

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

'PLO' terrorist activation exposed as Mossad hoax

A new scandal has broken out in the Federal Republic of Germany over the criminal complicity of the Israeli foreign intelligence service, Mossad, in terrorist activations. According to the latest issue of the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, over a dozen "Palestinian guerrillas" arrested in the past two weeks attempting to infiltrate the Federal Republic are now believed by the West German federal police, the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), to be part of an "old Mossad network started years ago and now coming into Germany." The operation, reports *Der Spiegel*, is believed to be run by the "strategists from Jerusalem."

The terrorists, arrested in groups of two to three along the Dutch and Austrian borders (on "tips" from the Mossad), were found to be in possession of numerous passports, ranging from Iran, Cyprus and Mauritania to Argentina. At least four of the captured "Palestinians" immediately confessed to being "loyal members of the Palestinian Liberation Organization" (PLO). According to *Spiegel*, BKA officials became immediately suspicious about the reliability of these unsolicited confessions—particularly in light of meetings that took place during March and April between West German Interior Ministry officials and security personnel from the PLO.

At those meetings, ostensibly convened to ensure that PLO operations were not launched

against German territory and citizens, a working collaboration was initiated. Through cross-checking of material on file, solid evidence was compiled that British and Israeli intelligence channels had carried out the late 1978 assassination of Ali Hassan Salameh, the personal security chief for PLO head Yassir Arafat, and had created a trail of false information implicating the West Germans. A British national working in the employ of the Mossad had cultivated a series of contacts in the Wiesbaden and Cologne areas that conformed to the profile of a BKA or BND operative.

Beneath these exposés, threats, and charges, a raging battle is known to be taking place within the West German security apparatus. The German daily *Die Welt* characterized the dispute—centered around the issue of Mossad involvement in terrorism and what to do about it—as being between the forces grouped around Interior Minister Baum ("a perfect liberal") and BKA head Herold, who has been under attack for his initiatives of cooperation with the PLO.

Turmoil among Mossad networks of influence

What has the British and Israeli channels of influence channels of influence into the Federal Republic thoroughly unhinged is the broader implication of West Germany fully joining with Italian and French security services in

shutting down the entire terrorist machinery.

On May 7, Judge Calogero, the Padua magistrate directing the Italian government's investigation into Professor Tony Negri (the mastermind behind the 1978 Aldo Moro kidnapping-assassination), issued a press statement emphasizing that his investigative team is presently unconcerned with the details of the individual terrorist acts and is working towards developing general hypotheses about the nature of the European terrorist command. Calogero did at the same time announce that 25 additional arrest warrants would be issued momentarily against the leadership of the Autonomia Operaia on charges of attempted armed insurrection and overthrow of the state. As part of the added dimensions of the Italian crackdown, the Feltrinelli Library and the offices of the Feltrinelli publishing house were raided in Milan and early documents of Negri were confiscated.

If the West German government breaks through the wall of British-Israeli threats and containment and adopts the method behind the recent counterterror successes in Italy and France, one thing is obvious to all observers. In addition to going after the full story behind the wave of 1977 assassinations that claimed the lives of three of Schmidt's closest collaborators in preparing the European Monetary System, the files will have to be reopened on the events that occurred in Munich during the summer 1972 Olympics. And, as the gamemasters in London and Jerusalem know, if the truth ever surfaces about the Munich massacre, the entire edifice of postwar Anglo-American political power could crumble.

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