

## THE SECRET ACADEMY THAT ISN'T SECRET

It took years to find and arrest the Serbian war criminal Karadzic who was smart enough to hide in full view. But it is even smarter not to hide at all. Millions of otherwise rational human beings are convinced that mysterious sinister organizations control much of what happens on earth – the Masons, the Trilateral Commission, the Illuminati, etc., etc. – but that they are so secret that no one can penetrate them.

I do not believe in secret conspiracies. The organization I describe is not hiding. It does control a major power – Russia - and it is trying very hard to extend its tentacles to the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. Its officers and structure are known, it is proud of its activities and its website is easily accessible for those who read Russian. Its official name is “Academy on problems of security, defense and judicial order” (*Akademia Problem Bezopasnosti, Oborony I Pravoporiadka*) or the acronym ABOP (АБОП).

The Academy was founded by Lt. Colonel Vladimir Putin (yes, that Putin!) after he had returned from his KGB post in East Germany. In 1998 he was appointed head of FSB – the successor of the KGB – by Yeltsin and in 1999 he moved to chair the Russian National Security Council. In August 1999, Yeltsin endorsed Putin to succeed him and the rest is history.

The Academy's president is KGB General Viktor G. Shevchenko, former chief of military counterintelligence of the Strategic Rocket Forces. There are several vice-presidents, most of them high-ranking officers of the security and intelligence services. General Shevchenko, in many of his media interviews, has

credited ABOP's creation to Putin who set its goal as "consolidating the activities of public organizations that are concerned with the problems of national security and defense." The idea was enthusiastically supported by the Security Council, Ministry of Defense, Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Internal Security (MVD) and a number of other impressive governmental departments.

The Academy was registered in August 2000 as "A leading public scientific advisory center of the national security committee of the Duma (parliament) whose task is to provide the scientific and research work that is required for legislative steps in this area." Its by-laws describe it as "An assemblage of scientists who are using science in the interests of security, defense and judicial order of Russia." And then, "The Academy has the right, in order to achieve its declared goals, to collaborate in the decisions of governmental and local authorities." In other words, it has the right to be involved in major decisions that, by law, should be made only by elected legislators and governmental bodies. Apparently, the importance of its members and patrons gives it that right.

Almost all of the current and former important ministers and heads of government bodies are listed as ABOP members. The internet website [www.bop.ru](http://www.bop.ru) lists 141 most important names as members of the Academy. Altogether, the 60 Russian Federation regions, and the 6 affiliates in the former Soviet Union, number 5000 to 8500 more.

Fifteen of these listed as ABOP academicians are quite obviously KGB officers, mostly generals who are heads or deputy heads of ministries. There

are also 15 members of the MVD (Ministry of Interior) with rank of general, and 23 armed forces generals and admirals. There also are 35 high officials – ministers, deputy ministers, governors – including Putin himself. This is followed by 4 businessmen, 12 authentic scientists in responsible positions and 35 cultural and entertainment personalities, including singers, poets, dancers and the like.

In a 2004 interview, General Shevchenko revealed that ADOP had completed 193 scientific studies and 30 scientific research projects for the National Security Council and law enforcement organizations. Apparently there is no shortage of funds to support the giant ABOP structure and, as a sideline, there is enough left for the distribution of countless awards, prizes and gold plated bejeweled medals that are named after military heroes, czars, and even one named after Yuri Andropov (former Soviet Secretary-General and head of the KGB).

ABOP has honored countless individuals, cities, even factories and industrial complexes. Among the recipients are important individuals like Putin, Archbishop Cyril of the city of Smolensk, the city of Magnitogorsk, Turkmenistan dictator Turkmenbashi Nizayev, the despicable politician Vladimir Zhirinovsky, North Korean dictator Kim Il Jung; the Chief Rabbi of Russia Adolf Shaevich (his medal was awarded at a ceremony at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior), German Princess Maya von Hohenzollern, Bavarian Prime Minister Bechstein, East Germany's top spy Marcus Wolf; Belarus President Lukashenko; Iranian politicians, popular Russian (Jewish) singer Kabzon who at one time

enthusiastically co-signed all Soviet anti-Semitic and anti-Israel declarations and who is barred from travel to the U.S. because of his alleged close ties to Russian organized crime, and - closer to home – **members of the City Council of West Hollywood, California, who were presented the medal and citation of the Saint Count Alexander Nevsky by an immigrant from the former Soviet Union!**

Obviously, the policy of awards and medals is just one part of ABAP's goal of penetrating and influencing important and potentially useful individuals in both Russia and abroad. ABOP is an extension of KGB – currently renamed FSB – an enormous structure that is hidden in plain view, supported by governmental funds, and staffed by “academicians” who are in control of all of the important governmental structures and whose patron is Vladimir Putin and his secret police colleagues.

Recently ABOP has branched out by creating the autonomous non-commercial organization of National Security, Defense and Judicial Order (ANBOP). It is described as a non-governmental institute/university for the education of future lawyers, managers and specialists in national and local management. The courses last between 2 to 3 years but may be accelerated to last less than a year. Foreign intelligence sources believe that ANBOP creates a neutral civilian cover and background for undercover FSB officers. ANBOP accepts applicants from only Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Kirgizstan, after a mandatory personal interview, but welcomes **applicants who are former**

**Russian citizens now living abroad regardless of their current citizenship,** and foreigners of any nationality who are living in Russia at present.

In 2001 ANBOP and the Psychological Service of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (RF) jointly created the Moscow Psychological University (MPU) to explore and teach extreme psychology and psychotherapy.

MPU's brochure admits that it is an unusual educational institution. It promises that the student can, "...within just 8 months become a specialist in an important field that will allow you to gain an appropriate position within the psychological community.... The program offers master classes given by high level specialists...MPU was selected by the Russian Defense Ministry as the center for the training of military psychologists and therapists... The basic topic is "Neuro-linguistic programming" – the use of hidden teaches how to immediately establish contact with anyone and develop an attitude of trust, to form an attachment and direct the needed corrections in the subject's thoughts and actions. This is why this psycho technology is used in political and publicity campaigns, in managing various organizations, in propaganda, etc. "

ABOP also offers training to auditors and controls a private auditing company, "The Russian House of Audits." Here is an excerpt from its website:

"During an audit every company or organization discloses its entire financial and economic structure....**Since our main concern is the economic safety of the government,** our Academy has an additional opportunity to strengthen the economic safety of the audited organizations by using the information it gathers...The main goal of this project is to use the audit in the interest of

national safety and security for the entire country and for the nation's separate regions.”

Translated into everyday language, it means that the secret police has formed an instrument that will access private information that will be used by the government and those who control the nation.

ABOP has a book publishing affiliate that specializes in anti-American propaganda. Its most recent publication is “The Conceited Eagle” which blames the U.S. for most of the evil in the world.

So, sometimes it is smarter not to hide.