

Juergen Ponto Victim Of Carter Administration Assassination

The following statement was issued on Aug. 1 by Lyndon H. LaRouche, U.S. Labor Party Chairman.

Shortly before five a.m. this morning word was relayed to me from high-level sources of the best qualifications in the USA, that my own name was on a list of targets of persons to be killed in a wave of new "Baader-Meinhof" assassinations expected to be accomplished in West Germany during the immediate days ahead. Yesterday's victim, Dresdner Bank's Juergen Ponto, was on the same list.

My efforts to track down those who ordered Mr. Ponto's assassination by the government will be sabotaged through both U.S. State Department circles and through contaminated elements of the European nations' intelligence and security organization. Therefore, I am issuing the following vital information to aid relevant governments and honest intelligence and security agencies in tracking down those who dispatched the assassins against Mr. Ponto and to prevent the wave of "Baader-Meinhof" killings now operational.

I stress that my action is my own responsibility and not that of the Federal Republic of Germany (BRD) or other European governments. Although I and my associates are making our information available to all relevant agencies, that in no way implicates those agencies for those forms of anti-terrorist activity which I or my immediate associates take independently. So, therefore, the U.S. embassies in Europe need not annoy any European government concerning the fact of this press release itself.

Juergen Ponto,
Man of Stature

I deeply regret that my knowledge of Mr. Juergen Ponto must now be forever limited to the fact that I and my closest associates have had a number of close

acquaintances with Mr. Ponto in common. Although Mr. Ponto and I have been on opposite courses on a number of conceptual and tactical issues, my knowledge of him is as a man of stature and extraordinary capabilities and usefulness. Europe and the world will be smaller without him.

Mr. Ponto and I may not have been direct collaborators, but we have worked in similar areas of concern and have acquired the same set of powerful enemies. In brief, the generic name of those enemies is the Carter-Mondale administration, the circles within and around that administration who ordered Mr. Ponto's assassination and who have ordered mine and that of a number of certain persons considered exemplary opponents of the Carter-Mondale administration's energy and monetary policies.

Through high-level contacts within the USA and other countries, I am most familiar with some of the areas in which Mr. Ponto was performing a crucial role. I know that he was involved in delicate, high-level financial negotiations in the Middle East and Latin America, working toward achievements which would have been to significant advantage of those countries and Europe. I know what was at stake in those negotiations, and know that every German worker who is unemployed or might become unemployed now has suffered an injury through the political murder of this outstanding European banker.

It is my informed estimation that Mr. Ponto was in the process of contributing to some of the greatest achievements of his life.

I am enraged not only because of the especially dastardly form of the crime, but because of those many others who are threatened with suffering and worse by the purpose behind this action. We stand close to the verge of thermonuclear war, and in this circumstance Mr. Ponto, working as a banker and a source of advice for European political figures, was contributing to efforts by which not

only could a deep depression be avoided, but his own nation, the BRD, be rescued from the danger of being transformed into a radioactive rubblefield.

I know who was ultimately responsible for the decision which set the assassination into motion. These gentlemen were, in part, Mr. Ponto's acquaintances. They were men who had broken bread with Mr. Ponto, who had maintained the forms of an amiable acquaintanceship with him, and who sent their degraded assassins, including an acquaintance of his family, to murder him

gangster-style. Those persons are not fit to be called men; they have the ethics of a common poisonous snake.

The Killers

Let no one be such a donkey as to believe the press-fostered evil fairy-tale, that the "Weathermen," "Baader-Meinhof" and similar terrorist crime-series adventures represent independent bands of lunatics.

We know Lieutenant-General William Yarborough and

What Ponto Had Accomplished

In Latin America, Africa and the Mideast, Juergen Ponto, the chief of West Germany's Dresdner Bank murdered July 31 by the terrorist Baader-Meinhof gang, had come to be known since 1974 as a "driving force" behind Western European efforts to create a new world monetary arrangement, based on a strong commitment to international industrialization. West German Economics Minister Friderichs stated Aug. 5 at Ponto's memorial that he was a "symbol for that layer of businessmen and trade unionists . . . who are responsible for the recovery period after the war, and the creation of wealth in our economy."

Ponto's most famous international activity had been his intense involvement in the export treaty between West Germany and Brazil for the construction of a complete nuclear energy and fuel generating cycle in Brazil, in overt opposition to the anti-nuclear energy policies of the Carter Administration. Since the October, 1973 international oil crisis, Ponto had cultivated close relations with the oil-producing and financially pivotal nation of Kuwait. At the close of 1974, he negotiated a politically groundbreaking deal with the Kuwaitis for their purchasing of a substantial holding in West Germany's Daimler-Benz auto manufacturing firm.

Since January, 1977, Ponto had traveled extensively around the world, opening branch offices of the Dresdner Bank in Paraguay, Canada, and Houston, Texas. He established business contacts with American industry in the south and southwestern states, and met personally with Alabama Governor George Wallace this past spring on the occasion of the opening of a branch firm of West Germany's chief gold and metal trading firm, Degussa Corporation, in Mobile.

Ponto's last major international appearance before this assassination occurred on July 6, in Luxemburg, at an international gathering organized by the Dresdner Bank discussing financial collaboration between European private banks and the International Monetary Fund. A number of chief Latin American banking spokesmen were in attendance, including representatives of the Peruvian Central Bank and the Brazilian Ministry for Industry and Trade. During the meeting, West German Central bank head Emminger denounced

proposals for a "coupling" of IMF deficit financing with private bank lending to developing countries, and was supported in this attack by the Peruvian and Brazilian spokesmen.

Since 1959 and throughout his career, Ponto was concerned with developing a concept of banking related to the needs of industrial development and corporate financing. In its memorial biography of the banker, West Germany's leading daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* asserted, "Ponto did not only think in banking categories. He thought industrially and was, as evidenced by numerous statements, conscious from the beginning of his career of the overall economic and social-political responsibilities borne by an institution of the size of the Dresdner Bank." He reorganized the Dresdner Bank in 1959 to accommodate these principles, and established closest working relations with the leading corporations Krupp, AEG Telefunken, the Quandt and Stinnes families, and the Thyssen steel combine.

His commitment to European economic unity was demonstrated by the following comment, quoted by the conservative daily *Die Welt*: "A situation of monetary cannibalism, in which everyone greets everyone else in a friendly manner, but at the same time, harbors secret thoughts, will not work in Europe." In speeches before bankers, such as in a noteworthy address delivered in Berlin in 1972, Ponto attempted to identify the social responsibility which banking and industry carry: ". . . we cannot free ourselves from the outlook of Emmanuel Kant that the necessity to make decisions goes beyond the ability to know."

In 1974, Chancellor Schmidt seriously considered appointing Ponto either Federal Finance Minister or chairman of the Central Bank. Though the appointment was not made, it is widely recognized that Schmidt consulted continuously with Ponto and that the Dresdner Bank has played a crucial role in facilitating the implementation of West Germany's nuclear energy programs. In addition to the bank's direct involvement in the Brazil deal, Ponto personally reorganized Kraftwerke Union, the leading nuclear reactor producer, from a major financial crisis, described by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* as perhaps the most significant act of his history.

other leading top-level terrorist planners and controllers who developed the computer systems, the training programs and other paramilitary procedures by which these terrorist gangs are controlled and deployed for these assassinations and kidnappings. We have repeated direct proof that when such terrorist controllers issue an instruction from their circles that Weathermen, Baader-Meinhof killers and similar groups deploy for precisely the effects those top circles prescribe. In such ways, we knew the essentials for the so-called Entebbe raid before it occurred, and key events in that escapade before those aspects developed. Our warnings were ignored and the action proceeded.

Don't tell us this is an "anarchist problem." If you believe such things you are a poor fool, lacking the intelligence necessary to survive in this day of Carter-Mondale-deployed terrorism. Any official who tells you we are wrong on this point is either incompetent in these matters or simply a liar.

These terrorist operations are deployed through two principal networks. The one side is made up of professional covert operations technicians, with military, intelligence, and security backgrounds. The other side is the assorted rag-tag of extreme-right or leftist Maoist and other zombies. Using the cover of the environmentalist-Maoist-anarchist "movement" as a whole, through use of controllers, computer psychological profiles and psychological conditioning, a certain "hardcore" of these groups is selected as the actual terrorists. These terrorists, aided by certain complicit attorneys and religious figures, as well as intelligence and security networks involved, use the mass of environmentalist, Maoist and anarchist lunatics as a cover. These terrorist operations are controlled in two immediate ways. First, within the hard-core networks there are controllers who supervise the groups, usually unknown by more than one or more in each group itself. The operation is also controlled by keeping the technical operations capabilities in a separate line of command, so that the guns and plans of operations including prepared escape-routes are made available to the terrorist zombies only for directed operations.

In this way, "need to know" is maintained. The "anarchist" doctrine functions in the manner of a "synthetic religion," or what linguisticians term a "belief structure." This "belief structure" provides the dupes with a kind of brainwashed "political" motivation for conducting the operations for which they are directed.

For example, when the command of the Anglo-American intelligence network responsible issues an order to kill Buback or Ponto, the terrorist is not told that he is killing Buback because Buback is considered in Manhattan as too hot on the trail of the actual responsables for terrorism, but that "Buback" is a "capitalist oppressor." When the Carter-Mondale administration decides to teach "teach Chancellor Schmidt a lesson on the issue of the Brazil nuclear energy program," the terrorist is not told that he is carrying out a hit for the Carter administration but that is killing a "class enemy." Otherwise, if a terrorist begins to learn too much about the operations in which he or she is being used, the tool is scrapped — and the press reports a

successful wiping out of some terrorist by police.

Although the intelligence networks behind these operations have a long history overall, the present form of the networks has evolved since a reorganization of the USA and NATO intelligence services by McGeorge Bundy, Robert Kennedy and others during the John F. Kennedy administration. The most visible part of the terrorist environmentalist network overall is the overt "mother" organization, the Washington, D.C. Institute for Policy Studies, co-headed by Kennedy administration intelligence operative Marcus Raskin and Kennedy administration diplomatic intelligence operative Richard Barnet. General Yarborough's work in the BRD and NATO intelligence during the period he was stationed on military duty in Germany is also relevant to the same overall operation.

The basic problem, the reason European nations have been generally unsuccessful in combatting terrorism so far, is that the mode of counter-terrorist operations has been a form of criminal-police security operation which may occasionally catch a few tools on the bottom or next-to-the-bottom levels, but which is inherently incompetent for reducing the problem itself.

The nature of the terrorist operations requires an appropriate form of counterintelligence action. Unfortunately, for partially obvious reasons, European governments refuse to undertake counterintelligence operations of the necessary form, since that means counterintelligence operations against elements within or associated with NATO intelligence itself. This refusal to deal with a NATO-linked counterintelligence problem leaves Europe almost helpless before the assassins deployed through NATO-linked agencies, including the ability of NATO-linked agencies to prevent regular police agencies from obtaining accurate information and to inhibit them from following up leads which NATO-linked intelligence agencies do not wish explored.

How To Root It Out

If I, for example, were given the authority, using the facilities and legal procedures which already exist in Western Europe, I could clean up most of the terrorism within a month, and root out some of the worst immediate problems earlier. This would ofcourse, depend upon the willingness of governments to take certain measures for which existing laws are entirely adequate.

The basic procedure ought to be obvious. Put the entire Maoist-environmentalist strata under containment-de-stabilization operations, simply using legal methods of surveillance, questioning, and arrests to disrupt the ability of the networks to be deployed in an effective way by the controllers. Isolate the controllers, by setting up a new line of command from the government down through to local police agencies, short-circuiting all of the contaminated command-structure through which governmental counter-action against terrorists is now largely neutralized. Finally, instead of working outward from the perspective victim in a "Maginot Line" form of anti-terrorist defense action, squeeze inward on the Maoist-environmentalist cover environment upon which the action groups depend for cover and maneuverability, thus isolating the terrorist groups.

Don't sit in foxholes, waiting for the attack; hit the enemy at his in-depth capabilities for deployment and in his essential command-and-coordination structure. Treat the security problem as the counterintelligence equivalent of a military operation.

Give me a handful of top intelligence, security and general officers I could absolutely trust, and I promise the governments involved, the mess would be cleaned up within existing law.

Purpose Of The Assassinations

The murder of Juergen Ponto, the deployment of German Maoist-terrorists — partially via the Swiss border — against the French Super-Phenix site, and the current trip of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the Middle East are all coherent parts of the same package-operation, which includes a pending SATO-linked operation in Latin America.

It is clear, from gridding crucial, largely unprecedented warning-statements in the Warsaw Pact press over the weekend that the Soviet and Warsaw Pact commands are fully aware of the essentials of this Carter-Mondale deployment. We are, in fact, inches from an attempted Carter-Mondale thermonuclear bluff which means intercontinental general war as early as the month of August. The murder of Juergen Ponto, which is a symbolic assassination of Chancellor Schmidt, Apel, Friderichs, Stoltenberg and others, and the further crucial assassinations projected as part of the same list, including my own projected assassination, are an integral element, a "wild card" operation added, in the movement toward the greatest moment of horror in all human history to date.

Those with the proper backgrounds will recognize what "wild card" signifies in respect to the assassination of me which has been planned at the highest levels of the Carter-Mondale administration, with NATO intelligence cooperation, for some weeks at the least. So if I am assassinated "Trotsky-style," do not be distracted from the true authorship of the operation. I am expecting both a Baader-Meinhof or Trotsky-style attack as the most probable alternatives on the basis of the information available to me and those with whom I and my associates have consulted on evaluating information received. Juergen Ponto's murder was a "wild card" modus operandi, as any qualified reader will immediately recognize.

The "wild card" tactic is not only a professional method of covert assassination operation, used against Trotsky by "Comintern"-conducted Anglo-American intelligence, but also aides in stimulating paranoid fears among a maximum number of observers in key governmental and other positions.

The Vance adventures in the Middle East are part of a "bust OPEC"- "crush Europe and Japan" operation adopted by USA Senators Jacob Javits, Frank Church and by those financial circles of Manhattan and Chicago (in particular) for which those Senators were acting as spokesmen in recommending such a policy. Combined with the Latin American operation and the escalation of confrontation in the Horn of Africa, these deployments are also part of a projected thermonuclear confrontation

which, on presently operational course, means war most probably during August. The "crush Europe" is not only an independent objective of the relevant Manhattan financial circles, but is also a vital strategic element in a projected confrontation with the Warsaw Pact.

European governments and others must, in this crucial moment, understand that Clausewitz was vitally correct in defining war-avoidance as an organic part of strategy, and in emphasizing those qualities of strategic command which have so far not generally been shown by European and other sane governments and parties.

Fight For Peace

Have no illusions. When men choose war, either by election or default of action to prevent it, they can not choose the course war will follow. If war breaks out, war will be fought to win at all costs. In war, the fundamental danger is that of losing the war. There will be no conventional war in Europe, no tactical-nuclear-augmented form of conventional warfare until after the United States has been destroyed as a nation and the battlefields of Central Europe have first been prepared for assault by paving these areas with maximum saturation with atomic, bacteriological and chemical warfare "artillery" capabilities. Whoever would not fight war in that way, on those terms from the beginning, must therefore be assured of losing the war. Hence, that is what war would be, and nothing else.

To fight for peace, to avoid war, the political and military commanders must first look into the radioactive bowels of Hell. Once they have faced the Hell of war as it must be fought, let them imagine themselves in the middle of that war thinking back to the time they might have prevented it. Let them focus that foreseen passion of embittered regret on the present moment, and let them act to prevent war with that same ruthless, grim determination with which war would have to be fought.

A government which will not prevent its nation from being destroyed, for fear of angering the Carter-Mondale administration is a government which lacks the moral fitness to survive. A nation which tolerates such a policy in government is a nation which has lost the moral fitness to survive. Such a nation, in these times, will surely die.

Some Italian parliamentarians relayed the message to me recently. "On strategic and economic questions you are completely right, but in your ruthlessness toward the Carter administration you are 'too tough.' We are not prepared to be so 'tough.'" Are Italy's parliamentarians now still persuaded that I am "too tough," or have they — and others — been lacking precisely that quality of toughness of strategic resolution to save their nations from the looming radioactive fires of Hell?

Catch the zombie assassins of Juergen Ponto by all means. But capturing those poor, degraded wretches does not really deal with the problem. Will you allow the leaders of nations to be shot down and merely arrest the pathetic tools used by the actual murderers? A nation which will permit such a charade of justice has lost its soul, its qualifications to survive.

Look then at the faces of ordinary working people and other Europeans as I see those faces. See the faces of my fellow American citizens as I see them before me now.

See those faces, those trusting faces obliterated by radioactive Hell. Those of us who in one capacity or another are the leaders of the OECD nations have above all the moral responsibility to fulfill the trust those ordinary Europeans and Americans have placed in us. We carry as our moral responsibility the hopes of all the genera-

tions before us, the anxiety of the present and the possibility of the future. If we can not act to deal properly with the real assassins of Juergen Ponto under these circumstances, our culture is not fit to survive — *and it will not survive!*