

The Uwe Barschel case is a clue to the Palme killing

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Nearly two weeks after the death of West German political celebrity Uwe Barschel, the evidence points to a direct link among a series of ritual executions of prominent Europeans, including Roberto Calvi in London, in 1982, Olof Palme on the streets of Stockholm on Feb. 28, 1986, and Uwe Barschel in Geneva on Oct. 11, 1987.

In the Calvi case, the evidence of a ritual Freemasonic execution is conclusive. In the Barschel case, all of the evidence now available permits no conclusion but that Barschel was victim of a similar ritual execution. In the Palme case, there is a crucial, firmly corroborated fact pointing to the same conclusion. Furthermore, all three were involved, in various ways, in what is called here the "Irangate" scandal.

Insiders of the U.S. intelligence community know that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was brought to power by orders of President Jimmy Carter and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, as part of a policy which Brzezinski called "the Arc of Crisis" doctrine, and which Carter adopted as "the Islamic fundamentalism card." Since the Khomeinians came to power, the U.S. government, under both Carter and Reagan, continued to back weapons-shipments to the Khomeinist regime.

U.S. circles are so preoccupied with U.S. guilt and still-continuing official cover-up in the affair, that the larger dimensions of the operation are pushed aside.

For example, the original planning of the destruction of Lebanon, Iran, and other nations of the region was done by British intelligence, through channels including the SIS Arab Bureau of Sir John Bagot Glubb Pasha and his Arabist associate, Bernard Lewis, presently situated at Princeton. From the beginning, this operation was conducted in part through back-channel arrangements with Moscow, specifically with a key protégé of the late Yuri Andropov, Azerbaijani Heidar Ali (a.k.a. Geidar Aliyev). The other key player, working closely with British SIS, Moscow, and Washington, was the Israeli faction associated today with Ariel Sharon, Armand Hammer, Meshulam Riklis, the U.S. AIPAC cabal, and Charles Bronfman.

Beginning 1980, and increasing during 1981 and later, the Israeli gun-runners coordinated a brisk international weapons-trafficking into Teheran. The partners of this operation included, in addition to U.S. and Soviet accomplices, a southern European Freemasonic network centered around the P-2 lodge cronies of Michael Ledeen, and a northern Freemasonic network concentrated in Britain, Bremen, Hamburg, and Sweden. French-speaking Switzerland and Hamburg served as the chief European centers for this trafficking.

All parties to this arrangement were working closely with the Soviets in coordinating the weapons-traffic. Moscow, for its own reasons, had a policy of keeping the Iran-Iraq war bleeding the Middle East region indefinitely, just as Israel did, for its own, somewhat different motives. The European and U.S. governments accepted this Soviet and Israeli policy for the Iran-Iraq war, with Syria's President Hafez al-Assad the key coordinating point for orchestrating the adjustments to be made within the Middle East region.

When Roberto Calvi was faced with the fact, that his financial operations were integral to an effort to bankrupt the Vatican, he repented, and was placed under death sentence by the northern Scottish-Swedish Freemasonic blocs for "speaking out of turn" in telling secrets. Nonetheless, for some reason, he went to London, where he was the victim of a ritual execution at symbolic Blackfriars' Bridge. The assumption in Italy is, that Calvi knew he was under such a death sentence, and went to London to have it carried out as a price for saving the lives of others who would have been killed had he avoided the execution.

Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme came into the picture in two ways. First, as prime minister of Sweden, he was situated amidst the Iran weapons-trafficking by the network of both Soviet, and Swedish, Hamburg, Bremen, and London wings of the weapons-traffickers. Second, he was a key figure in a commission formed in the effort to bring the protracted Iran-Iraq war to an end.

Did Palme walk intentionally to his death that night? Why

did he dismiss his security guards, an act without which the assassin could not have both reached him and escaped? Was the life of his wife—and others—saved, by his allowing himself to be killed in this way?

The facts surrounding the Barschel case are much more conclusive than even the Calvi case.

A close friend of Palme's states that Barschel was a friendly acquaintance of Palme. The source is a highly reliable one. This does not signify that the Schleswig-Holstein Christian Democrat was a political co-thinker of Palme's, but does suggest the ordinary contacts we would expect on account of their political positions and the geography of the matter.

In any case, first of all, it is certain that the key to the Barschel case is the involvement of business interests of Schleswig-Holstein in the Malmö-Hamburg-Bremen-London side of the weapons-trafficking into Iran. The cities of Kiel and Lübeck are most notable. Barschel was nominally a political protégé of the Schleswig-Holstein CDU machine of Stoltenberg, who is close to all of the relevant business connections as well as to Bremen's West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Barschel also had significant family connections to prominent figures in the Hamburg side of this trafficking.

Generally, this German traffic in weapons is more or less

legal in West Germany, dirty as it is. However, Moscow considered Barschel a key obstacle to Soviet infiltration of Schleswig-Holstein. The plan to open up Schleswig-Holstein for Soviet strategic infiltration through nearby East Germany was not proceeding as successfully as Soviet massive penetration of Bremen and Hamburg.

This probably accounts for the first assassination-attempt on Barschel, in a suspect aircraft crash this past June. Having survived the crash, Barschel then came under a scandal orchestrated by a planted aide who has been recently exposed as a suspected longstanding East German agent. Barschel reacted to this orchestrated scandal by trying to clear his name, using his knowledge of Iran weapons-trafficking operations to assist in producing the evidence he needed.

The death of Barschel

The facts then march in step. Barschel first went to the Canary Islands, a place not unfamiliar to him from past travels. There, numerous sources positively confirm, he met with Iran weapons-trafficker Adnan Khashoggi, a key figure in Ollie North's Irangate scandal. Then, a telex was sent in his name to the CDU party leadership in West Germany. The telex announced that he was going to Geneva to meet "an important person" whom he hoped would assist him with facts to be used to clear his name on the following Monday, in Kiel. He made the trip to Geneva on Saturday afternoon.

Curiously, a political figure under death threat went, of all places, to the Beau Rivage Hotel in Geneva, and traveled without security. Here he was, ostensibly about to blow major secrets of the Iran weapons-trafficking operations, but traveling without security into the hotel where he was assuredly a probable target of assassination. Did he go knowingly to his death, as Roberto Calvi had in the fateful trip to London?

At this point, amid the jigsaw puzzle pieces, a curious fact turns up in the hotel records. That Saturday evening, he ordered a bottle of Beaujolais to be sent to his hotel room. According to Geneva police, that bottle has not been found, although the fact that Barschel's bed was made up suggested he did not sleep in it that night.

Beaujolais! French table-wine! A man of Barschel's aristocratic household connections and habits does not drink Beaujolais on the evening of the night he expects to commit suicide or be murdered. He would choose something much more elegant, such as an exceptional Bordeaux or well-aged Burgundy. Swiss hotels pride themselves on having a selection of the best in their cellars, especially those of Geneva, Lausanne, and Sion. The only elegance in a selection of Beaujolais is the symbolic significance of its name, like the copy of Jean-Paul Sartre's *Being and Nothingness* found by police on the middle of Barschel's unused bed.

Did he allow himself to be drugged? Later, others came into the hotel room and finished the arrangements. No facts have been released so far, to indicate whether the drugging

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had killed him, or whether it proceeded differently. The missing bottle of Beaujolais, the ritual-execution arrangement of the body, and the copy of Sartre in the middle of the unused bed, combined with the circumstances of the incident, tell the story vividly enough. Were the lives of Barschel's children saved by his willingness to register, unattended, at the Beau Rivage hotel? What might Adnan Khashoggi be able to tell?

Collateral leads

The *modus operandi* of the Barschel execution has prompted Austrian investigators to reexamine two recent deaths with almost identical characteristics. One was the July 1985 death of an Austrian ambassador, Herbert Amry, in Greece. The second, was the death of an executive of an Austrian arms-trading firm, Heribert Apfalter, on Aug. 26, 1987. Three very strange deaths, each with the body found in a similar ritual arrangement, and all three trapped in the center of desperate efforts by some very highly placed circles to cover up their deep involvement with Moscow in running weapons into Iran.

Moreover, it all leads directly back into the middle of both the Irangate and Contragate scandals inside the U.S.A. It takes us directly into the center of what Senate investigator Joel Lisker attempted to conceal during his trip to Denmark, a crucial aspect of the case which the joint committee of the Congress scrupulously kept out of the public side of the Irangate hearings. It is well known that AIPAC was at the center of some parts of the congressional side of the cover-up. Why was the Soviet participation in Ollie North's shipments of arms to Khomeini and the Contras also covered up?

So far, officially, a lid has been put on the death of Barschel, just as the deaths of Calvi and of Palme were so vigorously covered up earlier. "Suicide" by gunshot wound was the verdict handed down by the West German press, until the Geneva commissioner of police gave a press conference to announce that there was no pistol, no projectile, and no blood. "Suicide" was the official verdict in the end, according to the press reports at least, although almost no experts in such matters believe a word of it.

Did the Soviet KGB do it? The finger of suspicion is very strong. However, the Soviet KGB's "special purpose" units rarely carry out such assassinations directly; they either use resident assassins in the West, or order their Western business partners, "It is your problem; you take care of it." I know; the Soviets have put out such orders for legal and other operations against me to their Western business partners.

Calvi, Palme, and Barschel, are only three notable figures on a long list of mysterious deaths which have occurred since the Malmö, Sweden office of Karl-Erik Schmitz was raided. The epidemic of Iran weapons-trafficking linked deaths continues—perhaps my own included for reporting this story. Sooner or later, one of these cases will break wide open; when it does, all of the trees in the forest will fall.

Panama 'opposition' shows desperation

by D.E. Pettingell

The Panamanian oligarchic opposition, entering its sixth month of defeats and unsuccessful attempts to overthrow the constitutional government of Panama, is desperate and demoralized. The demonstration called Oct. 22 by Panama's Civic Crusade, an umbrella organization of rich bankers and businessmen, to demand the resignation of Gen. Manuel A. Noriega, the popular nationalist head of Panama's Defense Forces, was a total flop. Fewer than 400 youngsters showed up to what had been billed as the "beginning of the end" for Noriega.

After several incidents that strongly suggested that opposition activists were planning terrorism and sabotage, the government deployed security forces throughout Panama City. Order was maintained, despite the Civic Crusade's insistence that blood would run in the streets.

"The government of General Noriega won a major test of strength today when a protest march and general strike here fizzled," reported the *New York Times* in an article datelined Panama Oct. 23. "I'm embarrassed" at the lack of turnout, an opposition leader told Associated Press.

The cosmetic nature of the elitist opposition in Panama was best seen in the fact that the entire leadership of the Civic Crusade left Panama before Oct. 22 to come to Washington, preferring to continue their lobbying with Congress and the U.S. government rather than leading the "outcry" against Noriega. "We are concerned with the level of frustration of the Panamanian people; anger and fear have historically led to terrorism," Crusade leader Roberto Brenes said Oct. 26 in Washington. Although "violence is not our goal," nothing can guarantee that "things can't get out of control," Brenes threatened.

'Democracy' by force

The day of the failed demonstration, the Senate Subcommittee on Western Hemispheric Affairs, chaired by Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), sponsored hearings on Panama to push bills that, if enacted, would make the suspension of economic assistance to Panama U.S. law—a measure Congress has not even taken against such terrorist adversaries as Iran or Libya. At the hearings, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) asked Crusade leaders to stand up so that the audience and press could identify them. Helms explained that unfortunately they could not testify, because they are foreigners, but