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“Are the West German authorities aware of these threats?” asked Claudio, and it was Alberto who answered. “That’s not the problem. The problem is to know how the groups of the left can be operatively controlled, together with the right-wing groups, even though not all their members know that they are manipulated instruments and that they are infiltrated.”

“The intelligence unit,” let us call it that, explained Harris, referring in particular to the anarcho-Maoist movement, “has introduced into these layers a network of agents who are highly trained ... to control terrorist activity in various ways. The operations are also led by maintaining a technical-operative capability through a separate line of command such that the programs, plans, means of escape, are made known to the terrorists only in case of need and always only partially.

“Anarchist doctrine functions as a sort of synthetic religious doctrine or, as the experts define it, a belief structure. This belief structure gives the autonomy (mass above-ground support structure of Italian terrorist gangs—ed.) a species of brainwashed political motivation to the extent of making them accept the notions which they have been chosen to carry out. Let me give you an example. When the individual in charge of the ‘intelligence unit’ gives the orders to assassinate Buback (West German attorney general, murdered by terrorists—ed.) or Ponto (head of the Dresdner Bank and leader of the West German prodevelopment networks, also assassinated—ed.), the individual who is to carry out the order is not told that he is murdering Buback because Buback is seen by Wall Street as a dangerous rival. He is rather told that Buback is a capitalist oppressor. If the terrorist were to know too much about the operation for which he is being used, he would become an ineffective instrument ripe for being exposed to the police.”

Backers of W. German terrorism exposed

Revelations have emerged that Israeli secret intelligence agents drugged and brainwashed Palestinian prisoners in Bavaria to carry out terrorist assassinations against leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The operation reaches high into the state apparatus of Bavaria, whose officials cooperated with the Israeli terrorist-controllers, according to spokesmen from federal law enforcement agencies in Bonn. Investigation of these links in the terrorist chain of command threatens to expose and demolish one of the chief weapons which

has been used against West European governments by British and Israeli intelligence services, in particular.

Federal Interior Minister Gerhard Baum issued a warning to Israel not to try to sabotage Bonn’s antiterrorist agreements with Arab states and the PLO. In a statement quoted by the weekly *Der Spiegel* Nov. 12, Baum said that “somebody wants to disrupt our contacts with the PLO. I am for a battle against international terrorism, and nobody should interfere with our efforts.”

The chairman of the West German parliamentary Interior Security Committee, Axel Wernitz, demanded a thorough investigation of all Israeli secret service activities in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Last April, four “Palestinian” terrorists were arrested trying to enter West Germany and brought to the Straubing prison in Munich, Bavaria. During the course of the interrogation of the prisoners, federal law enforcement authorities became suspicious when one of the four immediately tried to implicate the PLO. He declared himself to be a PLO officer—despite the fact that the PLO has no military ranks. The weekly *Der Spiegel* reported that some law enforcement officials believed the terrorists were “made in Jerusalem.”

During subsequent interrogations by the Bavarian police, Israeli “translators” were permitted to question the prisoners, which included one Mohammed Yusef, a former bodyguard to PLO security chief Abu Iyad. According to PLO statements and reports circulated in last week’s *Der Spiegel*, Yusef was drugged and brainwashed to carry out an assassination against Abu Iyad. He was released from prison in July of this year, and returned to Lebanon, where he confessed his mission to Abu Iyad. A week later, he reportedly committed suicide with a machine gun. The PLO lodged a protest with the West German embassy in Beirut, and eventually the story broke in the press.

These developments are the latest in a continuing effort by Israeli and British intelligence to prevent Bonn from establishing links with the Arabs and with the PLO outside the framework of the Camp David Mideast accord. More broadly, Israeli-controlled terrorists such as the Baader Meinhof gang have been used repeatedly to destabilize the government of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Documented Israeli-linked terrorists include Baader Meinhof member Hans Joachim Klein who defected to Israel last year and is currently living on a kibbutz. Another top Baader Meinhof terrorist, Winfried Boese, hijacked a jet to Entebbe airport in Uganda in 1976 and the Israeli government claims that he was killed in an Israeli commando raid on the plane. The West German government, however, still lists Boese among the “most wanted” terrorists, and some officials believe that he survived and was taken to Israel.

The Israeli terrorist operations were dealt a major blow when West German Interior Minister Baum traveled to Libya at the end of 1978 and signed an agreement with Libyan leader Qaddafi to jointly combat terrorism. High-powered British-Israeli plans went into effect to try to sabotage the Baum-Qaddafi agreement (in which the PLO was a silent partner). On Jan. 22 Abu Hassan Salameh, the son of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, was assassinated, with the key role in the plot reportedly played by Erika Maria Chambers, a British national operating under a "German" cover. This Israeli effort to disrupt West German-Arab cooperation backfired when an investigation team from the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA—the federal criminal investigation bureau) went to Beirut in March and met with PLO

security officials. The BKA team reached the assessment, according to inside sources, that the assassination was part of a British-Israeli plot to disrupt West German-Arab relations.

The Israelis retaliated by sending an agent into West Berlin to organize a cell of Palestinians to "revenge the Salameh murder." Plans were laid to assassinate a leading Zionist spokesman in the city and to blow up gasoline storage depots. The Israeli ringleader was arrested and detained briefly in a prison in the British occupation zone, where he was not subject to West German criminal court jurisdiction, and then allowed to return to Israel.

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