

Facts Behind Terror by Jeffrey Steinberg

Mossad runs anti-Semitic violence

As during the de Gaulle years, France is targeted, to disrupt its foreign policy.

Speaking Sept. 28 at a press conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, Knesset member and accused stock swindler Samuel Flatto-Sharon announced that a commando team of a dozen Israeli Army veterans had been infiltrated into France to carry out counteroperations to the neo-Nazi organizations active in that country in recent days.

Claiming the backing of the Israeli Defense Force, Flatto-Sharon further stated that a total of over 200 commandos will be sent into France in the immediate weeks ahead, to "protect" the Jewish communities of Paris, Marseilles, Nice and Lyon.

The announcement by the man identified in a recent French best-seller as a kingpin of the Israeli mafia was ostensibly triggered by five separate incidents of machine gun strafing of Parisian synagogues and Jewish nurseries by the National European Action Federation (FANE), France's leading neo-Nazi group.

On Sept. 27, simultaneous to the FANE violence in Paris, a bomb was detonated at the Munich Oktoberfest which left 12 people dead and nearly a hundred injured. The blast, the worst bombing incident in Germany since the close of World War II, has been tentatively traced to the Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann, another neo-Nazi organization.

Following the bombing, a call was received at Munich police

headquarters from a female who claimed credit for the incident on behalf of the "Bologna bombers." Last month, an Italian neo-fascist group, the Armed Revolutionary Nucleus (NAR), blew up the train station in Bologna, killing 80.

This activation in France, West Germany, and Italy constitutes the most significant activation of right-wing terrorist operations in nearly a decade. It comes on the eve of federal elections in the first two countries and in the wake of a government crisis in the third.

This coincidence of events has prompted professional security analysts in both Europe and the United States to strongly speculate that the right-wing activation and the consequent surfacing of Flatto-Sharon's vigilante invaders are *both* the work of the Israeli foreign intelligence service, the Mossad.

This is a shocking assessment, but the Mossad-rightist cooperation has developed since the end of World War II into an operationally effective unit.

Operationally, the Mossad has maintained at least partial control over the Nazi and neo-Nazi networks of Europe since the end of the world war, when the Israeli intelligence service was first formally created out of the Haganah and Irgun terrorist undergrounds in Palestine.

At that time, Israeli intelligence operatives—familiar with the Nazi escape routes out of Eastern Eu-

rope (the same escape routes had carried many Jewish survivors of the Nazi concentration camps to Palestine)—began a systematic hunting and blackmailing operation to secure the services of the Nazi escapees on behalf of Israel.

In the mid-1960s, French President Charles de Gaulle revealed that it was the Mossad, operating through charitable fronts in Israel and the United States, that bankrolled the attempt on his life by the Vichyite generals of the Secret Army Organization.

The de Gaulle parallel is relevant. Then, as now, the foreign policy of Israel stands at loggerheads with that of the nations of continental Europe, especially France. Then, as now, the Mossad resorted to a terrorist activation as a means of resolving the policy dispute.

In the present case, analysts believe that the Mossad has activated a wave of largely anti-Semitic violence in France precisely in order to provide the justification for the deployment of a mercenary army of Israeli commandos.

Just prior to the formal announcement of the deployment of Flatto-Sharon's "dirty dozen" into French territory, several industrial sites in that country were bombed by a group identifying itself as the "Friends of the Iranian Revolution." French police announced that their investigations showed that the group was in fact an Israeli intelligence cell.

Simultaneous with the announcement of Flatto-Sharon, a series of bombs went off that destroyed the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce in Marseilles. Marseilles is one of the four cities where Flatto-Sharon's mercenaries have been surfaced.