

## FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

### Justice Department opens door to terror

Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti's recent release of four Puerto Rican terrorists convicted of attempting to murder President Truman, combined with the announcement on Oct. 20 that the remaining members of the Weather underground terrorist organization have had federal charges against them dropped add up to a green light for a full-scale terrorist activation in the United States.

Two major terrorist incidents have already been carried out by the Puerto Rican terrorist organization, the FALN, and the Manson-Symbionese Liberation Army cult.

As a result of Civiletti's actions, coupled with the Ford Administration's Levi guidelines which have crippled intelligence and law enforcement authorities, the growth of terrorist organizations and their support groups will go unabated.

Upon their release earlier this month the four Puerto Rican nationalists went on tour, addressing rallies of the FALN (Armed Forces of National Liberation). Last week, the FALN bombed two Chicago city government buildings. Reportedly there was an FALN threat to bomb the Indian Point nuclear power facility in New York. Such a turn toward environmentalist terror should come as no surprise to our readers. Shortly before the attempted environmentalist action at the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear power plant construction site, it was learned that terrorist sympathizers from FALN support

units in New York City and elsewhere had joined with proterrorist elements of the environmentalist camp to help coordinate logistics and train personnel for an assault on the complex.

The Oct. 20 decision by the government to quietly terminate its investigation of the Weather underground included a dropping of all charges against individual terrorists of the organization. The implications of this decision become clear in light of a recent terrorist activation in Seattle, Washington.

On Oct. 14, the reorganized Manson-SLA cult attempted a jailbreak from the Kings County jail. One policeman was killed in the attempt. The leader on the inside was Artie Baker who was awaiting sentence for the murder of a U.S. northern Border Patrol agent. Baker was groomed as a terrorist at a commune near Honeydew, Calif., called the Well Spring Communion. The 240-acre ranch, a guerrilla warfare, terrorist training "safe house" is guarded day and night by armed men wearing ammunition belts.

One of the co-owners of the ranch was a personal acquaintance of Sara Jane Moore and was four feet from Moore when she attempted to assassinate President Ford.

Working from the outside on the attempted breakout were two other individuals who have been identified as convicted felons who worked for the SLA and this Communion network.

Law enforcement officials associated with the Humboldt County Sherriff's Office have confirmed that members of the commune are not only members of the SLA, but of the Black Liberation Army and the Weatherunderground.

As late as Nov. 19, Weatherunderground members were arrested for actively conspiring to bomb the offices of California State Senator John Briggs. The four arrested included Judith Emily Bissell and a woman using the alias Grace Fortner. Both are members of the Revolutionary Committee of the Weatherunderground. A third, Clayton Van Lydegraf, has been identified by law enforcement agencies as the ringleader of the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (a Weatherunderground support apparatus) in San Francisco. All three plus the fourth, Thomas Michael Justensen, were members of the terrorist Seattle Liberation Front, wanted for bombings and conspiracy to riot.

On Oct. 7, one week before the Seattle jailbreak attempt the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram (California) quoted an intelligence agent as saying that members of the Manson family cult and the SLA have joined forces and that the group "is planning something that will make the Patty Hearst thing look penny ante." Reportedly, nearly \$2 million has been raised through crime to help Manson, his followers and SLA members escape from prison.

With this wealth of public knowledge, the failure of the Department of Justice to act properly in preventing terrorist actions represents a clear-cut case of political contamination or total stupidity on its part. The DOJ, through its actions, has set up the nation for large-scale terrorist activity paralleling that which has occurred in Western Europe.

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