

# Despite Many Jailable Offenses

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tried by a jury on May 23, 1980 and found guilty on three of the 14 criminal counts. The case was continued for sentencing.

But instead, on June 20, he was put on probation after his lawyer presented him as a "misguided youth" who had come to California to attend the University of California at Los Angeles and said that the young man was "upset" about the radio station giving time to Butz.

Levy promised the court that he planned to return to Brooklyn College, complete his remaining two years, and then migrate to Israel. But he remained in Los Angeles and continued his terrorist activities.

In March, 1981, he and Irv Rubin led 15 members of the JDL in a protest march in front of the offices of the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) in Torrance, California. The picketing was repeated on April 5.

He was apparently the person responsible for firebombing the IHR offices on April 25, 1982. Some records were lost and furniture damaged in the fire. As noted in The SPOTLIGHT (May 10), the reason for the bombing was probably the renewal of the institute's \$50,000 reward to anyone who can prove that gas chambers existed at Auschwitz.

On April 30, five days after the firebombing of the IHR offices, Levy was arrested in the Beverly Hills section of Los Angeles on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. He was held on \$15,000 bail but released within a few hours when the bail was posted by his "friends."

The arrest came after Levy attacked two citizens waiting at a bus stop whom he mistook for Palestinians. At the time of this latest arrest, he was on probation for assault and battery in New York and Los Angeles.

When his case came up in May, it was postponed on request of his defense at-

torney. The police have refused to give out any information or even confirm some obvious facts. The SPOTLIGHT reporter was told that Levy "has his rights, too, you know."

Whether he will be brought to trial or even cited for violation of his probation depends on City Attorney Ira Reiner. Based on previous history, nothing will happen. Levy has managed to remain free to continue his depredations against innocent people and property.

## WHO'S VANDALIZING SYNAGOGUES?

One Los Angeles reporter noted that beginning in late 1979—about the time that Mordechai Levy arrived in Los Angeles—there was a startling rise in the number of Jewish synagogues vandalized with slogans such as "Death to the Jews" and Nazi crosses.

Interestingly enough, Irv Rubin and other members of the JDL appeared on the scenes of the desecrations even before the rabbis were aware of the vandalism. Rubin and Levy would pose for pictures, armed with rifles and baseball bats, and the next day the two Los Angeles papers would run stories under such banner heads as "JDL Vows to Protect Temple from Vandals" and "JDL Uses Strong-arm Tactics to Guard Temple."

Some perspicacious observers thought they recognized the work of an agent provocateur. But their thoughts never got into the papers. Levy's past history as agent provocateur in New York and Philadelphia leads to the inescapable conclusion: Mordechai Levy is most likely the "vandal."

Levy is a master at drawing to himself and his "projects." On June 10, he and a half-dozen members of his newly organized Jewish Defense Organization (JDO) called a press conference at the Los Angeles Press Club to promote what they called the Jewish Survival Training Camp. It is being set up on a 48-acre tract of land about 100 miles from Los Angeles.

They brought with them six weapons,



Mordechai Levy (center, top photo) is shown with armed terrorist associates. In the bottom photo, members of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) are disarmed by Los Angeles police.

including an Israeli Uzi machine gun, M-1 rifles, a shotgun and a pistol. They posed for the photographers with their arsenal. As they were leaving the press club, they were arrested by the Los Angeles police and their weapons confiscated. It is a misdemeanor in Los Angeles to brandish firearms in public, and a felony to possess automatic rifles such as the Uzi without a federal permit.

Levy and six of the JDO members were taken to the local police station, but released immediately without being charged. Their weapons will no doubt also be returned. After all, they need them for "protection." In an interview at the press club, Levy paraphrased Mao Tse-tung when he said: "We feel that time has come to be militant. Jewish power comes from the barrel of a gun."

## The JDL View on Gun Control

"Our slogan, 'For Every Jew, a .22' means each and every Jewish family should realize that haters in America would like nothing better than to kill Jews and that there is nothing wrong, halachically or otherwise, in legally keeping a firearm in the house. After all, isn't it better to have a gun and not need it than need a gun and not have one?"

—Brett Becker,  
JDL National Director

## The ADL-JDL Connection

"Levi-Guttmann-Levine is only one of a stable of operatives tapped by Israeli intelligence's Mossad for dirty tricks stateside. According to experts in Israeli intelligence capabilities, the principal mustering agency for these operatives is the office of Irwin Suall, head of the Fact-Finding Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith."

—Jeffrey Steinberg and Charles Tate in "New Solidarity," Oct. 24, 1980



Members of the terroristic Jewish Defense League (JDL) march in New York.