

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

Permindex assassination networks 'alive and well'

High level sources in France have reported to *Executive Intelligence Review* that the Permindex assassination network, responsible for over 30 assassination attempts against Charles de Gaulle and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, is "alive and well." They fear that the current targets of this experienced and very well connected network of killers may include French President Giscard d'Estaing, French Foreign Minister François-Poncet and leading figures in the Mexican government, including President Lopez Portillo.

These political leaders have been targeted because of their current aggressive organizing efforts on behalf of a European Monetary System now on the verge of destroying International Monetary Fund "conditionalities" as the ruling principle of international credit relations.

Among the central figures in the assassination network is Jacques Soustelle, a founder of the Secret Army Organization (OAS), the 1950s and 1960s right-wing terrorist organization behind the de Gaulle assassination attempts and at least one NATO-endorsed attempted coup d'etat against the French Republic in 1962. Soustelle is described by sources as "the man who likes to kill."

Soustelle also maintains an advisory position in the government of Giscard d'Estaing on Latin American policy. This "inside"

position is one principal cause for concern among French intelligence circles. Recently, Soustelle spent several weeks in Mexico, consulting with leaders of that country's business community. Reportedly, the trip functioned in part as a cover of convenience for Soustelle's plotting with another element within the Permindex machine, the Monterrey group of right-wing oligarchs and "social engineers" affiliated with the Mont Pelerin Society. Soustelle received a large amount of cash from the Monterrey circle, presumably to launch a new wave of targeted political terrorism.

Among the Paris-based individuals now linked with Soustelle in gearing up the deadly Permindex bureau are:

- Maurice Faure, a member of the Brandt Commission of the World Bank; and a personal advisor to Socialist François Mitterand;
- Pierre Uri, an official of the Lazard Freres Bank in Paris and an associate of the Atlantic Institute;
- Avi Primor, reportedly the director of the Israeli Intelligence (Mossad) operations in France and the designated controller over all Zionist activities in that country;
- Antoine Pinay, another former member of the OAS, a 1950s finance minister of France, and now a close associate of Bavarian Franz Joseph Strauss.

What is Permindex?

All of these individuals have a long track record of working on behalf of the European oligarchy and its various financial and political institutions. However, these names have generally not been publicly associated with Permindex. In fact, very little has been said about Permindex since the flurry of exposés in the mid-1960s forced that "company" to shut down its activities in Western Europe.

Permindex was established in 1958, nominally as an international trading company arranging trade expositions and managing real estate projects housing corporate management offices. The founder of Permindex was Major Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, a personal protégé of British Special Operations Executive head Sir William Stephenson. Bloomfield, in addition to having a pivotal position within the FBI Division Five and the Office of Naval Intelligence, was a leading financial conduit for the Meyer Lansky-run International narcotics cartel. Among the leading shareholders in Permindex were mob attorney Roy M. Cohn; George Mantello, an attorney for the Italian Black Nobility House of Savoy; Ferencz Nagy, the former pro-Hitler president of wartime Hungary; and Tibor Rosenbaum, the 1960s director of Israeli Mossad operations in Western Europe (based out of his Meyer Lansky-connected Geneva bank).

It has been documented by French government sources, as well as by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison that Permindex was the financial conduit and contractor of record for all of the above-cited assassination operations. The implications of the Permindex organization's reconstitution cannot be overlooked by any international security service.

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