

New round of British low-intensity warfare

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Since President Clinton's re-election last November, the United States is again facing a period of low-intensity warfare attacks. Back in February 1993, Lyndon LaRouche warned that Clinton's tendency to break up the so-called Anglo-American "special relationship," and abandon American adherence to British geopolitics, would provoke a "Strategy of Tension" against the United States. Subsequently, a half-dozen governments around the world have denounced Britain as a center of world terrorism.

Despite the fact that most of the recent irregular warfare attacks have been either blacked out of the national news media, or misreported, there is a clear pattern of renewed low-grade terrorism targeting the United States. For example:

- In February, there were 47 separate bomb threats against public schools in Prince Georges County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. In each instance, the schools were evacuated, and bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in to screen the buildings for explosives. The incidents have barely drawn local news coverage.

- A group calling itself "Army of God," in a hand-written letter to Reuters news service, recently claimed credit for at least three serious bombing incidents in the Atlanta, Georgia area over the past seven months. The bombing spree began with the pipebomb attack at the 1996 Summer Olympics Centennial Park, and has included a multi-bomb attack against a local abortion clinic, and the mid-February bombing of a nightclub frequented by homosexuals.

According to law enforcement sources, the FBI is taking the letter seriously, because it contains crucial internal details about several of the bombings that have not been made public. The group has subsequently threatened to carry out bombing attacks against national monuments and bridges all across the country, which pose a security nightmare for law enforcement agencies.

- In Vallejo, California, in the San Francisco Bay area, there has been a series of bombings over the past six months. FBI and local police reportedly have no serious leads.

- On Feb. 23, Ali Abu Kamal, a 69-year-old Palestinian who came to the United States last December, went on a shooting rampage at the Empire State Building, killing several people and injuring others, before he took his own life. Although the FBI has found no evidence linking Kamal to any

known terrorist organizations, and he has been described by family as distraught over the loss of a half-million dollars because of failed investments in the United States, there are many unanswered questions about what prompted him to go on a killing rampage.

- Police in the Midwest and in Pennsylvania have recently rounded up a half-dozen members of a purported white supremacist group, the Aryan Republican Army, on charges relating to a string of bank robberies to finance terrorist activities.

A nationwide alert

The same day that the Empire State Building attack was taking place, the FBI issued a nationwide alert for a rental truck, suspected of carrying the materials for a fertilizer bomb, similar to the truck-bomb that destroyed the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, on April 17, 1995. Eventually, the truck was found, and it turned out to be carrying a shipment of chemicals used in commercial cleaning products. But, the seriousness with which the FBI took the eyewitness reports about the suspicious blue canisters of chemicals seen in the back of the rental truck, says a great deal about the level of concern among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, about the prospects of a new round of low-intensity warfare attacks against the United States.

Feb. 28 marked the fourth anniversary of the start of the Waco, Texas siege at the Branch Davidian compound, which resulted, ultimately, in more than 80 deaths. The Waco massacre has been touted by government prosecutors as one of the motives behind accused Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's actions. McVeigh's trial is scheduled to begin in federal court in Denver, Colorado on March 31.

All of these events could serve as pretexts for a new upsurge in low-intensity attacks. However, well-placed intelligence sources in Washington have told *EIR* that the real source of concern among high-ranking government anti-terrorism specialists, is not so-called right-wing militias, or crazies, angry at the federal government for the Waco and Ruby Ridge massacres. These officials are more concerned about the strategic reality of the continuing "war and a half" between the Clinton Presidency and certain U.S. institutions on the one side, and the British/Club of the Isles financial oligarchy, on the other. These sources believe that the United States is being beset by a new "strategy of tension," involving numerous low-grade terrorist acts, that will, on the surface, appear to be the work of militias, eco-terrorists, other anti-government groups, and so-called "Islamic" radicals.

The challenge for counter-terror agencies is that they are dealing with sophisticated networks, which do not leave their calling cards at the scene of the crime. LaRouche concurs with this assessment, and has warned that the world as a whole is facing a new, unprecedented outbreak of international terrorism, which will require concerted action against the actual authors of the attacks: the British oligarchy.