

# **EIR** Special Report

## **The profile of a conspiracy**

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The assassination attempt against President Reagan on March 30 was part of a broader political plot to immerse the United States in a protracted period of domestic crisis, confusion, and disintegration of policy-making. This broad-ranging plot had been initially formulated and advanced by the leadership of the Socialist International which met in Washington, D.C. a few weeks before the President's inauguration.

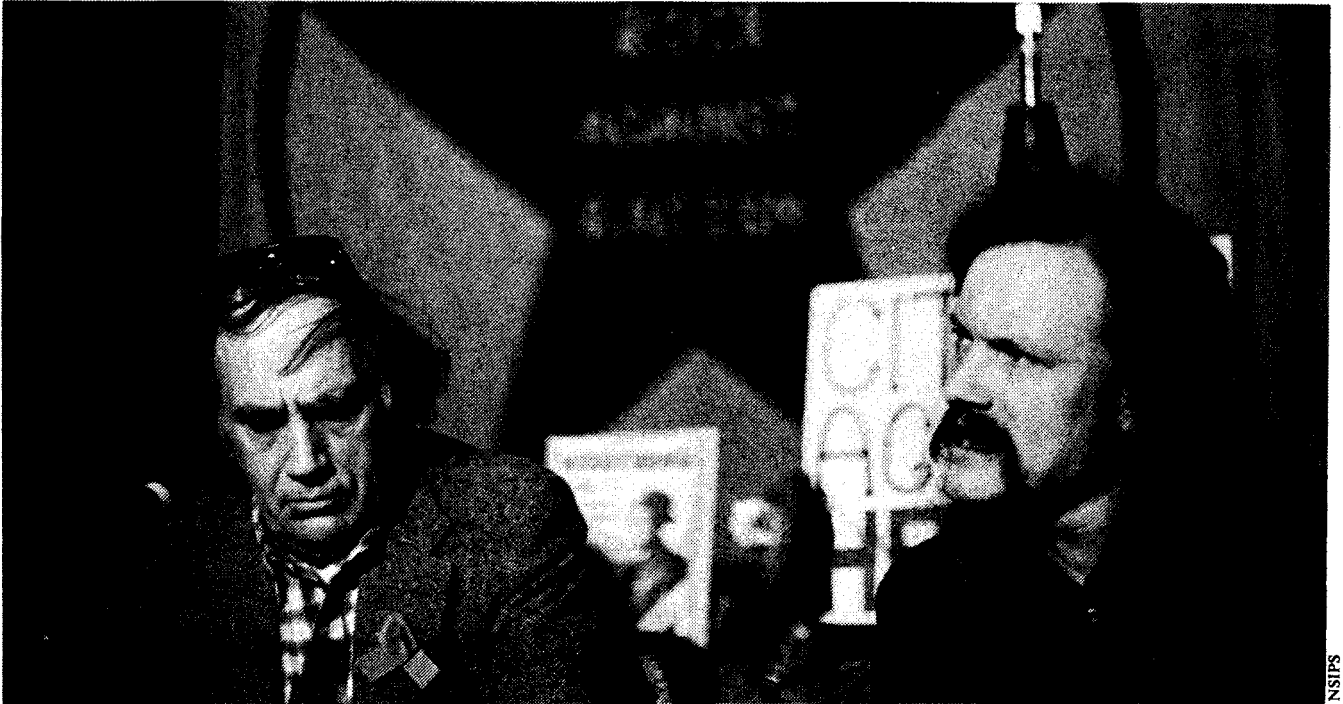
The assassination attempt itself represented a branching point for that "chaos and confusion" scenario. Had the attempt been successful, the scenario would have proceeded in a self-evident way; the attempt's failure, on the other hand, triggered a massive speculative orgy, mostly led by Socialist International-linked press outlets, respecting the so-called succession struggle among Secretary of State Haig, Vice-President Bush, the White House Staff, Defense Secretary Weinberger, and others.

### **Anti-American campaign**

The intended purpose of this speculative orgy is precisely what the leaders of the Socialist International could utilize to feed the flames of a renewed international campaign of anti-Americanism centered on the theme of "instability" and "chaos" in Washington. The President was shot at primarily because his personality and political style so far have made him a symbol of stability.

Two important sets of considerations argue in favor of viewing the actions of assailant John W. Hinckley, Jr. in the context of the indicated plot. First, the context of deliberately cultivated political hysteria against President Reagan; second, the important, unanswered questions surrounding Hinckley's action.

Regarding the first of these two considerations, it has been widely noted that a gigantic international rumor mill has been circulating the idea that "Reagan is not going to live through the year," or, alternately, "Reagan is not going to complete his term in office." Such themes have been played up



Yippie cofounder William Kunstler, a leading attorney for accused terrorists, with Yippie leader Dana Beal at last month's Yippie gathering.

almost continuously on the pages of fringe-radical socialist publications internationally, hinted at in more respectable publications, and discussed rather freely among intelligence-connected circles, especially British and Canadian.

### Washington rumor mills

Within Washington itself, rumor mills close to the *Washington Post*, and others close to the seedier side of certain places within the Library of Congress, have been freely cultivating a climate of anticipation around the theme of whether the President's first term in office might survive an assassin's bullet.

Gridding of the rumor mill indicates an unusual "heating up" around the time of President Reagan's visit to Canada on March 10-11. The entire Canadian press was obsessed with the issue of President Reagan's security arrangements, an obsession ranging from complaints about "excessive security" to formal recommendations by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that the President's entourage should prefer a posture of "open access" by the public at the expense of "excessive security." Individuals from Prime Minister Trudeau's office were involved in this disgrace.

At approximately the same time, "anti-Reagan" hysteria was reaching new heights among radical-fringe networks around the United States, all of it deliberately "fed" from higher-up circles. The high-point was perhaps the Yippie conference in New York on March 19-22. The Yippie conference room was decorated with

posters reading "Now Is The Time To Kill Reagan," "Reagan: The President Who Is Already Dead," and similar themes. All participants were given buttons that read "Kill Bush First."

### The Yippies' controllers

The significance of this Yippie outrage is mostly located in that influential group of people *above* the Yippies, which in fact controls and deploys them. That group is a central part of the international drug and pornography racket which is closely associated with the Socialist International. Paul Krassner, editor of *Hustler* and former editor of *Playboy*, is a longtime Yippie; attorney William Kunstler is a long time Yippie member and currently the key political controller of Yippie leader Dana Beal; the network includes Robert Gutwilig, a former top executive of *Playboy*, and others.

The overt Yippie agitation to have the President assassinated was only one component of the climate-setting effort. Similar activities have been observed throughout the lunatic fringe and numerous law enforcement agencies have reported the existence of small "cult groups," produced and sustained by brainwashing (behavior modification) techniques, whose belief structure is pivoted around the idea of "shooting Reagan." The sustenance of these groups is described as similar to the Symbionese Liberation Army affair notorious for the Patty Hearst kidnapping, and the "psychotherapy" group which inspired the "Son of Sam" killings in New York two years ago.



*No one thought Oswald was a loner. Therefore 'crazed' assassins were created.*

### The 'lone assassin' hoax

Last Monday's assassination attempt must be viewed against the background of these considerations. The current theory promoted by the press, that of a "lone assassin" living out a "romantic fantasy," has some flaws which render it incredible and useless. There are three sets of facts that puncture it completely.

First: On the basis of his so far known past, John W. Hinckley, Jr., the assailant, should have been on the potential presidential assassin list of approximately 25,000 names retained by the Secret Service according to standard procedure. A number of incidents of his past life, known by law enforcement authorities, would have justified his inclusion on this list. The single most important such incident was his arrest, last October, at the Nashville, Tenn. airport for carrying firearms at a time when President Carter was visiting. On March 31, Nashville police officials reported that they had at the time forwarded the suspect's name to the FBI. The following day, the major national media carried a story which denied that the FBI ever received such report from Nashville.

According to standard procedure, if the FBI had received such a report, the suspect's name would have been included in the Secret Service list. Other incidents from the assailant's life would also have been cause for his inclusion in such a list. Therefore, person or persons influential enough existed to have kept his name off such a list.

Second, the security arrangements around the President's person at the Washington Hilton Hotel were, by universal admission, a complete violation of standard procedure. Up until the second when the shots were fired, there had been a breakdown of security which will require explanations.

Third, the story of the "motives" cannot survive scrutiny on the basis of currently known facts. The alleged existence of love letters to actress Jodie Foster, in which he threatens to "kill the President" in order to demonstrate his love, does not constitute evidence of "motive." It, however, constitutes powerful evidence that the assailant is severely psychologically deranged.

### Brainwashing

In the face of such evidence, any competent investigator turns to a detailed examination of the psychological history of the subject, and refocuses the investigation on the hypothesis that a person of such extensive suggestibility is likely to be under the influence of individuals expert in the techniques of behavior modification and behavior control. Instead, the public side of the investigation so far indicates that the love letters are being used to establish "motive" and thus discourage further inquiries.

The behavior of the assailant during and after his arrest, as reported by law enforcement officials present on the scene, strengthens the hypothesis that he may have been under alien psychological control during his action. Police officers reported that Hinckley was in a completely disassociated state, that "he did not know what had happened," and that only after a few hours at the police station did he go into psychological eruptions and began giving indications that he was only then realizing what had happened. Later on, FBI physicians put him on tranquilizers, presumably to prevent violent eruptions, a usual symptom of abreaction.

Quite apart from the particulars of this assassination attempt, that which is in fact breeding political violence and potential presidential assassins, is not what the liberal press, led by Katharine Graham's *Washington Post*, so piously condemn. It is not the outrageous generalization that Americans are "a nation of gunhappy, violence-prone individuals." What is feeding the current wave of political violence is the gameplan of destabilization laid out by the leadership of the Socialist International conference last December in Washington, D.C. Those same, ultimate moral perpetrators of this outrage are now attempting to further exploit the aftereffects of the failed attempt in order to exacerbate a climate of "chaos and confusion" in Washington on the basis of which to build yet another anti-American campaign internationally. If there are serious and responsible people inside the White House who place greater importance on the task of preserving the appearance of government stability over and above the need to publicly investigate the forces behind the assassination attempt, then this is only another indication of how serious the destabilization effort by this country's enemies really is.