

Blind terror threat to public figures

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A pattern of "blind terrorist" incidents and threats to public officials over the summer, some involving mental patients strikingly similar to would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley, is a signal that a very real threat currently exists to the Pope and President Reagan, as well as other public figures.

The Pope has been targeted by radical Jewish organizations, radical homosexual organizations, the American Indian Movement, and the Paris-based Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), headed by Robert Avakian. The RCP spray painted the slogan, "Kill the Pope," on the streets of Detroit, where John Paul will give a public mass Sept. 19.

The situation parallels that which prompted *EIR's* assassination alert on the President and the Pope in January 1981. Actual attempts were made in March and May of that year. The alert was based on evaluation of the political shifts associated with the President's assumption of office, as well as a monitoring of terrorist infrastructure capabilities. Relevant developments today are the United States's Persian Gulf force concentrations, and the Vatican's powerful defense of the rights of Catholics and Jews behind the Iron Curtain.

Two incidents among recent suspicious airline mishaps, "berzerk gunmen," and highway shootings indicate that the President, Secretary of Defense Weinberger, and others are endangered.

Ralph William Myers. On Aug. 15, Army Private Ralph William Myers, 32, was detained for questioning at John Wayne Airport by Secret Service Agents following a near collision between his plane and a helicopter carrying President Reagan near Santa Barbara, California. Myers went AWOL Aug. 3 from Ft. Lewis Army Base. His whereabouts are unaccounted for until Aug. 15, when he rented a plane ostensibly to fly businessman Harlan Lee Jones to a meeting in Los Angeles with Donald Nixon, the nephew of former President Richard Nixon.

Dwain Wallace. On Aug. 5, Dwain Wallace, 30, a mental patient under supervision of the Ohio State Mental Health System in Youngstown since 1979, was shot and killed while running through a Pentagon security checkpoint at a location close to a meeting between Caspar Weinberger, George Schultz, and Gen. Colin Powell of the NSC. He was armed with a .25 calibre handgun when shot. Wallace had been twice arrested for threatening with a handgun after which he was confined to Woodside State Mental Hospital and the

Doris E. Burdman halfway house in Youngstown. The medical director of Woodside is Dr. Karipineni Prasad. Psychiatric consultants at Burdman House were Drs. N.R. Sarma and Brian Sullivan. The leading forensic psychiatrists in Ohio, who may correspond to the suspected role of Colorado's Dr. John M. MacDonald, a specialist on threats to public officials who is under suspicion in the Hinckley case, are Drs. Howard Sokolov at Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital in Columbus, and Phillip Resnick in Cleveland.

The pattern of Hinckley-style "Manchurian Candidates" in such recent incidents prompted presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. to call for immediate suspension of psychiatric and medical licenses pending full investigation of professionals who fail to report to law enforcement agencies threats to public officials by their patients, or whose patients threaten or commit violence against public officials.

Harvard and 'Manchurian Candidates'

Two incidents in New England in early September indicate the danger to presidential candidates in and around New Hampshire. On Aug. 31, a 22 year-old Vietnamese immigrant, Minh Huang Le, assassinated six members of his family and fired upon police before killing himself in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. Le was arrested and released in June 1986 by the Secret Service for breaking into the White House, and had been in contact with the FBI and other agencies since July 1986.

On Sept. 5, Manchester, N.H. police arrested a Buffalo man, Lawrence McLane, Jr., 21, for attempted murder of two women in a Manchester restaurant.

An ongoing investigation has highlighted a forensic network in New England centered on Dr. John Clark of Harvard Medical School, which is the target of three current lawsuits.

Clark heads the "anti-cult" center, "American Family Foundation," in Weston, Mass, and has been a top staffer at a spooky Harvard teaching-hospital in Belton called McLean Hospital since 1959. McLean supervised staffing at Bridgewater Hospital until 1985. Bridgewater is a state mental hospital and correctional facility in Belton, notorious for patient abuse and suspected mind control experiments for over 20 years.

In July 1987, Roderick MacLeish of the ACLU sued Gov. Michael Dukakis and Bridgewater over the questionable deaths of nine inmates since 1985. Celebrated filmmaker Fred Wiseman, the producer of a 1967 documentary on Bridgewater called *Titicut Follies*, is also suing Dukakis's mental health system, and former Massachusetts Attorney General Elliott Richardson. Wiseman seeks to lift a 1967 court order obtained by Richardson, that bans public viewing of his film to this day.

The Department of Justice's Civil Rights division also brought suit this year against a Bridgewater sister-hospital, Worcester Mental Hospital, for abuse and unauthorized use of psychotropic drugs.