CLEARWATER OFFICIALS 'SHOCKED' BY CHURCH's TAKEOVER PLAN Miami Herald Nov 3, 1979

Clearwater officials Friday reacted angrily to the revalations that the Church of Scientology had a plan to take control of key positions in the city.

Documents released Thursday by U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey in Washington,D.C. show the church planned "to make allies of religious and local government opinion leaders" in its effor to control the community.

"I'm shocked," said City Manager Anthoney Shoemaker. "I'm going to try to obtain the documents and get more facts. We tried to get this information before and couldn't but I assume now it will be available."

"It annoys the hell out of me, but everything we've heard about them seems to be falling in to place," said Mayor Charles LeCher.

"They could control the City Commission if they all registered and voted," he said. "They have 1,600 people here and that many people could swing an election."

Police Chief Frank Daniels said he didn't know of any church members on his force.

"There are indications they have tried to infiltrate the FBI... there was an attempt, not locally, but I can't say where," said Phillip McNiff, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's Tampa office.

The documents are among those the FBI seized in its case against nine church members were charged - and later found guilty- of conspiracy to steal government papers.

EYE FOR AN EYE
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A Jewish underground may have taken root in Israel, its purpose to exact Old Testament "eye for an eye" revenge for Arab attacks on Israelis, if not to terrorize Palestinians into leaving the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Evidence that this clandestine force exists is meager but highly revealing. Anonymous callers telephoning the local news media put their motives in ultra-nationalist terms.

"Our goal is to expel all the Arabs because they have no place in the land of Israel," a youthful Hebrew-speaking voice reportedly told the Israeli news agency Itim immediately after car bombs severely wounded two West Bank mayors.

A few weeks before the recent spate of anti-Arab terrorism, Israeli police descovered a cache of stolen Israeli army weapons and explosives on the roof of a Jerusalem religious academy. Two Israeli soldiers were arrested on suspicion of havong stolen the arms and ammunition from a military camp.

However, a news blackout descended on the case, prompting intense speculation as to the possible uses to which the gear was to have been put and as to whether there may be other arms caches as yet undetected.

Police found an astonishing array of equipment stop the Yeshivat Hakotel. The rabbi in charge denied knowledge of the lethal repository on the roof.

Newspapers began to fill up with reports that most of the new Jewish settlements in the West Bank, especially those affiliated with the militant Gush Emunim movement, maintained their own weapons stores in case the need for self-defanse arose.

U.S.-born Rabbi Meir Kahan's Kach political movement came into the picture in the wake of Kahane's fierce vows to avenge the ambush deaths last month of seven Israelis in Hebron. At the funeral of Eli Ha'Zeev, an American convert to Judaism associated with Kach, Kahane called for the taking of "Two yyes for an eye" in retribution

Soon afterwoard, Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League in the U.S. before emigratin to Israel in the early 1970's, was taken into administrative custody.

The explosives reportedly were not of a type used by Palestinian terrorists in this country to date. The sophisticated way in which they were attached to the cars suggested to some observers that Israeli "know-how" was involved.

Two shadow organizations have identified themselves so far in calls to local media - the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel-Terror vs. Terror and the Sons of Zion. Their spokesmen were quoted as denying any connection with the Kach movement or with Gush Emunim, the militant Jewish settler's group.

But in one conversation, a caller said, "We are influenced ideologically by Rabbi Kahane,but we never had any organizational link with him".

Kahane's chief lieutenant, Yossi Dayan, intimated sympathy for the bombings but disassociated himself from them, referring to the bombers in the third person as "they".

"I am the only one in Israel saying this openly, but in the streets people are suddenly happy," he said.

"They have been suffering all these years and now they are taking revenge. The people feel good about it."

He described the two car bomb victims, Mayors Khalaf and Bassam Shak'a of Nablus, as worthy targets.

"They (the underground) tried to hit two main leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization,"he said. "Of course, I am comletely satisfied."

Thus, in this clim ate of political extremism on the part of Jews as well as Arabs, the emergence of people trying to transform hostile words into violent deeds is not surprising.