

## ADL provocateurs at work: inciting Nazi rallies

On Feb. 16, 1979, Mordechai Levy, a paid operative of Irwin Suall's ADL Fact-Finding Division, used the alias "James Gutman" to obtain a rally permit from the National Park Police for a pro-Nazi demonstration at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The permit application stated that the Chicago-based National Socialist Party of America planned to hold a "white power rally to show white masses unity of the white race, and to show the world niggers and Jews are cowards." At the same time that Levy, using his Gutman alias, was organizing area KKK and Nazi Party activists to attend the rally, he was also organizing a counter-demonstration by Jewish, leftist, and black activists in the hopes of triggering a riot.

In 1984, James Rosenberg, a paid agent of the ADL's Fact-Finding Department, and associate of Levy, was interviewed on a Minneapolis TV broadcast titled "Armies of the Right," trumpeting the threat of neo-Nazi and racist political organizations. Rosenberg presented himself as "Jimmy Anderson," the head of the Christian Defense League in Queens, New York, and delivered a racist and anti-Semitic diatribe to the television audience. Nowhere in the broadcast were the viewers informed that "Anderson" is an ADL employee.

to set up the bomb attack and ambush.

A police file report dated June 10, 1968, signed by Detective Scarborough, confirms the *Times* account:

"I met with our intermediary and told him we were ready to do business. He asked us about the money and we told him that we had met with a man [whom Scarborough elsewhere identified as ADL official Adolph Botnick] and he assured us that money was available. He then called Wayne [Alton Wayne Roberts] and told him that we were ready to do business. Wayne told the intermediary that he would go out to the shop and talk to Raymond [Roberts]. Raymond told us that it would take about three days to set up another job in Meridian. He stated that when the next job is set up we would have to stake out three different places and said there are always two alternates beside the real thing."

Botnick assured Detective Scarborough that the money for the Klansmen was available, and he was good to his word. The day following the meeting, the ADL official had \$25,000 in \$20 bills flown up to Meridian, as a down-payment for the action, the *Los Angeles Times* reports. The FBI and the Roberts brothers met that day.

The targets of the FBI ambush were Thomas A. Tarrants III and Joe Danny Hawkins, two of Roberts's Klan sidekicks. On June 20, the Roberts brothers informed the FBI that the attack on local ADL official Davidson's home was arranged. On July 29, Alton Roberts gave the final go-ahead for the attack. The only modification in the plan was that Hawkins was replaced by Klanswoman Cathy Ainsworth.

Shortly after midnight on June 30, Tarrants and Ainsworth parked in front of Davidson's home, armed with several sticks of dynamite and a handgun. Ten local FBI special agents and a dozen police opened fire. Ainsworth was soon dead, from a bullet in the spine. Tarrants was riddled with 70 bullets, but survived.

On July 2, three days after the successful murder, the ADL kept its word, and duly paid an additional \$10,000 to the Roberts brothers for their fulfillment of the deal, Meridian police records report. On July 10, another \$10,000 in payments were made. And on Aug. 27, "three Jewish businessmen from Jackson drove to Meridian and gave the Roberts brothers \$17,500 as a final payment," the *Los Angeles Times* reports.

The FBI also kept its part of the bargain, and "treaded lightly" in punishing Alton Wayne Roberts. In March 1970, he was finally incarcerated—six years after the Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney murders. He received ten years, and was paroled in three. The brothers were eventually given the status of Federally Protected Witnesses, and reportedly remain on the FBI and ADL's informants roster to this day.

### Aiding the FBI's Cointelpro

As part of its effort to destroy Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement, the FBI established a secret "counter-intelligence program" (Cointelpro) in 1967 mandated to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, or otherwise neutralize . . . Black Nationalist Hate Groups." Under the cover of neutralizing such groups as the Black Panther Party, the FBI also took aim at King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who were officially and fraudulently included in the list of "black nationalist hate groups" targeted by the program! It was because of such abuse, that the FBI's Cointelpro operations were later banned by the Gerald Ford White House.

The program continued in operation for several years following King's assassination. The ADL had aided the FBI in going after King, and continued to assist the FBI counterintelligence program after his murder.

The ADL role in this program is demonstrated by FBI documents released to this news service, as well as other investigators, following Freedom of Information Act suits that forced the FBI to release the documents. Without these suits, the ADL role on behalf of the FBI counterintelligence program would continue to be classified. One of their joint operations was the Jewish Defense League (JDL), which was established in June 1968, two months after King's death.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the JDL, had been a paid FBI operative since at least 1963, when he was ordered to infiltrate the John Birch Society on behalf of an earlier