

# Crackdown Begins On U.S. Terrorists

New York Mayor Abraham Beame and local law enforcement agencies have begun to round up the terrorist group called Fuerzas Aradas de Liberacion Nacional, the FALN, which claimed responsibility for a recent wave of midtown bombings, which resulted in one death. So far, eight FALN members have been arrested.

The arrests mark the closing in on the domestic component of the international wave of terror that began with the Baader Meinhof gang's murder of West German Jürgen Ponto. The FALN, and its Baader Meinhof correlative in West Germany are part of the international terror networks coordinated by Interpol and the Institute for Policy Studies.

## *Cracking the Case*

Mayor Beame preempted Carter Administration attempts to use the FBI and Justice Department to protect the terrorist networks by announcing Aug. 4 to a press conference that the identities of FALN terrorists were already known by law enforcement agencies. This unprecedented statement signaled that the FALN investigators were about to expose the networks of the Institute for Policy Studies.

The same day New York police arrested David Perez, former defense minister of the Young Lords and the South Bronx coordinator of Young Lords activities in 1970, when they were participating in the takeover of the Lincoln Detoxification Center. Lincoln Detox, an Institute brainwashing center for methadone zombies, is the spawning ground for Black Liberation Army cop-killers.

Perez was arrested and charged with the possession of firearms while at the Bronx apartment of Vincente Alba, another Young Lords leader and currently counselor at Lincoln Detox. Also seized in the apartment were three typewriters, a mimeograph machine and stacks of FALN support stickers. Within hours of the announcement of the arrest, a suspicious fire broke out in the records section of the Lincoln Detox building.

Two days earlier, Pennsylvania State Police had raided a Pottstown laboratory and arrested Dr. Zimmerman, a medical examiner for the Pottstown police department. He was charged with possession of \$2.5 million in illegal methaqualone and methamphetamines. Arrested with Zimmerman was Paul F. Maurer, a member of the Institute's Revolutionary Union at the Firestone Rubber Plant in Pottstown.

Both Zimmerman and Maurer are close associates of Dr. Steven Levin, another member of the RU, who was trained at Lincoln Detox and sent to the Pottstown area in 1973 to coordinate a joint RU-Ku Klux Klan "caucus."

In 1975, high-level intelligence sources had identified this same left-right network to the Labor Party as the way station for explosives to midwest terrorists. These terrorists included the FALN, the KKK, and the Weather-underground. The operation was coordinated by the Treasury Department's Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

There is no doubt that this series of arrests hits at the heart of FALN operations. In October 1974, several weeks before the first major FALN bombings in New York, David Perez was frequently seen in the company of Narciso Rabell Martinez, leader of the so-called Revolutionary Socialist Party of Puerto Rico and a known organizer of the terrorist Movimiento Independista Revolucionario Armado (MIRA). Rabell had come to New York explicitly to recruit operatives for "armed struggle against the state," and Perez was one of his closest companions.

The Perez arrest activated the Institute's support apparatus, which screamed conspiracy and violation of civil rights. Through the efforts of veteran defender of the Weatherunderground, Michael Kennedy, Perez and Alba were released on \$1,500 cash bond each.

But Perez and the other individuals charged are just cannon fodder or at most secondary organizers of a terrorist support apparatus that extends internationally from the boardrooms of top Wall Street banks and foundations to the so-called community-based brainwashing centers like Lincoln Detox and Chicago's "El Rincon" methadone center.

## *The FALN Command Structure*

At the top level are the Ford Foundation, Stern Family Fund, Samuel Rubin Foundation, the Fund for the City of New York, the New York Foundation, and the New York Community Trust. The latter is a fund established by a consortium of the ten largest New York banks.

This network provided \$100,000 in operational funds to the Center for Constitutional Rights in 1975. Among the individuals directly involved in distributing those funds are mayoral candidate Mario Cuomo, Mrs. Laurance Rockefeller, and Whitney North Seymour, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and former law partner of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Level two is legal defense. Through the Center for Constitutional Rights and the National Lawyers Guild's Grand Jury Project, legal maneuvers to prevent testimony before grand juries investigating the FALN have stymied all efforts to crack the case since 1976. Guild attorneys Elizabeth Fink of New York and Mara Seigel of Chicago are presently advising FALN-related witnesses to keep crucial information from coming to light.

The Guild attorneys are trained by the Wall Street professionals of the Center for Constitutional Rights — William Kunstler; former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Institute for Policy Studies founder Peter Weiss; and Arthur Kinoy, a leader of the July 4th Coalition that served as the cover for terrorist activities planned for the 1976 Bicentennial.

This core provides the legal help for all Institute terrorism.

On the center's docket for 1975 included the following cases: *State v. Carlos Feliciano* with Attorney William Kunstler; *Baader-Meinhof* with Kunstler, Peter Weiss,

and Ramsey Clark in West Germany to attempt to replace the Baader-Meinhof lawyers who were found to be involved in terrorist support activities); *In re Jack and Micki Scott* where Kunstler and Margaret Ratner successfully prevented testimony before the grand jury investigating the Symbionese Liberation Army; *In re Burns, et al.*, where there were attempts to quash grand jury subpoenas for witnesses in relation to escape tools smuggled to Black Liberation Army prisoners in New York.

Through the guild-organized National Committee Against Grand Jury Repression and parallel Concerned Churchpersons against Grand Jury Abuse, this network interfaces directly with the third level, the "outer circle" of terrorist operations that organizes public actions to give the appearance of "mass support" for terrorists.

In the FALN case, a crucial umbrella was provided by the Episcopal Church's Hispanic Commission. Two known members of the FALN — Carlos Alberto Torres and Oscar Lopez Rivera — who have been sought since police discovered a dynamite cache in their Chicago apartment, were members of this commission.

Two more commission members, Maria Cueto and Raisa Nemikin, are now in jail for refusing to testify before a New York grand jury.

The Hispanic Commission, which claims to have kept no records of where their funds were dispensed, is known to have funded hispanic projects in Chicago, Denver, and Tierras Amarillas, N.M., which have all been identified as sources for explosives used in FALN attacks.

### *Zombie Factories*

On the fourth level are places like Lincoln Detox and the Rafael Cancel Miranda alternative school and "El Rincon" methadone center in Chicago. These function as centers where a labor pool of drug addicts is recruited and programmed through so-called political education for terrorist acts.

Lincoln Detox became a center of terrorist operations in 1970 when a coalition of Black Panthers, Young Lords, and the Revolutionary Union were organized by Institute for Policy Studies agents to stage a community takeover of the Lincoln Hospital. The entire operation was coordinated and finally approved by CIA case officer Gordon Chase, a top coordinator of the Bay of Pigs invasion, who was then head of the New York Health and Hospitals Corporation.

In 1974, the U.S. Labor Party identified Lincoln as the center for operations of the Black Liberation Army cop killers.

Methadone addicts at Lincoln are strictly segregated into black and Latin groups, put on a grueling schedule of political education classes, and drilled with nationalist belief structures. Counselors are operatives directly connected to avowedly terrorist and proterrorist groups, including Carlos Feliciano (a leader of the now-defunct Puerto Rican Nationalist Party who had been arrested in connection with bombings in New York), and a collective of doctors affiliated with the Maoist Revolutionary Union.

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