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The Genoud trial and the mysterious four septuagenarians

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There are four old men, all in their seventies, who had known each other and worked together prior to and during the Nazi occupation of Europe, who are once again capturing international headlines in a strange fashion:

Francois Genoud, the Nazi Swiss financier who is the legal literary executor of Adolf Hitler, Martin Bormann, and Josef Goebbels;

Klaus Barbie, the infamous "Butcher of Lyons," still awaiting trial in France for mass murders he perpetrated as an SS captain during the war;

Alois Brunner, Adolf Eichmann's aide de camp, condemned to death in absentia in four countries, now living in Damascus, Syria; and

Michael Raptis, alias Michel Pablo, head of one of the Trotskyist "Fourth Internationals," senior purveyor of terrorism in the eastern Mediterranean, secret security adviser to Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

As detailed below, on Nov. 15, 1985, a unique and extraordinary legal proceeding transpired in Geneva, Switzerland, involving the first of our four septuagenarian musketeers, banker Genoud. Geneva's Police Tribunal was litigating a case of libel, initiated by Genoud against four internationally prominent journalists who had, in their publications, characterized him as what he is, a Nazi and a controller of contemporary international terrorism. Genoud, ably represented by Switzerland's most glamorous legal name, Maître Marc Bonant, decided to abandon his lawsuit and settle out of court. The out-of-court settlement involved an admission by Genoud that he is indeed all of the things the named journalists had imputed to him, with one qualification: He has not physically participated in any violent act of terrorism.

It appears that Maître Bonant's decision to advise his client to go for this settlement, was significantly influenced by the Swiss government itself, which, for reasons of its own, decided to abandon its long-standing policy of protecting Genoud, and publish, three days before the trial, a partial transcript of the Francois Genoud file, maintained by Swiss security authorities. The transcript verified virtually all the allegations made by the journalist defendants, thus destroying the legal grounds of Genoud's libel suit. The Swiss government's reasons for this are



Klaus Barbie



François Genoud

The late Hjalmar Schacht (left), formerly Hitler's economics minister, is shown here as an adviser to Egyptian Prime Minister Nagib. From Switzerland, Tangiers, and Cairo, Schacht and Genoud rebuilt the Nazi International in the postwar period.



not yet clear, though speculation abounds.

Within a few days of these legal proceedings in Geneva, Andreas Papandreu's Socialist government of Greece announced, through its foreign ministry, that it intends to seek the extradition from Syria to Greece, of Nazi fugitive Alois Brunner, in order to try him for the murder of 46,000 Greek Jews of Salonika. Papandreu's excellent, close relations with Hafez Assad of Syria would virtually guarantee extradition.

Ironically, once in Greece, Brunner would be at the mercy of his old acquaintance, Michael Raptis, the *éminence grise* of the Papandreu inner circle. Raptis, a.k.a. Pablo, since 1967-68, has sent hundreds, if not thousands of young, brainwashed Europeans from the academic milieu to Syria, to receive guerrilla training in facilities in part organized by Alois Brunner. As will be seen in the reportage which follows, much of this Middle East terrorist activity was financed by François Genoud, according to his own admission.

Genoud also helped finance Pablo's Algeria project in the early 1960s, when the latter was in Algiers in his double capacity as consul general for Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus and "Kitchen Cabinet" member for Ahmed Ben Bella's government.

Another most interesting beneficiary of Genoud's largesse is Klaus Barbie, whose trial, long delayed, is coming up soon. Many bigwigs of the contemporary Socialist and Communist "scene" in France have wished the trial to be delayed. Why? Because, as Barbie has insinuated, he knows, and is willing to divulge in court, facts about the activities of certain "heroes of the Resistance," which do not accord with

present-day myths. There were many Nazi-collaborators among France's Socialist and Communist "big names." One such is the present general secretary of the *Partie Communiste Française* (PCF), Georges Marchais.

As history has recorded, when Hitler's move against France took place, the PCF, on orders from Moscow which was still beholden to the Hitler-Stalin Pact, issued instructions to its militants to cooperate with the occupation forces. The 1939 Hitler-Stalin Pact has left a legacy of Nazi-Communist joint networks, not only in France, but throughout the Mediterranean, including present-day Israel and the Arab world. Many self-righteous Socialist and Communist big names are to this day beholden to these Nazi-Communist networks.

Michel Pablo, for example, a resident of France during that period, found himself, at the end of the war, in possession of the typographical plates which the Gestapo had been using to print counterfeit U.S. dollars. We expect that, given Genoud's admissions at the Nov. 15 court settlement, he will be forced to testify at Klaus Barbie's upcoming trial. Barbie, however, whose legal expenses are being paid by Genoud, cannot afford to "settle out of court." His only defense will be to go down, bringing with him as many of his Nazi-Communist collaborators of yore as possible. Alois Brunner's virtual volunteering to stand trial in Greece, might yield similar revelations. Prosecutors and magistrates should not forget to also call to the dock Michael Raptis, alias Michel Pablo, the old king-pin of the "Apparat Curriel" of which the Israeli Mossad knows a lot and conceals, perfidiously, even more.