

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

Europe tightens noose on terrorists; will U.S. do the same?

Late breaking developments indicate that the French, Italian, and West German counterterror efforts are converging on a full-scale indictment of the Israeli Mossad as the operational command running all terrorism in Europe—both “left-wing” and “right-wing.” According to one confidential source, holding together the financing, safehousing, recruiting, and logistical supporting of the Red Brigades, the Baader-Meinhof Red Army Faction, and the separatist and environmentalist networks is made in Israel.

Last winter, it will be recalled, the Italian antiterror chief General Alberto Dalla Chiesa had issued evidence that Baader-Meinhof gang founder Joaquim Klein, who masterminded the 1975 raid against a Vienna OPEC meeting, was a known agent of the Mossad. He is also an associate of Jean-Paul Sartre. The West German Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), soon thereafter published corroborating evidence including the name of the Israeli kibbutz where Klein was being debriefed and received new identification papers. Similar evidence was surfaced by French authorities concerning Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

But it was the bombing earlier this month of a French nuclear plant construction site near Marseille, that prompted European officials to act on the existing knowledge of the Mossad terror ring. West German Interior Ministry officials—who previously relied on Mossad intelligence on

Palestinian “terrorist activities”—established direct contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization’s security personnel to compare notes regarding the murder of a top security aide to Yasser Arafat.

The meeting, according to reports in the April 24 issue of the *New York Times*, not only allayed German fears of a wave of “PLO” terrorism against Federal Republic targets. The cross-gridding established that a British-born woman had been placed into West German security circles under the direction of a “foreign intelligence service” which the *Times* acknowledged was believed to be Israeli.

New signs have emerged that major breakthroughs are about to be announced in the still-unsolved 1977 assassinations of West German banker and leading organizer for the new world economic order Juergen Ponto and industrialist Hans-Martin Schleyer. *Die Welt* of April 26 reported that the BKA is moving in on Baader-Meinhof fugitives Christian Klarr and Susanne Albrecht.

Meanwhile, back in the U.S.

Two developments in the United States this week indicate that the American counterparts to the French, Italian, German security services are not acting in coordination with their European colleagues.

First, Mayor Jane Byrne of Chicago announced the appointment of Patrick Murphy to the position of Police Commissioner.

Murphy, an advocate of police counterinsurgency, was a recent special guest of the London Ditchley Foundation at a conference called to plot out further terrorist operations for Europe. To insure the Police Commission endorsement of Murphy, Byrne named former Attorney General Edward Levi as the commission’s head. Levi earned the wrath of many U.S. law enforcement and security personnel with his authorship of the guidelines that have hamstrung all effective counterterror operations—including some of the very methods successfully employed in recent months in Europe.

Second, on April 25, John Sherman—leader of the George Jackson Brigade terrorist gang—escaped from a northern California prison. Sherman’s arrest and the virtual shut down of the George Jackson Brigade in 1977 came, in part, as the result of a dossier circulated widely among law enforcement officials identifying the “above ground” support networks behind the group and proposing that FBI, state and local police cooperate to establish a surveillance screen.

Important for the U.S. picture is the fact that a \$25 million law suit has been filed in New York State Court against the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai Brith—a domestic channel for Israeli intelligence operations, including terrorism. Within the next three weeks, that case—filed by the U.S. Labor Party—may go into deposition phase and significant revelations could be forthcoming of the “Zionist glue” behind critical features of the terrorist problem here.

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