

Synarchist Strategy of Terrorism Hits Europe

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As U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche warned in widely circulated campaign statements since mid-August, Eurasia is being hit with a wave of “strategy of tension” terrorism; it is coming from the Synarchist International right-wing terror cells that LaRouche pinpointed, describing their regroupment meetings in Fall 2002 in Spain and Italy..

The candidate’s warnings began after U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney appeared at the neo-conservative Washington think tank, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), on Aug. 9, saying that “new 9/11” attacks were a near-certainty. For Cheney and his neo-conservative allies, who are under mounting attack for their abysmal Iraq War and aftermath, such a strategy of terror is “just what the doctor ordered” to change the strategic agenda, and pave the way for new crackdowns on civil liberties at home, and new wars in Eurasia.

Sweden Only One Target

In mid-September, a number of dramatic events signalled that the Synarchist terror offensive is under way—in European countries that opposed the Bush-Blair Iraq War.

European governments were suddenly challenged by a wave of terrorist threats. In Sweden, on Sept. 10, Foreign Minister Anna Lindh was stabbed, and died the next early morning in the hospital; in Munich, Germany, police made known on Sept. 10, that they had arrested six members of a neo-Nazi terrorist cell and foiled potentially disastrous bomb attacks; also in Germany, anonymous phone calls threatening bomb attacks, forced police to shut down the entire area of the Düsseldorf Airport and surrounding highways for most of Sept. 14; in France, anti-terror brigades arrested several cells of right-wing extremists that had planned bomb and arson attacks on mosques and other sites frequented by Muslims. And in Russia, the Caucasus and neighboring southern Russian regions have been subjected to almost daily terrorist bombings, leaving a heavy human toll.

The main targets of this new terrorism wave are the three countries that opposed the Iraq War—France, Germany, Russia; and Sweden’s Foreign Minister Lindh had been one of the harshest critics, among European diplomats, of the confrontationist policies of both the Bush Administration and the Sharon government in Israel. Is this a guiding pattern behind the new terrorism, or is it just one aspect? What is interesting is the fact that, after the assassination of Anna Lindh, protection measures for politicians were upgraded throughout Europe; and the related fact that the German police—which, like their

fellow law enforcement agencies in other countries, would usually increase patrols after anonymous bomb threats (which are coming in daily), this time decided to risk no misevaluation, and shut down the Düsseldorf airport completely.

This abrupt change in dealing with threats, indicates that at least some influential people in the European counter-terror agencies seem to know something, that the broader public has not yet been told.

The announcement by Munich police on Sept. 10 that police had arrested six neo-Nazis there and in two cities in northeastern Germany, spotlights an alarming affair, indeed. In pursuing the background of the mid-July bloody fistfights between Munich’s skinhead gangs, police had found a bag full of explosives in the flat and the office of one skinhead in early August. Toward the end of August, raids yielded even more explosives, plus firearms, hand grenades, axes, and knives. On Sept. 9, they made the six arrests. Unlike the typical skinheads—who prefer to use baseball bats, often with fatal consequences for their usually leftist victims—this particular neo-Nazi group was apparently planning to stage a number of bomb attacks against leading political figures. The 1.7 kilograms of dynamite and 12 kilograms of other explosives that police seized would have sufficed to cause many human casualties: by comparison, in October 1980, a bomb made from 1.3 kg of dynamite killed 13 and wounded dozens of others, when it exploded at the entrance of Munich’s traditional Oktoberfest. That bomb-maker was a young neo-Nazi.

Both the six suspects arrested on Sept. 9, and three more in the days afterward were members of “Kameradschaft Süd,” a group notorious even among the broader radical right-wing scene, for its special fascination with firearms and explosives. Its leader, Martin Wiese, is listed on the website of the British neo-Nazi “Combat 18” (18 is a numerological reference to Adolf Hitler’s initials). Combat 18 is not only charged with numerous shrapnel-bomb attacks on foreign residents in Britain, from the mid-1990s on; it is also of particular interest, because its leaders seem to have close relations to anti-terrorist sections of Britain’s police. In 1995, the London *Observer* revealed that Charley Sargent, a leader of the group, actually worked for the Special Branch unit of the police.

Similarly, in the case of Germany’s right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD)—which neo-Nazi extremist gangs use as a recruiting ground, especially from among the NPD’s more radicalized currents, including the party youth—some NPD leaders actually worked as “informants” for the police anti-terror agencies. And, there are large overlaps of Combat 18 with organized crime elements, such as the Hell’s Angels gangs in northern Europe (prostitution, drugs, and arms smuggling), the Hammer Skins in Switzerland, and the Forza Nuova neo-Fascists in Italy.

Aimed at Both Jewish and Islamic Sites

A murky network exists here, that needs to be looked into more closely, in investigating the current right-wing terrorist wave in Europe, in order to identify and neutralize the com-

LaRouche's Assessment of Lindh Assassination

Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche was asked by a journalist on Sept. 11 in Los Angeles, and by a Democratic Party official at his town meeting in Burbank that night, about the killing of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh. This reply was given at the Burbank meeting.

You have to look very carefully at this. Now, in late 2002—I've reported on this on other occasions—there was an international rally in Spain of international fascist organizations of a very specific type, called the Synarchist International. The organization was assembled around a figure who had been an official of the Franco regime, and who is sort of the leading fascist figure of Spain today, Blas Piñar. The groups brought together included groups like the New Right This, the New Order This, and so forth.

Now, these groups are not just your basic—we discussed yesterday this question of the "Freddie" principle, or from "Friday the Thirteenth," and you have a lot of people who look at the Hitler image and all the horrible stories around the Hitler image, and they react like fans of Freddie or of Jason in "Friday the Thirteenth." They're so impressed and so awed by this figure that they want to emulate it. So, these are just fools. They're dangerous fools. . . . But that's not the real problem. You've got some *real* ones, and they come from ancient times.

For example, let's take one case, the case of Aldo Moro, the former Prime Minister of Italy who was subjected to kidnapping and assassination, at least on the political orders, personally, of Henry Kissinger, who delivered the threat—personally—to Aldo Moro, in a meeting of CSIS in Washington, D.C. And the execution was carried out by a Synarchist network in Italy, of this type. The Italian group came out of World War II; these were part of the Fascist secret police organization. They were brought into the Gladio organization—this special Gladio opera-

tion in the postwar period—by the British and American authorities, and they are assets of NATO. Now, these people are the key to most of the serious assassination waves in Europe, say, in the 1970s: the Bologna train station bombing.

Now, people of this type, groups that are associated with that kind of activity, are being regrouped around the world today. They're being regrouped in South America, where there's a very strong right-wing and left-wing Synarchist alliance. I know the history of this thing pretty much like the back of my hand.

Now, the danger here: We're in a period, where . . . Anna Lindh, the Foreign Minister of Sweden, was targeted by Synarchist circles. She was killed—I don't know who killed her, I don't know who the assassin is—but what I do know, is that looking at this from the standpoint of government—as a person who is seeking to assume responsibilities for our government—how do we react to something like this? Do we react by saying, we're going to get the perpetrator, and that's everything? We do, and we don't. . . . You try to find the perpetrator, you try to solve the mystery. You must. But your policy does not depend on finding the perpetrator. Your policy says, what is the situation in society which lets something like this loose? And you have to intervene, and I say intervene now, to recognize that the greatest danger in every part of the planet, to the social order, including things like this, is Synarchism.

The Synarchist International is alive and unwell, in the world today. It's reactivated for the same reason that what happened on Sept. 11, 2001 happened. The time has come, when certain financial interests—of the same type that were behind the Jacobin Terror, behind Napoleon Bonaparte, behind Napoleon III, behind all kinds of things—this thing is still there, these interests are still there. These are the people who were behind Hitler back in the 1930s; they're still around, or their interests are. . . . They're still a force, and they're very active today.

And what controls Cheney, and the neo-cons around him, are precisely that group. These groups are killers. These are people who use terrorism as a method.

mand centers. According to the German investigators of the Munich nexus, one of its potential bombing targets, besides the Oktoberfest, was the Nov. 9 groundbreaking ceremony of the new Jewish synagogue, which is scheduled to be attended by German President Johannes Rau, Bavarian Gov. Edmund Stoiber, the chairman of the Jewish Community in Germany Paul Spiegel, as well as other Jewish and non-Jewish prominent individuals.

But another aspect in the Munich case deserves special attention, as well: Internet and computer disc evidence that

police seized in the raids, showed that the neo-Nazis had gathered some detailed information not only on Jewish sites in and around Munich, but also on Islamic ones. Had the neo-Nazis been able to carry out their bombing plans, Germany would have been discredited in the eyes of the entire Islamic world. The main benefactor from that would have been those forces that are displeased with Germany's good relations with Arab and Islamic states. These relations were exactly the main reason for the German elites not to join an Iraq War which they figured would lead into a clash of religions and civilizations.