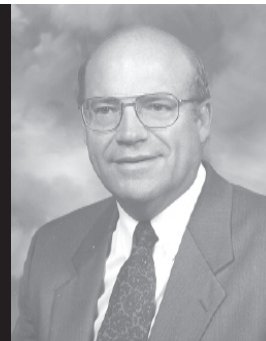




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And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead expose them. Ephesians 5:11

Barack Obama's Chicago Connection

Part II

by Cliff Kincaid

“After hearing about Barack Obama’s ties to the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Bill Ayers, Bernardine Dohrn, Fr. Michael Pfleger, and militant activists of ACORN (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), it should be clear to everyone that his extremist roots run deep. But the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee has yet another connection with the world of far-Left radicalism. Obama has long been linked—through foundation grants, shared political activism, collaboration on legislation and tactics, and mutual praise and support—with the Chicago-based Gamaliel Foundation, one of the least known yet most influential national umbrella groups for church-based “community organizers.”

—Stanley Kurtz, *National Review*, September 1, 2008, p. 32

“The same separatist, anti-American theology of liberation that was so boldly and bitterly proclaimed by Obama’s pastor is shared, if more quietly, by Obama’s Gamaliel colleagues. The operative word here is “quietly.” Gamaliel specializes in ideological stealth, and Obama, a master student of Gamaliel strategy, shows disturbing signs of being a sub rosa radical himself. Obama’s legislative tactics, as well as his persistent profession of non-ideological pragmatism, appear to be inspired by his radical mentors’ most sophisticated tactics. Not only has Obama studied, taught and apparently absorbed stealth techniques from racial groups like Gamaliel and ACORN, but in his position as a board member of Chicago’s supposedly nonpartisan Woods Fund, he quietly funneled money to his racial allies—at the very moment he most needed their support to boost his political career. It’s high time for these shadowy, perhaps improper, ties to receive a dose of sunlight.

The connections are numerous, Gregory Galluzzo, Gamaliel’s co-founder and executive director, served as a trainer and mentor during Obama’s mid-1980s organizing days in Chicago. The Developing Communities Project, which first hired Obama, is part of the Gamaliel network. Obama became a consultant and eventually a trainer of community organizers for Gamaliel. (He also served as a trainer for ACORN.) And he has kept up his ties with Gamaliel during his time in the U.S. Senate.

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“Dwell on the past and you’ll lose an eye; forget the past and you’ll lose both eyes.” Old Russian Proverb

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Providing a modern example of the “Red diaper baby” syndrome, Chesa Boudin, the son of Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert, was raised by Dohrn and Ayers because his parents had gone to prison. Chesa Boudin went to Yale, where he was a leader of the Yale Coalition for Peace. He was selected as a Rhodes Scholar and is a big fan of “The Venezuelan Revolution,” which just happens to be in the title of a book that he co-authored that is sympathetic to the brand of communism being promoted by Hugo Chavez. He reportedly lived in Venezuela so he could support the Chavez government. “To our fathers and mothers, who brought politics to our lives,” says the acknowledgements. They sure did.

Computer documents seized from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and authenticated by INTERPOL demonstrate that the communist narco-terrorist group has been receiving support from Chavez. The documents also show that an agent of the FARC referred to “the proposal of the gringos,” explained by FARC foreign minister Raul Reyes as a reference to the “new president of their country” being Obama, who opposes a free trade agreement with Colombia and the U.S. military aid program for its anti-communist government.

One has to wonder who those “gringos” are. More investigations have to be conducted into this serious matter.

We do know that on the wall outside of Ayers’ university office is a big poster advertising Ayers’ appearance at a conference in Venezuela. This is apparently a reference to the “World Education Forum” in Venezuela, in which Ayers delivered a talk that was translated by Chesa Boudin. Ayers told the group: “This is my fourth visit to Venezuela, each time at the invitation of my comrade and friend Luis Bonilla, a brilliant educator and inspiring fighter for justice. Luis has taught me a great deal about the Bolivarian Revolution and about the profound educational reforms underway here in Venezuela under the leadership of President Chavez. We share the belief that education is the motor-force of revolution, and I’ve come to appreciate Luis as a major asset in both the Venezuelan and the international struggle—I look forward to seeing how he and all of you continue to overcome the failings of capitalist education as you seek to create something truly new and deeply humane.”

Chesa Boudin is an editor of *Letters from Young Activists*, a 2005 book about a new “movement” for “progressive social change” that includes a preface from Bernadine Dohrn, who praises the “young militants” for trying to change the world. The book includes an endorsement from convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal and gives thanks to “lifelong activist and educator Bill Ayers.”

“Dear Dad,” writes Chesa Boudin in a letter published in the book. He tells his father, convicted and incarcerated terrorist David Gilbert, that “Che Guevara would have described your revolutionary spirit as guided by love.”

Before they became members of the Weather Underground, Ayers and Dohrn were officials of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), an openly communist group that engaged in anti-police violence on the streets of Chicago in 1968 and 1969 and on college campuses. During the “Days of Rage” in October of 1969 on the streets of Chicago, 287 arrests were reported on charges ranging from resisting arrest to disorderly conduct and aggravated battery and 59 police officers were injured. Ayers and Dohrn were indicted on federal riot charges.

Examples of SDS pamphlets and literature demonstrate its communist orientation.

The Weather Underground Organization (WUO), which was spawned by the SDS, was openly dedicated to world communism and had links to hostile foreign powers. An FBI report noted the “foreign influences” on the WUO and said the organization was “carrying out the policies and purposes” of the communist Vietnamese and Cuban governments. The FBI said that the “Venceremos Brigade” trips to Cuba were organized by the WUO “with the encouragement and instructions of the Cuban government.”

In short, there was Cuban direction of this communist terrorist group.

“We’re revolutionary communists,” Ayers himself said in 1969. That same year, Ayers was a presenter at an “Experimental Education Seminar” at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the controversial Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), the pro-Marxist think tank that supported CIA defector Philip Agee and Communist regimes such as Cuba and North Vietnam.

The IPS was the subject of the 1988 book, *Covert Cadre*, by S. Steven Powell, with an introduction by David Horowitz, the reformed far leftist. AIM editor Reed Irvine described Horowitz’s introduction as almost worth the price of the book itself because he explained how the IPS is “populated by people who are laying siege to democracy’s defenses and crippling its resistance to the totalitarian advance.”

Perhaps the most controversial figure ever associated with IPS, next to Ayers, was Orlando Letelier, the former top official of the Marxist Salvador Allende government in Chile. He was an associate fellow of IPS and director of the IPS international branch, the Transnational Institute. He was exposed by papers found in his briefcase after his murder in 1976 to have been secretly promoting communist goals, with the assistance of Cuba.

Very little has been said by Obama and his campaign about the relationship with Ayers. “This is a guy who lives in my neighborhood, who’s a professor of English in Chicago who I know and who I have not received some official endorsement from,” Obama said. “He’s not somebody who I exchange ideas from on a regular basis. And the notion that somehow as a consequence of me knowing somebody who engaged in detestable acts 40 years ago, when I was 8 years old, somehow reflects on me and my values doesn’t make much sense.”

Obama campaign strategist David Axelrod told *Politico’s* Ben Smith, “Bill Ayers lives in his neighborhood. Their kids attend the same school. ... They’re certainly friendly, they know each other, as anyone whose kids go to school together.”

There has been no explanation of why Ayers et al. played a role in launching Obama’s political career.

In fact, as Obama surely knows, Ayers is a “Distinguished Professor of Education” and “Senior University Scholar” at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the College of Education. He’s not a professor of English.

Not so coincidentally, members of the SDS such as Ayers and Dohrn were becoming members of the Weather Underground and engaging in numerous bombings and other violence as the case of Charles Manson and his “family” emerged in 1969. Manson had taken a group of young people, subjected them to heavy drug use, and ordered them to commit mass murder. On the Weather Underground and their drug use, Ayers writes in his own book, *Fugitive Days*, “Marijuana was available everywhere—every party, every gathering, every meeting.”

Dohrn went further, praising the psychopath Manson as a true “revolutionary,” adding, “First they killed those pigs [i.e. the victims, including a pregnant movie actress], then they ate dinner in the same room with them. Then they even shoved a fork into one’s stomach. Wild.”

In her “Declaration of a State War,” Dohrn said, “We fight in many ways. Dope is one of our weapons. The laws against marijuana mean that millions of us are outlaws long before we actually split. Guns and grass are united in the youth underground.”

The pro-Manson comments were delivered by Dohrn

at a national SDS “War Council” in December of 1969. Those in attendance included SDS leader Mark Rudd, who also gave a speech. Rudd was the subject of an April 27, 2008, sympathetic article in the *Washington Post* about a Columbia ’68 “reunion” of SDS members and student radicals who had taken over campus buildings. Lee Bollinger, president of Columbia and a board member of the *Post*, delivered a welcoming address and participated in a panel discussion.

The *Post* article about the event neglected to mention that Rudd had been to Communist Cuba before he led the riots and the takeover of Columbia University. Rudd wrote an SDS pamphlet, titled simply *Columbia*, which declared that during the “occupation” of Columbia University, “It was no accident that we hung up pictures of Karl Marx and Malcom X and Che Guevara and flew red flags from the tops of two buildings.” The pamphlet concluded with a quotation from Communist Chinese mass murderer Mao Tse-Tung, “Dare to struggle, dare to win.”

In this context, FBI information shows that the Weathermen sent a letter to Anna Louise Strong in China in 1969. It was from Strong, Ayers says in his book, that they received a huge German printing press that the Black Panthers used to print their newspapers and posters.

Not surprisingly, Strong was extremely pro-communist. “Anna Louise Strong was an American radical who went to the Soviet Union in 1921,” the AIM Report pointed out. “For the next 29 years she served as a faithful flack for the Soviet regime. She was one of Stalin’s most faithful foreign sycophants, zigging when he zigged and zagging when he zagged. In 1949, Stalin grew weary of her, and she was jailed briefly as a spy. She was expelled from the ‘workers’ paradise’ and had to return to the land of her birth. She suffered in this ‘exile,’ because the Stalinists treated her as a traitor to the cause.” She later went to China.

Strangely, Rudd claims on his web page that he spoke to a terrorism class at the FBI Training Academy during the summer of 2005 at the invitation of a top FBI official. “My Talk at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, VA” is the headline over Rudd’s entry on his website. He says he was invited by FBI Special Agent Andrew Bringuel. This was confirmed by Kurt Crawford of the FBI Academy Public Affairs Office.

Another former SDS official, Paul Booth, contributed financially to Obama’s Senate campaign and serves as executive assistant to the president of the American Federation of State, Country and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and “organizing director” of the union. Federal Election Commission records also show contributions

to the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and various Democratic candidates, including John Kerry for President in 2004. His wife, Heather Booth, founded a Chicago-based organization, the Midwest Academy, in 1973, which is dedicated to training “progressive” activists.

Dohrn is now a Clinical Associate Professor in the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern School of Law and an adjunct faculty member of the University of Illinois/Chicago in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her curriculum vitae shows participation in several American Bar Association (ABA) events and even a Department of Justice conference. She was involved in a “Peace Studies Program” at Colgate University and served on the board of the “Peace Museum” in Chicago, an entity currently funded by the Playboy Foundation.

Most interesting, however, are her appearances at events sponsored by the Open Society Institute (OSI) of billionaire leftist George Soros. The Baltimore, Maryland, branch of the OSI on May 12, 2004, hosted Dohrn at a forum on criminal justice issues and discipline in schools. In 1999, Dohrn participated in an OSI event at New York University on “families in a free society,” with a focus on welfare reform and child welfare. (Another WUO member, Linda Evans, was given a Soros grant to “increase civic participation of former prisoners.”)

An objective observer might conclude that Ayers, Dohrn and their comrades are now dedicated to creating a new student and youth movement, like the one they participated in which eventually developed into a full-blown terrorist organization that killed our fellow citizens and tried to eliminate the “Thin Blue Line” of police separating us from the criminals. In this new crusade, they not only have an inspiring leader, Barack Obama, who attracts young people with his promise of “change,” but a moneybags names Soros, who has funded causes such as rights for convicted felons and legalization of dope.

“I have very high regard for Hillary Clinton, but I think Obama has the charisma and the vision to radically reorient America in the world,” Soros recently told Judy Woodruff of Bloomberg Television. “I think that he has shown to be a really unusual person.” On April 8, according to *Politico*’s Ben Smith, Soros hosted a dinner that spawned a new group, Progressive Media USA, which plans on spending \$40 million to defeat Senator John McCain’s presidential bid and ensure the election of the Democratic candidate, which Soros hopes will be Obama.

The Dohrn connection should be even more controversial than that of Ayers. From 1984-1988, Dohrn worked at

Sidley & Austin, a law firm, which is also where Obama and his wife Michelle worked and met. “For three years after law school, Michelle worked as an associate in the area of marketing and intellectual property at Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where she met Barack Obama,” the official Obama campaign website reports. But it says nothing about meeting or knowing Dohrn.

Many members of the WUO, including Dohrn, traveled to Cuba, sometimes to meet with the Vietnamese communists, and others went directly to Hanoi, North Vietnam. One of their stated objectives was to prevent the U.S. from stopping a communist takeover of Vietnam. They succeeded, with the acquiescence of a liberal Congress, which cut off U.S. aid to the South Vietnamese government, and more than 58,000 American soldiers died in vain. The collapse of the South Vietnamese government paved the way for communist “re-education” campus housing hundreds of thousands of people, with many more thousands escaping as “boat people.” The communist Khmer Rouge proceeded to take control of neighboring Cambodia and 1-2 million were slaughtered or forced to die there.

All of this had been predicted. *The Human Cost of Communism in Vietnam*, a hearing conducted by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security in 1972, included predictions of a bloodbath if the Communists won. A government report submitted to a Congressional committee in 1974 had documented the brutality of the Khmer Rouge in areas of the country under its control. But the report received little media attention.

“I’m not so much against the war as I am for a Vietnamese victory,” say Ayers in his book. “I’m not so much for peace as for a U.S. defeat.” They got their wish.

From the start, communism, even communist money, was part of the SDS.

Investigations into financing for the SDS determined that Howard (Jeff) Melish was the “accountant” for the SDS and that his father, William Howard Melish, had been identified as a member of the CPUSA. The *New York Times* noted that William Howard Melish oversaw the awarding of the Stalin Peace Prize, described as the communists’ alternative to the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1953. He had also been a member of the board of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

An FBI memorandum from the time of the planned SDS demonstrations in connection with the August 1968 Democratic National Convention described a working relationship, including a financial connection, between the CPUSA and the “new left,” defined as including the SDS and the National Mobilization Committee to End the War

in Vietnam. The CPUSA was funded from Moscow.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities conducted a hearing, “Subversive Involvement in Disruption of 1968 Democratic Party National Convention,” which featured Obama friend and supporter Dr. Quentin Young as a witness.

Young had served with the “Medical Committee for Human Rights,” the organization that provided treatment for anti-Vietnam War protesters injured in the demonstrations in Chicago in August 1968, and was asked if he had paid \$1000 of \$1500 due for the rent of the National Mobilization Committee. This group was described by staff counsel as “the principal organizer and coordinating agency for the disruptions which took place in Chicago during the Democratic Convention.” Young said he had lent \$1000 “to somebody which was promptly paid back in cash over a 2-day period.” The “somebody” was identified as Rennie Davis of the National Mobilization Committee and the SDS.

Asked directly if he were a member of the CPUSA, he refused to answer, saying it was “irrelevant.” Later, the counsel for the committee declared, “Dr. Young, the committee had received information that you have been a member of the Communist Party, specifically, a member of the doctors’ club of the party on the North Side of Chicago, a club that was called the Bethune Club.” Again, Young refused to answer, saying only that he would exercise his “First Amendment” and “other protections.” Staff Counsel Chester Smith went on to ask whether Young served as a member of the governing council of the Medical Committee for Human Rights “pursuant to a plan or directive of the Communist Party.” Eventually, he replied, “No.”

Young was identified as a participant in a 1969 Washington, D.C. conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities/House Internal Security Committee. Young was also identified as a plaintiff in a constitutional challenge of the committee’s authority. The featured speakers at the event included Frank Wilkinson, a CPUSA member who served a term in federal prison for contempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, SDS member Mike Klonsk, and David Dellinger of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Young’s participation in the coronation of Obama at the Ayers/Dohrn house was no accident. An FBI report on the Weather Underground described Young as “a Chicago physician and avowed radical who knew Bernardine [Dohrn] and other Weathermen both as doctor and friend...” Young met with Dohrn after her return from Havana, Cuba, where she met with Communist Vietnamese officials. Young is quoted as saying about her, “Ber-

nardine went down there already influenced by Cuba and in a state of romantic anticipation. She was at the top of her thermometer going down. I talked to her, sort of debriefed her, when she came back. There is no doubt that her views were buttressed by what she saw and heard down there.”

The report went on to say that, “Other Weathermen were similarly keyed up, said Young, who is proud that two of his children have journeyed to Cuba to cut cane or pick oranges.”

Tom Hayden, another major figure in the SDS, is today one of four principal initiators of the “Progressives for Obama” movement.

In 1970, the House Committee on Internal Security reproduced a June 4, 1968, letter that Hayden had sent to a North Vietnam Communist official by the name of “Col. Lao” informing him that a “Mr. Robert Greenblatt” was the coordinator of the National Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam and that he “works closely with myself and Dave Dellinger, and has just returned from Hanoi.” The letter from Hayden was signed, “Good fortune! Victory!”

In the words of the chairman, Rep. Richard H. Ichord, the report identified how the New Mobilization Committee had “operated from its inception with significant domestic and international communist support.”

The report said that a “large percentage” of the delegates to the founding conference of the New Mobilization Committee were “members of the Communist Party USA; the Trotskyist communist Socialist Workers Party; the Young Socialist Alliance, youth and training section of the SWP; and the Student Mobilization Committee to end the War in Vietnam, an organization controlled by the YSA.”

Another leading SDS member, Carl Davidson, is another Obama supporter. He is a member of “Progressives for Obama.” As noted by Trevor Loudon, a New Zealand blogger, “Around 1992 Davidson joined hundreds of former Maoists, Trotskyists and about a third of the Communist Party USA in a new Marxist coalition—the Committee of Correspondence [for Democracy and Socialism].” He adds, “Davidson was an ardent supporter of Obama for several years and helped organize the famous peace rally in Chicago in where Obama pinned his colors to the anti-Iraq war cause.” Todd Gitlin, another SDS leader who is now a Professor of Journalism and Sociology at Columbia University, is also with “Progressives for Obama.”

Mark Solomon of the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism (CCDS), who served as the former national chairperson of the U.S. Peace Council and a Presidential Committee member of the World Peace Council, declared: “The most important element in the rise of Barack Obama is that his candidacy is built upon

a potentially powerful new movement capable of forging a progressive majority in the nation's politics. ... While neither Clinton nor Obama comes close to challenging US imperialism, Obama has signaled willingness to meet with US opponents and has voiced an openness to take major steps toward nuclear disarmament. Despite the fact that neither candidate has offered a coherent vision of their foreign policies, it is nevertheless in that realm that the differences between Clinton and Obama are sharpest, with Obama calling for an end to the outrages of Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo and the restoration of multilateral cooperation in seeking to stabilize a dangerous world."

One of the co-chairs of the CCDS is Leslie Cagan, whose bio still identifies her as having served for 7 years as Director of the Cuba Information Project, where she coordinated the largest U.S. Delegation to Cuba for the World Festival of Youth and Students in 1997. It notes that her current position is chairperson of "United for Peace and Justice," a "peace organization" that organizes demonstrations against U.S. involvement in the war in Iraq. The bio does not mention that she was on one of the first "Venceremos Brigades" to Cuba.

Former congressional investigator Herbert Romerstein, an expert on communist activities, said most of the members of the Committees of Correspondence came out of the CPUSA, where they functioned as stooges of the Soviet Union until the fall of that dictatorship. He said it has "a close working relationship with the Stalinist remnants in the former East Germany, now called the Party of Democratic Socialism..." Romerstein said these were the people who ran the concentration camps and the Communist Party apparatus in East Germany. Romerstein said that after the 9/11 terrorist attacks Cagan organized the first meeting to plan opposition to any United States military action against those responsible.

Still another SDS official, Robert Avakian, became the leader of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). His bio declares: "A veteran of the Free Speech Movement and the revolutionary upsurges of the 1960s and early 1970s, he worked closely with the Black Panther Party. By the mid-1970s, he emerged as the foremost Maoist revolutionary in the United States. He has guided the RCP since its formation in 1975 and is a major leader of the international communist movement. Over the last 25 years, Avakian has produced a highly significant body of work, and he approaches Marxism as a living, developing science that must be constantly interrogating itself."

In addition to their sympathy for communism, the SDS and the WUO had sympathies for Arab terrorist groups. According to Larry Grathwohl, the FBI informer inside the

organization, the Weathermen started a newspaper called *The First Next Time*, which ran an article "on the Arab guerillas' fight against the Zionist Jews for Palestine." The article described Israel as a "colonial-type creature imposed by forces outside the area" and the Jewish masses "being led by Zionism toward another disaster."

Ayers' book *Fugitive Days* includes an endorsement on the book flap from the late Edward W. Said, a figure who came under surveillance by the FBI because of his involvement with U.S.-based Palestinian political and pro-Arab organizations. Said praised the Ayers book, saying, "What makes *Fugitive Days* unique is its unsparing detail and its marvelous human coherence and integrity. Bill Ayers's America and his family background, his education, his political awakening, his anger and involvement, his anguished re-emergence from the shadows: all these are rendered in their truth without a trace of nostalgia or 'second thinking.' For anyone who cares about the sorry mess we are in, this book is essential, indeed necessary, reading."

Said was an associate of Barack Obama as well.

The website called "Electronic Intifada" includes photos of Obama and his wife with Said at a dinner in May 1998.

The author of a posted article, Ali Abunimah, says that he knew Obama personally before he started running for national office and became pro-Israel. He says: "Over the years since I first saw Obama speak I met him about half a dozen times, often at Palestinian and Arab-American community events in Chicago including a May 1998 communist fundraiser at which Edward Said was the keynote speaker. In 2000, when Obama unsuccessfully ran for Congress I heard him speak at a campaign fundraiser hosted by a University of Chicago professor. On that occasion and others Obama was forthright in his criticism of US policy and his call for an even-handed approach to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"The last time I spoke to Obama was in the winter of 2004 at a gathering in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. He was in the midst of a primary campaign to secure the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate seat he now occupies. But at that time polls showed him trailing.

"As he came in from the cold and took off his coat, I went up to greet him. He responded warmly, and volunteered, 'Hey, I'm sorry I haven't said more about Palestine right now, but we are in a tough primary race. I'm hoping when things calm down I can be more up front.' He referred to my activism, including columns I was contributing to the *The Chicago Tribune* critical of Israeli and US policy, 'Keep up the good work!'"

Ayers' office door and wall feature various pieces of

leftist propaganda, including a picture of Palestinians said to be at risk of being killed by an American-made missile supplied to Israel. Rob Malley, a Middle East policy advisor to Obama, resigned after news surfaced that he had been meeting with the terrorist group Hamas. And Obama's ties to Rashid Khalidi, the pro-Palestinian Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University, have also been controversial.

Ayers and Dohrn and other WUO figures were not prosecuted because of alleged FBI misconduct in trying to apprehend the fugitives. In fact, FBI officials W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller were indicted and convicted for trying to capture them. However, on April 15, 1981, President Ronald Reagan granted full and unconditional pardons, saying, in part: "Messrs. Felt and Miller followed procedures they believed essential to keep the Director of the FBI, the Attorney General, and the President of the United States advised of the activities of hostile foreign powers and their collaborators in this country."

Questions naturally persist about the State Senator Alice Palmer's links to foreign powers. But Obama would go on to receive another important endorsement with international implications. *New Ground*, the newsletter of the Chicago Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), said that Obama deserved the Democratic nomination for the Illinois Senate 13th District. DSA describes itself as the largest socialist organization in the United States and the principal U.S. affiliate of the Socialist International. The Socialist International (SI) has what is called "consultant status" with the United Nations. In other words, it works hand-in-glove with the world body.

Chicago DSA described Obama this way: "Mr. Obama graduated from Columbia University and promptly went into community organizing for the Developing Communities Project in Roseland and Altgeld Gardens on the far south side of Chicago. He went on to Harvard University, where he was editor of the Harvard Law Review. He graduated with a law degree. In 1992, he was Director of Illinois Project Vote, a voter registration campaign that made Carol Moseley Braun's election to the U.S. Senate much easier than it would have been. At present, he practices law in Judson Miner's law firm and is President of the board of the Annenberg Challenge Grant which is distributing some \$50 million in grants to public school reform efforts."

On his curriculum vitae, Ayers identifies himself as the co-founder and grant writer of the Annenberg Challenge Grant of \$49,200,000 and the one who obtained this and other grants for "the support of the Small Schools Workshop and/or the Chicago forum for School Change at the University of Illinois at Chicago..." Ayers also says that

he obtained grants from the Chicago-based MacArthur foundation, the Joyce Foundation, and the Woods Fund, on whose board he sat with Obama.

In light of these facts, the question has been raised as to whether or not Obama was working for Ayers. This would help explain why the communist terrorist had become a member of the Chicago establishment and so important to Obama's political career. More investigation is needed into this.

The director of the Small School Workshop is another former member of SDS, Michael Klonsky, who now describes himself as "an education writer, teacher and researcher." Both Ayers and Klonsky were consultants to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's public school educational reform agenda.

During a talk at the Movement for a Democratic Society conference at Loyola University in Chicago on November 10, 2007, Klonsky said that his parents had been members of the CPUSA. "I was born into the Communist Party," he said. He said his father, Robert Klonsky, had joined the communist-sponsored Abraham Lincoln Brigades in the Spanish civil war. "You do what the party says," he explained. His parents admired Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin until Soviet ruler Nikita Khrushchev delivered his speech about Stalin's crimes and the picture of "Uncle Joe" was removed from his home.

His brother, Fred Klonsky, another former SDS official, is a member of Progressives for Obama and identifies himself as being with the Illinois affiliate of the National Education Association. Michael, Fred and Susan Klonsky, an "education writer," wrote an article praising the work of former CPUSA member Dorothy Healey after her passing which declared: "For us red-diaper babies and SDS activists coming of age in the radical movement in L.A. in the 60s, Dorothy was at once a revolutionary role model, a leader, teacher, critical friend, and a member of the family."

The DSA is a controversial organization whose members have included John Sweeney, head of AFL-CIO, *Washington Post* columnist Harold Meyerson, and Kurt Stand, convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage for communist East Germany and now serving time in prison. A DSA member by the name of Bill Mosley of Washington, D.C. runs the "Friends of Kurt Stand" organization. By his own admission, Stand began his political career in the Young Workers League, a communist youth organization.

Obama's stint as a "community organizer" in Chicago has gotten some attention, but his relationship with the DSA socialists, who groomed and backed him, has been generally ignored.

Blogger Steve Bartin, who has been following Obama's career and involvement with the Chicago socialists, uncovered a fascinating video showing Obama campaigning for openly socialist Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. Interestingly, Sanders, who won his seat in 2006, called Obama "one of the great leaders of the United States Senate," even though Obama had only been in the body for about two years. In 2007, the *National Journal* said that Obama had established himself as "the most liberal Senator."

It is clear that Obama valued his relationship with the DSA and its support. This was demonstrated in 1998, when, as a State Senator, Obama delivered a remembrance at a memorial service in Chicago for Saul Mendelson, a socialist activist and major figure in the Chicago DSA.

This journalist attended the April 25, 2008, "Eugene V. Debs—Norman Thomas—Michael Harrington Dinner," sponsored by the Chicago DSA. One of the honorees was Les Orear, founder of the Illinois Labor History Society, who told the audience that he tried to live by the Marxist saying, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." One of the presenters was Jessica Aranda, director of the Latino Union, which organizes "immigrant workers" and establishes "worker's center" for them.

The dinner booklet and the speakers included several sympathetic references to the late Carl Shier, who had also spoken at the Mendelson memorial service. His name was spelled as "Karl Marx Shier" in the booklet, a reference to the fact that "Carl Marx Shier" was named by his parents in honor of Karl Marx and the Soviet revolution.

A memorial service for Shier was held on May 18, 2007, and included Rep. Jan Schakowsky as a speaker.

Schakowsky has endorsed Obama and endorsed Howard Dean for president in 2004. She was herself honored in 2000 at the "Debs dinner" sponsored by the Chicago chapter of the DSA. Her husband, Robert Creamer, emerged from federal prison in November 2006 after serving five months for financial crimes. He pleaded guilty to ripping off financial institutions while running a non-profit group. Before he was convicted but under indictment, Creamer was hired by the Soros-funded Open Society Policy Center to sabotage John Bolton's nomination as Ambassador to the U.N.

After his release from prison, Creamer released a book, *Listen to Your Mother: Stand up Straight: How Progressives Can Win*, described by one blogger as the book that was "penned in the pen." A blurb for the book declares, "Some people think that in order to win, Democrats need to move to the political center by adopting conservative values and splitting the difference between progressive and conservative positions. History shows they are wrong. To win the next election and to win in the long term, we need

to redefine the political center."

In addition to writing the book, Creamer is back in business, running his firm, Strategic Consulting Group, and advertising himself as "a consultant to the campaigns to end the war in Iraq, pass universal health care, change America's budget priorities, and enact comprehensive immigration reform." His clients have included the AFL-CIO and MoveOn.org. In fact, his client list is a virtual who's who of the Democratic Party, organized labor, and Democratic Party constituency groups.

Creamer's list of testimonials comes from such figures as Democratic Senators Dick Durbin (Ill.) and Sherrod Brown (Ohio), Harold Meyerson (of the DSA), MoveOn.org founder Wes Boyd, Heather Booth of the Midwest Academy, Lynn Sweet of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Arianna Huffington of the Huffington Post, Jesse L. Jackson, Tom Hayden, and David Axelrod, a "Democratic political consultant."

Axelrod, of course, is much more than just a "Democratic political consultant." A former reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, he helped State Senator Barack Obama win his U.S. Senate seat in 2004 and currently serves as strategist and media advisor to Obama's presidential campaign.

Axelrod is also the media advisor to Chicago Mayor Daley, who issued the following statement designed to play down Obama's relationship with Ayers:

"There are a lot of reasons that Americans are angry about Washington politics. And one more example is the way Senator Obama's opponents are playing guilt-by-association, tarring him because he happens to know Bill Ayers, "I also know Bill Ayers. He worked with me in shaping our now nationally-renowned school reform program. He is a nationally-recognized distinguished professor of education at the University of Illinois-Chicago and a valued member of the Chicago community.

"I don't condone what he did 40 years ago but I remember that period well. It was a difficult time, but those days are long over. I believe we have too many challenges in Chicago and our country to keep re-fighting 40-year-old battles."

On April 25, the same day that Obama friend and associate Dr. Quentin Young attend the "Debs Dinner" of the Chicago DSA, Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn declared "Quentin Young Day" throughout the state and appeared with him at an event. Among other things, Quinn, another Axelrod client, said about him: "Time has consistently shown Quentin Young to be on the right side of history..."

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