

Tulsa trial adds twist to Oklahoma bomb plot

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One of the most bizarre facets of the still-unsolved bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in April 1995, revolves around a British Israelite compound in eastern Oklahoma called Elohim City, where Timothy McVeigh knew several people, including a mysterious German national, Andre Strassmeier, and where he made phone contact just prior to the bombing. In early August, details of the Elohim City compound came out at the bomb plot trial in Tulsa of Carol Howe, who was indicted last December on charges that she and her husband, who were the co-founders and, apparently, the only members of the "National Socialist Alliance of Oklahoma," had put out a telephone hot-line message, threatening to carry out 15 bombings around the state.

At Howe's trial (her husband was convicted a few months ago), evidence came out that she had been an informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, providing information on the activities of Dennis Mahon, an internationally active neo-Nazi, who is himself widely suspected of being a government informant-provocateur. When the FBI raided her home, they were reportedly unaware that Howe was working for the ATF. Howe had told her ATF controller, in December 1994, that the head of the Elohim City compound, Robert Millar, had talked about bombing Federal buildings and other sites. Attorneys for McVeigh had tried, unsuccessfully, to call Howe as a witness at the Denver trial, to demonstrate both that there was a broader plot behind the Oklahoma City bombing, and to suggest that the government had prior knowledge of a bomb threat but took no action. Federal District Court Judge Richard Matsch refused to allow Howe to testify, after government attorneys argued that her prior reports of bomb plots had been "too general" to be considered relevant to the Oklahoma incident. Matsch's blocking of the Howe testimony is one of the issues at the center of McVeigh's appeal, and demand for a new trial.

On Aug. 1, Howe was found not guilty on all charges. Her attorneys had argued that her involvement with the alleged bomb threats had been solely in her capacity as an undercover informant for the ATF and the FBI, and that the government had vindictively prosecuted her because she had revealed that the government knew in advance that there was a danger of a bomb attack against the Murrah Federal Building, and took no action to prevent the attack from occurring.

As *EIR* has reported, McVeigh and Terry Nichols could not have carried out the bombing without the aid of sophisti-

cated demolition experts. Government sources directly involved in the Oklahoma bomb probe, told *EIR* researchers, shortly after the bombing, that neither McVeigh, nor Nichols, nor any of their known associates, possessed the skills to design, construct, and deliver a bomb capable of bringing down the Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people. And, the Federal grand jury indictment of the two men listed several "John Does," still unknown co-conspirators, whom the grand jurors believed had been part of the plot. Federal authorities recently confirmed to *EIR* that the Oklahoma bombing investigation is still open, meaning that government investigators, too, believe that the case has not been fully solved. However, sources also complained that the FBI has pulled most of the investigative resources out of the case, and the Justice Department appears committed to covering up the broader plot, by pinning the blame entirely on McVeigh and Nichols. It is in this context that the testimony of Howe emerges as a significant feature of the defense of McVeigh, and of Nichols, who is scheduled to go on trial in the autumn.

British Israelite networks

It is not yet clear whether the Elohim City leads are key to the Oklahoma City bombing, but given that the compound is part of the British Israelite networks penetrated into the United States, it is worth pursuing. In coming weeks, *EIR* will publish an exposé of nominally private security companies, all controlled, top-down, by official agencies of the British Crown, in irregular warfare, directed against the nation-states of Africa, Ibero-America, and the United States. The section dealing with the United States will expose the role of the Church of England in sponsoring "low church" British Israelite cults, that have penetrated the U.S. military, and recruited an army of terrorists, who constitute the violent core of the so-called "militia movement."

At the time of the Oklahoma bombing, *EIR* spotlighted the role of British propagandists Ambrose Evans-Pritchard and Lord William Rees-Mogg, who were touting the militias, and suggesting prior knowledge on their part that there was to be a major escalation of the "strategy of tension" that has targetted the United States ever since President Clinton's inauguration. Evans-Pritchard is a second-generation British intelligence operative, whose father was a cultural anthropologist involved in field studies aimed at creating controlled "countergangs" to foment tribal and ethnic violence.

Another lead that has not been adequately pursued, is indications that Nichols had links to British-sponsored "Afghansi" mujahideen terrorist networks operating in the Philippines. Nichols frequently travelled there prior to the bombing, despite no visible means of support; and, he was in Sabu City at the same time that Ramzi Yousef, an Afghansi terrorist now on trial as the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing, was there. Yousef, in turn, is an asset of Osama bin Laden, the expatriate Saudi millionaire who has been identified as a patron of the Afghansi terrorist apparatus.