

Jürgen Ponto, and add American weight to the Euro-Arab gold fulcrum being set up this month in Luxembourg.

This specialist clearly projected such arrangements as an expansion of liquidity available for world trade financing, rather than a something-to-hang-onto fetishization of gold. No such programmatic thrust has been made in the open, however, since Ponto's incomplete mootings in the summer of 1977. And it is the lack of broad, concrete, brass-tacks public discussion of the monetary setups required for trade and investment expansion that have permitted doom-of-the-dollar pundits to dominate post-Jan. 4 commentaries. At week's

end, London-linked gold traders were still preening with confidence that "gold will never be remonetized" (a development that would shake out both the worthless pound sterling and the London merchant banks' plans for preying on a negative-growth world economy). Who cares about Europe, they said, as long as London and New York control the gold markets? At the same time, spokesmen like Paul Fabra of *Le Monde* were insisting that any capitalism worth the name requires long-term credit and monetary stability for growth; but it remains to be proven what transatlantic pro-development forces will do to secure the gold underpinnings which represent a necessary, if far from sufficient, condition for world recovery.

## British Wave Of Terror In Europe, Middle East

A wave of terror and assassination is sweeping Western Europe and the Middle East. Involved are British intelligence, the British-linked Moshe Dayan networks in the Middle East, and British terrorist networks on the continent, now in the process of regroupment following a series of successful arrests of leading terrorists by European police and security forces.

While some of the incidents have as their target specific individuals — in particular those involved in the current Middle East peace negotiations — much is "confetti": apparently random violence which is intended to build a climate of terror while deflecting scrutiny and countermeasures from the Whitehall and Wormswood Scrubs Prison headquarters of British MI-6 and MI-5 intelligence organizations. In fact, the seemingly endless array of terrorist organizations count as their members seasoned professionals who are recycled from this "left" terrorist group to that "right-wing" movement and back as British intelligence scenarios are worked out for the destabilization of governments orienting their policies toward peace and global economic development.

As the grid below shows, there is no truth to the claim that the violence is a product of an "intelligence war" involving Syria, Egypt, and the Palestinians; terrorism is strictly a British operation.

### London

*Jan. 1:* Two employees of the Syrian embassy in London were killed when a bomb exploded in their automobile.

On the same day, so-called radical Palestinians seized the Arab League office, located in the same neighborhood as the killing of the two Syrians.

*Jan. 3:* Said Hammami, the Palestine Liberation Organization representative in London, was assassinated by terrorists, also in the same London neighborhood, according to *Agence France Presse*. Hammami was a leading proponent of Middle East economic development as the basis for a comprehensive peace settlement. As British intelligence knew, Ham-

mami was key to arranging meeting in London between propeace Israeli officials and the Palestinians.

According to Israeli radio, Hammami had publicly attacked British imperialist presence in the Middle East just days before he was murdered, pledging to eliminate their influence on the governments and policies of that area.

The PLO, in a statement issued in Beirut, said that it would hold British authorities responsible for the murder until the criminals were brought to justice; a Scotland Yard spokesman said that "it will be extremely difficult to capture the assassins."

In Geneva, the PLO's representative said that although operatives of Israeli intelligence may be directly responsible for pulling the trigger, it was President Carter's pro-British National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski who gave the green light to the terrorists by stating last week that the world may say "bye-bye PLO."

### Middle East

*Jan. 2:* An Air India 747 jumbo jet enroute to the Persian Gulf region crashed on take-off from New Delhi. Witnesses at the scene heard explosions immediately before the plane, carrying 260 passengers, went down. The Indian government suspects sabotage.

According to radio reports, the passengers were largely skilled technicians heading for job assignments in the Persian Gulf oil sector. The crash, which killed all the passengers on board, followed by barely a week an unsubstantiated *New York Times* article planted by U.S. Energy Secretary and appearing under Seymour Hersh's byline, claiming that the Saudi Arabians were facing cutbacks in their oil production due to "technical difficulties." Three days before the crash, Air India's London office received a threat from the radical Hindu International Proutists group that they would blow up an Air India airline. The International Proutists — Progressive Utilitarians — assassinated an Indian

diplomat in Washington, D.C. two weeks ago.

*Jan. 4:* A prominent West Bank moderate Arab leader was murdered, the second such assassination in two weeks. The Arab leader had just visited Egypt, and had been a critical liaison between the PLO and the Egyptian government.

## Italy

*Dec. 22:* A member of the terrorist Autonomi youth gang was shot in a Rome street.

*Dec. 25:* A member of the right-wing Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI) was shot in retaliation for the shooting of the Autonomi member.

*Dec. 27:* The Autonomi held a demonstration in Rome protesting the killing of their member.

Another MSI member was killed by the terrorist Red Brigades.

A new terrorist group called "Communist Frontline," a joint project of the Red Brigades and West Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, bombed a prison under construction in Turin. Frontline has claimed credit for kidnapping a West German businessman.

During that same week, the offices of the Independent Movement were bombed in Trieste; an MSI office was bombed in Turin; the offices of the Christian Democratic

### Why Was Hammami Slain?

*PLO leader Said Hammami made this statement not long ago on Israeli-Palestinian relations in an official PLO publication.*

Let me outline a possible projection of the future if a Palestinian state were established on a part of the Palestinian homeland and if the Palestinian leadership then decided to pursue an evolutionary strategy towards its ultimate goal of a "state in partnership."

Our first task would then be to secure a massive injection of external aid for the economic and social development of the Palestinian state with a view toward putting it, in time, on an equal footing with Israel in terms of industrial, technological, and educational progress. I have no doubt that ample funds for an intensive program of development would be readily forthcoming from the Arab world and also, I would hope, from the international community.

An essential aspect of this program of development would be the creation of employment opportunities within the Palestine state with a view to maximizing its capacity to support population. For our second task would be to promote the progressive "ingathering of Palestinian exiles now living in the diaspora"...

Thirdly, we would aim to open and maintain a continuous and developing dialogue with any elements in Israel...regarding the form of a mutually acceptable coexistence.... We hope that it will be possible before long to work out a form of coexistence which will enable the two peoples to live together within a unified Palestine, while maintaining through cantonal arrangements and a constitutional division of administrative powers the distinctive character of each.

Party, the party of Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, were bombed in Bologna and Belgano; and a firebomb attempt was made on the Rome offices of the Communist Party.

*Jan. 4:* Fiat's security chief Carmine de Rosa was assassinated in front of his house by terrorists wielding machine guns. Both the Armed Workers for Communism and the Armed Proletarian Nuclei terrorist sects have claimed credit for the murder. According to U.S. intelligence officials, the assassination was a highly professional inside job, carried out by British networks operating at the highest levels of the Italian government — networks which *Executive Intelligence Review* has documented as linked to, if not controlled by, Italy's Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga.

## France

*Dec. 24:* French President Giscard d'Estaing received a phony bomb in the mail. Attached was a tag from the Fauchon grocery store in Paris which was destroyed by an explosion on Dec. 19. The tag was signed by the anarchist MAM group which claimed credit for the Fauchon bombing, one of 20 separate bombings which have taken place throughout France since Dec. 24.

*Dec. 25:* The home of Deputy Grotteray, a member of Giscard's Independent Republican party, was bombed. The National Front for the Liberation of Corsica claimed responsibility. At an FLNC press conference on Dec. 18, the group announced its readiness to kick the Foreign Legion out of Corsica, to bring the armed struggle in France to a "harder phase" and to implement "a better strategy to-confront the French state."

*Dec. 26:* The FLNC bombed a railroad station in the Paris suburb of Villepinte, claiming as its reason that the railroad company is cooperating in France's oppression of Corsica.

The guard post at the Sacilor steel plant in Moselle was blown up.

The Paris home of Communist Party leader Georges Marchais was riddled with bullets. Marchais is the target of attacks from the Trotskyist Lutte Ouvriere, which is charging that Marchais is a "Stalinist...Send him back to Moscow." Later that week, Marchais received a phony bomb in the mail. Like the incident involving the the French President, the anarchist MAM group has claimed credit.

The DELTA group, linked to the right-wing Secret Army Organization, issued death threats to police officials. Earlier in the month, DELTA claimed responsibility for the murder of the Guard of the Amical des Algeriens. In a message to the press, DELTA announced: "We will hit their person or their dearest relatives, the representatives of movements or trade unions which support the Polisario," a terrorist group demanding the liberation of the West Saharan region spanning Morocco and Algeria.

The so-called CARLOS Committee reportedly set fire to a Paris real estate agency. The CARLOS Committee has been responsible for a series of bombings late in November. In a statement issued through *Agence France Presse* and reprinted at length by the *London Times* on Nov. 22, the committee announced its intention

to stop the French nuclear program through violence.

*Dec. 28:* Several police stations in southern France were bombed, reportedly by the Autonomist Committee for the Freedom of Terreros.

The Workers Direct Action Committee claimed responsibility for several bombings during the week. The committee allegedly merged with NAPAP, which was responsible for the murder of a guard at a Renault auto plant, and is termed by police "the French Baader-Meinhof."

## Spain

*Dec. 27:* Capping a month of daily shootings and bombings by Basque separatist groups, a heavily armed band hijacked two shipments of explosives as they passed through the Basque region. The Suarez government has removed the official who was responsible for the shipments' safe passage.

On the same day, a Spanish military base was raided by suspected ETA Basque separatists, who netted over 40 machine guns and an undetermined number of rifles

and other munitions. Earlier in the month, a four-man ETA commando unit attacked the security post of the Lemoniz nuclear plant in Bilboa. The ammunition which they carried was enough to blow up the whole plant, according to the press. The attack was repelled by security guards, who severely wounded one terrorist.

## West Germany

*Jan. 1:* West German security officials defused a bomb at the Egyptian embassy in Bonn, minutes before it was set to explode.

*Jan. 5:* The daily *Die Zeit* ran an ad entitled "Who Killed Baader?" asking four questions of the type: "Did West German commando teams sneak down the fire escape of Stannheim prison?" This sort of ad is specifically geared to setting the environment for a actions in West Germany, which has been relatively free of such incidents as a result of the West German government and police officials' systematic crackdown on the terrorists.

— *Kathy Stevens*