

ADL creates Ku Klux Klan and Nazi chaos in Germany

by Scott Thompson

Behind the atrocities of various right-wing and Nazi groups in Germany against foreigners lies an operation straight from the pages of the infamous Counterintelligence Program (Cointelpro) run by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States from the mid-1960s until after the end of the Vietnam War. In this current program to disrupt Germany, a faction of U.S. government intelligence services is being aided and abetted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), which inherited the Cointelpro program after the FBI's role was exposed by three congressional committees during the mid-1970s.

For example, it has been known since the 1970s that 95% of all Nazi literature circulating in Germany is produced by Gary Rex Lauck's NSDAP-AO (National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei-Auslands und Aufbauorganisation) based in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lauck was proclaimed *persona non grata* in Germany in 1974, and he was arrested on his return in 1976. Yet, his German-language paper (now known as *NS Kampfruf*) was being smuggled into Germany on a route that went through Communist Hungary to East Germany under the Honecker regime, showing that the East German secret police (Stasi) collaborated in this effort to disrupt West Germany. Since reunification, elements of this same Stasi have formed an underground, which proved to be a key element in the neo-Nazi violence and rioting that erupted in Rostock, Germany last fall.

According to Laird Wilcox, a writer on left-wing and right-wing extremism in the United States, Lauck is widely believed to be an asset of the ADL, whom the ADL has protected from prosecution on charges ranging from evasion of taxes to mail fraud to the shooting of his brother. The case of Lauck, with his apparent longstanding "working relationship" with the East German Stasi, calls to mind the fact that ADL honorary vice chairman Edgar Bronfman received the highest civilian honor of the East German state from Erich Honecker, after Bronfman promised to do everything in his power to stop the reunification of Germany.

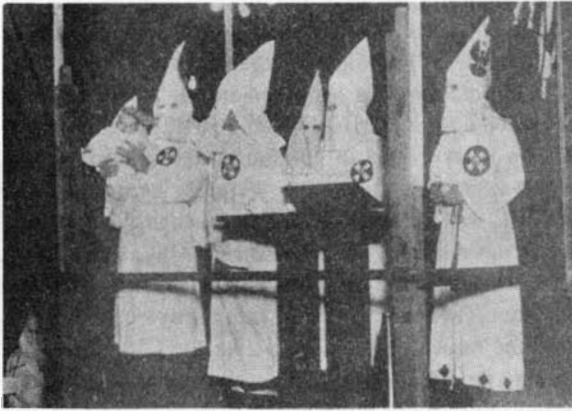
The case of KKK leader Dennis Mahon

Lauck is just one example of the ADL-U.S. intelligence assets that have been deployed to destabilize Germany. Shortly after reunification, Oklahoma-based Ku Klux Klan leader Dennis W. Mahon toured Germany, giving the banned

Nazi salute and, in one instance, staging a cross-burning. Mahon's message, like that of Lauck, is hatred of foreigners seeking asylum and work in Germany. (According to Lauck, foreigners violate a heritage "from the Teutonic Knights to the Waffen SS.") Wilcox told this author that he has reason to suspect, on the basis of first-hand knowledge, that Mahon is under the control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), whose extensive involvement in Cointelpro operations was largely overlooked by congressional investigators, who focused instead on the FBI. Mahon, who served in the U.S. Army and later as a mechanic at the TWA overhaul facility in Kansas, made a big splash when he emerged as a self-proclaimed Klan leader around 1988. It seems that with the outlawing of the FBI's Cointelpro, there were only a few KKKers left.

According to Wilcox, the BATF immediately tried to get a counterterrorism-trained member of the Platt City, Kansas police department to plant a bomb on Mahon, so that they could control him. When the policeman refused, the BATF caused the officer to be fired and deployed an individual it had recruited from prison, who quickly became Mahon's security chief. Like other *agents provocateurs*, this BATF informant helped Mahon's Klansmen arm themselves to the teeth for an appearance at a local TV station. When the Klansmen left the station, they were immediately arrested. Those who did not become informants served prison terms. Mysteriously, Mahon, who openly called for racial bombings, continually escaped arrest, as did the BATF agent who was his security chief. According to sources familiar with Mahon, throughout much of his meteoric rise as an international KKK figure, he was an active member of the Oklahoma National Guard. In 1980, he was sent to Liberty City in Miami, Florida when riots broke out in that predominantly black ghetto.

Through his provocative activities, Mahon became a convenient target for a former communist named Leonard Zeskind of the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR), which works closely with the ADL. Zeskind screamed about the emerging Klan danger, and staged riotous counter-demonstrations at many of Mahon's public appearances. In addition to working with the ADL, the CDR is also closely associated with Gerry Gable's *Searchlight* magazine in England, which has consistently blown out of proportion the danger of "Ger-



British and U.S. intelligence agencies, and private organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, have a controlling interest in the Ku Klux Klan and similar organizations. The photos show a KKK funeral in 1924 and a KKK "baptism" of an infant, mock-Christian ceremonies conducted in the era when the Klan was committing ritual satanic murders of black people all over the U.S. South, with impunity—and when the Anglo-American elites were backing Nazi eugenics in Germany.

man revanchism." These European efforts, paralleling the ADL-CDR activities in North America, were always conducted in concert with the Association of Victims of the Nazi Regime (VVN), and more recently with the World Jewish Congress of Edgar Bronfman. The VVN, one of the so-called anti-Nazi groups formerly based in East Berlin, has been identified in the annual report of the West German Interior Ministry as being run by the Stasi, which was itself an intermediary for the disinformation section of the KGB.

Wilcox believes that since Mahon and Zeskind shared ties with the BATF, they were playing out the "gang versus countergang warfare" made notorious in the United States through the writings of Brig. Gen. Frank Kitson and exposure of operations like Cointelpro. The Center for Democratic Renewal devoted its main feature in its May 1992 issue of its report, *The Monitor*, to Lauck and Mahon's successes in recruitment in Germany. German Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters reported in May 1992 that since Mahon's trip to Germany, the KKK had established branches in at least three German cities (Berlin, Essen, and Herford), where their main targets have been foreigners living in Germany.

Where does Lauck get his money?

Lauck was kicked out of West Germany by the Interior Ministry in 1974 after being proclaimed *persona non grata* for illegal political activities, and he was arrested and detained for four months in 1976 when he returned to continue his Nazi organizing. The Nebraska *Omaha World Herald*

of July 15, 1979 reported West German Interior Minister Gerhard Baum saying that as much as 95% of the Nazi literature in Germany originated from Lauck's base in Lincoln, Nebraska. The German Interior Ministry has repeatedly asked the United States that Lauck be stopped from printing his Nazi literature for distribution in their country. Lauck has not only broken German law by printing decals and papers bearing a Nazi content, but he has also called for selective bombing of officials in the United States who favor racial integration, such as those who advocate busing. Lauck is the head of a violence-prone organization that merits serious investigation by law enforcement agencies.

Lauck's U.S. organization is small, but he publishes newspapers for four countries: the United States, Germany, Hungary, and Sweden. Moreover, he has reportedly funneled money through Swiss accounts to foreign supporters. The question is raised: Where does Gary Lauck get his money? Has it had anything to do with the assistance of the Stasi in smuggling his papers into Germany or possibly to other U.S. intelligence organizations targeting Germany, in league with the ADL?

Lauck's following in Germany is significant. It was built up in large measure under the leadership of Michael Kuhnen in Germany and Gottfried Kussel in Austria. Kuhnen died in 1991 from AIDS, shortly after serving a prison term. Kussel has been imprisoned for violating Austria's anti-Nazi laws. However, the base of Lauck's organization, as with Mahon's KKK, are not Nazis, but skinheads, a racist creation of a

counterculture program of the Frankfurt School, who adopt Nazi-type insignia.

Metzger woos the skinheads

Tom Metzger, who has been described as “the Lenin of the American right-wing,” runs an organization based in Fall Brook, California called White Aryan Resistance (WAR). Sources report that in the December issue of his publication, also titled *WAR*, he listed 15 right-wing racist organizations in Germany with which his group is affiliated. In a recent taped message, Metzger condemned the German government for “stamping out natural racism with unnatural force.” He said the repression from Bonn will only boomerang, because it will make the resistance grow. He condemned the German outlawing of the swastika and Celtic cross, telling listeners to take them out, polish them, and wear them.

As with Mahon and Lauck, Metzger has made a deliberate attempt to recruit skinheads, including by use of satanic rock with racial and violent lyrics. One group with which Metzger works is White Lightning, which does rock songs like “Aryan Homeland.” Metzger is also said to be a friend of Ian Stuart, the leader of the British rock group Skrewdriver, which has broad appeal with skinheads. To a great extent, the skinhead phenomenon, like that of the Beatles before it, originated in Britain. Metzger apparently believes that explicitly racist and violent rock is a way to recruit to his movement.

Operation Cointelpro

What is being unleashed in Germany is the equivalent of the FBI’s Operation Cointelpro, which pitted left versus right and black versus white. The Cointelpro method was most clearly discussed in a book entitled *Gangs and Countergangs*, written by British Army Brig. Gen. Frank Kitson. According to documents released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), by the mid-1960s, the FBI had 2,000 informants working on “racist” matters, many of whom, like Gary Rowe, were *agents provocateurs* stirring up Klan violence against the civil rights movement. Three congressional committees during 1975-77 investigated Cointelpro after this monstrous project had been partially exposed. The highest estimates of Klan membership in the mid-1960s were 30,000, which means that one in every 15 KKKers was an FBI “sheethead.”

The final report in 1976 on Cointelpro of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations reveals on page 45:

“The second kind of ‘notional’ was the fictitious organization with some unsuspecting (non-informant) members. For example, Bureau informants set up a Klan organization intended to attract membership away from the United Klans of America. The Bureau paid the informants’ personal expenses in setting up the new organization, which had, at its height, 250 members.”

According to former U.S. intelligence officers, this was not the only klavern of the KKK that was entirely run by the FBI or another U.S. intelligence organization.

When Cointelpro was tarnished through congressional hearings and the press, the FBI began to look for alternatives to hands-on involvement in continuing the same program. One of the main substitutes that willingly agreed to work with the FBI, was the Anti-Defamation League. Not coincidentally, it was Attorney General Edward Levi, a close ADL associate, who authored the famous “Levi Guidelines” that officially shut down the FBI’s infiltration/provocateur operations into the radical movements. Like the CIA during the Reagan era, the FBI took their covert operations “off the reservation” and handed those activities over to the ADL and kindred organizations. The result was an even more aggressive, and illegal, infiltration and activation program.

Documents released under FOIA show that the ADL and the FBI had longstanding, cordial relations, such that in the 1970s, for example, there was a Special Agent in the New York FBI Field Office assigned to be in liaison with the ADL (FBIHQ File 100-530-511). When William Webster became FBI director in 1978, this relationship was upgraded—initially, according to FBI File 632-118203-3, to carry out joint FBI-ADL operations against Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and his associates. However, in a Feb. 4, 1985 airtel addressed to all FBI regional offices, Director Webster gave the following order:

“The Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL) has undertaken to monitor and report the activities of domestic terrorist groups, particularly the Ku Klux Klan. On 1/18/85 the New York Division initiated contact with [names deleted]. These individuals were advised of the primary jurisdiction of the FBI in civil rights matters. Further, they were advised that any legitimate civil rights allegation should be immediately brought to the attention of the appropriate FBI Office. [Name deleted] expressed his desire to cooperate and stated he would notify all regional ADL Offices of the FBI’s responsibility. It was also established that each FBI Office contact each regional office to establish a liaison and line of communication to promptly receive any allegations of civil rights violations.

“Each receiving office [of this airtel] should contact the Regional ADL Director(s) listed in your Division and establish this liaison. FBIHQ need not be notified of the results of these contacts with the exception of any significant cases or problems. These contacts should be documented in each field office 44-0 file.”

The kosher Klansman

One of the best known ADL informers in the right-wing is James R. Rosenberg (a.k.a. Jimmy Rosenberg/Jimmy Mitchell/Jimmy Anderson), who is employed by the ADL’s Fact Finding (i.e., dirty tricks) unit run by Irwin Suall. Rosenberg was the ADL’s paid infiltrator into a Ku Klux Klan klavern in

Trenton, New Jersey, who attempted to provoke the KKK into bombing the Trenton chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

In 1981, a female JDL contact using the code name "Ricky," following threats from Rosenberg, gave the following background on him. She said she met Jimmy in Israel in 1978 when she was at the Kfar Saba kibbutz, and took pity on Jimmy, who was an outcast, constantly bragging about how he worked for the ADL to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan. According to the source, Jimmy "got all messed up on Valium. . . . He even had to go for drug treatment and that upset him because he got impotent for about six months. . . . There was some things about the KKK that Jimmy really agreed with," Ricky said, adding: "He calls the Syrian Jews 'niggers,' and he was always talking about going to South Africa to kill blacks." While in Israel, Jimmy became a "jobnik" (paper pusher) with the Israeli military.

On his return to the United States in 1979, the ADL used Rosenberg's military experience to have him infiltrate paramilitary groups. In an exposé entitled "Armies of the Right," aired on Minneapolis television, the producer quoted so-called right-wing leaders spewing out anti-black and anti-Jewish filth and calling for violence. By far the most racist and disgusting on the show was Rosenberg, who was introduced as the head of a Queens, New York chapter of the Christian Defense League. At no point in the broadcast were the viewers told that Rosenberg was an ADL undercover *agent provocateur*.

The ADL informant's Nazi rally

Mordechai Levy is another major informant shared by Irwin Suall and the ADL with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 1979, Levy was caught brown-handed organizing a Nazi Party rally in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was supposed to lead to a melee with the Jewish Defense League, of which Levy was also then a member. On Feb. 16, 1979, using the phony name "James Guttman," Levy applied for a rally permit from the National Park Service in Philadelphia, to hold a joint demonstration of the Klan and the Nazis at Independence Hall. Levy/Guttman's statement on the permit application stated he would hold a "white power rally to show white masses unity of white race, and to show the world niggers and Jews are cowards." Under the category for "decorations . . . equipment," Levy wrote, "swastika banners, Nazi uniforms, KKK paraphernalia . . . will burn cross, swastika picket signs . . . [saying] Hitler was Right—Gas Commie Jews." On the application, Levy identified himself (Guttman) as the "leading coordinator" for the Chicago-based National Socialist Party of America, whose *führer* is Frank Collin, a notorious ADL *agent provocateur* who organized a Nazi march through Skokie, Illinois, an area with a large number of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust.

Eventually, Levy's cover was blown, and the Nazi Party rally received major coverage in the press, which protected

Levy's real controllers—the ADL and the FBI. Headlines for the articles included, "Is the JDL Behind the Nazis Permit?" "Nazi Rally-Rouser Really Jewish," and, "Is Everybody in the Nazi Rally Crazy?"

This rally is a typical example of the "gang versus countergang" warfare which was at its height during Cointelpro in the United States, and which is now being shopped into Germany by the ADL and a faction of U.S. intelligence.

But by far the most telling incident of ADL-FBI collusion in fomenting KKK violence in America came to light in 1970 through an exposé in the *Los Angeles Times*. The story recounted a June 30, 1968 ambush in Meridian, Mississippi outside the home of ADL official Meyer Davidson. A local schoolteacher, Cathy Ainsworth, was killed by police, and a second person, Thomas A. Terrants III, was critically wounded by 70 separate gunshots fired by 22 FBI agents and police.

Terrants and Ainsworth were KKK members who were sent by local KKK leaders Alton Wayne Roberts and Raymond Roberts to plant a bomb at Davidson's home. What the two would-be bombers didn't know was that the Roberts brothers had just been paid \$69,000 by the New Orleans office of the ADL to work as *agents provocateurs*. Ainsworth's murder was stage-managed by the ADL, apparently in an effort to instigate a KKK scare in the community and put Davidson forward as a hero and "victim" of racist violence.

At the time that New Orleans ADL official Adolph Botnick passed the cash on to the Roberts brothers (with the full approval of local FBI officials), the Roberts were suspects in 10 separate terrorist incidents in the previous year. They were under federal indictment for the 1964 murders of three civil rights workers, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, in Philadelphia, Mississippi. As a side benefit of their collusion with the ADL and the FBI, the Roberts brothers received slap-on-the-wrist sentences for the Philadelphia murders and their other terrorist escapades and were eventually squirreled away into the Federal Witness Protection Program (FWPP).

Magnitude of the control

With U.S.- and British-based radical racist organizations identified internationally as key players in the recent buildup of racially motivated violence in Germany, an obvious question is begged: Is the entire deployment of these skinheads, KKKers, etc. part of an Anglo-American joint covert operation to throw the Federal Republic of Germany into chaos and create the pretext for an international Germany-bashing propaganda drive? There is little doubt that the answer is "yes."

High-level police sources in the Federal Republic have stated off the record that they know Germany is the target of one of the most aggressive foreign intelligence operations in decades. However, there is fear that a broadside attack on the role of U.S. and British intelligence-deployed *agents provocateurs* would only make matters worse.