FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

FALN jailbreak a warning

The escape of Fuezas Armadas de Liberacion National (FALN) terrorist William Morales from the corrections wing of Bellevue Hospital in New York last month should serve as a warning to U.S. law enforcement agencies that a wave of domestic terrorism can be expected in the near future.

Morales, who had his hands blown off and his face nearly destroyed when the bomb factory in his Queens apartment accidently blew up last year, was the only member of the FALN who had been apprehended since the group first emerged in October 1974. The other known members of the group presently being sought by the FBI include Carlos Alberto Torres, his wife Haydee Torres-Beltran, Oscar Lopez Rivera, and Rivera's girlfriend, Lucy Rivera.

The "facts" of the escape itself are extremely suspect. Law enforcement officials have been attempting to solve the problem of how Morales managed to climb down an ace bandage which he allegedly used to escape from an upper story window. One point for investigation is New York State's Acting Commissioner of Corrections Richard Hongisto, a known supporter of "people's struggles," gay liberation organizations and other terrorist affiliated operations in San Francisco, where Hongisto had served in the County Sheriff's department.

Based on several years of ongoing investigation by its Counterintelligence staff, the Executive Intelligence Review is in a position to name the names of the forces which are behind the FALN and the escape of Morales.

The case of the FALN is summarized as follows:

During approximately 1968-1970, teams of anthropologists from such locations as the University of Chicago, the Albert Einstein Medical Center, and the University of Pennsylvania were deployed into Puerto Rico and into the Puerto Rican ghettos of the northeast U.S. to gather the psychological profiling information and recruit a core group of individuals into terrorist cells. The project was financed principally through the Episcopalian Church (which provided its headquarters in San Juan and Chicago to the project) and was provided with political case officers through the American Friends Service Committee and the Institute for Policy Studies.

It is well known that one high official in the San Juan Episcopal Church hierarchy is the brother of several operatives in the MIRA Puerto Rican terrorist organization. In the U.S., it was the Hispanic Commission of the Episcopal Church which housed FALN leader Torres before he went underground, and members of the commission refused to cooperate with a Grand Jury investigation in 1977 on the FALN case. Naisa Remiken and Maria Cueto served prison terms for Grand Jury contempt. They helped to found the National Lawyer's Guild Committee against Grand Jury Abuse along with attorney William Kunstler, who is also the attorney for Morales.

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U.S., what later became the FALN was run in Puerto Rico under the name MIRA. In the continental U.S., what later became the FALN was known as the Young Lords organization. In the latter case, some of the members were channeled into "aboveground" support functions while others, such as David Perez and William Morales went directly into hardcore terrorist functions.

The "above-ground" members and supporters of this FALN network represent some of the critical leads to be pursued in locking up the whole network.

One of the key such individuals is Pablo "Yoruba" Guzman. Presently a disc jockey and radical commentator for WBAI radio station in New York City (founded as part of the Pacifica group by British intelligence cult creator Aldous Huxley) and a frequent columnist for Rupert Murdoch's Village Voice, Guzman was the Minister of Information for the Young Lords and one of the principal recruiters for Puerto Rican terror.

Guzman was specially trained for this role during 1968 when he spent six months in Cuernavaca, Mexico at the CIDOC (Centro Intercultural para Documentacion, run by Jesuit counterinsurgent Ivan Illich). CIDOC was one of the "mother" agencies behind the 23 de Septiembre terrorist gang in Mexico, which in turn was a feeder of Mexican-American recruits into the FALN circles in the western states.

If the FBI or the New York City Police Department were to even pursue the single case of Guzman, within weeks, sufficient evidence would be in hand to begin placing William Kunstler, Ramsay Clark and Noam Chomsky on the appropriate side of the prison bars.

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