

Justice Department's Giuliani to oversee a pact between FBI and peace movement?

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Rudolph Giuliani, newly appointed U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, signaled in a speech this week that the March 21 Executive Order authorizing the FBI to renew "Cointelpro" surveillance and dirty tricks operations is now fully operational. This time around, the ostensible FBI target will be various right-wing cults accused of tax evasion, illegal weapons stockpiling and similar crimes. The real aim, however, will be the destruction of the Reagan administration through a rerun of the 1967-68 "Operation Garden Plot" social chaos scenario.

Giuliani also used the occasion to echo the FBI line, most recently published in the June 16 Soviet *Literary Gazette*, that the U.S. freeze movement is, contrary to President Ronald Reagan's statement, without taint of KGB infiltration.

Appropriately, Giuliani surfaced this policy in an address Monday, June 20 to the Humanist Association of Greater New York, an aging collection of "free-thinkers" including Communist Party financial angel Corliss Lamont, and sundry American followers of disarmament movement founder Lord Bertrand Russell. Present as honored guests of the Humanists was a contingent of FBI agents, including New York FBI bureau head Ken Walton, Giuliani's friend, suntanned and dressed to the nines with a gold bracelet and pinky ring. Walton—who denied the possibility of a revival of the BLA terrorists before the Rockland County bank robbery and shootout—and the other G-men got along famously with the pro-Soviet peacenik Humanists, almost all of whom had been targets of the FBI's McCarthy era witch hunt thirty years ago. Giuliani paid homage to the FBI repeatedly in his address, beginning with the curious and questionable observation that with so many FBI agents in the audience, he felt safe from any possible assassination!

However, there is more to the FBI's new affection for such pro-Soviet disarmament supporters as the Humanist group than its denial of President Reagan's warnings of KGB control of the freeze movement—a warning redundantly confirmed by the Minneapolis conclave of 25 Soviet operatives with leaders of the U.S. "peace" movement from the Institute for Policy Studies and other groups last May 25-29.

Informed intelligence sources report that the FBI has struck a deal with IPS and the American Civil Liberties Union

(linked through founder Roger Baldwin and director Algon Black to Giuliani's friends in the Humanist Association). Under this arrangement, according to informed intelligence sources, the IPS-ACLU leftist civil libertarians will support the FBI in its new round of Cointelpro dirty tricks on the understanding that these will be directed against the right-wing anti-tax cults.

The FBI's strange bedfellows

While claiming that the mafia is a dying institution, Giuliani told the Humanists that a new "organized crime" threat had arisen in the form of the Posse Comitatus, a racist, right-wing anti-tax cult. According to Giuliani, the Posse Comitatus and groups allegedly linked to it are the subject of intensive Justice Department investigation throughout the United States and, also, in Giuliani's New York area.

The script for Giuliani's remarks, and indeed the scenario for the new Cointelpro witch hunt, was taken directly from a recent publication of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith entitled, "The 'Identity Churches': A Theology of Hate," on a virulently anti-Semitic survivalist cult linked to the Posse. The ADL report has in turn formed the basis for sensationalist exposés in the June 11 *New York Times* and the June 22 *Washington Post*, preparing readers to expect violent clashes between law enforcement officials and the Posse gangs.

This propaganda barrage is complementing FBI provocations designed to spark shoot-outs and "guerrilla warfare" among right-wing groups throughout the Midwest. Intelligence sources report that the FBI has established a network of agent provocateurs throughout the Posse, the Identity Church, and other targets, profiling the usually highly manipulable and irrational "survivalist" cultists to ensure that they will respond to provocations with dramatic acts of violence. These incidents, modeled on the recent shootout between Posse leader Gordon Kahl and U.S. marshals, would provide the pretext for McCarthy-era style no-holds-barred assault on all FBI adversaries tagged as "connected" to the Posse.

Informed sources have reported that the FBI constructed a detailed psychological profile of Gordon Kahl at least a year

and a half ago in preparation for the staged shoot-out which also cost the life of two federal law enforcement officers. Kahl, who was on probation on a Federal tax charge (a crime typical among the anti-tax Posse selves to be the only legitimate government) had refused to make provisions to pay the IRS. FBI profiles, the sources say, predicted that Kahl would prefer to go in a blaze of glory than be arrested. The Bureau went ahead, and got the blood bath they both expected and wanted.

This scenario is based on the 1967-68 "Operation Garden Plot," a covert operation planned by a small Pentagon clique headed by Cyrus Vance and Robert McNamara, which sought to obtain dictatorial emergency powers to deal with the social chaos they had ignited. Curiously, Vance and McNamara today have become leading spokesmen of the peace and freeze movements in which the FBI professes inability to find KGB penetration.

In remarks to a journalist overheard following the presentation, Giuliani said that a target of the Posse scare is the political machine of Lyndon LaRouche: "This is a dangerous group and we are watching them closely." An aide to Giuliani added that the legal pretext for attacks on LaRouche would be based "on his connections to the Posse Comitatus"—connections which in fact are an FBI fantasy.

The Posse Comitatus and the Identity Church, ironically, were themselves spawned by movements initiated by leading Scottish Rite Freemasons in the United States, a network which exercises a significant degree of control over the FBI. FBI Director William Webster is himself a member of the Scottish Rite affiliated-Bohemian Grove cult, which also shares membership with the notorious "Propaganda Two" Freemasonic Lodge now under investigation for its aborted coup d'état in Italy.

Former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover was himself at least indirectly implicated in this network through a former top aide Cleon Skousen, who is director of the Mormon Church-affiliated Freeman Institute, a right-wing holistic health cult said to overlap with the Posse.

In his address, Giuliani also attacked the Reagan administration's War on Drugs. Giuliani declared that the Reagan administration's War on Drugs is doomed to failure, and that the mafia is dying out. The new organized crime threat, said Giuliani, comes from right-wing "tax revolt" groups.

The reason for the proliferation of drugs and organized crime, said Giuliani, formerly the number three man in the Justice Department, is quite simply that "people want drugs." As long as this is the case, he claimed, the Reagan administration's War on Drugs cannot succeed.

According to the man who is now nominally responsible for that war on drugs in the city with the nation's largest addict population, the average citizen is to blame for the drug epidemic, because "people want to use the services" of organized crime. "There is no longer any voluntary respect for law," he claimed, and organized crime has a "romantic" image in the eyes of many. Despite possible "moral reserva-

tions," he said, popular toleration for crime means that decriminalization of marijuana should be considered.

Giuliani claimed that the drug traffic is no longer run by a single syndicate of the sort revealed in the 1978 best-selling paperback, *Dope, Inc.*, but by deeply entrenched local groups which have burgeoned in counties and townships in Florida, California and elsewhere. These he described as sophisticated operations, which run modern farms and independent supply routes. These "autonomous" syndicates, which are bristling with weapons, have gained control over local government and police forces, thus making federal anti-drug efforts impossible.

FBI's war on drugfighting

Giuliani's declaration of surrender in the war on drugs is just his latest favor on behalf of his partners in the protection of drug traffic—the FBI. As Deputy Attorney General in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division, Giuliani was the most outspoken proponent of the two major policy blunders which have vitiated the otherwise successful drug interception campaign in Florida, directed by a special presidential task force led by Vice President Bush. Giuliani shot down an administration proposal to establish a federal "Drug Czar" to coordinate an all-out war on drugs. He also led the disastrous decision to merge the effective Drug Enforcement Administration with the FBI, an agency which has always been a dirty-tricks covert operations capability, never a law enforcement agency in any real sense.

Earlier that day, the Reagan administration's War on Drugs, the most aggressive in the nation's history, was attacked in testimony before the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse by Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, who washed his hands of responsibility for the city's drug epidemic with the claim that not enough federal dollars are available. In fact, the actual withholding of funds is doing of Morgenthau and Giuliani's buddies in the Bureau.

The FBI's most recent act of sabotage of the administration's anti-drug policy is the failure by acting DEA director Francis Mullen, former assistant director of the FBI Criminal Investigations division to spend a \$127.5 million War on Drugs appropriation. Since April 1983, Mullen has used only \$7 million of these funds, not only crippling the administration's assault on narcotics but also threatening the appropriation for fiscal year 1984, beginning in October.

Such outrages against efforts to eradicate the nation's drug epidemic, however, are nothing strange to Rudolph Giuliani. His first major assignment as a young attorney was as an assistant to Nicholas Scopetta's "corruption" investigations of the New York Police Department's Special Investigations Unit. This investigation, an off-shoot of the Knapp Commission corruption probe that destroyed the morale and effectiveness of the New York Police Department, specifically targeted the city's principal anti-drug task force. The destruction of this key unit, the SIU, finished off the NYPD's capability to stem the flood of drugs entering the city.