

York's East Harlem. That takeover eventually led to the formation of the Lincoln Detox Center in the Bronx which was the site where the "Black Liberation Army" terrorists were trained in preparation for their spree of police killings in 1972. Perez was arrested in a "safehouse" stocked with FALN propaganda — a safehouse rented by a Lincoln Detox staffer.

The U.S. Labor Party has periodically briefed responsible New York Police Department officials on aspects of the Black Liberation Army and related terrorist cases which have come to the party's attention through its investigations of the Institute for Policy Studies and other Rockefeller-linked intelligence operations.

Local New York City investigators had linked the FALN terrorists to the Episcopal Church and to Rockefeller's "Interchurch Center" and World Council of Churches prior to last week's bombings. Grand juries in-

vestigating the case in both New York and Chicago were known to be dissatisfied with the pace of FBI efforts to apprehend the FALN, which was responsible for a fatal bombing at New York's Fraunces Tavern in 1974 and other terrorists acts.

Following the latest bombing and prior to the Perez arrest, New York City Mayor Abraham Beame scored the FBI for its lax surveillance of known FALN members.

In a statement issued August 4, LaRouche commented: "Once we're out of this, we're going to stamp out terrorism once and for all, even if we have to step on a few toes to do it. Terrorism such as the obscene murder of Dresdner Bank official Jürgen Ponto, and the targeted assassination of other bankers and industrialists cannot be tolerated. The creatures who are carrying this out don't seem to realize that their action can lead to nuclear war."  
— Paul Arnest

## FAZ On The Terrorists 'Scorched Earth' Strategy

*A leading West German daily, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, published this analysis of terrorist deployments in its Aug. 2 issue.*

Susanne Albrecht and two of the three women with whom she was put in contact after the murder of the banker Jürgen Ponto, had until recently been working in the Stuttgart office of Croissant, the lawyer who has fled to France. This adds still more strength to the suspicion that a new headquarters of West German terrorism has been formed either in or in the vicinity of this office. The assassins of Federal Prosecutor Buback and of his two escorts used the community of Sachsenhain just outside of Stuttgart as a base of operations for their crime. The "letter of acknowledgment" which explained the reasons for the deed closely resembles the speaking style of the Stammheim prisoners around Gudrun Ensslin and Andreas Baader, or of the persons outside this prison with whom they are in contact.

The alleged murderers or accomplices arrested and jailed following the successful dragnet — who all belong to a grouping around the lawyer Haag, who was arrested in 1976 — indicated their urgent desire to be transferred to Baader at Stammheim — a desire whose realization was to be helped along by means of hunger strikes.

It seems that the Baader-Meinhof Gang has not lost any of its attractiveness for politically motivated criminals, and there also seems to be evidence that the Stuttgart legal office has made a considerable contribution to this.

With regard to the activities we are observing, we must, however, differentiate between those of a propagandistic nature, and those aimed at preparing or carrying out a criminal offense. The fact that in the case of the headquarters in Stuttgart — or at whatever location it happened to center around — both aspects are co-existent, must give pause for thought. Put in this context, Croissant's disappearance over the French border is also placed in a new light.

Normally, the proximity of direct action jeopardizes the possibility for propagandistic work. Croissant's "International Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners in West Europe," whose "BRD Section" resided at his Stuttgart office, coordinates all efforts to put into motion an international movement of sympathy for the "Red Army Fraction" (RAF) and the prisoners from this circle. Their main theme in the past has been their attempt to push the thesis of the alleged murder of Ulrike Meinhof. Besides this, the lawyers working with Croissant — Arndt Müller and Arnim Hewerle — did intensive legal work in order to remain in touch with the RAF members incarcerated at various locations.

The terrorists consider these and other activities to be extremely important. It is all the more surprising, then, that they should forego the basis of the office's potential influence, by using it also as a center of direct actions.

If this holds true for the assassination of the federal prosecutor and for the tragic outcome of the attempted kidnapping of the banker Ponto, then this would indicate a readiness, at least with respect to the Federal Republic, to follow a scorched-earth policy for the sake of direct action, i.e., to carry out actions without any consideration of the on-the-spot consequences. The result of such a strategy would be, for example, giving up a base of operations as soon as someone has worn it out. Croissant's retreat to France could be understood in this way.

One could have also already figured out such a strategy from the last press statement from Croissant's office and from the documentation available with it. The documentation consisted of letters by Ulrike Meinhof written during the last years before her suicide. These letters were passed around among the Baader-Meinhof prisoners through the "Info system." The closest confidants belonged to the circle of recipients known as "Info I." The most general items were passed along "Info III."

A string of lawyers participated in this Info system. A

couple of these lawyers are awaiting trial, because they are being accused of contributing to the establishment of a criminal conspiracy, in prison yet, through "Info" Croissant has also been charged with this crime.

On the other hand, several attorneys, among them is Baader-Meinhof defense attorney Kurt Groenewold, who was indicted in Hamburg in connection to the Info system, have said that Info just helped the preparations for the trials of those accused in the terrorist trials. To the extent that attorneys acted as messengers for "Info," then these actions are to be viewed as legal defense activities.

This viewpoint comes in for some pretty rough sailing through the publication of the Meinhof letters. In them, one can read the threats and the condemnations made by the prisoners, which precisely correspond to the image that the Federal Attorney General's Office has had of "Info" for years. Forwarding these letters by Meinhof did not contribute to any of the tasks in the trial. Their publication and distribution hurts Groenewold, hurts a string of attorneys, and even hurts Croissant, to the extent that he is still interested in a legal viewpoint. This obviously serves the purpose of representing things in such a way that defense activities for the RAF in the BRD will be impossible....

The publication of the Meinhof letters then appears to have the function of destroying the cover for everyone who was involved in the Baader-Meinhof affair. What the people in Stuttgart have done is to give up the image that was patiently constructed over the past years of an Ulrike Meinhof who was almost similar to Jeanne d'Arc,

in order to make clear the total confrontation between the RAF sympathizers and members on one side, and the state and its organs on the other side. What this is decisively is the abandonment of the strategy of smuggling information semi-legally and the abandonment of an increasingly questionable legality on the part of judicial or non-judicial Baader-Meinhof helpers.

But what has also been abandoned is the possibility of open or semi-open work in the BRD. Even existing posts will be closed down. This has been communicated in letters and statements in the newspapers of the anarchist sub-culture such as "Plasterstrand", or the Berliner "Info about the undogmatic groups" and even in the "ID, the information service for underground news."

The terrorists live without being noticed and without strongly organized or dogmatic ties to the anarchist scene — they form groups, if at all, around keeping up contact with those in prison, and they only appear spontaneously. The active core of the terrorists operates from foreign countries, and withdraws to foreign countries. The centers of the organization are in the large northern Italian cities. There is where the terrorists find the environment in which they can live without danger.

The events of the last half year have shown that German terrorists have first of all given up the attempt to establish inconspicuous or camouflaged centers in Germany. Therefore, Susan Albrecht could use her correct name without any second thoughts, and make use of her personal acquaintances: for these people, the Federal Republic and the circles that are known to them there are scorched earth.

## Atlanta Journal Breaks LaRouche Assassination Plot

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*"It started with a phonecall from a political party leader to Mitch WerBell, led U.S. State Department and Powder Springs officials down a trail of confusion and ended with one police chief befuddled and one policeman on a plane to Germany."*

WASHINGTON — John Eidson was confused. All he did was leave town for a couple of days and by the time he got back, well, things just weren't the same. The tip off was the State Department call. All over the world people get calls from the State Department every day but John Eidson is the chief of the Powder Springs Police Department where he has fourteen officers and tries to keep the peace in a small town in western Cobb County. He hardly ever gets calls from the State Department. The call came Tuesday evening, Eidson had just gotten back to Powder

Springs from a trip to Calloway Gardens and a conference of Georgia Police chiefs. When he left town Sunday afternoon everything was fine. Now, the strange caller said one of Eidson's officers, a man named Larry Cooper Captain Larry Cooper to be exact, was at Kennedy Airport in New York trying to fly to Frankfurt without a passport. Could or would Chief Eidson confirm that Capt. Cooper was indeed a member of the Powder Springs Police Department who was on a special assignment to Germany. Stunned, Eidson wouldn't. "This is Powder Springs and we are city police officers," he told a reporter Wednesday night. "Our jurisdiction don't hardly extend to Germany." "I didn't know what the hell was going on," he added. What was going on was bizarre enough as it was and it would have been truly amazing if it weren't for the fact that Powder Springs is the mailing address for one Mitchell L. WerBell III. Now 59, WerBell is commonly referred to in the press as a "Cobb County munitions dealer". That is something of an understatement. WerBell is a swashbuckling soldier of fortune whose name through the years has been associated with so many cloak and dagger tales and high adventures that