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# Is Thurn und Taxis tied to assassination of the Pope?

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Ecclesiastical authorities and government officials of Venezuela have reported information leading to the conclusion that a branch of the family of Bavaria's Johannes, Prince von Thurn und Taxis, is behind a new threat to attempt the assassination of Pope John Paul II, during the Pope's impending visits to Venezuela and Peru. The known threat comes from a Brazil-based cult, Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP), which is controlled by princes of the royal family of Portugal, Bragança, the family of the mother of Bavaria's Johannes, Prinz (Prince) von Thurn und Taxis.

This is the third time in four years, that a known assassination-threat against Pope John Paul II has intersected the Thurn und Taxis family's operations. According to published accounts of Turkish investigative journalists, 2.5 million West German deutschemarks of Bulgarian funds were deposited in the Munich Bayerische Vereinsbank, on behalf of the professional assassin Mehmet Ali Agca. The family of Thurn und Taxis has a significant interest in that bank, and is viewed as the true controlling interest behind the bank. Another would-be assassin of the Pope, Juan Fernandez Krohn, was a close contact of the same family's unofficial chaplain, Bishop Rudolf Graber. Now, the threat against the Pope comes from an organization headed by a cousin of Prinz von Thurn und Taxis, Prince Luis de Orleans e Bragança, of Brazil.

Three obvious questions are posed. Is only one section of the family of Thurn und Taxis/Bragança guilty of the plot to assassinate the Pope, or is the combined power of these and related families really behind the plot? In both the first attempt to assassinate the Pope, and the present threat, the Bulgarian secret services are heavily implicated in the overall operations. Is there a pact between the Soviet bloc and the family of Thurn und Taxis? Finally, since Johannes Prinz von Thurn und Taxis has avowed himself the paterfamilias of the family; is this Prinz wittingly complicit in the assassination operations of members of his family?

What does the Prinz himself have to say which might lead us toward answers?

Four times during the evening of May 10, 1982, Johannes Prinz von Thurn und Taxis informed my wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, that she would soon die.



*The Tradition, Family, and Property cult uses photographs of Pope John Paul II for target practice (inset, right). The Brazil-based TFP is controlled by the royal family of Portugal, the Braganças, the family of the mother of Prinz Johannes von Thurn und Taxis of Bavaria. The TFP's imperial leader, Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, is shown here (inset, left).*

She had already been the target of an assassination-attack by an East German, on Sept. 22, 1981, and was still convalescing from the injury caused by that attack. Later, after this encounter with Thurn und Taxis, she was the target of two more attacks. On the evening in question, Thurn und Taxis's wife, the Princess Gloria, made reference to the possibility of Helga's death in a vehicular accident; and Johannes informed Helga: "We are the Inquisition," a brag which is technically accurate.

At the time, it was difficult to determine whether the Prinz's threats were intended seriously. If there is one reputed aristocratic quality which the Prinz and his wife lack, it is *Höflichkeit*; they have the reputation of being the worst boors on three continents. At close quarters, as Helga and I have observed the Prinz, he passes for the worst drunken lout of bucolic barbarism. Among aristocrats, he reminds me personally of the inner circle of the Roman emperors Tiberius and Nero, or of some degenerate Pompeian aristocrat plopping a fat, living slave into a pool filled with lampreys, on a sheer caprice. The Prinz's accomplishment is, that he is without doubt, the ultimate boor of the twentieth century, a cultural specimen of the lowest breed of men. Otherwise, one recognizes him in Dante's "Inferno," head shoved downward into the pit,

The Prinz exhibits what might be described as a "species-hatred" against women generally, and delights in reducing even members of the extended family of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to humiliations of one sort or another. "Death threats," whether intended, or merely the ultimate boor's sadistic prank, are notoriously the Prinz's stock-in-trade. Security experts con-

sulted agreed, that the Prinz's death-threats to Helga might be simply a typical boorish prank of Johannes's, or might also be seriously intended.

Whatever questions exist on the subject of Prinz Johannes and his Bulgarian connections, there is no doubt of his family's involvement in the network of cults behind the assassination-threats against the Pope.

### **The Venetian oligarchy**

Although the Thurn und Taxis family of Bavaria and Bohemia is often misdescribed as "German," the Prinz rightly insists that he is a Venetian. The family appears prominently in the annals of the Venetian oligarchy during the thirteenth century, as a leading aristocratic family of Bergamo, Italy. Bergamo was, at various points in its history, either an outright part of the Venetian empire or a key agent of influence on the border of that empire, against Italian and also French influences centered upon Milan and Florence. Under Venetian sponsorship, the family rose to prominence as the Venetian family of Torre e Tasso, presently the ruling family of the Venetian colony of Trieste. The establishment of the power of a Dutch-German branch of the family dates from the period preceding the Thirty Years' War (1618-48) in Central Europe, a holocaust started, in fact, by a member of the family, Thurn of Bohemia's "fenestration." Thurn und Taxis is the German translation of "Torre e Tasso." The family ran the Venetian espionage service in Germany up to and after the Napoleonic wars, under the guise of a monopoly over the postal service. The family not merely transported, but opened and read the letters, for which such services the

Regensburg branch of the family was promoted to the position of first among the princes of the Holy Roman Empire.

In the twentieth century, the family played a key role in creating Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party. The Nazi Party was a creation of a Gnostic cult called the Thule Society, of which members of the family of Thurn und Taxis, as well as Professor Haushofer, Rudolf Hess, et al., were members. The family castle at Regensburg was the headquarters of the Allgemeine SS, the aristocratic funding-organization for the Nazi Party. The Thule Society exists, as an actively conspiratorial organization, today, and overlaps the cults of the Blue Army of Fatima and the Tradition, Family, and Property cult behind the present threats to the Pope. These overlap also, elements of the Opus Dei and the Jesuit order, deployed in the United States under such included covers as sections of the anti-abortion "right to life" lobby. The extended family of Thurn und Taxis is deeply involved in the networks of cults from which the assassination-threats stem.

There is no question of the Blue Army's deep involvement in the assassination-cult of Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP). In Venezuela, for example, the TFP was reportedly brought in under the sponsorship of the Blue Army; in the U.S.A., it operates under the umbrella of the Blue Army. In both countries, Jesuit and Benedictine figures, as well as elements of Opus Dei are directly involved. Although TFP is nominally Catholic, Protestant fundamentalism is a major target of TFP infiltration-tactics, as well as Blue Army tactics.

In Mexico and South America, the TFP-centered operations are in partnership with the Lausanne (Switzerland)-based Nazi International of François Genoud, with Soviet intelligence networks, and the Gnostic churches. The center of this collaboration is the cocaine and marijuana traffic, intersecting the late Meyer Lansky's long-standing arrangements with the late Fulgencio Batista and Cuban Communist Party head, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez. The leading Soviet connection, apart from Fidel Castro's Cuba, is through Bulgaria, especially the apparatus directed by Ivan Slavkov, the son-in-law of Bulgaria's President Todor Zhivkov. This is the same Bulgarian element of the international "drugs-for-weapons" traffic involved in the first attempt to assassinate the Pope.

It is ironical, that the professedly Jewish Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, and the ADL-linked Sterling National Bank, are up to their ears in this arrangement with Nazis and Communists. The most notorious client of the ADL's Kenneth Bialkin, is the successor to Tibor Rosenbaum and David Graiver, Havana's Robert Vesco. Vesco and Carlos Lehder, who may also be presently hiding in Cuba, are at the center of the old Lansky machine's ties to Bulgaria and Castro in the Caribbean cocaine and marijuana trade. Also, ADL is a supporter of the international terrorist organization which claimed credit for the assassination of India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the British-protected Khalistan Liberation Front. The key figure in ADL's collaboration with the Khalistan terrorists is one Jon Speller, a



*Prinz Johannes  
von Thurn  
und Taxis*

professed special representative of the Bulgarian state church! Notably, when the papal assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca, traveled to Bulgaria in 1980, as part of the preparations for the assassination-attempt, he travelled under a false passport issued in the name of a Sikh!

The links between Sterling Bank and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland are also relevant to the threatened assassination of the Pope. Kirkland is the nominal leading figure of the State Department's labor-front, AIFLD, which has repeatedly intervened in Spanish-speaking American nations to protect the elements associated with the Bulgarian-Cuban-linked "guns for drugs" trafficking. Not only is Kirkland linked to Jay Lovestone and the ADL; AIFLD is a front-operation for major financial interests operating in the southern part of our hemisphere, including W. R. Grace and United Fruit (Brands). The U.S. banks complicit in laundering billions of drug-traffickers' deposits, are a major component of the present threat to the life of the Pope.

There is nothing mysterious about the multiple connections of the rabidly Gnostic TFP to the Nazi International, the Communist-French Sendero Luminoso terrorists, and the Bulgarian-run "dope-for-guns" traffic. The key to the com-

mon links is the Thule Society, which now operates most visibly out of Italy.

The massive association of the Thurn und Taxis family with the assassins is readily proven. It might appear more difficult to show that that extended family is fully witting of the implications of this association. The proof of the witting connection is massive, nonetheless.

### **Thurn und Taxis and the TFP**

The political power of the extended family of Thurn und Taxis in Brazil is centered on the royal enclave of Petropolis, named after the former monarch of Brazil, from which center the Chilean dictator, Pinochet, was put into power. The TFP itself is run by the old aristocratic families of Petropolis, led by Prinz Johannes's relatives, the Tassos and the Braganças.

Prince Luis de Orleans e Bragança lives on the estate where abducted recruits to TFP are systematically brainwashed to become "Manchurian candidate"-type assassins, and greets the arriving victims as part of the initiation ceremonies.

The head of the TFP cult is a long-standing Bragança family retainer, Dr. Plínio Corrêa de Oliviera, the man directly behind the assassination-plot against the Pope. A transcript of a speech delivered by Dr. Plínio, some years past, documents the location of principal international centers of the cult. More important than that factual information, is the social philosophy outlined: echoes of the Manichean sociological dogma of the notorious Giambattista Vico!

Plínio argues for a theocratic world-empire, in which religious primates represent the first rank, and a feudal aristocracy the second rank. For the rest of society, Plínio defends serfdom's alleged superiority over modern democratic-republican forms.

From Italian and other circles which are leading spokesmen for the Thule Society's conspiracy, there have been repeated attacks on my wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, which not only point to the most probable motive for three attempted assassinations against her, but reveal in a crucial way the motives of the Thule Society in collaborating with Bulgaria for the attempted assassinations of the Pope.

From among these circles, Helga has been repeatedly described as a pernicious influence upon me, because of her prominent part in promoting a revival of the theology and associated thinking of Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa. Although it is true that I encouraged her greatly to pursue this work, and that she coordinated the task-force which did the work, I did so because Cusa's theology and scientific method accorded more or less perfectly with my own long-standing Leibnizian world-outlook. These Venetian fellows missed the point: I was improved, but not otherwise changed by Helga's efforts on this account. It was their view, stated so explicitly by some of these, that but for Helga's influence, I was the sort of exceptionally clever fellow who might be guided into undertakings ultimately advantageous to their interest.

The essence of the philosophy and purpose of the families

linked to the Thule Society, is their hatred of the Golden Renaissance of Cusa, Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael. The leading genius behind this Renaissance was Cusa. Cusa, as the successor to Dante Alighieri, is the principal architect of the modern form of sovereign nation-state and of that fifteenth-century conception of natural law which informed the framers of the U.S. Federal Constitution. These feudal oligarchs seek to create a theocratic-feudalist "one-world" utopia, modeled on the hideous degeneration of European society which prevailed during the first half of the fourteenth century, during what history defines as the "New Dark Age" of the fourteenth century. John Ruskin's theosophical "Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood," is typical of the form this view takes to the present day in Britain. For related reasons, the idea of a revival of Cusa's ideas terrifies these fellows; therefore, the special hatred they have directed against Helga.

The Thurn und Taxis family's political motive for desiring the assassination of the Pope is even clearer than the motive for their special hatred against Helga. Apart from the family's links to the rabidly heretical (Gnostic) Thule Society's neo-Catharism, the Thurn und Taxis family has a long-standing, special relationship to Russia. This includes its efforts to bring about a fusion of the Roman Catholic and Russian churches, a fusion based on eradicating the heritage of St. Augustine and the Augustinian doctrine of *filioque*, from Western churches.

Pope John Paul II is the barrier which prevents the Soviet KGB's Russian church from extending its tentacles ever more deeply into a controlling position of influence over various religious denominations in Western Europe and the Americas. Not only is the Pope a major obstacle to this atrocity in his own person; the Papacy itself is the chief institutional barrier against this invasion of pseudo-Christian Gnosticism and Sufism, from the East.

The projected assassination of the Pope coincides with the recent surfacing of Gnostic and Sufi heresies in various parts of the Catholic Church, for which the influence of the Blue Army and the Jesuit "Liberation Theologists" are merely exemplary. The object of these heresies is to fragment the Catholic Church with schisms, an effort against which the institution of the Papacy is the principal bulwark. So, a violent and public assassination of the Pope becomes the *punctum saliens* for the realization of the objectives of the Thule Society and allied interests.

By association, and by professed ideology, the extended family of Johannes Prinz von Thurn und Taxis, is morally complicit in the Bulgaria-linked efforts of TFP to assassinate the Pope. If Johannes, for example, is not personally witting of the details of this matter, the fact remains, he and his family have the power to disrupt and prevent this assassination-plot.

Therefore, let Johannes Prinz von Thurn und Taxis be assured. If any attack against the Pope occurs, I shall hold him and every member of his extended family as morally responsible for complicity in that monstrously criminal act.