

Behind the terror outbreak

Jeffrey Steinberg analyzes the coordinated assassination moves against Reagan, Schmidt, Giscard, and Lopez Portillo.

It happened in less than a three-week period.

President Ronald Reagan was shot by a would-be assassin as he left a Washington speaking engagement. French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing came within moments of being killed or severely wounded by a pair of powerful bombs that exploded in an airport lobby in Ajaccio, Corsica, where he had been scheduled to hold a campaign rally. Police in Tijuana, Mexico, arrested two Americans and two Mexicans—all members of the Che Guevara Commandos—on charges that they were plotting the assassinations of President Reagan and Mexican President José López Portillo when they were to meet for a three-day summit in late April. In Germany, a Baader-Meinhof Red Army Faction supporter died after a two-month prison hunger strike, setting off a wave of urban riots, building occupations, bombings, assassination and kidnapping threats in every major city. The publicly advertised target of the terrorist outburst: West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. In short, since the March 30 aborted assassination of President Reagan, the nations of the West have been hit with the most concentrated terrorist activation in 13 years.

In an even more directed fashion than 1968, the current terrorist wave has openly singled out four heads of state for elimination either by outright murder or by the route of violent political destabilization. These heads of state—Giscard, Helmut Schmidt, López Portillo, and Ronald Reagan—represent the core of a global prodevelopment alliance that now stands on the verge of bringing a decade of peace and unprecedented prosperity on the basis of policies first concretized in the January 1979 founding of the European Monetary System (EMS).

To the extent that the EMS combination accomplishes its most urgent present tasks—forcing down the ruinously high U.S. interest rates and bringing U.S. policy into phase with the gold-backed long-term credit potential of the EMS—the political power now in the hands of a cabal of Venetian, Genoese, and London financial agencies will be severed.

To retain their centuries-old grip on the world, the Venice-London group is prepared to take any measures, including measures that risk unleashing global strategic

confrontation. Indications surfaced over the past several days that during the first week of April, a serious effort was made to trigger an Israeli invasion of Lebanon—a move that would have set the United States and the Soviet Union on a collision course. That war was averted at the eleventh hour as the result of “hot-line” discussions between Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, French President Giscard, and U.S. President Reagan, resulting in an emergency Reagan call to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Begin was delivered notice that an Israeli-instigated escalation in Lebanon would entail an instant cutoff of U.S. aid.

The combined Reagan-Brezhnev-Giscard intervention into the Middle East crisis further underscored the intensity of the ongoing strategic struggle for power. A similar ringing message was delivered at the Group of Five finance ministers meeting in London on April 12, where emissaries of Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard publicly invited the United States to join the EMS, a move that drew fits of rage from Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, among others.

The international assassination bureau

Contrary to the lies forthcoming from Alexander Haig and from the authors of the recent bestseller *The Spike*, the terrorist activation is not the work of any single nation's intelligence service—including the Soviet Union. Nor is the past month's action to be written off as “sociological phenomenon” (despite the large number of sociologists deployed in the terrorist mobs). The source of the terrorism is a transnational clandestine army representing the combined assets of three subversive agencies: the Socialist International, the faction of the Soviet foreign policy intelligence apparatus associated with the old Comintern (“Communist International”), and the Theology of Liberation wing of the Society of Jesus. Each of these agencies in turn operates through a wide range of fronts infiltrated into the political life of sovereign nation-states of both the East and the West. Since the early 1960s, the combined deployment of these transnational agencies has been primarily known as the “New Left Project,” which has in turn spawned the

environmentalist movement worldwide.

On Dec. 5-7, 1980, leading representatives of these three networks gathered in Washington under the sponsorship of the Socialist International. At that meeting, all of the essential features of the subsequent political terror wave were spelled out.

At the Socialist International session, war was declared against Reagan and Schmidt in particular. Willy Brandt, the head of the Socialist International, announced plans to build a worldwide "peace movement" in protest of anticipated U.S. intervention in El Salvador. Brandt's declarations were backed up by several days of secret meetings conducted between Spanish Socialist Party head Felipe Gonzales, Cuban President Fidel Castro, and representatives of the Society of Jesus headquartered in Nicaragua, Panama, and El Salvador.

In the intervening four months, dozens of followup conferences have been held throughout Western Europe, the Middle East, and North America, drawing in the various assets of the three subversive internationals.

• **In the Middle East:** At the Palestinian National Congress in Damascus, Syria, in early April, Palestine Liberation Organization head Yasser Arafat announced plans to conduct military operations against U.S. bases in the region—and to extend collaboration with "liberation movements" throughout the Third World, particularly in El Salvador. These statements were immediately backed up by a surfacing of radical Palestinian networks in the United States and Mexico associated with the American Ramallah Federation, the Palestinian Human Rights Campaign, and the Palestinian Congress of North America. These organizations, closely interfaced to the already violently active Khomeinac student organizations, have broadcast their official collaboration with the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, the principal umbrella group of domestic U.S. radicals sponsored by the Washington-headquartered Institute for Policy Studies. The Palestinians have also effectively merged their activities with the IPS Mexican-American proterrorist apparatus centered around the Crusade for Justice and La Raza Unida, both recipients of Ford Foundation money. La Raza-IPS operative Schaeffer-Corona recently traveled to the Middle East for a series of private meetings with leading Palestinian radicals.

• **In Western Europe:** Institute for Policy Studies cofounder Richard Barnet spent the month of March touring West Germany for meetings with representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the World Peace Council, the Humanist Union, and the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control. Barnet and fellow IPSer Michael Klare provided documentation prepared at the Washington Center for Defense Information on the siting of all NATO missile stations in West Germany. Those sites are now targeted

for violent demonstrations beginning in the spring. Among Barnet's closet collaborators within West Germany are the West Berlin "Das Netzwerk" movement of urban squatters who have turned whole sections of Germany's major cities into barricaded terrorist zones, where almost daily battles take place with local police.

At the end of April, a three-day conference was held under the auspices of the Center for Defense Information in Groeligen, Netherlands at which leading radicals from the Socialist International networks in the West gathered to plan out those spring NATO riots.

• **In North America:** The effort to build an anti-Reagan movement in the United States is being directed by the Socialist International front that sponsored the December Washington conference: the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC). In conjunction with the National Black United Front, the KGB-sponsored International Association of Democratic Lawyers, and the Institute for Policy Studies itself, the DSOC has constituted a string of umbrella agencies to build for a May 3 attempted replay of the late 1960s marches on the Pentagon.

Amnesty International

One of the principal agencies coordinating the activities of Socialist-Jesuit-KGB efforts is Amnesty International (AI), the London-centered "human rights" agency. In the past week alone, AI has intervened in West Germany to demand the easing of prison conditions for the jailed Baader-Meinhof terrorists; has made similar demands on behalf of the M-19 terrorist gang in Colombia; and has sent former U.S. Attorney General and Khomeini backer Ramsey Clark to Northern Ireland on behalf of a jailed IRA member there.

Amnesty International is closely associated with another transnational "support organization," the International Law Association. The ILA is run to an important extent out of Montreal, Canada offices of Major Louis Mortimer Bloomfield. During the 1960s, Bloomfield was exposed in both the French and American press as one of the leading conspirators in over 30 assassination attempts against French President Charles de Gaulle and for the successful 1963 assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. His commercial front organization, Permindex, was a central component of the "International Assassination Bureau" originally created by the British Special Operations Executive during 1938. It is that network of Venetian and London-linked professional assassins that maintains to this day the professional "hit" capability. Unlike the 1963 period of bloody "executive action," or even the 1968 street insurrections, today's "International Assassination Bureau" hit-men have an exhaustive international network of terrorist cells, umbrella protest groups, and liberation movements into which they can be plugged.