PART II

THE TIGRAI GUERRILLA (TPLF- WEYANE) AS A CIA SURROGATE BANDA (1975-2008)

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CIA FINANCE, ARMS, FOOD TO THE TPLF:1975-1991

The TPLF has been receiving arms, money, and food through the EPLF from the beginning. But TPLF has also been fortifying itself through captured arms from its victims – first of all from the TLF, then from the EPRP., and even from government police. According to Markakis, hardly six months after its creation, in August 1975, a TPLF detachment of twenty men raided the historic town of Axum and made off with a large sum of money from the bank and a load of weapons from the police station. (Markakis, op. cit. p. 253). And this practice, not always successful, will be repeated over and over again all through its years of guerrilla warfare in the woods. But that certainly was not its principal source of survival.

The CIA supplied its two major “dogs of war” in the Horn of Africa - the EPLF and TPLF regularly through the years with arms, food, money and all the necessities, and indeed, luxuries of life, from the beginning to the end. This does not of course mean that the years of guerrilla warfare were for the ordinary peasant and youth a life of plenty. Of course not! To the large majority it was years of life taken away from normality. But that was not because the CIA failed to supply their basic needs but because the Mafia leadership as we shall see preferred to change food aid and the like cash to spend it in urban nightclubs (mainly Khartoum) and other extravagances.

Our best source on the finance and life-style of the TPLF Mafia leadership are again Abgrham Yayeh, and GebreMedhin Araya who lived through the years in Khartoum and followed all aid food and other material to TPLF arriving through Khartoum. Gebre Medhin in particular being TPLF chief financial officer had first hand knowledge of the matter. Indeed according to Abraham Yayeh Egypt to safeguard its survival interest regarding the Nile, may have been directly or indirectly, in collaboration with the CIA, involved in financing the TEPLF-TPLF. (Abrham wrote, in Talaq Sera, p. 25): Given the never-ending Woyane-Egypt talks on the...
Nile issue, it is important to quote this piece derived from Abrahem Yayeh’s wealth of experience gained as a result of many years, residence, long contacts and informal discussions with Sudanese, Egyptian and Arab politicians in Khartoum and elsewhere.

“To answer the question of who is behind the TPLF it may be necessary to look briefly at the history of Ethiopia’s geographical setting makes her particular attractive to foreign attacks. We also know that the source of the Blue Nile (Abai) is in Ethiopia. This river crosses through the Sudan to Egypt with its huge contributions (in water and silt). This water has been the cause of many calamities directed at Ethiopia. What they want is that we live without using the water for our benefit. (As the colonial masters in Egypt since 1882) the British used to stop Menelik from doing any development projects with the waters of lake Tana. We know we have a right to a share of the Nile waters by International law.”

Else where he adds (p.36)

“Other than Ethiopia’s strategic location on the Red Sea, what we usually forget is the victimisation of Ethiopia by foreign powers on account of the Nile. Abai carries silt and other minerals with its water through the Sudan to Egypt. While being the cause of havoc to many lives in Ethiopia, to outsiders (to Egypt) it is the source of life. Agricultural life flourishes in Sudan and Egypt on account of the Nile (and the crops are exported to petro-dollar rich Arab countries). I wish Ethiopia had the opportunity to export producing with the Nile waters! History tells us that the Turks and Egypt invaded Ethiopia (in 1875-76) in order to conquer the Blue Nile.) They have never ceased organising plots and conspiring against us on account of the Nile. It is not only Abai. We have Tekezie, Mereb and other rivers that feed the Nile. And we also have the right to use the waters of these Abay tributaries. THAT IS WHY, IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEIR STRATEGIC INTERESTS DERIVED FROM THE NILE THEY KEEP DIVIDING US, SO THAT WE SHALL DESTROY OURSELVES FIGHTING AGAINST EACH OTHER!!

When we come to the issue of foreign aid, and in particular food-aid, Abrahem continues, “we can trace its origin to sources that are interested in overthrowing the Marxist regime of the Derg and put in its place puppets like TPLF and Sha’aibia that the West can use to saw away the Ethiopian government.” Further some Arab countries give various types of aid to the TPLF.

Gebremedhin Araya has more interesting things to say regarding TPLF finance and the way it is spent. (p. 67). Food aid was multiplied following the C.I.A inspired exodus of 500,000 peasants from Tigrai drawn out of Ethiopia for political reasons into the Sudan in 1984, as we have stressed in our article on the Falasha slave trade. Regarding food aid, in general and particularly at this period, Gebremedhin wrote:

“(Several million metric tons of) Food aid to the TPLF arrive through Port Sudan. The quantity was enormous, so much so that the port authorities had to complain repeatedly to have them taken away for lack of space. There were several trucks (given in aid) for transporting the food inside Tigrai (liberated areas). Not all food was distributed among the famine victims in Tigrai. (Only a tiny proportion is distributed among the famine victims.) Food stored for distribution to the people of Tigrai and to the fighters in the field, was code-named “Wanza” and sold for millions of Birr in Sudanese markets to the Sudanese...It was my job to control the income from the sale. It amounted to millions of Sudanese pounds. Nor did the money reach the fighters in the field. It was entirely spent for entertainment of the leaders in Khartoum...On occasions food, particularly tinned food was stored and forgotten until it rotted and had to be
thrown away. On one occasion I remember throwing into the river 45,000 quintal of tinned food. This was happening while in Tigrai people were dying of famine in large numbers.

“Then the TPLF received in aid a certain amount of cash. (Officially CIA paid yearly $500,000 as of 1981, see further).

“Aid arrived to the TPLF under the cover name of such NGO’s as Ox-Fam, the Catholic Church, (the Lutheran Mission) etc.”

TPLF income while in the woods, consisted also of various transaction taxes levied in Tigrai: Gebre Medhin, p. 68.

“25 cents for buying or selling a hen; 20 birr for each ox transacted. 100 birr on sale or purchase of mule or camel. You also pay tax on sell or purchase of food crops, butter etc. There were then some commodities that were exempted from taxation. Principal among these were alcoholic drinks. Whisky, dry gin, beer: The TPLF itself imported alcoholic drinks and cigarettes and sold them. Cigarette smoking was highly developed among the TPLF men and women, as it was considered a sign of high civilisation.”

Finally, this last point leads us to the business enterprises run by the TPLF (and EPLF) in Khartoum during the years of guerrilla warfare, as a source of finance. The food aid sold in the markets of Khartoum as well as money from various other sources was invested by the TPLF in various business activities. According to Abrham Yayeh (p.38) the TPLF owned agricultural farms in the Sudan, run car repair services, rented transport lorries,..... Naturally, in the process individual leaders of the TPLF accumulated private personal wealth. I believe Meles’s wife Weizero Azeb had gained her experience in printing businesses back in Khartoum! She now has a near to monopoly hold on the entire paper and printing business in Ethiopia! Every chapter of political, commercial, military etc., crimes and robberies taught by the text books of the CIA, perpetrated by the TPLF guerrilla in Tigrai during the years of guerrilla warfare, they have repeated in the whole of Ethiopia since May 1991. Abrham adds: “The Sudan government fully collaborated with them.” This does not surprise us. We have seen, in our papers on the sell of the Falasha to Israel, that the Sudan government of President Nimeiry was itself in the pay of the CIA.

Then Gebre Medhin gives us a glimpse of how TPLF treasury spent its money. (p.66) Here is how the TPLF celebrated the festivities upon the foundation of the so called “Marxist_Leninist League of Tigrai” - MLLT in June 1985.

“During the same period of famine when people were dying in large numbers in Tigrai, the TPLF has celebrated in huge festivities the foundation of the MLLT. We have drunk whisky like water. Beer, tej and the rest were all served in abundance. We used to slaughter seven oxen a day during the festivities. (For food) we also served imported food and fruits.

Compare the similarity with the scandal of the 500,000 bottles of Whisky imported by the “Marxist” Derg’ for the celebrations and festivities in 1984 upon the foundation of the so called “Workers Party of Ethiopia” in period of the great Ethiopian famine! (On the subject read my: “Free Soldiers and Ethiopian Bondage : Yet another Military Dictatorship after the Derg; The Military Vision of Major Dawit W.G“ as told in “Red Tears”, Rome, March 1989)
OFFICIAL AMERICAN RECOGNITION CIA-TPLF CONNECTIONS

Under the Reagan administration, at the height of the Cold War against the Soviet Union and communism, Vice-President George Bush’s visit to the Sudan in the first week of March 1985 is believed to have enormously boosted not only U.S clandestine support to the Falasha air-lift to Israel, (for which he was awarded recently by Zionists a special prize of recognition), but also to the EPLF-TPLF as CIA “dogs of war” against Ethiopia. It must not be forgotten that George Bush senior was the Director of the CIA following the American and CIA defeat Vietnam War, since January 1976 to 1977, in the hot years of the Cold War. The CIA attributes to George Bush its revival and the change in public attitude towards it. He was since then deeply committed to advance the CIA as the defenders of America’s vital interests”, for “love of their country”, for which they risk their lives.” George Bush is acclaimed for unfailingly promoting CIA interests as Vice-President of the United States, under Reagan, 1980-1988, and as President since 1988. That as also why the, “because of the special bond between the CIA and George Bush ”,” and because, “as George Tenett, present Director of the CIA said, “You restored America’s trust in the CIA”, because “you were a staunch defender of the need for human intelligence - for espionage”. the organisation has chosen to dedicate in April 1999 its headquarters in Langley, Virginia, as the “George Bush Center for Intelligence.” George Bush senior was generously acclaimed for the war he waged against Soviet Communism and for what they call the “free world”, that is the capitalist world dominated by corporate America. It was also George Bush who consecrated the end of the “Cold War”, the end of the Soviet Union, and the beginning of what he called a “New World Order” with America as the unique superpower, that we have been living since then. George Bush Senior defined the role of the CIA in the “New World Order” as being, among other things, fighting against fundamentalism and terrorism - including, significantly, nationalism and all struggles for national liberation among the poor in the Third World.

George Bush Senior and others at the dedication ceremony in April 1999, have defined the CIA, true or false, as people inspired by “love of country”, by patriotism, people ready to die to serve the “vital interests” of their country, while undermining and eroding other peoples nationalism and “vital interests”, in particular those of the damned poor of the earth. Creating a “second loyalty” by brainwashing, buying, employing and corrupting nationals of Africa. As Lemarchand wrote, “what is involved here is nothing less than an attempt to hamper the growth of individual (and group) loyalties to the African state.”. This is a standing CIA policy, as we have already said: I repeat the insertion of René Lemarchand (“Dirty Work: The CIA in Africa”, p. 30)

“The U.S. should make increasing use of non-nationals (both individuals and organizations) who with effort at Indoctrination and training, should be encouraged to develop a second loyalty…Such career agents should be encouraged…with a prospect of long term employment to develop a second loyalty… and a community of interests.

The list of Ethiopian individuals who qualify for their adoption of a second CIA American loyalty at the expense of loyalty to Ethiopia, is long and gets longer with every day that passes: EPLF, TPLF, OLF, OPDO, EPDA, and to a measure EPRP and in particular K (the “Marxist” trained and recruited by the CIA in Moscow! The “Marxist” turned American propagandist and TPLF collaborator at the VOA !

The expert in hiding people’s names under initials; the expert in identifying
Ethiopians by their “tribe” and classifying them for “self determination up to secession”! The killer of Fikre Merid, my dear friend, and so many other Ethiopian intellectuals including Members of the EPRP according to denunciations of former EPRP members and by his own confession!! Then we have the classic CIA Mafia killers and scoundrels: Enderyas Eshete, the “U.N expert” Abdul Mohamed Aba Bora, Henock Kifle, Kifle Wedajo, Fesseha Tseyon Teke the Patriarch – maker and co. – “ILO experts” and the rest etc. etc…) I keep asking again and again, and again without any answer from any quarter: Have we as a people, as Ethiopians, been reduced to the status of a rightless pariah? Have we no right to justice!!!

Following George Bush’s visit to Khartoum, CIA under-cover aid to the EPLF-TPLF was intensified. Finally in April 1986, the U.S under Reagan comes out openly in support of the EPLF–TPLF against what was called the “Marxist” Derg: On April 27, 1986 we read in London’s Daily Telegraph:

“U.S-MOSCOW CLASH LOOMS OVER ETHIOPIA”
BY Norman Kirkham, Diplomatic correspondent:

“Prospect for a confrontation between Russia and America in Ethiopia are looming After reports yesterday that Mr. Gorbaciov has sent in another 4,000 military advisers While President Reagan is backing London-based oppositon (EPDA) and would aid rebels.

Western diplomatic reports estimate that Moscow has Built up her army of military technicians, instructors, troops, and pilots helping the Marxist government to an unprecedented 7500 in preparation for a new offensive against Eritrean guerrillas.

But in Washington, yesterday there are indications, that President Reagan was planning to increase covert Central Intelligent Agency support for the anti-government rebels in Eritrea and Tigray.

Informed sources in Washington disclosed that since
1981, the CIA with the President’s authorisation, had provided about $500,000 a year to finance the propaganda and resistance (?) of the Ethiopian People’s Democratic Alliance (EPDA)

The EPDA is described by other exiled Ethiopian organisations as being weak militarily. Its main importance to America is political, and only a handful of people work for the alliance here.

One problem for the President Reagan in sponsoring the Resistance to Addis Ababa is that the guerrilla organisations in Eritrea and Tigray are themselves predominantly left wing.

We will talk of the EPDA at a later stage. Suffice it to say at this stage that the EPDA was weak because the CIA has refused to give it arms to fight the Derg because a good number of EPDA leaders were committed to democracy and Ethiopian unity. That was not acceptable to the CIA whose agenda did not foresee a united Ethiopia after the Derg, but a dismembered one. And hence its preference to the EPLF and the TPLF. EPDA had written in one of its papers (Ethio-Forum July 1988):

“The West has been supporting opposition forces, whose secessionist and Marxist–Leninist policies it opposes in principle, for the simple reason that those forces have been willing to engage the central government in endless armed conflict. The West has done this for the purpose of harassing the Soviets. On moral grounds, this waging of PROXY WAR IN THE Third World has always been reprehensible. In the era of glasnost, when new relationships are being explored between East and West on all levels, this behaviour is also no longer politically acceptable.

According to Africa Confidential (July 1, 1988) in 1987, the amount of aid reaching the fronts was “reliably” estimated at US $ 170 million. This included food, medicines, fuel and ammunition—all vital to the guerrillas. And according to Washington Post which quoted government officials, the United States had decided to deliver aid to the TPLF and EPLF via Sudan thus ignoring the Derg’s state of emergency declared on May 15, 1988 (see below) and its “forbidden zone”. The US agency for International Development, a common Trojan horse for the CIA:

“Mr Bart Kull of the U.S.A.I.D told Washington Post that more than 36,000 tonnes of the total 53,000 of food aid earmarked for Ethiopia during May, and 10,000 to be delivered in June had been diverted to other programmes” without saying specifically that they were for areas under the control of Eritrean and Tigrean rebel groups. However, other USAID officials who asked to remain unidentified confirmed the existence of the plan. The non-governmental humanitarian organisation Lutheran World Relief could be the intermediary between the United States authorities and both the Eritrean Relief Association (ERA) and the Relief Society of Tigré which are affiliated respectively to the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front and the Tigrai Peoples Liberation Front” (Africa Research Bulletin, June 30, 1988)

All in all, the total CIA Aid to the EPLF-TPLF by May 1991—the date of their victory against the Derg, has been reported as follows by Sunday Telegraph:

FOOD FOR WAR: U.S (C.I.A.) FOOD AND FINANCIAL AID TO TIGRAI AND ERITREAN GUERRILLA FORCES FIGHTING THE PRO-SOVIET DERG:

Sunday Telegraph - June 2, 1991
U.S government documents show that the covert programme (of food aid to the EPLF-TPLF) began in 1984 with a gift of 5000 tons of wheat, insufficient to stem the exodus of 500,000 refugees into Sudan. The programme then escalated rapidly. In 1985, 40,700 tons illegally entered Ethiopia through the back door, along with cash to buy another 300,500 tons, and by 1987 two-thirds of the population at risk from famine was being fed via the secret route. All the food was in unmarked bags. In all cases the U.S. government insisted that none of its officials should cross the border illegally with the food. Distribution was monitored by a New York Church charity, LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, using European aid workers (the famous N.G.O’s). By 1988 another year of bad crop failure, the figure had risen to 150,000 tons; Last year according to the documents, two-thirds of the 377,000 tons supplied via Sudan came from the U.S.

THE TREACHEROUS TREATMENT OF EPDA BY THE CIA, AS TOLD BY COMMODORE TASEW

Shortly before the end of the EPLF-TPLF war against the derg with certainly over 500,000 Ethiopians dead if not a million, the CIA was preparing the EPLF-TPLF for the takeover of power in Ethiopia. It is as a chapter of this strategy that the CIA decides to treat treacherously its own creation the EPDA which it had used as an instrument until it was no more useful and had to be thrown away. The story of the last days of the EPDA in Khartoum is told us by Commodore Tasew who was the President of the EPDA with a determined stand to serve the cause of Ethiopian unity to the end. As such Commodore Tasew was an element to be liquidated by the CIA and its proxy agents the EPLF-TPLF as well as by the loyalist wing in EPDA in the service of the CIA led by Dereje Deresa. This is how the story was told by Commodore Tasew; “yeetiopia andenet teztana tegel, 1998” p.190

“America’s anti-Ethiopian unity policy had become clear to us beyond any doubt when the US had started to identify itself closely with the EPLF and TPLF and had decided to hand over power in Ethiopia from the Derg to the EPLF-TPLF. It was also then that the CIA had come out openly to block the forces of Ethiopian unity and serve the cause of Ethiopian dismemberment. This had become clear at the Toronto Conference which was held from Hamle 12 to Hamle 15 (July 1990) with the object of creating a democratic united front of forces committed to Ethiopian unity for the formation of a transitional government to replace the expiring Derg. And as this objective was contrary to the US strategy to replace the derg by EPLF-TPLF those loyal to the CIA had done everything to sabotage and disrupt the Conference before it achieves its objectives. I was one of the persons responsible in organising the Toronto Conference with the objective of achieving the unity of pro-unity forces and, as President of EPDA, I was preparing to lead the EPDA delegation to Toronto when I was told to go urgently to Khartoum (Sudan) where I was told my service was needed urgently. Replacing me to lead the EPDA delegation to Toronto was assigned Dereje Deressa, EPDA secretary General. It was only upon arrival in Khartoum that I understood the CIA mischief to avoid my presence at Toronto. At this point CIA was engaged in bringing together forces that will form the entourage of EPLF-TPLF and follow them applauding to the power pedestal in Addis Ababa so as to give them the appearance of popular support while alienating pro-unity forces and individuals.

Regarding the EPDA, which was dependent on the financial support from the United States
was an organisation dedicated to Ethiopian unity and democracy. The founding members of EPDA were selected from adherents of all religions, gender and nationalities (beher). The inclusion of "nationalities" as criteria shows that EPDA’s stand regarding Ethiopian unity was not uniform as the presence of people like Dr. Abrham Demoz committed to TPLF-EPLF would show as Ato Kifle charged. Ato Kifle also challenged the commitment to Ethiopian unity of the Welega group led by Dereje and Hanna committed to the Galla cause. In fact that was the true cause for the later break up of EPDA and the creation of Ketet. The EPDA founding members were

1. Colonel Alemayehu Asfaw
2. Colonel Solomon Belete
3. Commodore Tasew Desta
4. Shambel Asrat Deferesu
5. Shaleqa Yosef Yazew
6. Ato Dereje Deressa
7. Ato Solomon Deressa
8. Dr. Adem Abella
9. Ato Yohannes Meshesha
10. Engineer Moges Beruk
11. Sto Daniel Mesfin
12. Wizero Hanna Yilma
13. Ato Kifle Wedajo
14. Colonel Alemayehu Asfaw
15. Colonel Emru Wonde
16. Colonel Asnake Engeda
17. Colonel Solomon Belete
18. Captain Hassan Seyid
19. Qegnazmach Ardamis Sahle

(Those were the Cold War years of struggle between the US and the Soviet Union. and the CIA had decided to finance the EPDA When it was formed in 1981, not because America cared about the sufferings of the Ethiopian people but to serve its national interests and defeat communism and its rival the Soviet Union in the Horn of Africa. It was well known that the US was financing at the same time the EPLF and TPLF secessionist forces opposed to Ethiopian unity and territorial integrity. Thus American policy in Ethiopia was not only anti-communist but also anti-Ethiopian)

But the division and struggle between pro-unity and anti-unity elements in EPDA becomes Futile as the CIA brings all its loyalists to adjust their political programme and now serve Weyane-Sha’abia objectives: This was how CIA intended to achieve that objective.

I. the first strategy was to divide the EPDA into two factions those who accept to serve Weyane objectives. In fact this was arranged in advance and the individuals were made to meet Weyane and Sha’abia leaders, socialise and befriend with them at the expense of EPDA. Those who were selected to establish friendship with Weyane and Sha’abia were

1. Hanna Yilma (daughter of Yilma Deressa)
2. Shambel (Captain) Asrat Deferesu who will die poisoned following Weyane entry into Addis Ababa

- “Ato Dereje Deressa, although he had no direct contact with Weyane and Sha’abia, it was him who coordinated the steps taken by Hanna Deressa and Asrat Deferesu. When I called Dereje Deressa in his sick bed to wish him rapid recovery, the late Dereje admitted his error. But that was after the TPLF and EPLF had entered Addis Ababa and taken power.
- “The collaboration with Weyane and Sha’abia of the above three characters who were responsible for the propaganda, diplomacy and public relations of EPDA had highly
crippled our party.

“The greatest harm to EPDA was done by Shambel Asrat who living in Khartoum was responsible for the administration of the Ethiopian unity Radio near Khartoum which EPDA run with CIA financial support. It was Asrat who had arranged with Weyane’s representative in Khartoum by the name of Fesseha., to hand over our radio to Weyane to serve for the propagation of its anti-Ethiopia programme.

“But what was most shameful and something you would not expect from a power that presents itself as champion of democracy and human rights, was what happened to EPDA members working to run the Ethiopian unity Radio in Khartoum. In order to continue working at the Radio everyone of these EPDA members were required to sign a written commitment renouncing their membership and support to EPDA, in order to continue earning their salary, or leave

“The other step taken by the CIA for the liquidation of EPDA was the reconciliation between EPDA and “Ketet Ethiopia” which had earlier broken away from EPDA following the litigation between Dereje Deressa and Kiflè Wedajo on who should administer CIA’s financial contribution. Kiflè Wedajo having lost his case had left EPDA to form what was called Ketet –Ethiopia engaged since then on all occasions to destroy EPDA. At this last stage the CIA had manipulated the Dereje and Kiflè factions to join hands and form the entourage to bolster TPLF-EPLF march to Addis Ababa and their enthronement in power.

ETHIOPIA AS AN AMERICAN PROXY COLONY

America as the unique universal superpower since the end of the Cold War and crumble of the Soviet Union decides to put into effect its long time Red Sea and Horn of Africa Policy and hands over Ethiopia to TPLF a long-time CIA anti-unity tribalist Puppet to break up Ethiopia, while handing over Asmara to another CIA agent since 1969, Issayas Afework, to rule over an independent Eritrea unilaterally breaking away from Ethiopia. The CIA has been arming both Issayas and Meles since 1969 and 1975 respectively, up to victory against the Derg in May 1991. SINCE THEN Ethiopia has become an american colony ruled through CIA agents and local banda proxy.

Western scholars, at war with the views of Noam Chomsky, give a blind eye and do not want to see American bull-dozer Imperialism as a factor of world politics. Chomsky dealing with “the Responsibility of intellectuals” calls them the “secular priesthood” engaged in the “manufacture of consent”. Noam Chomsky dealt poignantly with American imperialism in Vietnam. “Vietnam” as Chomsky says, “was no great aberration in American life.; to understand it fully is to face all-too-standard U:S. operating procedures. A confrontation ultimately with a nation whose foreign policy is a record of ruthless pursuits of its imperial self-interest as violent as any great power in history.”

Thus also, to Western scholars with very few exceptions, all becomes African politics, Ethiopian, Eritrean politics, Meles, Issayas, not banda proxy marionettes groomed, armed, fed, and set in power by imperialism, for an indefinite period, in a marionette
democracy, without opposition, killing and arresting with impunity whom the Western “free” propaganda, treats as sovereign independent “extreme democrats,” free from and uninfluenced by any super-power imperialism and its secret agents the CIA or MI 5. 
Hence Paul Henze the veteran CIA agent, principal puppet master in Addis Ababa, and the principal destroyer of Ethiopian independence, sovereignty and unity, a professional deformer, disinfomer and liar in the service of American imperialism, has been accepted with open arms by western “scholars” as one of them, worth wasting their time analysing his garbage on Ethiopia. It is a pity that even Christopher Clapham, an otherwise respectable political analyst of the Ethiopian government and society, has not been any different in this respect.

**DEMOCRACY IN A COLONY!!** They keep on coming from all the “civilised world” to watch over democracy at work in a “free” African election, in a “free nation” with colourful flags, and they are surprised to find fraud which their agents have engineered in advance. The American democrats and their European allies, the Ambassadors, the Clarks are surprised. With their inbred racism they condemn us: The Africans are hopeless. Has democracy ever existed in the Persian world power colonies, or the Greek empire, or the Roman colonies in the Middle East where they were killing right and left. Was there democracy in the British or the French colonies? What is different with American proxy colonies, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, in Eritrea and Ethiopia, where selectively placed and armed thugs, whose tenure of office is determined in Washington, dependent on their strict service and loyalty to and respect of American petrol and other imperial interests, and always strictly as a function of American military strategy, irrespective of how much they kill and rob the Africans, the Asians. Don’t trust them my brother! You don’t count. The solution my friend is freedom, the solution is freedom!

The London so called “peace Conference”

In the subsequent and now infamous London “Peace Conference” called by the U.S undersecretary for African Affairs, Herman Cohen, at which the Ethiopians naively expected, from a conference chaired by the world’s unique imperialist power, an all-including participation of the Ethiopian political forces and civil society. They had naively hoped that such a conference will produce a transition period of peace and democracy in Ethiopia, and an end to the era of 17 years of military dictatorship of the Derg. The naively entertained the wish that it will bring an end to the era of blood shed on Ethiopia’s south eastern up to 1977 and in particular the on-going bloody war in Eritrea and Tigrai waged by the EPLF-TPLF where Ethiopian lives and resources were being wasted for some thirty years. Instead, that cherished dream of the Ethiopians was dashed by U.S imperialism whose strategic goals to serve its global and regional interests in this strategic area of the Red Sea glutting with oil and gas were served well not by promoting sovereignty, democracy and freedom in Ethiopia but by perpetuating slavery and bloodshed. Thus at the London Conference The U.S handpicked only three anti-Ethiopia organisations long-time agents in the pay of the CIA, namely the EPLF, the TPLF and the OLF because it said they were the only armed organisations. It was ironic for US imperialism to select only armed groups for building a democratic and peaceful transition in Ethiopia. The quantity of arms at one’s disposal must be the basis for selecting forces for war, but could hardly be a requirement for building peace and democracy. So it was clear that the U.S had selected its proxies which it has armed and fed for decades, in an effort to establish uncontested its regional proxy colonial domination.
From the Ethiopian side the caretaker regime of General Tesfaye, a CIA agent, had sent his Prime Minister Tesfaye Dinka, who would soon put himself in the service of Herman Cohen, in the U.S. to “negotiate peace”. In short, as usual with imperialist fake conferences, the people of Ethiopia were not represented at the London conference. The US (Herman Cohen) was negotiating with itself and its men in Addis Ababa. The Ethiopian or Ethiopian-American entourage that followed Herman Cohen at the London Conference giving him a legal coverage included the veteran CIA agents recruited at home and abroad HENOCHE KIFLE, ENDERYAS ESHETE, AND ABDUL MOHAMED ABA BORA. Henoch Kifle was the architect of the Derg’s Proclamation Nationalising Rural land of 1975 that had transferred the Ethiopian peasantry from feudal serfdom to state serfdom. From that date onward the Ethiopian peasantry will become landless and rootless, with no title whatsoever to the land, a non-citizen with whom the state, the Derg and Weyane, could do what they liked. Consequently, destroying the fabrics of Ethiopian peasant economy. That was how the Ethiopian peasantry was subjected to the Derg’s collectivisation and villagisation, changing residential tukul, and village according to the whim of the Derg. Under Weyane the peasants of Gondar, Gojam, Wollo and in particular of Shoa – the “Amhara” who make up the so called “Amhara State”- the principal target of the imperialist dagger, having EPLF Eritreans, or TPLF Tigreans and “hodam” Amharic speaking teletafi compradors as governors - will be reduced to farms of one hectare! Among Herman Cohen’s entourage who consecrated this hand-over of Ethiopian sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence, in London in May 1991, with Enderyas, Henoch and Abdul was also sadly and unexpectedly, PROFESSOR MESFIN WOLDE MARIAM. Regarding Foreign diplomatic presence and internationalisation of the conference there was absolutely nil. The promised Soviet delegation was nowhere. The EU had not sent any delegation either. The whole story was a CIA fabrication to fool the Ethiopians. I had travelled from Rome to London to witness the sell-out and participate in the loud and confrontational demonstration of Ethiopian patriots in the streets of London and in booing Herman Cohen and his banda entourage who collaborated in the sell-out. At London in May there was no negotiation at all. It was only Herman Cohen who conducted the whole show as he pleased in following a completely predetermined and long planned American imperialist strategy for the disposal of Ethiopia. Thus Herman Cohen, had single-handedly decided to pass over government and political power in Ethiopia to the TPLF and EPLF. What was more shocking and insulting to Ethiopians was Cohen’s single handed acceptance of EPLF demand for independence of the province of Eritrea, with all the Red Sea coast, rendering Ethiopia land-locked, without the participation of other factions in Eritrea, and entirely forgetful of the historic rights of the people of the rest of Ethiopia..

Herman Cohen’ scribbling in London, May 1991, on the future of Ethiopia!! That is how we became an
American proxy colony. To a BBC journalist who he asked him how he could do that to an independent and sovereign nation, Herman Cohen had responded: “It does not bother me. No American lives are involved.” The massacres of Ethiopian colonial youth have no value to Herman Cohen.

That is why we believe that Herman Cohen symbolises and personalises the beginning of the advent of Ethiopia as an American proxy-colony which could be dated to May 1991. As of that date Ethiopia has lost her independence and sovereignty. As of that date Ethiopia has lost her entire Red Sea coast on which she commanded since prehistoric ages. As of that date Ethiopia is being governed by a US mandated and armed a tyrant guerrilla mercenary group from Tigrai muzzling the voice of the Ethiopian people. As of that date Ethiopia has no army, police or security forces of its own, all monopolised by the guerrilla group in power. That status defines a colony in historical perspectives.
There were anti-American demonstrations in all the big cities of Ethiopia as well as by the Ethiopian Diaspora in Europe and America.

In homage to our valiant university students and Youth who keep on sacrificing their lives to keep Ethiopia going -

- upon arrival in Addis Ababa May 28, 1991, TPLF guerrillas shot to death several pro-unity youth
All those with a grain of nationalism expressing views in defence of Ethiopian sovereignty and independence are marked x and killed, arrested or chased out of the country to live in exile in millions, in the U.S and in Europe. Whatever nationalist political parties and civil society organisations that may form inside the country or outside are infiltrated through and through by the CIA and agents of the banda regime, or by organisations like the EPRP which are full time engaged in the business of infiltration and destruction of Ethiopian institutions. (We have already expressed our views on the subject at length in our papers in EEDN sometime ago.)

Further individuals groomed and sent from the states who pose as allied parties etc are engaged in the same destructive mission. No wonder therefore, that CUD has been victim to such devastating infiltration on so many sides.

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Dr. Shimeles Tekle Tsadik, of the Rainbow Party and CUD top leadership, in the limelight of Ethiopian free press, here says: “We should block all the outlets through which dictators (the regime) may try to pass through” Abay, Nehase 14, 1997 (August, 2005)

In general CUD leaders right to the top, including Hailu himself, sensing the danger of running an independent party and run for elections, have attempted to survive as American protégés competing to replace Weyane with American support, queuing up at the State Department or at the American Congress, or seeking
counsel and rubbing shoulders with the CIA Trojan Horse Inter Africa Group led by well known CIA agents Abdul Mohamed Abba Bora and Enderyas Eshete, or even the milliardaire secret agent and out and out supporter of the TPLF Sheik Alamoudi, inadvertently or advertently undermining in the process Ethiopian sovereignty and independence.

University tribalisation, infiltration and massacre of students has been particularly commonplace with TPLF-CIA man Enderyas Eshete as University President.

Enderyas Eshete, a well known CIA collaborator here in company of Paul Henze, CIA veteran agent and supervisor of proxy rule in Ethiopia.

On the left: Simeon Bereket, the Eritrean, most anti Ethiopian imperialist thug, first governor of the so called “Amhara State” until recently Minister of Information; beaten at the May election continues to enjoy power as counsellor of Meles Zenawi. Is Ethiopia a free nation?

On the right: Sheik Alamoudi, the Yemenite millionaire, wearing a TPLF electoral campaign shirt with the bee symbol.
Tefera Walwa, a banda ministerial thug, spokesman of anti-ethiopian ideology and tribalist constitution engineered by imperialism, completely lacking any sense or measure of reserve, here he says: “The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is the hiding place of “neftegnoch” or chauvinists “. The man is here paraphrasing the words of Mussolini’s general Graziani, the “butcher,” on the occasion of the massacre of the clergy of Debre Libanos (1937) on account of their role in the patriotic resistance.

Students of the Trinity College have been dismissed by order of the Patriarch for condemning the student massacre of Genbot 29. The photo here is that of Abba Pawlos, the pro-TPLF American CIA elected patriarch of Ethiopia. Pawlos was brought for the purpose from the U.S where he has been resident for many years. Ask the CIA agent the Eritrean Fisseha Tsion Teke who had infiltrated the Ethiopian Church synod election in 1992 distributing money and corrupting the election process in favour of Abba Pawlos. This somehow strikes us as the most shameful hegemony of the CIA because the agency here jokes with our most intimate factor of identity as ancient Ethiopians of whatever denomination.
In memory of the patriotic independent press.

IN MEMORY OF PATRIOT TEFERA ASMARE

"FASCISM IN TIGRAI"

Another article by perhaps the most outspoken Ethiopian free journalist, Tefera Asmara of Ethiopia, which has most negatively exposed TPLF and revealed its true nature to the world has been "Fascism in Tigray," published on Neharu 25, 1985 (August 31, 1983). "Fascism in Tigray" exposed the totalitarian social and political programme of the TPLF as applied inside the "State of Tigray." The leadership - the "gang of four" - of the so-called Marxist Leninist League of Tigray (MLLT) within the TPLF had covered their totalitarian programme with a Marxist cloak in order to hide it, as the CIA initiated "Assayat" EPLF, their true proxy nature bent on the destruction of Ethiopia assuaging and blinding the people's of Tigray. The MLLT-TPLF highly controlled "democratic" mass political organisations - the baltos (people's council) at the (sub-district) and Woreda (district) level - had been applied in the entire "liberated areas," even while TPLF was fighting the Derg, and particularly since its victory over the Derg in May 1991. "Fascism in Tigray" deals mainly with the social totalitarian organisations inside enlarged "Tigray" under TPLF, social programme systematically violating the basic and elementary rights of the people's of Tigray including liberty of movement; liberty of association - in place of qebbes and peasant association we have rigid compartmentalisation in compulsory "associations" of ten from the age of 7. The first age group engrosses those between 7-11. Three groups of ten form a "guhii." The "guhii" is a nucleus of continuous indoctrination, political accusation and counter accusation "self criticism" assembles 2-3 times a week, on inclining Saturday and Sunday, for up to date control of allegiance to TPLF. The system had already been repeatedly denounced in earlier publications by the EPRP. Punishments extending from flagellation to death penalty. In the same way Ethiopia speaks of "Hakeva Weyene" or "Hailewos Sevra," the TPLF underground prison particularly reserved to prominent political opponents and "spies" of the Derg tortured and executed.