

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

The following article, reprinted in its entirety, appeared on page one of the flagship newspaper of the Cox chain, The Atlanta Journal, on August 4, under the headline, "Cops, Cloak and Dagger Tale" by Charles Hayslett.

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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

nobody believes him any more when he says he is not working for the C.I.A. — or when he says he is working with the C.I.A. either.

"You know the joke about old spies," he said Wednesday afternoon. "They trip over their cloak and fall on their dagger."

His activities have earned him the continuing scrutiny of a number of government agencies and not a little national press coverage. Indeed the current issue of Esquire magazine features a major piece on WerBell and a nifty little machine gun he helped develop.

"This man," says Esquire, "inhabits an elegant but opaque world."

The story of Larry Cooper's trip to Germany gets opaque at times too. Nevertheless, what happened was this: On Sunday or Monday, apparently after John Eidson left his post for Calloway Gardens, WerBell got a call from representatives of the U.S. Labor Party. WerBell had talked to them before. The U.S. Labor Party used to be considered a leftist organization of little note but not now. If the spectrum of political philosophies can be viewed as existing not on a straight line but on a not quite completed circle with the far left and the far right at the circle's unjoined ends, then it might be said that the Labor Party has bridged the gap and is now a right-wing organization of little note. At least it has convinced some people that this is the case, among them Mitch WerBell.

"I wouldn't even talk to them at first," said WerBell, a virulent anti-communist, "but they ain't left-wingers. They're a little to the right of Larry McDonald and I don't know how you get to the right of Larry McDonald."

Like most groups, the Labor Party has a leader. His name is Lyndon LaRouche and he ran for president in 1976. LaRouche lost and is now supposedly in Wiesbaden, West Germany where, according to Labor Party representatives here, he is trying to pull together a worldwide coalition to establish a new monetary system. The new monetary system, according to the Labor Party, is the only way of saving the world from economic ruin. Naturally this movement has its critics. Foremost among them are proponents of the present world monetary system, says the Labor Party, including the Rockefellers whose Chase Manhattan bank allegedly would collapse under this new system. Several years ago David Rockefeller established an organization called the Trilateralist (sic) Commission concerned with global politics and the inadequacy of institutions to deal with existing and developing problems. The Trilateralist Commission brought together under one roof such government and political figures as Cyrus Vance, Michael Blumenthal, Harold Brown, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Walter Mondale and Jimmy Carter to think over the situation. These people pretty much run the country now.

With us so far? There's more. Recently, according to Labor Party press releases, a couple of people sympathetic to Labor Party goals have turned up dead. These same Labor Party press releases fix blame directly on a conspiracy involving an alleged terrorist group called the German-headquartered Baader-Meinhof Gang but would have readers believe the Carter Administration is actually behind it all. These same releases

say that these victims were on a "hit list" of thirty to forty people targetted by Baader-Meinhof, LaRouche of course, is among these. Early this week, after LaRouche learned from, as one press release put it "high level sources of the best qualification in the USA," that he was on the list, the Labor Party called in WerBell and hired him to protect LaRouche.

That brings us back to Larry Cooper. WerBell called Cooper and told him to go on over to Wiesbaden and set up security for LaRouche. What about Cooper's full-time job with the Powder Springs Police Department, WerBell was asked. Did WerBell just call up and say he needed to borrow Larry Cooper for a while?

WerBell said that was about right. "Except the chief wasn't there. We got the mayor."

That, apparently, is pretty much what happened. Powder Springs Mayor J.O. Rogers was reported to be out of town and could not be reached for comment but Eidson said that Rogers has confirmed to him that he gave Cooper permission to take a personal leave of absence. So Cooper flew to New York and, by all accounts, tried to fly on to Frankfurt without a passport. He asked passport officials at Kennedy to waive the passport requirements, which they can do, but didn't, holding that Cooper's trip was apparently not an emergency. When Customs officials asked Cooper about the nature of his trip, he told them. Indeed, according to a State Department official here, Cooper gave them several different versions of his story, including one that had him on a top secret mission for the National Security Council (NSC). (Eidson, said Cooper, who could not be reached for comment, told him a completely different story. The Powder Springs police chief said he managed to talk to Cooper on Tuesday evening and Cooper told him he was on special assignment to West Germany to help protect a high-ranking German official from assassins, who had killed two of the official's aides in the last few days. "He was real evasive," said Eidson.)

This is not Cooper's first time in the limelight. He has snared his share of headlines over the years. The first time was in 1972 as a Cobbs County policeman, Cooper and three colleagues were accused of shooting into the Smyrna home of a drug informant. Cooper wound up resigning from the Cobbs County force five months later in exchange for having the charges dropped. From there he moved to the Mountain View Police Department in Clayton County, a force that has known its share of troubles. When it surfaced in the press that Cooper was working there, police chief Jim Tarber said he hired Cooper on the recommendation of Cobb County police Captain Bill Reed. Reed denied ever having made the recommendation, and a few days later both Tarber and Cooper resigned because of the publicity. But Cooper was back within days, this time not as a mere officer, but as acting chief. From there he drifted into relative obscurity, joining the Paulding County Sheriff's Department, where he stayed until he came to Powder Springs in early 1975. Now he is a captain on the Powder Springs force, having reached that rank in just over 2 years. "That's fast," Eidson admitted.

Anyway, all is well that ends well, and Cooper was finally issued a passport Wednesday afternoon on what the State Department called "the flimsiest of evidence."

"Not only did they not have time to properly check his identification," a Department spokeswoman said, but, "he kept changing his story so many times, they did not know what they could believe." Cooper was supposed to be on a flight to Frankfurt Wednesday evening.

Eidson, meanwhile, still was befuddled about the

whole thing and said he still had no idea exactly what was going on. When he talked to Cooper Tuesday evening Chief Eidson said Cooper told him the special assignment was something that "in no way would reflect back on this Department, that anything that came out on it would be good."

Policies For Terrorist Target Victims

The following statement was released Aug. 5 by U.S. Labor Party chairman Lyndon LaRouche.

As a result of the past several days experience, and because of the extraordinary assistance I have received from several governments and other sources, I am unusually advantaged to outline crucial points of policy for targetted victims of actual or probable terrorist attacks, and for the assistance of those agencies responsible for security.

The crucial problem confronted by security officers responsible for a list of targetted victims is that of avoiding the situation in which, in effect, the victim and shield are entrenched in foxhole positions, waiting for the adversary to strike at the time and in the manner of his choice.

In some situations, "Foxhole" security procedures may be unavoidable, for lack of credible or actionable approaches to eliminating the threat at its source. In this case, the military tactical analogies to be applied are obvious. This is, of course, a matter of resources available.

Let us review my own case, to illustrate the problem actually under consideration.

First, the facts concerning the attack itself.

As has been reported, I received warning from the most reliable channels that a "Baader-Meinhof" attack upon me had been activated with complicity of very high level strata within the Carter-Mondale Administration. This was verified by another highly-qualified source. This information was corroborated by massive evidence of mobilization within terrorists and their political-support strata for a specific and early attack upon me as part of the deployment for the current general wave of terror being launched from (notably) safe-house bases in Switzerland.

Is this "absolute proof" of a terrorist attack? It is proof of some form of terrorist attack, but not necessarily of an actual assassination. The kind of "proof" demanded by some press and police agencies could never be obtained until after the indicated victim is dead. ("Now, you're dead, therefore, you have finally produced proof that you are a terrorist's victim.") Obviously, the sort of editor or police official to which we refer in that way is an incompetent fool — or worse. Those are the editors and police officials who make the work of the terrorist assassination much, much easier.

However, putting aside incompetents of that sort, there are highly-relevant questions to be addressed to any pre-

ponderance of qualified information of impending kidnapping or assassination.

The key word to keep in mind in security intelligence evaluations is "terror". Terrorism operates generally on the basis of issuing either a long list of victims by name or a list of categories of targetted individuals. Out of the entire list of indicated victims, some selected victims are actually attacked, thus terrorizing the other victims on the same list or in the same categories. Within any list, we can broadly subdivide the list as follows. Some of those, category "A", are prime targets of an operational attack. Others, category "B", are secondary targets, for which attacks are ready to be made operational quickly. Still others, category "C", are the focus of simulated attacks, either for diversionary effect or some other special purpose. The remainder, category "D", represent the "field", possible targets of operational attacks who are otherwise prime victims of the terror in general rather than necessarily of attacks as such.

Unfortunately, without precise information of the sort which may not be accessible, one does not know off-hand which individuals on a list belong to which sub-classification of security problems.

For example, a terrorist attack against a government may: (1) be intended to eliminate specific governmental leaders, (2) be intended to control the actions of governmental leaders by killing some close associates, (3) be aimed to set into motion police-state measures, as a way of activating a number of derived capabilities for further operations. Never lose sight of the significance of the word "terror."

Thus, in my case, our obligatory course of action was to set into motion a set of measures which covered all the probable implications. Having set those measures into place, the next task was to quickly reduce the number of alternatives by security-intelligence and related means. This continuing effort involves (A) interests, (B) capabilities, (C) deployments of the adversary force and (D) countermeasures against the adversary forces.

As indicated in a report issued yesterday, the conditions of the "belief structure" of the terrorists' Maoist-Trotskyist-anarchist-environmentalists auxiliaries, their political-support layers — their "cheering sections" — reduced the political capabilities of the action to a focus upon my role in working for new national and international banking measures — which is why I was on the same list with Juergen Ponto, and other leading politicians, bankers and industrialists representing what might be termed a "Secretary Blumenthal Enemies