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The Sikh terrorist threat to Reagan and Rajiv Gandhi

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Sikh terrorism is now the subject of a top-priority investigation by U.S. law enforcement authorities, according to knowledgeable sources. U.S. intelligence agencies now place the Sikh terrorist organizations operating in the United States and Canada as the top security risk to not only Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, but also to President Reagan, and to *EIR* founding editor Lyndon LaRouche.

The May plot of Sikh terrorists of the Dashmesh Regiment to murder Prime Minister Gandhi during his June trip to the United States, which was halted with the arrest of five Sikhs in New Orleans, is believed to be but the surface of an in-depth and expanding Sikh apparatus operating on the North American continent, with the immediate protection and support of British and Israeli intelligence services, the U.S. FBI and State Department, and the Canadian government.

The danger of Sikh terrorism in North America may even be superseding the Sikh threat in India. In mid-August, Prime Minister Gandhi arrived at an agreement on many Sikh demands in the Sikh-majority state of Punjab, giving new impetus to the pro-unity Sikh faction of the Akali Dal under Sant Harchand Singh Longoval. The agreement cleared the way for the Gandhi government to set elections in the state for Sept. 25, the first time elections have been held since Punjab went under presidential rule two years ago.

The assassination by Sikh extremists of Longoval on Aug. 20—in an operation that was originally aimed at Gandhi—blunted but did not destroy the Prime Minister's effort to mobilize the Sikh population to "tackle the plague of terrorism with your vote." The elections, he has said, "will prove and show that the people of Punjab are not with this movement, and that there is a definite difference between the extremist, the terrorist, and the rest of the Akalis and the rest of the Sikhs. . . . The extremists constitute a tiny minority of criminals with little or no public support among the people of Punjab. The challenge has to be met by not giving in to the blackmail of terrorism."

But as the Sikh extremists of Punjab are facing a losing battle against political isolation, the "Khalistan" separatist movement outside of India is receiving increasing support from the intelligence agencies that have nurtured and directed

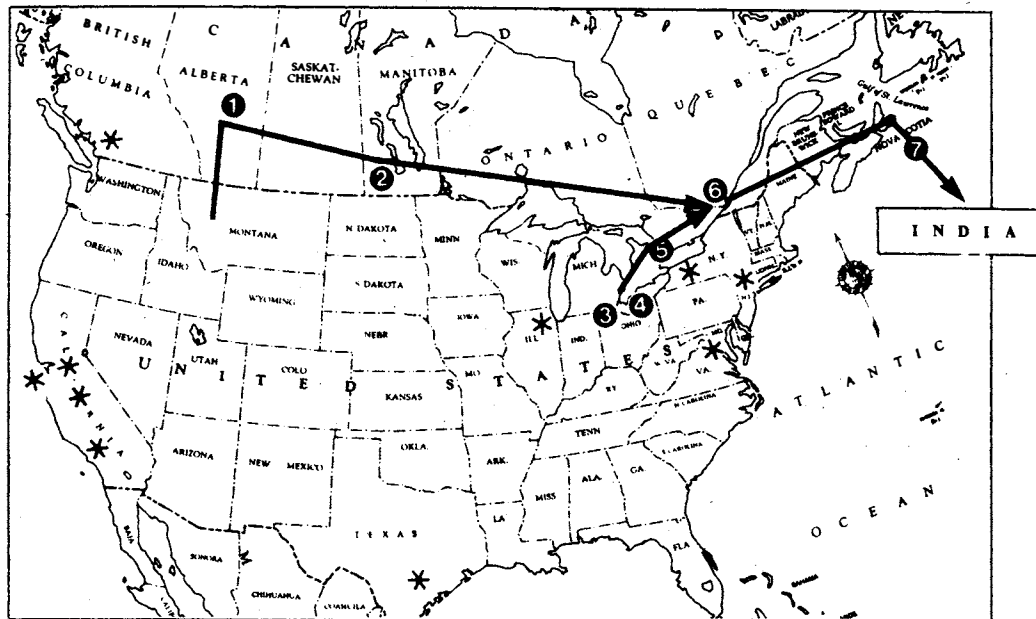
Known North American Sikh arms smuggling routes and terrorist safehouses

Sikh arms transshipment points:

- 1) Edmonton, Alberta
- 2) Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 3) Detroit, Michigan
- 4) Windsor, Ontario
- 5) Toronto, Ontario
- 6) Montreal, Quebec
- 7) Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Sikh terrorist safehouses:

- a) Vancouver, British Columbia
- b) Stockton, California
- c) San Francisco, California
- d) Yuba City, California
- e) Los Angeles, California
- f) Chicago, Illinois
- g) Houston, Texas
- h) Buffalo, New York
- i) New York, New York
- j) Washington, D.C.



Sikh terrorism to the benefit of Anglo-Soviet global imperial designs.

Thus, in the last year, the Sikh separatists have become fully integrated into the terrorist international, operative throughout Western Europe and the Middle East against U.S. citizens and military and diplomatic installations. In the British Columbia terrorist training camp of John Vanderhorst, a former member of the elite Cold Spring Guards that provides the security to the British Royal Family, Sikhs are trained alongside members of the Red Brigades of Italy, the Red Army Faction of West Germany, the Armenian Asala, and the Syrian-backed PFLP and DFPLP.

As documented by *Derivative Assassination*, the book authored by the editors of *EIR* on the assassination of Indira Gandhi soon to be released, the on-the-ground terrorist operations in Punjab itself can all be traced back to the 1913-47 California-based Ghadar Party, which was taken under the wing of Stalin's Comintern and which spawned the Communist Party of India, the Communist Party-Marxist, the guerrilla Naxalites, and their spin-offs, the Dal Khalsa, the Bhabar Khalsa, and the Dashmesh Regiment.

The Soviet Union and its assets in India, since even before the days of independence, have never accepted the concept of a single, united Indian nation-state, but have instead promulgated the notion that India's regions represent racially based "nationalities" in their own right and possess the right to secession whenever it suits them. The Soviet Union, from its Oriental Institute and Asian operational headquarters at Tashkent, is now carrying out that policy in part as a pressure point against the Indian central government.

But operatively, Sikh terrorism could not subsist were it not for the protection it derives from British and Israeli intelligence networks and their allied assets in the United States and Canada. It is the Mossad and its agents in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that have played a particularly key role in linking up the Sikh separatists to their new-found base in Ecuador, where the Sikh international networks will serve as a distribution belt for drugs.

The Mossad has also played the key role in bringing the Sikhs into contact with the Islamic fundamentalists, operating out of the Crescent International in Canada. The Mossad wing operative in this connection is that controlled by former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who is in turn the asset of Edgar Bronfman and Armand Hammer, the brokers for Israel's new relations with the Soviet Union.

The *eminence grise* behind the current relation between the Sikhs and the Mossad, is Jon Speller, who, operating out of Robert Speller and Son Publishing Company in New York, works a network that operates in the cracks between Washington, London, Tel Aviv, Sofia, and Moscow. Speller, who has fobbed himself off as a conservative to such dupes in these matters as Jesse Helms, has longstanding ties to Bulgaria and boasts that he possesses an open-door invitation to any monastery in Russia. Speller has no allegiances to any *national* intelligence service; his commitment to an irrationalist dark age nullifies national allegiances.

Nevertheless, shutting down Speller and his activities as the nexus point for the protection of Sikh terrorism requires strong pressure on the governments that give him and his oligarchical networks the territory in which to operate.