

# U.S. Survey Warns of 18 Risky Airports

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New secret documents tell of 18 busy world airports that are open to Arab terrorist attack because of lax security or their location in guerrilla-infested areas.

The new survey by the Federal Aviation Administration supersedes one this summer turned up by Rep. John M. Murphy (D-N.Y.), a House air safety expert. When we printed the names of the eight "most vulnerable" airports then, we were criticized for breaking the seal of secrecy on classified FAA documents.

But we reasoned that travelers had a right to that information, and the new survey seems to bear us out. The current FAA study shows that London, which we listed as a security horror story, is now much improved. New Delhi and Bangkok have been dropped from the earlier list.

In any case, according to U.S. intelligence reports, the Fedayeen already know which airports are easy marks.

The new study, classified "For Official Use Only," named the 18 "High Risk Foreign Airports" as Rome, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Geneva, Zurich, Madrid, Beirut, Athens, Tel Aviv, Paris, Munich, London, Istanbul, Vienna, Brussels, Barcelona, Copenhagen and Lisbon.

Terrorists have struck most frequently, the documents said, at Munich, where 11 incidents have occurred. The FAA probe cites West Germany's "close Israeli ties" as one reason for the

attacks. Second, with five episodes, is Rome. Athens and Beirut have had four each, and Frankfurt and Amsterdam have had three.

Beirut and Tel Aviv are praised by the FAA for doing their best, but they are classified as high risks, because of their location in the Middle East. London has improved mightily, but is still listed because of the large number of flights it handles, particularly departures bound for the United States.

Zurich and Geneva are branded as risks for an intriguing reason. Arab terrorists, according to the FAA's intelligence, are angry over Switzerland's willingness to allow a Geneva peace conference on the Middle East.

"Attacks at this time would be aimed at disrupting peace conference and as punishment of Swiss for allowing the conference, the FAA study said.

Footnote: Murphy pushed through Congress a law permitting an embargo on flights between the United States and countries with hazardous airports. In private correspondence, Murphy has been urging the Department of Transportation to begin enforcing the law.

**Birch Bark**—President Ford warmly embraced C. R. Lewis, a prominent John Birch Society member, when he came to Washington recently.

Lewis is running for the Senate in Alaska on the Republican ticket, so Mr. Ford posed with Lewis for the traditional handshake scene for campaign use.

The President even threw in an extra picture of them strolling together and a "Dear C. R." letter telling Lewis: "I am looking forward to working with you in the Senate."

The John Birch Society showed its appreciation later by ripping Mr. Ford apart in its "The Review of the News," which featured a full-page ad for Lewis' contracting firm.

"One cannot escape the feeling," declared the publication, "that Gerald Ford is under a discipline and serving a radical cause..."

"When the script calls for declaring that American youth should prepare to emulate the example of young slaves in the concentration camp that is Red China, Gerald Ford follows the script."

In sum, said the article, the President is a "hustler for Chairman Mao."

Footnote: The White House declined comment on the endorsement of the John Birch Society candidate. But at the GOP campaign committee, a spokesman told us the candidate's philosophy weighs far less than "whether he can win."

**Watch on Waste**—The Air Force shipped 350 personnel officers across the nation to San Antonio for a conference on management efficiency. The object was to save money for the taxpayers. Sources familiar with such conferences suggest, on the contrary, that it cost the taxpayers more than will be saved.

Just the per diem bills turned

in by the 350 conferees added up to \$52,000. An Air Force spokesman told us: "There is no way to figure travel costs."

**Washington Whirl**—In a stern memo to his staff, Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton said junketing has reached "unreasonable proportions" and must be cut back. Morton's own recent junkets include trips to Maine, the Gulf Coast, Mississippi and Alabama... A White House aide, who defied the demands of the Watergate crew, is returning to government as the Interior Department's communications chief. He is Bill Rhatican, who single-handedly stopped President Nixon's re-election campaign from politicizing the White House anti-drug program... We reported recently that Army recruiters had been signing up misfits and even criminals in their eagerness to reach recruiting goals. Army Secretary Howard H. Callaway has now written us pledging: "We are making a sincere attempt to eliminate all irregularities from Army recruiting. I hope the unfortunate practices used in the past by a few Army recruiters will not detract from the overall outstanding success of our recruiting effort..." The Marine Corps recruiting slogan, "The Marines Are Looking For a Few Good Men," has irritated a lot of women. A group calling themselves the Federally Employed Women has accused the Leathernecks of discriminating against women in their recruitment program.