

Cotton Club killers' satanic links buried

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Over eight years after they schemed to kidnap and execute Broadway impresario Roy Radin, the four defendants in the infamous "Cotton Club" murder case were found guilty on July 22 after a nine-month trial in Los Angeles Superior Court. Two of the defendants, William Malony Mentzer and Alex Marti, could be sent to the gas chamber for their part in the killing. The other two, Karen Delayne Greenberger and Robert Ulmer Lowe, will automatically be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Roy Radin was kidnaped in Hollywood on May 13, 1983 as he was arriving for a dinner appointment with Greenberger, a well-known West Coast cocaine trafficker linked to the Medellín Cartel. Radin and Greenberger were ostensibly meeting to resolve a dispute that arose over their plans to help finance a Hollywood movie about the Prohibition-era Harlem speakeasy, the Cotton Club. Robert Evans, the one-time chief of production at Paramount Pictures, was to produce the film. To this day, prosecutors and some witnesses say that Evans was behind the hit order against Radin.

On the surface it was a sordid tale of illegal narcotics money funding a big-time Hollywood movie project.

Beneath the surface, the Cotton Club murder was a satanic ritualistic killing by a new occult Murder, Inc. taking revenge on one of its own. The "Friday the 13th" execution of Radin in a desolate canyon outside of Los Angeles was conducted in satanic ritualistic fashion: 13 bullets to the back of the head; a Bible left near the body, opened to a passage from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 22, which reads in part, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die."

No mention of the ritualistic nature of the killing was made at trial.

Totally missing as well from the Cotton Club trial was any reference to Roy Radin's known links to a New York and Long Island occult circle which had been purchasing cocaine from members of the "Son of Sam" cult of convicted mass murderer David Berkowitz. Sources familiar with the satanic demimonde believe that Radin was a member of the Ordo Templi Orientis, an occult secret society founded by the infamous British satanist from the turn of the century Aleister Crowley.

And, most glaringly missing, was the real profile of the convicted trigger-man William Malony Mentzer, who was identified by David Berkowitz as "Manson II."

Investigative writer Maury Terry, in his book *The Ultimate Evil* which profiles the Son of Sam murders, provided conclusive evidence that Mentzer had been deeply involved in satanic circles dating back to his late-1960s association with mass murderer Charles Manson and the Process Church of the Final Judgment. Mentzer was part of a nationwide occult killer squad that was responsible for the Son of Sam murders of the mid-1970s. According to Terry's account, Mentzer carried out at least one of the New York City "Sam" killings and may have also been responsible for an earlier occult murder on the campus of Stanford University in California on behalf of the group.

Subsequent to the arrest of David Berkowitz and the murderers of a half-dozen other members of the killer cult, Mentzer helped found a nationwide satanic private club called Magick Island. At the time of the Radin murder, Mentzer was a trusted bodyguard for pornography publisher Larry Flynt.

The WerBell murder and national security

Even as the Radin saga was playing out from coast to coast, Mentzer's boss Larry Flynt was engaged in his own high-stakes dirty deal: the effort to blackmail then-President Ronald Reagan with doctored porn films claiming to show the President engaging in sex with a prostitute. According to several eyewitnesses, Flynt was trying desperately to sell the phony X-rated film to sink Reagan. He was meeting with Los Angeles representatives of the Soviet KGB, attempting to extract several million dollars from the Russian secret police for the movies. It was his own version of political "Helter Skelter," and it had some national security officials back in Washington worried enough to enlist the services of OSS-CIA unconventional warfare veteran Mitchell Livingston WerBell III to get inside the Flynt organization and defeat the scheme.

WerBell paid with his life for that effort. In December 1983, according to family and eyewitness accounts, WerBell was poisoned while meeting in a Los Angeles hotel with the very men now convicted of the Radin killing: satanist Mentzer and Alex Marti. Another man present when WerBell was fed a lethal dose of poison in a glass of Scotch whisky, was William Rider, the brother-in-law of Larry Flynt and a man who would later surface as the government's chief witness against the Radin killers.

The WerBell murder remains on the books as a death by natural causes. The full story of the Flynt espionage scheme remains buried in some national security archives in Washington. And worst of all, the satanic Murder, Inc. to which Mentzer swore his allegiance, still exists intact. While the state of California may have served justice in one respect by packing four hardened criminals off to jail, it may have inadvertently contributed to the growth of a horrifying new killer elite by failing to pursue the whole truth behind the Cotton Club case.