

The security threat to President Reagan

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The Tradition, Family, and Property cult in the United States, through its extensive infiltration of Catholic networks of the New Right, has gained such access to the White House that it now poses a direct security threat to President Reagan.

A recent *TFP Newsletter* reports that Robert R. Reilly, special assistant to the President and chief liaison officer for President Reagan to the American Catholic community and to the “pro-life” movement, is a TFP collaborator. Reilly is also responsible for an outreach program working with groups concerned about Central American issues. He was former director of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), an organization set up by William F. Buckley and ideologically dominated by L. Brent Bozell, Buckley’s brother-in-law, who is a fanatic Carlist—a Spanish variant of “counter-revolutionary monarchist.”

A letter praising TFP’s work, written on White House stationery over President Reagan’s signature, dated Feb. 13, 1984 and addressed to John Spann, U.S. president of TFP, is believed to have been solicited by Reilly. This letter is being used to aid fundraising and recruitment by the TFP apparatus throughout Ibero-America.

Luis Merizalde, a Colombian national who runs the TFP’s office in the Washington, D.C. area, flaunts his close collaboration with conservative groups like the Heritage Foundation and the Committee for Survival of a Free Congress.

The following individuals are “fellow travelers” of TFP and the extended Blue Army network:

William F. Buckley. Editor of *National Review* and leading ideologue of libertarianism in the United States. Buckley’s brother-in-law and collaborator, L. Brent Bozell, created the right-wing Catholic networks in the United States which led to the creation of Christendom College. The Buckley family has long-standing ties to the Nazi International through brother F. Reid Buckley, who lived in Madrid and maintained close association with Otto Skorzeny, Hitler’s former Waffen SS commando who rescued Mussolini. William Buckley was also a sponsor of Svetlana Stalin.

Rabbi Maurice Davis. The most notorious of self-proclaimed American “cult deprogrammers,” Davis maintains a close working relationship with Fr. James LeBar, the spiritual adviser to the Blue Army of Fatima’s youth group in the

United States. LeBar and Davis are two of the most prominent “religious leaders” who claim to be against cult brainwashing. Yet Davis was one of the early sponsors of the most deadly of all cults to date—the People’s Temple of Rev. Jim Jones. Davis arranged the financing for the sale of an Indianapolis synagogue to Jones for his first church.

Lieutenant General Daniel P. Graham. Former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency and former deputy director of the CIA, linked to the Heritage Foundation. On March 31, 1984, General Graham was the keynote speaker at a conference on “Fatima and World Peace,” sponsored by Keep the Faith, Inc.

Reverend Paul Marx. Benedictine priest and director of Human Life International, on whose board sits Dr. Jerome Lejeune of France, a “back-channel” link between the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Soviet Union. Marx has included TFP’s American branch in activities sponsored by the Coalition for an Effective Congress.

John R. Spann. President of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. Spann, based in Pleasantville, New York, has attempted repeatedly to get Republican Party and White House endorsement for the activities of Plinio Correa da Oliveira, the high priest of the TFP cult in Brazil.

Ambassador Vernon Walters. State Department ambassador at large and Henry Kissinger’s private liaison to the Vatican and Catholic community. In May 1982, Walters gave the commencement address at Christendom College, a small traditionalist cadre-training center of modern-day Carlists and synarchists located in Front Royal, Virginia. A member of the board of directors of Christendom College and aide to Walters when he was deputy director of the CIA reports his former boss’s enthusiastic support for the college. Walters states, “This is one of the few organizations that I feel I ought to lend my name to.” The Blue Army is influential at the school, which is “under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.” Thomas Storck, head librarian for the college, is a sympathizer of TFP. There is a heavy overlap between the college’s board of directors and the Heritage Foundation—e.g., the case of Onalee McGraw, former educational policy director for Heritage.

Paul Weyrich. The Heritage Foundation-linked head of the Committee for Survival of a Free Congress. In July 1982, Weyrich’s Free Congress Research and Education Foundation, Inc., sponsored with Jerry Falwell’s Moral Majority Foundation the “Family Forum 11.” John Spann, head of the American TFP, was a speaker and directed a workshop. Also in attendance was Mrs. James A. Baker III, the wife of the White House chief of staff and Treasury Secretary-designate. Weyrich’s foundation gives a yearly grant to Christendom College and places students from the college in jobs on Capitol Hill. Connie Marshner, wife of William Marshner, head of Christendom College’s Theology Department, is regarded as Weyrich’s chief assistant. Father Enrique Rueda, administrator of Weyrich’s foundation, is a defender of TFP.