

# New assassination danger to Reagan

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Security specialists in Washington and in European capitols are bracing for an anticipated new wave of assassination attempts over the period between mid-April and the June NATO summit meeting in Bonn, West Germany. At the top of the security "watch list" are President Ronald Reagan, Pope John Paul II, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and incoming Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid.

Privately, these specialists are identifying the British Royal House and its secret intelligence services as the ultimate authors of a broad-based terror spree. The resources drawn upon include those of the neo-Nazi Malmö International (see *EIR* Special Report, April 20), the Socialist International, the Libyan Muslim Brotherhood apparatus of Muammar Qaddafi, the Israeli Mafia, and sections of Soviet KGB-controlled hit capabilities linked to safehousing operations in Prague, Czechoslovakia and in Bulgaria.

The motive?—growing fear among leading circles in Switzerland, Venice, and London that the Reagan administration may break free from the control being presently exerted by British assets Alexander Haig and Paul Volcker and launch an independent economic, military, and foreign policy course.

It is widely believed that President Reagan's early-June trip to Western Europe, during which he will meet privately with Pope John Paul II, Chancellor Schmidt, and other heads of state, is a potential branching point for such a decisive breakaway, and therefore represents an outer limit for eliminating one or more of these political leaders from the scene.

## European activation

This evaluation is backed up by hard "ground-level" intelligence of an unusually heavy deployment of terrorist cadre throughout Europe under the overall cover of the "peace" movement. Billions of dollars have been poured into the disarmament movement through secret bank accounts in Switzerland, London, Tripoli, and East Berlin.

This process accelerated in the aftermath of Libyan dictator Qaddafi's March 1982 trip to Vienna, where he met with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, a leading figure in

the Socialist International, and with a string of terrorists and terrorist supporters including Baader-Meinhof Gang attorney Otto Schily.

Shortly after the Qaddafi trip and the Libyan dictator's full endorsement of the anti-missile demonstration in Sicily, a 120-man "hit unit" consisting of 40 "three-man teams" from Abu Nidal's Black September group was reported to have arrived in Austria—under covert Kreisky government sponsorship. The Abu Nidal strike teams, financed by Syria and Libya, have been linked to the "Jackal" apparatus and to neo-Nazi terrorist elements associated with the Malmö International.

As of mid-April, this grouping is threatening to launch a month of terror against the French government unless a terrorist, Bruno Breguet of Switzerland, is released from custody.

Intelligence sources have identified a professional assassin, Helmut Stahl, as directing an assassination operation against West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. According to these sources, Stahl, an ideological Nazi who was previously operating out of Latin America, and has recently been in the Soviet Union, is presently in West Germany in preparation for an assassination attempt.

One scenario outlined for the assassination involves an attempt by Stahl to penetrate the security of the Chancellor with the aid of a top official from the Interior Ministry. Several intelligence sources have confirmed that that Department, run by environmentalist Gerhard Baum, who calls terrorism "a sociological phenomenon," is suspected of leaking information to West German terrorist networks.

Preparations are also under way for potential terrorist violence at the June 10 NATO summit session in Bonn. The West German disarmament movement has been fissured, and the extreme pro-terrorist wing is formally isolated. Leading figures within the "green" movement on both sides of the Atlantic are already advertising their "innocence" of any responsibility for the violence that is now expected in Bonn.

Bill Arkin, a fellow of the Center for Defense Information (CDI) in Washington, D.C.—one of the control centers for the international disarmament thrust—authoritatively "predicted" to an *EIR* interviewer in mid-April that the "splinter elements" at Bonn would almost certainly "take a shot at President Reagan."

Arkin, who leaked the locations of secret U.S. missile sites in West Germany to *Stern* magazine last year, triggering the first wave of anti-U.S. violence, including the assassination attempt against a U.S. general, reported that he was informing the State Department of the threat, to clear himself of responsibility for a possible hit on the President.