largest trading partner and an increasingly important source of foreign investment. China is also fundamental to our tertiary education sector....

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The Canberra raid was a small piece of a much larger picture. It reflects deep concern inside ASIO about the attempts of foreign nations to influence Australia's politics. The issue of foreign interference has exploded into prominence globally since the revelations of Russia's influence over the American election in favour of Donald Trump.

In Australia, it is the Chinese Communist Party causing the greatest concern, and Beijing's attempts at influence potentially extend to political players as senior as Labor's Sam Dastyari and the Liberal Party's Andrew Robb. Former Australian ambassador to China, Geoff Raby, who lived in the same exclusive St Regis apartment block as Ms Yan in Beijing, described her as a "dynamic, active person, [who] speaks both languages perfectly, is charming, and comes from a well-connected background".

Ms Yan's business network includes the US software tycoon Peter Norton, high-flying Australian corporate figure and Australia's former New York consul general, Phil Scanlan, and former ABC chairman Maurice Newman. She also knew several senior Australian politicians. Then it all came tumbling down.

Bribery scandal unfolds across Pacific

The covert ASIO raid of Ms Yan and Mr Uren's Canberra property in October 2015 was timed to coincide with events across the Pacific. In New York, Ms Yan and several other Chinese business people were being arrested by the FBI for allegedly running a bribery racket in the United Nations. ASIO suspected, though, that Ms Yan's activities extended well beyond bribery. Classified material shared between FBI counter-espionage officials and ASIO prior to the Canberra raid suggested Ms Yan may have been working with Chinese intelligence.

And a Four Corners-Fairfax Media investigation has established that, in the apartment she shared with Mr Uren, ASIO agents located highly classified Australian documents. Mr Uren had apparently removed them from the Office of National Assessments (*ONA - the agency that briefs the prime minister on highly classified intelligence matters*) prior to his departure in August 2001. The documents contained details of what Western intelligence agencies knew about their Chinese counterparts.

ASIO called in the federal police to launch an inquiry. Well-placed sources have confirmed Mr Uren may face criminal charges. But it is understood the documents are not the main game for ASIO. While the agency never comments publicly on its operations, it is understood the investigation into Ms Yan involves suspicions she may have infiltrated or sought clandestine influence in Australia and the US on behalf of the Chinese Communist Party.

In his brief interview, Mr Uren labelled the notion "pure fantasy" concocted by an incompetent, politicised FBI. "They think anyone who is Chinese is a spy," he said. But professor Rory Medcalf, who directs the Australian National University's National Security College, says the ASIO raid would not have occurred without "the authorisation of the Attorney General" and input from "many parts of the Australian national security community."

'Potential to cause harm to nation's sovereignty'

Mr Medcalf believes the targeting of Ms Yan reflects a small part of a "deep and real concern" inside ASIO about the Chinese Communist Party's secret interference to influence operations in Australia. Eight serving government officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, broadly confirmed Mr Medcalf's assessment.

Several of these officials also confirmed that in the months leading up to the ASIO raid, the agency had been collating intelligence suggesting Australia was the target of an opaque foreign interference campaign by China on a larger scale than that being carried out by any other nation. They believed the Chinese Communist Party was working to infiltrate Australian political and foreign affairs circles, as well to gain more influence over the nation's growing Chinese population.

The sources said ASIO feared the campaign was succeeding. In comments to a Senate committee at the end of May (which were overshadowed by a controversy about refugees and terrorism), director general Duncan Lewis appeared to confirm this.

"Espionage and foreign interference continue to occur on an unprecedented scale and this has the potential to cause serious harm to the nation's sovereignty, the integrity of our political system, our national security capabilities, our economy and other interests."

Mr Lewis didn't name Beijing. But ASIO's serious concern about the Chinese Communist Party were on clear display when analysts working for Mr Lewis prepared an extraordinary document in the weeks before the Sheri Yan raid in October 2015. ***

Read further here.... <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-06-05/sheri-yan-suspected-of-being-spy-secret-asio-raid>

SOME LESSONS FROM THE CANADIAN ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ESPIONAGE (1946)

Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kellock%E2%80%93Taschereau_Commission

It could be worthwhile to recall the Canadian Royal Commission into Espionage after reading about the recent activities of Chinese citizens in the United Nations' Organization as well as America and Australia. Eric Butler wrote about it in 1946 "The Real Communist Menace Exposed," *The New Times*, November 1946.

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(continued from previous page) He firmly believed his comprehensive studies of history and the secret Communist activities uncovered by the Canadian official investigations into spying and other fifth-column activities in Canada exposed Communism as an international conspiracy, with secret agents working in all countries.

But then as he explained elsewhere, the ideas of Monopoly and Power were as old as man. History is/ was replete with the evidence. Why? Because all through history we are looking at, and dealing with, the weakness of human nature, that which is known as 'original sin'.

It was a young cipher clerk in the Ottawa Russian Embassy who furnished startling evidence of what was happening. The members of the different organisations set up had little or no understanding of how the organisations were/are all controlled from the one parent organisation, the Communist Party. They do not realise that they have been suitably organised in order that they can be indoctrinated with subtle Communist propaganda. And, as was shown in Canada, no doubt these organisations provide excellent recruiting grounds from which to obtain suitable individuals for espionage work.

When the technique by which secret organisations are set up is closely studied, one of the most significant points that emerges is the manner in which so many innocent dupes can be used for purposes they do not understand. This was very clearly brought out by the Canadian Royal Commission's investigations, for example, one of the principal agents admitted:

"I had no idea of the extent and scope of this work; I was amazed when it first became clear to me during my interrogation."

A TECHNIQUE OF SECRECY

The Canadian Royal Commission's Report provided detailed evidence how a secret organisation was successfully built up, mostly without even those in the organisation knowing their fellow-members.

It was found that the Soviet Embassy in Canada was merely a cloak, for at least five separate spy organisations, the formation of various types of study groups was used to draw suitable dupes into what the Communists referred to in code language as the Net.

Study groups were used to build up an atmosphere of secrecy, and then by cunning propaganda and other trickery, members were "persuaded" to transfer their loyalty to their country, their community. As the Royal Commission Report said:

"Thus in a short period, what had been merely a political discussion group, made up of Canadian scientists as a party, was transformed on instructions from Moscow into an active espionage organization working against Canada on behalf of a foreign Power."

It was explained that many of those used in the espionage system in Canada were convinced that they had a "greater" loyalty than to their own country - and said so during the Spy Trials.

It was very significant that many of the suspects in the Canadian investigations were either faculty members or graduates of McGill University. At the time, the University was described as a 'Red-hotbed'.

Read further here . . . <https://alor.org/New%20Times/pdf/NT1246.pdf>

THE DISEASE WHICH PRODUCED PHILBY

By Eric Butler

Kim Philby, the British double agent, who died last week in Moscow(1988), should be regarded, not only as one of the most incredible espionage agents in modern history, but as a symptom of a disease, which in varying forms, has been sapping the vitality of Western societies for most of this century. While the type of espionage activities engaged in by the espionage agent of both the West and the East are still an important aspect of the struggle for the world, the conspiracy against the West has developed to the stage where policies which once have been generally denounced as treacherous, are not only accepted, but are lauded as progressive and, of course, "inevitable." Sir John Barrington (1561 - 1621) aptly described the current situation with his famous lines: "Treason doth never prosper, what's the reason? "For, if it prosper, none dare call it treason." Treason is now presented as being the norm.

Consider the plight of the United Kingdom, which has progressively surrendered its sovereignty, and the freedom of the British people, not in the face of a threat by a superior military force, but by the seduction of a skillfully promoted ideal - internationalism. The distinguished Jewish writer and philosopher, Dr. Oscar Levy, said, "The ideal is the enemy of the real."

Well-known poet T.S. Elliot urged that his fellows free themselves "from their bondage of liberalism." Modern liberalism has played a major role in making the advance of all forms of totalitarianism, particularly Communism, possible. Linked philosophically with the absurdities of rationalism and a worship of the modern god, known as Science, it has acted like a solvent weakening the traditional Christian values which stress the necessity for the individual to strive to be loyal to God, family, and to one's nation and its institutions.

Liberalism rejects the concept of Absolutes, while the very doctrine of toleration it preaches so often turns out in practice to be the worst form of intolerance. Tolerance of homosexuality, for example, has led to a militant minority taking on the attributes of a cult, with opponents likely to find themselves described as "bigoted reactionaries."

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Like so many of his fellows who became Communists, Philby grew up in a world whose traditional values, already weakened by Liberalism, had been badly shattered by the horrors of the First World War. This was followed by perhaps an even worse disaster in the Great Depression of the 'thirties'.

Except for those who had been introduced to C.H. Douglas, and who understood that the world wide disaster was the result of a deliberate financial policy, large numbers of people became devotees of the religion of Communism, the Soviet Union being presented as a type of Mecca at a time when it appeared that not only the West's value system, but its basic institutions had failed.

The biggest army of traitors in history was recruited, primarily in Universities. Members of that army were in key government positions throughout the West when the Second World War started. They saw the war as a means of expanding Soviet influence. Communism is part of an international conspiracy, but there are different aspects of that conspiracy, as witnessed by the *Fabian Socialist Contribution to the Communist Advance*. It was not the threat of the Red Army which brought about the break up of the most beneficial Empire the world has known - that of the British, but the internal subversion of Great Britain by the Fabian Socialists and their many liberal allies, who were successful in creating such a deep guilt complex in basically decent people that they felt, for example, they were making some atonement for past evils by prematurely withdrawing from Africa.

The signal for retreat was given by the late Harold Macmillan in his infamous 1960 "Winds of Change" speech in South Africa. Macmillan, openly associated with Fabian activities before the Second World War, was, as documented by British historian Count Nikolai Tolstoy responsible for sending tens of thousands of refugees from the Soviet back to their deaths at the end of the Second World War. It was Prime Minister Harold Macmillan who told the House of Commons that Kim Philby was not a Soviet agent. It was the same Macmillan who, as chairman of the Macmillan publishing company, said that David Irving's book on Winston Churchill would be published only over his dead body. In essence, Western politicians like Harold Macmillan have been as guilty of treachery as Kim Philby.

Communist leaders everywhere hailed the British "retreat from colonialism" as a major victory for International Communist strategy. It was as a result of the defection of a Soviet cipher clerk in the Canadian Soviet Embassy at the end of the Second World War, and the subsequent Canadian Royal Commission on Soviet Espionage, that the West was first shocked into a

realisation that Soviet promoted treachery had penetrated to the very heart of Western Governments. But as example after example of treachery was revealed it was the liberals everywhere who tried to deny the treachery.

As Whittaker Chambers, the man who exposed top ranking Soviet agent Alger Hiss, wrote in his classic, *Witness*: "Every move against the Communists was felt by the liberals as a move against themselves. If only for the health of their public health record, the liberals, to protect their power, must seek as long as possible to conceal from themselves and everybody else the fact that the Government has been Communist penetrated."

The Canadian report (1946), which disappeared soon after being published, contains a brilliant evaluation of "The Development of Ideological Motivation", which is compulsory reading for all students of the type of subversive techniques, which produced traitors like Kim Philby. The majority of the Canadian traitors had been well educated, one of the most important, Dr. Raymond Boyer, being one of the wealthiest men in Canada.

One of the most significant comments in the Canadian Report said that "... a sense of internationalism seems in many cases to play a definite role in one stage of the (motivation) courses ... the Canadian sympathiser is first encouraged to develop a sense of loyalty, not directly to a foreign state, but to what he conceives to be an international ideal."

Professor Boyer said he had, in spite of his oath of loyalty, made vital information available to fellow traitor, MP Rose, believing this would further "international scientific collaboration."

Eroding national pride, breaking down traditional loyalties, fragmenting homogeneous societies by multiculturalism, and subordinating domestic policies to international agreements and conventions, are all part of a total programme of treachery and should be described as such. The treachery of the Philbys should not be overlooked, it should not be allowed to divert attention away from the greater treachery of those who have financed the Communist Empire and who through the New International Economic Order and other strategies are seeking to create a World State which, of its nature, would be an international tyranny resembling Orwell's 1984.

Ref: <https://alor.org/Volume24/Vol24No18.htm>

Recommended reading: *The Real Communist Menace*, a commentary on the Canadian Royal Commission Report on Espionage. By Eric D. Butler \$5 posted.

Secret Communist Agents Who Have Changed the Course of History, by Patrick Walsh. \$5 posted.

The Unholy Alliance, by Patrick Walsh, in which this famous former under-cover agent with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police documents the nexus between Political Zionism and Communism. \$5 posted.