

# The year of derivative assassinations

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During the closing months of 1984, a “phase-change” occurred in the international pattern of assassinations and deployment of terrorist capabilities. The clearest expression of this was the Oct. 31 assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which involved a multi-faceted deployment of Sikh fundamentalists by the top-level political faction known as the “New Yalta” oligarchy. This faction includes forces operating on behalf of Moscow, Anglo-Swiss oligarchic families, and their Eastern Establishment allies in the United States. They propose to divide the world into new imperial spheres of influence, destroying the institution of the nation-state, and unleashing a nightmarish bloodbath through terrorism and assassinations of heads of state.

The new situation is characterized by the extraordinary intensity of the current terror wave, and the direct, short-term purpose of the terrorist acts themselves. In the case of the Gandhi assassination, British intelligence networks were employed, in an amicable working arrangement with Moscow, to kill the greatest statesman in the Third World, to blame her death on the United States, and then to destroy the world’s biggest democracy, turning India into a new Iran. Mrs. Gandhi’s death stalled a quietly ongoing U.S.-Indian effort to cool out the Middle East crisis and the Indian-Pakistan border conflict. Scarcely a month after her tragic assassination, the gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal, India triggered anti-American demonstrations and served to increase the pressure on India’s new prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, to break off cooperation with the United States.

All this takes place in the context of the deepening world strategic crisis and the “Ogarkov Doctrine” for thermonuclear war-fighting, newly adopted by the Warsaw Pact leadership. The current terrorist explosion can be compared to the *Schrecklichkeit* (intimidation) policy of the Nazis; it is a *prewar* military deployment, aimed to terrorize the potential enemy into—in this case—accepting the terms of the New Yalta arrangement or, if that fails, gaining outright *military* advantage.

The primary institutional vehicle through which the East-West New Yalta faction controls terrorism is the intersection of certain networks within the secret intelligence services of the West, including Israel, with those of the Russian KGB. Through the development in the postwar period of “supranational” or “transnational” interests, as exemplified by Occidental Petroleum’s Armand Hammer, who brought Lib-

ya’s Qaddafi into power, these networks are engaged in a complex game of intrigue, penetration, and, if necessary, cooperation with each others’ intelligence services through the deployment of spies, terrorists, and counterterrorist capabilities.

The terrorist acts perpetrated in this way are described by intelligence professionals as “derivative operations,” referring to capabilities whose ultimate control points are very difficult to trace, preventing law enforcement agencies from documenting the complexities which were involved in the actual terrorist deployment.

In 1963, the assassinations of President John Kennedy, Italy’s Enrico Mattei, and Greece’s Lambrakis were forms of derivative operations. During that period, the networks employed from a variety of sources and institutions were derived from the capabilities created during World War II by the GPU (predecessor to the KGB) and the Anglo-American Special Operations Executive (SOE). These capabilities included the Nazi International, reorganized after the war, and its interface with the Anglo-American and Soviet bloc intelligence services. Included in this were the networks associated with the 33 assassination attempts against President Charles de Gaulle of France by the Secret Army Organization (OAS). It included the emerging power of the international drug traffickers from Sicily, Corsica, Lebanon, and Indochina. The Moscow-backed forces of the emergent “national liberation” movements in the Third World were utilized to create terrorist capabilities as well.

At the close of 1983, *EIR* forecast the expanding capabilities of what we called the “Nazi-communist alliance” behind world terrorism. In numerous feature articles throughout 1984, we documented how this functions on a case-by-case basis, ranging from the conspiracy to blow up the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, to the rise of Green fascist-terrorism in Germany, to the manufacture of Peru’s Shining Path terrorist gang by Sorbonne-educated anthropologists. The terrorist assault on NATO military facilities in Western Europe which we warned of repeatedly is now occurring on virtually a daily basis.

The failure on the part of honest U.S. counterterror forces to understand and effectively combat this danger is partially the result of the ongoing intelligence warfare within the Reagan administration, between the forces of Henry Kissinger and George Shultz on the one side, and Caspar Weinberger

on the other. Until the Kissinger-Shultz crowd is excluded from positions of power, the threat will continue and even intensify—including the threat of another assassination attempt against President Reagan himself. The President is now the subject of at least 600 assassination threats per day, and the latest intelligence reports indicate that the “Islamic Holy War” fundamentalists are now operational in the United States.

### **The fundamentalist scourge**

Augmenting the pre-existing terrorist capabilities has been the rise of “fundamentalist” and “separatist” terrorism. The history of this fundamentalist apparatus goes back several centuries, long before the deaths of Mrs. Gandhi and the U.S. intelligence officials and Marines in Beirut. However, it is now through a network of fundamentalist cults throughout the world, cutting across every ethnic and religious line, that the “New Yalta” apparatus seeks to accomplish its objectives. These fundamentalist cults do not have the same

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modus operandi as previous terrorist operations. They exemplify the most effective kind of “derivative” terrorists, because the assassin cults such as the Barbar Khalsa of the Sikhs, the Jamiat al-Islami (Muslim Brotherhood), the Tradition, Family, and Property (Gnostic Catholic fundamentalists), and the Temple Mount (Jewish fundamentalists) are deployed on the basis of “cultural” or “religious” cover, maximizing the difficulty in tracing their controllers.

In this regard, the infamous “Bulgarian connection” in the deployment of the Islamic fundamentalist fanatic Ali Acga, represents a crucial interface of the East bloc intelligence service in carrying out a hit against Pope John Paul II on behalf of the Western oligarchic families.

In another instance, Khomeini’s Iran, the intelligence service Savama provides the operational training for kamikaze units to target U.S. officials throughout the world, but the actual control lies with special North Korean and Soviet

specialists training these operatives in approximately 22 terrorist camps throughout Iran. However, due to the political interference from the U.S. Department of State, the cover-up of who was responsible for the recent Kuwaiti Airliner hijacking will continue, as long as the Kissinger-Shultz deal with Moscow and Teheran remains intact. As long as the U.S. State Department and the British Foreign Office remain committed to protecting Soviet capabilities in the Mideast, then these fundamentalist operations will not be properly addressed. The Syrian intelligence service, closely allied with the KGB but also working with a faction of the Mossad (Israeli intelligence), is arranging a deal in the Mideast at the expense of the United States, in which terrorist operations will serve as a component of the ongoing intelligence war against U.S. interests.

### **Spetsnaz and European terror**

The next phase of the escalation of international terrorism is the interface between the Soviet special forces (spetsnaz) units and terrorism in Western Europe. Although U.S. intelligence estimates insist that the current wave of bombings in Europe, specifically targeting NATO installations, is *not* the work of spetsnaz units, the evidence that the Red Army Fraction (RAF), Red Brigades, and ETA have received specialized training in the Soviet Union is becoming more and more compelling. Officially, U.S. intelligence services maintain that it would be a dramatic mistake for the Russians to activate their highly trained and deeply penetrated spetsnaz units now, since if any of these units were caught before the full-blown strategic crisis emerged, then the Soviets would have sacrificed too much too soon.

Nonetheless, the Soviet gameplan of launching “pin-prick” warfare using terrorist surrogates is part and parcel of the development of a new round of Western European terrorism targeting U.S. military bases and officials. The re-emergence of the RAF and Red Brigades is a clear signal that these operations are in fact derived from the strong showing the Green Party is making in West Germany and the fact that the Soviet political moves in Western Europe depend on the success of bringing the Greens into power along with the Social Democrats led by Willy Brandt. The return to prominence of the RAF and Red Brigades is the work of Qaddafi and the Socialist International, led by Brandt, former Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kriesky, and Malta’s Dom Mintoff. In fact, the Maltese connection is expected to emerge as the key operational point for backing the reorganized RAF and Red Brigade units. From Malta, both Qaddafi’s financing and Mintoff’s political support will ensure that the New Yalta forces have a clear advantage for not only destabilizing Western Europe, but the Mediterranean as well. Qaddafi has called for a meeting in Tripoli at the beginning of 1985 of the RAF, Red Brigades, the Corsican Liberation Front (FNLC), and the French Action Directe to target the United States throughout the region.