

FBI lying about terrorist threat to the summer Olympics

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A behind-the-scenes war is raging among U.S. law-enforcement and intelligence officials in the aftermath of Senate Internal Security Committee hearings on Sept. 14-15, at which spokesmen for the Federal Bureau of Investigations pronounced that there is no threat of terrorist attack against the 1984 summer Olympic games in Los Angeles.

The closed hearings, sponsored by Sen. Jeremiah Denton (R-Ala.), heard testimony from representatives of the FBI, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Sheriff Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Department of State and the Office of the Governor of California. While precise details on the proceedings are not currently available to *EIR*, sources close to several of the participants reported that the FBI's "we're in charge here" approach and the Bureau's adamant denial that there is a terrorist threat to the United States were greeted by vehement protests from many of the other participants—and a pile of evidence raising serious questions about the FBI's competence and motives.

According to one Washington, D.C. intelligence insider, the FBI rejected out of hand a report commissioned by President Reagan and prepared by a Department of Defense study group directed by Col. Charles Beckwith detailing a significant penetration of foreign terrorist circles and an increase in activities by domestic U.S. terrorist groups, all directed toward the Olympics. Beckwith was the former director of the U.S. Army's special anti-terrorist unit "Blue Light" and commanded the aborted U.S. hostage rescue mission in Iran in 1980. The Beckwith white paper, according to this source, was not even reviewed by FBI officials before it was rejected.

According to sources close to the Los Angeles Police Department, the LAPD representative at the Denton hearings tore the FBI testimony to shreds, focusing on the Bureau's announced plans to initiate the security preparations for the Olympic games a mere 45 days before the scheduled start.

The slapdash arrangements were defended by the FBI spokesman on the grounds that there exists no credible threat to the events, despite the resurfacing of the Weatherunderground in the Brinks-robbery last year and the FBI's own forced admission this spring that a nationwide terrorist infrastructure has been re-established in the United States with concentrations of safehousing in the Southwest and on the West Coast.

Pattern of coverup

The FBI's dismissal of the threat to the Olympics conforms to a recent pattern of actions that raise even more profound questions about the FBI command than were prompted by either the Cointelpro crimes of the 1960s and 1970s or the Abscam-Brilab Gestapo tactics of the present decade.

Since March 23, 1983, when President Reagan startled the world by announcing a 180-degree turn in U.S. strategic military doctrine, repudiating 25 years of Pugwash Conference-Kissingerian Mutually Assured Destruction in favor of a doctrine of assured survival based on the development and deployment of nuclear-warhead-"killing" laser ABM systems, the FBI's activities have increasingly converged on aiding and abetting the Soviet state policy of "destroying the Reagan administration at all costs." At least two intelligence sources report to *EIR* that FBI Director William Webster has made behind-closed-doors statements since the spring of 1982 calling for the destruction of the Reagan presidency. A Carter appointee, Webster is a member of the steering committee of the Mandalay Club, the semi-secret elite that presides over the goings-on at the Scottish Rite Freemasonic West Coast retreat, Bohemian Grove. Since its founding at the beginning of this century, Bohemian Grove has been a center for treasonous efforts against the American republic.

● In April of this year, the FBI issued an official report in response to a presidential request to evaluate the Soviet role in directing the U.S. "peace" movement. The FBI report

whitewashed Soviet involvement in the American nuclear freeze apparatus at the very moment that Judge Webster's West German counterpart in the Bundesverfassungsschutz was compiling in-depth evidence that the West European peace movement was run from the top down, and massively financed, by the Soviet KGB, by the Russian Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchate, and by several Eastern European Soviet surrogate intelligence services including the East German Stasi and the Bulgarian secret service.

- In late May, a 26-person Soviet delegation made a tour of the United States, launched by a weeklong parlay with top U.S. "peaceniks" in Minneapolis, Minnesota. *EIR* observers at that Minnesota fest compiled over 15 hours of taped evidence and transcripts proving that the Soviet representatives were giving their U.S. counterparts precise marching orders—to focus all their efforts at wreaking havoc against Reagan's beam weapons policy. Even after the transcripts of the proceedings and detailed biographical profiles of the leading Soviet participants were presented to relevant U.S. government officials, the FBI—which acknowledged having its own on-the-scene observers in Minneapolis—insisted that no evidence existed of Soviet control over the U.S. domestic peace apparatus. According to U.S. government and defense industry security personnel, the FBI went so far as to issue communiqués forbidding U.S. government officials from receiving any reports on the Minneapolis events other than the "sanctioned" FBI coverup.

- Since December 1982, the FBI has repeatedly been caught "red-handed" interfering into local law-enforcement efforts in order to obstruct counter-terrorist actions. According to highly placed sources in the New York City law-enforcement apparatus, FBI informants had provided the Bureau with advance information on a series of planned bombings on New Year's Eve by the FALN (Frente Armada de Liberacion Nacional de Puerto Rico), directed at government buildings in Lower Manhattan. Three such bombs in fact went off, seriously injuring two New York City police officers. Under the pretext of "protecting sources," the FBI had taken no action to prevent the bombings and has made no progress in capturing the bombers.

Now, within days of the FBI pronouncement before the Denton Subcommittee that the United States is "free of terrorist threat," the New York City area has been hit with another serious terrorist incident, calling up images of last year's terrorist attack against synagogues and Jewish establishments in Paris. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, a carload of Yeshiva high-school students traveling on the Cross Bronx Expressway were hit with a bevy of automatic rifle fire from a speeding auto. Several of the students were injured, and a Hispanic woman driving a nearby vehicle was killed instantly when one of the bullets struck her in the head. New York City police have indicated that the rifle used in the attack was identical to a weapon used in June of this year in a series of

similar anti-Semitic attacks against stores and campus buildings at the north Manhattan campus of the Yeshiva. Intelligence sources point to a network of neo-Nazis and Palestinian fanatics linked to Black September leader Abu Nidal, presently visiting Eastern Europe. The FBI has labeled the shootings a "labor dispute."

For the past three years, this publication and its affiliated counterintelligence newsletter *Investigative Leads* has been publishing detailed evidence of a growing terrorist infrastructure inside the United States, an infrastructure which is receiving financial and other material support from Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, from Iran's secret intelligence service Savama, and from other channels abroad linked to the Soviet bloc.

In July 1980, a Washington, D.C. Savama cell assassinated leading anti-Khomeini activist Ali Tabatabai. The assailant, an American Black Muslim, David Belfield, escaped to Iran. His controller, Bahrain Nahidian, is still walking the streets of Washington, D.C. as the result of a protection order reported to have been passed down from the Carter administration State Department to the attorney general to the director of the FBI. The murder of Tabatabai, like the New Year's Eve FALN bombing, occurred after information had been provided to the FBI on the probable attack.

The apparatus subsuming the Nahidian grouping in Washington, D.C. has used what amounts to the national-security umbrella provided by the State Department and the FBI to burrow into communities throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Since April 1983, the American Indian Movement (AIM) has maintained a steady stream of delegations to Tripoli for special consultations with Qaddafi. Similar channels to the Iranian regime have existed since the first days of the Teheran hostage-taking in 1979. Both the AIM and the Mexico based Comité de Defensa Popular (CDP) are official membership organizations in the international separatist group, the Society for Endangered People, linked to such leading Nazi International figures as François Genoud of Lausanne, Switzerland. The CDP, according to U.S. law enforcement officials in the U.S.-Mexican border region and Mexican military sources, are conducting training programs and mock war games, using models of the Los Angeles Olympic villages.

Given these summary facts alone, the FBI's current posture can be said to constitute a serious threat to U.S. national security.

Unless the White House and the National Security Council take independent measures to remove the FBI from any anti-terrorist responsibilities until each of the above identified factors is thoroughly subjected to official inquiry, the country may find itself faced with an unexpected domestic crisis in the midst of the 1984 presidential nominating conventions—and the Soviet Union may find itself the primary beneficiary of the FBI's lapses.