

# Qaddafi's terrorists strike at offices of EIR, POE in France

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The detonation of two explosive-incendiary devices in Paris on Sunday, April 6, at the offices of *EIR* and the Parti Ouvrier Européen (European Labor Party—POE), was a precisely targeted blow by Soviet-backed terrorist forces at organizations and individuals associated with Lyndon LaRouche. Although the bombings caused significant damage, there were fortunately no casualties.

After consultation with numerous intelligence and security specialists in several countries, and through its own investigative research, *EIR* can now trace the steps of the foot-soldiers who carried out the attack. The trail leads to a broader terrorist structure controlled by Moscow, in particular through its proxies in Libya, Syria, and Iran.

The attacks against the POE and *EIR* offices must as well be seen in the context of one of the most massive terrorist deployments yet—from the TWA bombing in Athens on April 2, to the West Berlin discothèque bombing on April 5, to the bombing attempt near the hotel where Defense Secretary Weinberger was staying in Bangkok on April 8.

## Murderous attacks

The explosion at the POE office, on the second floor of 19 Rue Nollet, tore down the door, which was reinforced with a steel sheet, shattered all the windows in the office and near-by buildings, and destroyed the door opening into the ground-floor wing of the building. Small fires broke out in the office and the staircase. Some five to eight minutes later, while two neighbors were trying to extinguish the fires, a second explosion went off on the fourth floor, in front of the *EIR* office, smashing the door and blowing a hole through the floor. More small fires broke out in the stairwell, blackening all the walls and stairs.

According to demolition experts of the Brigade Criminelle (anti-terrorist section of the national police), the two explosive devices were a combination of explosive and incendiary liquid, and the intention of the terrorists was to burn down the entire building, as well as to cause casualties. According to the first assessment of the insurance company, the overall damage amounts to about \$72,000.

On the following afternoon, the Paris office of Reuters press agency received a letter from the terrorist "Black War"

organization, claiming responsibility for the attempts. The letter was posted on Sunday night, around the time of the explosions or a little later. The envelope also contained a small piece of fuse.

The letter, typewritten in capital letters, reads as follows:

European Labor Party (which labor?), fascist-like grouplet, rue Nollet 19, tel. 42930234, with the small paper New Solidarity, and vague theories, which acts through the cover of the Schiller Institute.

Given that Chirac is interested in terrorism we can tell him that two first rate terrorists are sitting in the Parliament, Le Pen and Sergent.

Here it is a piece of fuse (it's not dangerous). This is our sixth terrorist attempt.

Police and intelligence authorities in Europe were divided on how to respond to this attack. Some remnants of the previous Socialist government inside the police and security apparatus tended to put out the simplistic story that a "French leftist group" was responsible for placing the two bombs, while downplaying the significance of the incident. The German BKA (federal investigators) initially spoke merely of "a firecracker, which made a lot of noise and smoke," and had to change its version later on. But other French police investigators and intelligence officers agreed both on the seriousness of the action and its international implications.

In fact, as some specialists stressed to *EIR*, Black War, which used to be called the "Geronimo" group, is nothing else but the Paris branch of the terrorist organization Direct Action (*Action Directe*), as the mass-circulation daily *France Soir* wrote on April 9, reflecting evaluations from sources in the new interior ministry. Black War was born after the sinking of the ecologist Greenpeace ship in New Zealand in July 1985, an operation which *EIR* has denounced as a Soviet and Trilateral Commission plot to undermine French government institutions, particularly the intelligence services.

A French intelligence source revealed privately that documents about LaRouche were found by the French police at the "archive" safe-house in Lyon, where they arrested

one of the Direct Action terrorist leaders, André Olivier, on March 28.

Direct Action, responsible for major bombings and assassinations in recent years, built up; a year and a half ago, a common structure with the West German Red Army Faction (the Baader-Meinhof gang), the Belgium Communist Combattant Cells (CCC), and remaining sections of the Red Brigades. This terrorist reorganization, generally labeled "Euroterrorism," was an important shift among European terror groups, as they were placed more directly under the control of a radical Islamic apparatus under the tutelage of Syrian, Iranian, and Libyan intelligence services. This reorganization became visible in a shift of emphasis of terrorist targets, especially against American and NATO military objectives and personalities working around the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative.

In this connection, the attacks carried out over the last two years against LaRouche and his associates—the leading international proponents of this new military doctrine and technological revolution—by the Libyan government, serve to identify the Soviet control over this terrorist deployment.

### **Libya attacks LaRouche**

On Jan. 9, 1984 the official Libyan press agency JANA denounced LaRouche for "fueling the campaign of hostilities against Libya." JANA stated that "LaRouche visited Italy to finance this campaign according to instructions issued by President Reagan." Indeed, LaRouche had been in Rome on Nov. 9, 1983 to address a conference on the Strategic Defense Initiative, provoking an enraged attack on him in the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* on Nov. 15 ("a gathering of troglodytes"). Almost two months later, Qaddafi was retailing the opinion of his Soviet masters, on an issue of no concern to Libya, but fundamental in Moscow's eyes.

More recently, on Feb. 1, 1986, the Libyan embassy in Bonn sent a threatening letter to the Schiller Institute, an organization founded by LaRouche's wife, Helga Zepp-LaRouche. At that time, security specialists had warned *EIR*: "Now expect some bombs from the Libyans."

Four days after the Paris bombings, the West German government decided to expel two Libyan terrorist controllers, disguised as "diplomats" in Bonn, for planning operations against "Qaddafi's opponents" in the country.

### **Direct Action and the FARL**

Direct Action has a long and established terrorist cooperation with the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions (FARL), one of the most dangerous expressions of Islamic terrorism internationally. In fact, according to French and other countries' intelligence readings, Direct Action, like other European groups, no longer exists as an independent capacity—if it ever did—but is merely a name with some members attached, operating under Islamic terrorist control,

financially, logistically, and in terms of weapons supply. The FARL, some field leaders of which are sitting in jail in Italy and France, has connections and financial support from the Qaddafi regime, though the primary controlling agency is the Syrian intelligence service. Furthermore, last year the FARL announced unity of actions with the Armenian ASALA terror organization, and the kamikaze Al-Jihad group. It has maintained long-standing cooperation with the Nazi Syrian National Socialist Party (PPSS) in Lebanon. All these groups are under Syrian and Iranian control. A representative of the PPSS, May Elias Mansur, is suspected of involvement in the April 2 bombing of the TWA plane, which caused four deaths.

As *EIR* has documented extensively, most recently in the dossier *Moscow's Terrorist Satrapy: The Case Study of Qad-*

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*dafi's Libya, most Islamic terrorism intersects in Europe with the pre-existing structure of the Nazi International, centered around the Lausanne, Switzerland-based Nazi banker François Genoud. On April 14, 1985, French police discovered the safe-house in Paris of the field leader of the FARL, Abdullah George Ibrahim, which led to the arrest of Odfried Hepp, a Nazi terrorist of the West German organization Wehrsportgruppe Hoffmann. One member of this group, Udo Albrecht, avoided arrest in West Germany by fleeing to East Berlin, under the protection of the Stasi intelligence service.*

This same Nazi-communist combination again came to light with the decision by Direct Action's André Olivier to hire the infamous Jacques Verges as his lawyer. The reputed leader of the old "Henry Curriel network" of Soviet penetration in France and the Mediterranean, Verges is also the lawyer of Nazi criminal Klaus Barbie, who is currently awaiting trial in France. It was Genoud who arranged for Verges to become the lawyer for Barbie, known as the "hangman of Lyon" for his behavior during the Nazi occupation of France.