

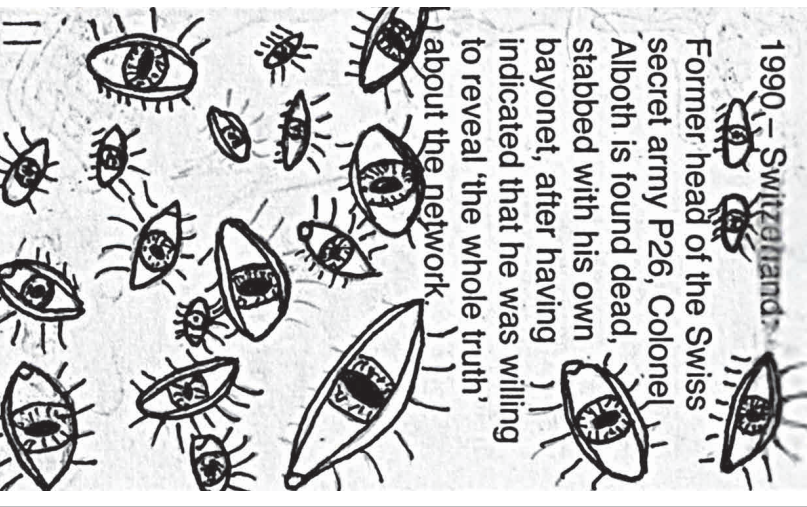
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His revelations were shocking, not simply because they admitted to something that had long been denied including by Andreotti himself when speaking to a judicial enquiry in 1974 in his capacity as Italian Defense Minister, but because he went on to claim that a network of secret 'stay-behind' armies had been set up all throughout the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries. In short, this was an issue that involved far more than just Italy. As details emerged into the public realm, the story became ever more incredible.

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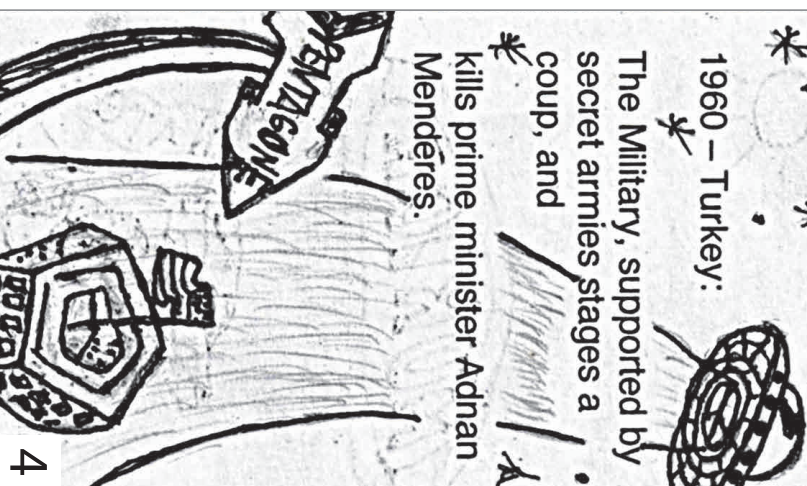
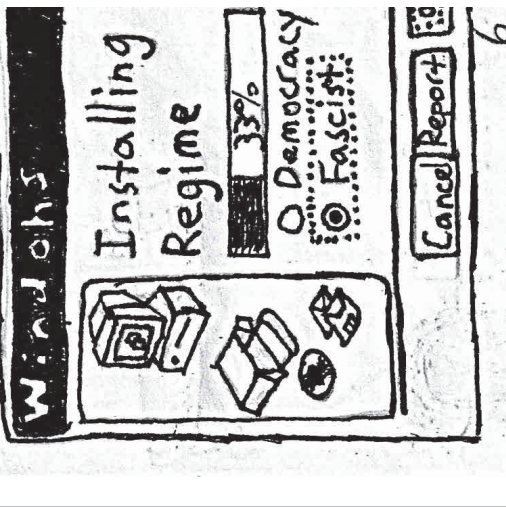
## CIA operations

Investigative journalists linked Lembke to the German stay-behind army BND. Official investigations denied any links between Lembke and the Munich massacre. Heinz Lembke was found dead, hanging from a rope, while in police custody in 1981. Violent right-wing terrorism did not just take place in the frontline of the Cold War, as Italy and Germany effectively became. Far behind the front line, in Belgium, in 1984 a bizarre operation occurred around Vielsalm in the Ardennes region.



1990 - Switzerland: Former head of the Swiss secret army P26, Colonel Albohi is found dead, stabbed with his own bayonet, after having indicated that he was willing to reveal 'the whole truth'.

1967 - Greece: Greek stay behind army, the Hellenic Raiding Force, starts a military coup installing a right wing dictatorship.



1960 - Turkey: The Military, supported by secret armies stages a coup, and kills prime minister Adnan Menderes.

1980 - Italy & Germany: Bombs explode in Bologna train station, and at Munich's Oktoberfest, killing a total of 98 people, and wounding over 400.

In both occurrences links are found to both right-wing extremists and the stay-behind networks.



groups

A squad of US Marines were parachuted into Belgium, and met by a member of the Belgian military intelligence. They hid before attacking the police station of Vielsalm, in a so-called Oesling exercise, killing a Belgian officer. One marine was injured during the operation, losing an eye. Initially the attack was passed off as terrorism, but was later proven to be the work of the American and Belgian military - as confirmed by the Senate investigations of 1991. Other attacks occurred, where, as was the case in Vielsalm, arms and ammunition were taken. Arms that found their way subsequently to extremist groups.

# Terrorism and Subversion.

1944 - Greece:

The Syntagma Square Massacre. Police, Army, and possibly agents

Greece's newly established covert stay-behind army, open fire

on peaceful left-wing protesters in Athens. 25 people are killed

and 148 wounded



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War period.

In August of 1990, Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti confirmed that a secret army, called Gladio, had existed in Italy throughout the Cold War period.

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They know too much...

# N.A.T.O., Gladio, and the strategy of tension.

In 1981, an enormous arms cache was discovered by police near the village of Uelzen. The official explanation was that the arms were hidden by right wing terrorists, and controlled by a certain Heinz Lembeke, but the volume and type of weaponry found threw into question this convenient explanation.

Automatic weapons, chemical combat equipment, 50 anti-tank guns, 156 kg of explosives, 230 explosive devices and 258 hand grenades [NATO's Secret Armies, pg 206]

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Secrets

In a series of raids, a group of heavily armed men shoot and kill civilians in restaurants, and supermarkets in the Brabant district. Up to 28 people are killed, and many wounded. Inconclusive investigations suggest a link to the Belgian stay-behind army, the right wing group WNP, and the Pentagon secret service DIA.

1983-1985 - Belgium:

1969 - Italy:

A bomb explodes in a bank in Piazza Fontana, Milan, killing 16 and injuring 80. In 1999 the former head of Italy's military intelligence, General Maletti alleges the bomb was masterminded by Gladio and right-wing terrorists at the behest of the CIA.

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It is but one of a series of bombs throughout the '70s and '80s that have unexplained links to military intelligence.

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Socialist ministers forced out of government after military threats from Gladio in Operation Solo.

1964 - Italy:

1975 - Spain:

An extreme right wing commando unit, linked to Italy's Gladio network, attacks a lawyer's office in Madrid.

The office is linked with Spain's communist party, and the attack seems designed to intimidate the fledgling post-Franco left-wing opposition.

