

Editorial

Did FBI get U.S. drug agent killed?

When U.S. anti-drug agent Enrique Camarena was killed in Mexico earlier this month, after he was reported kidnaped by narcotics traffickers and corrupt Mexican police officers, the circumstances of his death screamed "cover-up." It was just the kind of crude bloodbath usually staged when the perpetrators of a particularly vicious crime want to prevent the true story from coming out.

Some significant pieces of hard evidence and a great many reports from sources on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border point directly to the FBI as the authors of the cover-up.

To begin with, there was the shootout itself. Police raiding the Guadalajara ranch purportedly on the basis of anonymous reports that Camarena and his pilot Zavala were being held there, walked into a hail of gunfire; police officers were killed and the inhabitants of the ranch all died in the assault. Over 24 hours later, after police had conducted several comprehensive searches of the ranch property, local peasants "discovered" the badly beaten bodies of the two drug enforcement officers. On March 8, U.S. Ambassador John Gavin described the discovery of the corpses as "suspicious."

Among those implicated in the Camarena killing is former top FBI agent Francis Mullen, whose confirmation as chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was held up for months in 1981 when Mullen was financially linked to a multi-million dollar bank fraud scheme financing marijuana shipments into Louisiana. One of the convicted co-conspirators in the pot-fraud scheme stretching from Las Vegas to New Orleans was subsequently linked to the assassination of a San Antonio federal judge, John Wood. Based in San Antonio, a primary transshipment point for the Mexican and Colombian pot "connections" running up into Texas from the Mexican state of Chihuahua, Wood had been a target of intensive public attack by the dope lobby's *High Times* magazine prior to his assassination.

Mullen's personal financial association with a southeast-U.S. dope financing ring named at the time

as one of the five largest trafficking networks in the U.S.—at a time when he was being promoted from the post of New Orleans regional SAC to Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI in charge of white collar and organized crime—was withheld from the FBI's "background report" to the Senate on the Mullen nomination as DEA chief.

Sources on both sides of the border have reported that the Camarena assassination was believed to have been ordered by high-ranking officials at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. who thought Camarena was in the process of unraveling the entire web of "citizens above suspicion" in the U.S., Mexico, and Colombia who were controlling and protecting the dope trafficking.

Camarena had reportedly been in Colombia for three months pursuing leads on the connections between that country's cocaine and marijuana smugglers and their Mexican and American counterparts.

Sources on both sides of the border have insisted to this news service that the actual authors of the kidnaping-murders have not been gone after and are being protected as part of a "deal" arranged during Francis Mullen's "emergency" trip to Mexico City after the kidnappings were revealed.

The precise nature of the FBI's involvement cannot be known without a comprehensive and thorough investigation of the Bureau's role. But ever since the FBI's predecessor agency was established by Teddy Roosevelt, this national police force has been the tool of the same evil financial-political networks that corrupted Latin American nations as "banana republics" to be exploited for everything from coffee to cocaine.

Wholesale corruption of certain police, prosecutors, and military forces by the drug traffickers is in fact a problem that extends to every nation under attack by the "invisible government" of Dope, Inc. If President Reagan's War on Drugs is to succeed, the multinational "joint command" military approach proposed by Lyndon LaRouche must be put into effect, and the FBI roadblock removed.