

## Terrorism strikes in Europe, U.S. troops hit

The pattern of terrorist atrocities which occurred in Western Europe during the Christmas period conforms to the analysis this publication has insisted on: The terrorists are being deployed as part of a global strategic offensive by the game-masters of the Kremlin and their cohorts from the Western oligarchy. The common aim of these two groupings is to force President Reagan to give up his Strategic Defense Initiative, and then to implement a "New Yalta" division of the world into spheres of imperial interest.

While the scope of terrorist attacks has been global (see *EIR*, Dec. 25, 1984, "World terrorism spree is part of Ogarkov war drive"), a particular target is now Europe and the U.S. military presence there. Much like Adolf Hitler's strategy of *Schrecklichkeit* (intimidation), these bombings have the goal of convincing Europeans that their governments and the United States are incapable of protecting them from assassination—much less from a Soviet military assault. It is here that the common aims of the Eastern and Western imperialists diverge, for from Moscow's standpoint, the terrorist deployments are *prewar* measures. If the West fails to back down, the sabotage and terror will increasingly be aimed at direct military targets.

The current terror wave was launched with two bombing attempts against NATO supply pipelines in Belgium and Spain in December. On Dec. 18, a bomb was set to go off in the NATO school at Oberammergau in southern Germany. Fortunately the attempt failed, but it could have easily resulted in the deaths of dozens of soldiers and officers. Bombings and arson attempts continued throughout the Christmas period against U.S. military targets in Germany. Two U.S. military trucks were hit with fire bombs in Frankfurt before Christmas, and an American civilian automobile and a chapel at the U.S. barracks in the city of Wertheim were fire-bombed.

British military barracks and a police carpool in Osnabrück were also fire-bombed.

The most hideous atrocity yet was the Dec. 24 bombing of a passenger train in a tunnel between Florence and Bologna in Italy.

The first direct links to Eastern intelligence services were made public after the two attempts against NATO's supply pipelines. The Dec. 11 bombing in Belgium was claimed by the Communist Combattant Cells (CCC), and the Dec. 12 attack in Spain took place on the same day that the Oberammergau school was slated to be destroyed. Compared to a bombing this summer by the terrorist Red Army Faction (RAF, or Baader-Meinhof Gang) against a pipeline in southern Germany, which failed to crack the pipe open, the two recent attempts reflect a significantly higher degree of skill and training, which is traditionally acquired through East bloc channels or Syrian or North Korean surrogates.

West German dailies like *Die Welt* noted the possibility that the East German intelligence service might have given the terrorists maps of NATO military installations. But American and German "experts" officially contend that the current left-wing terrorist operations are not directly a deployment of the famous Soviet spetsnaz units, the special forces for sabotage and disruption on enemy territory, because the Soviets would not sacrifice such deeply rooted special assets prematurely, but only deploy them with the actual outbreak of war.

This official "what-me-worry?" attitude blocks out the most important point: The terrorist acts are viewed in Moscow *precisely as prewar deployments*, the implementation of the "Ogarkov Doctrine" for nuclear war-fighting.

In the case of the Oberammergau incident, a terrorist dressed in a U.S. Army uniform and equipped with an Amer-

ican ID card managed to drive a car into the area of the NATO school and park it just ten meters away from the main entrance. The driver left the site so hastily as to arouse suspicion, so the car was checked immediately. It was found to be filled with 25 kilograms of commercial explosives, 2 kg. of another explosive, and three containers of propane gas.

This action and the pipeline bombings coincided with a hunger strike action by prisoners of the RAF and other German terrorist groups which began in early December. The strike, designed to mobilize the terrorist support apparatus, was boosted by the Berlin-based "alternative" pro-terrorist newspaper *tageszeitung*, which took over the publicity work for the so-called political prisoners. Representatives of the German Green party also expressed their solidarity with these prisoners. On Dec. 28, a group of RAF supporters occupied the Hanover office of the Greens and put out the standard list of demands of the RAF hunger-strikers. The party chapter promptly expressed its solidarity with the occupiers. This is no isolated incident, since the Green leadership itself is composed of various veterans of the RAF, like Europarliament representative Brigitte Heinrich, who was a gun- and explosive-supplier for the RAF. A group around her, including Michael Klöckner, another Green representative with a criminal record for support for terrorist organizations, currently runs a Europeanwide support project for "political prisoners," which is at the center of the current activation of the "Resistance" around the hunger strike.

Other terrorist actions in West Germany in December included:

- In the city of Reutlingen, a municipal computer center was hit, causing several hundred thousand deutschemarks of damage.
- The Turkish consulate in the city of Münster was attacked.
- Railway installations near a nuclear plant in Lower Saxony were sabotaged.

All these actions were committed not by the terrorist hard core directly, but by the so-called support groups which struck against unprotected secondary targets. By mid-December, throngs of "streetfighters," masked and dressed in black leather, could be seen circulating RAF propaganda during demonstrations in Hanau and Hanover. Many of these people are no more than 16-18 years of age. The angry gangs are ready to go on a rampage against American targets at a moment's notice, as occurred during the Hanau demonstration, when flares and firecrackers were hurled against soldiers, buildings, and a gas station as the protesters passed American army barracks.

The crazed mentality among these Weimar-style gangs can be judged from a bomb threat telephoned into the office of the Schiller Institute in Hanover on Dec. 28. A young male caller passed the message that "a bomb will be built soon" for what he called the "right-wing Nazi jerks" who are "CIA-financed."

The height of terrorist barbarism was the Christmas Eve

bombing of the train traveling between Florence and Bologna, filled with Christmas travelers from southern Italy. The action was planned and conducted by highly trained professional killers. The explosive used was probably high-quality "T4," one-and-a-half times more deadly than TNT. The explosion was timed very precisely, and had the train not been delayed for several minutes and traveling at a reduced speed (90 km/h instead of the usual 140), an even more hideous massacre would have occurred. As it was, 15 people were killed and over 100 injured.

The aim of these actions is to demoralize the population, to shatter trust that the state can guarantee the safety of its citizens. This has already had its effect, as relatives of the victims of the bombing refused to accept a state funeral.

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Spokesmen for the Italian Communist Party moved to capitalize on this distrust, with demagogic attacks on the state, which they indicted for covering up the terrorist actions of the neo-fascists—a half-truth which seeks to conceal the equal guilt of the leftists. As Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi and Interior Minister Scalfaro correctly stressed, the whole array of possible origins of the murderous act would have to be taken into account, rather than simply blaming the incident on the most obvious domestic Nazi-terrorist groups. This approach makes the communists understandably nervous, since it is widely known that the Soviets frequently either control or "borrow" elements of the infamous apparatus of the Nazi International, which in turn overlaps with various other terrorist capabilities of Islamic fundamentalist, Palestinian, and sundry left-wing groups.

Craxi and Scalfaro have stressed that one must not at all disregard the possible involvement of Islamic terrorism, "red or black international terrorism," or organized crime. Scalfaro recalled that Italy had been recently threatened by Libyan and Iranian terrorists, after a plan to blow up the U.S. embassy in Rome was thwarted.