

Attic Chronicle by Phocion

'Murder Inc.' in Greece

Recent revelations link a supposedly left-wing terror group to the European oligarchy and the Greek government.

No week passed this year, in which the front pages of Athenian dailies were not graced with gruesome headlines reporting terrorist actions taking place in Greece: bombings, gun battles, gangland-style executions, suspicious large-scale arson, mysterious disappearances of diplomats and other prominent persons.

This is the culmination of a nine-year-old pattern of growing terrorism in Greece which began in 1975 with the assassination in broad daylight of then-CIA station chief Richard Welch. A terrorist organization called "November 17" claimed responsibility for that murder. Later, two senior police officials were murdered, also by "November 17." Other assassinations of relatively less prominent persons followed for a while and in late 1983, the November 17 organization murdered the U.S. naval attaché in Athens, Captain George Tsantes, and his chauffeur.

When, later, CIA Director William Casey went secretly to Athens to request from the Greek authorities an investigation into these murders, the Papandreou government declared Mr. Casey "persona non grata" and told him to leave the country. Since then, Greece has become the major operational center for the Abu Nidal terror network in Europe and the Mediterranean. Virtually all terror actions in Europe are planned and logistically supported from terrorist bases in Greece, mostly in the Aegean islands, under the tolerant eye of Greek law

enforcement and with the encouragement of the Papandreou government.

A personal friend of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, the notorious Michel Pablo is believed to be the mastermind behind this plan to turn Greece into the "Murder Inc." headquarters of Europe. A highly unusual report, published in a highly unusual way in an Athenian daily tends to confirm this belief about Pablo's role. The report published in the Dec. 9 edition of *Eleftherotypia* reprints in its entirety the top secret internal memorandum of a Greek security service which summarizes its findings in the investigation of the November 17 terrorists.

The top secret memorandum also presents the findings of investigations of November 17 by the counter-terror units of the Bundeskriminalamt in Wiesbaden, the Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz in Cologne, the French SDECE, and the Italian DIGOS anti-terror police units. Leaders of the November 17 appear to be very interesting individuals. One is a certain Louis Danos, the press attaché of the Greek Embassy in Washington until two months ago. Danos was the political editor of the very newspaper *Eleftherotypia* which is making the revelations. A second terrorist leader is another editor of *Eleftherotypia*, George Votsis who in 1971 had gained notoriety of sort for having launched a new kind of "political theory of terrorism" which he then called "The Theory of the Goat"! A third terrorist leader is

the author Pericles Korovessis.

Other named leaders are: Orion Arkomanis, Susanna Hermann Bausinger, Margaret Giaralis, George Karabelias, Nicholas Manios, Elias Nikolakopoulos, Dimitri Psychogios, George Sagias, John Serifis, Christina Stamatopoulos, and John Starakis.

This group, according to evidence available, was formed during the 1969-73 period in Western Europe around the person of George Votsis under the supervision of Michel Pablo in Paris and Lord Caradon in London. Also involved in a supervisory capacity was the son of the Lord Chamberlain of exiled King Constantine. Even though this "Votsis group" believed itself to be an "extreme leftist" revolutionary organization, its patrons, organizers, and funders were very prominent figures of the European oligarchical establishment. Michel Pablo, of course, is the mystery figure of "international Trotskyism" financed by Swiss banker François Genoud, the Nazi ideologue who also was Adolf Hitler's literary executor.

Pablo is also the mastermind behind the Abu Nidal legend and the controlling influence of the political circles around the Parisian newspapers *Libération* and *Revolution*, and a reputed friend of the new French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas. Pablo arranged for the "Votsis group" to be trained by Abu Nidal. Old Nazi François Genoud paid for it.

Papandreou is an intimate political friend of Pablo from 1938 onward, and in fact Papandreou has been controlled by Pablo since 1969, the year in which Henry Kissinger got Papandreou released from a Greek jail and turned him over to Pablo for "protection." Philipp Agee also looms large in this matter, but this is a story for another time.