Transition of Policing in Berlin after the re-unification of Germany

Kriminaloberkommisar Michael Böhl of the Berlin Germany Kriminalpolizei (Detective Division) spoke about the transition of the Berlin police after the “Stunde Null,” the so-called “Zero Hour,” when he was part of a group of police officials taking control over portions of the former East German Police (Volkspolizei) operations in the eastern sector of Berlin.

Visibly shaken East German police officers stood at attention during the “take-over” and explained that they believed that all of their “officer rank” personnel would be shot. When asked why they thought this, they replied “because that is what we would have done” had the roles been reversed.

Kazuyoshi Miura, a Japanese businessman, was arrested in Saipan, on a 1988 L.A. murder warrant. Miura had previously been convicted in a Japanese court for the 1981 murder of his wife, but the Japanese Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 1998.

Miura was shot in the leg and his wife in the head during a visit to Los Angeles in 1981. His wife later died in a hospital in Japan and police investigation concluded that Miura had hired a “hit man” in order to receive insurance money for the death of his wife.

In 2004, the State of California passed a law permitting prosecution here of persons already convicted in other countries for the same crime. Miura’s arrest on 22 Feb 08 is being challenged by his attorney, Mark Geragos, on the basis of the constitutional protection against double jeopardy. The case has generated lots of publicity in Japan and even spawned an episode of “Law & Order.”

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KOK (CPT) Böhl also shared experiences and information in the area of fraud investigations during a closed door session with law enforcement from agencies in the Central Valley of California during a formal presentation in the Council Chamber of the City of Fresno.

KOK (CPT) Böhl capped off his visit with a ride in the Fresno Police helicopter and in a patrol car with Central District Patrol SGT Paul Preston. Böhl was very impressed with the hospitality extended by FPD and the professionalism of the officers he met during his visit.

The Fresno Police Helicopter, a Eurocopter EC 120, is the same helicopter used by police in Berlin, Germany. The helicopter was designed and developed from 1990-1997 by Singapore, France, and China, and small scale production began in 1997. The primary use of the helicopter has been for police, rescue, and intelligence operations.

Until the re-unification, West Berlin air space was controlled by the three major powers (Great Britain, France and the U.S.A.) and police were not permitted to operate any kind of aircraft over Berlin. This changed on 3. October 1990, with the first flight of a German Police helicopter over a unified Berlin. Until 2004, Berlin police used Russian made MI-2 helicopters and in 2004 acquired an EC-135, and later the EC-120.

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department has been screening candidates for tenure track positions in the area of Law Enforcement, Corrections, Victimology, and Legal/Law. The search for the Law Enforcement tenure track position is continuing with a review of applications currently on file.

The department is holding a two day “Retreat” at the La Portola Hotel in Monterey on 27 & 28 March. Classes taught by full time faculty are cancelled on those two days.

Flying high with Criminology

Aerial view of Science II which houses the department of criminology.
CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS continued…

Dr. M. J. Kissner’s article "On the Identification of a Logical Inconsistency in the General Theory of Crime." has been conditionally accepted for publication in the prestigious Journal of Crime and Justice.

Dr. Dull is ending his long-time role as the department graduate coordinator in May 2008. The new department graduate program coordinator will be Dr. P. English.

FRESNO POLICE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fresno Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards. Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted at the New Exhibit Hall, meeting rooms 2015 – 2018, 848 M. St, in Fresno.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling (559) 621-2107 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Comments will be taken by the assessment team. Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of the Standards is available at the Fresno Police Department. Contact Pat Hayden at (559)621-2100.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Fresno Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215 or email calea@calea.org (Information taken verbatim from official notice)

CRIMINOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM

Candidates for the department’s fourth cohort of honors students will be selected during interviews on 2, 3, and 4 April. http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/deptdocs/honors/honorsad.htm

M.J. Kissner, J.D., Ph.D.

P. English, Ph.D.
OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINOLOGY B.S & M.S.

B.S. Program
New classes begin as follows

Apr/May 2008

Crim 127 Advanced Crim Legal Process taught by Dr. M.J. Kissner on Wednesdays: 1800-2200, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21 and on Saturdays, 0800-1430, 19 April and 17 May.

The above course does not require a textbook

History 101 (Women in History)
Upper division GE COURSE in area ID, taught by Dr. Eileen Walsh (ewalsh@csufresno.edu) Tel. 278-7732

Meets on the following Mondays: 1800-2200 April 7, 14, 21, 28, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and on Saturdays, 0800-1430, 5 April and 3 May.

The required textbook is:
The second edition of The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America
Author: Ruth Rosen This book can be ordered from Amazon.com for about $18

JOINING THE OFF CAMPUS/DOWNTOWN Undergraduate and Graduate Program

Information Table

Dr. Schweizer, the coordinator of the downtown program, will have an information table in the lobby of the Fresno City Hall & Police Dept. Annex at 2326 FRESNO STREET between M and N street on Friday, 4 April, from 1600-1830. Information and relevant forms will be provided for persons interested in both the undergraduate and graduate off campus degree programs.

While it is not immediately required, persons interested in the undergraduate program should bring along copies of any transcripts reflecting undergraduate college coursework.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

All government employees with at least three or four completed college semesters (lower division) may be eligible to register for the course/s. Registration is done in person in the classroom on the first day of class. The cost for each 3 unit course is $570.

While the on-line university admissions process is currently open until 1 April for Fall 08 admissions, downtown program students do not have to wait to be admitted before registering for downtown courses, as
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

long as they first confer with and obtain approval from Dr. H.O. Schweizer (haralds@csufresno.edu)

Additional information is available at the following links:
http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowndegreeoverview.htm

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtownprogramrequirements.htm

M.S. GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

This downtown “cohort” graduate program is currently accepting applications for the Fall 08 semester. Applicable forms and information concerning the admissions process, to include the GRE requirement, will be available at the information table on 4 April 2008.

Classes are held every other weekend (Fridays 1800-220, Saturdays 0800-1700) in the Fresno Police Department Annex training room, and begin at 1800, on Friday, 22 August.

Graduate courses are offered consecutively with each course meeting on four weekends. Students with unexpected changes in duty hours will be accommodated, but it is not possible to complete a particular course without any class attendance. Instructors are encouraged to and will use on-line course enhancements, such as Blackboard and web based readings.

The program is restricted to government employees with a four year degree from an accredited university or college, or those receiving their degree by December 08.

In the latter case, students can take their last undergraduate class/es concurrently with the graduate classes scheduled for Fall 08. Dr. Schweizer will assist students registering for Fall off-campus graduate classes with the admissions and application process if they have not already completed it.

Students entering the graduate program must take the GRE and complete department and university admissions applications before the end of their first six units of graduate study.

FPD officers or employees interested in either the graduate or undergraduate off campus degree program may benefit from contacting FPD LT Montejano for more information, before emailing Dr. Schweizer. Additional information is also located at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowngraduateprogram.htm
or email: haralds@csufresno.edu

Unique Aspects of Off-Campus M.S.

• Public Administration component useful in C.J. management positions

• Interaction with students from a variety of federal/state/local government agencies.

• Coursework that will also satisfy half of the course requirements for a new Homeland Security Certificate to be offered by the Department of Criminology in the coming year.

• Adjustments for duty related work hour conflicts.
Crim 203-Crim. Justice Administration
Meets: Aug 22/23; Sep 12/13; 26/27; Oct 10/11
Instructor: Dr. Schweizer

Required Texts:

Additional web based readings will be assigned in class.

Crim 200-Research Methods in Crim.
Meets: Oct 24/25; Nov 7/8; 21/22; Dec 5/6
Instructor: Dr. Kissner
Textbook information: Not yet available.

Crim 202-Law and the C.J. System
Meets: Jan 16/17; 30/31; February 13/14; 27/28
Instructor: To Be Announced

MPA 215- State and Local Government
Meets: Mar 13/14; 27/28 Apr 10/11; 24/25
Instructor: Dr. Schecter

The degree program consists of 10 three unit courses, culminating with a comprehensive exam in Summer 2009.

A visit to an EOD (Explosive Ordinance Unit) with the Israeli military was one of the many highlights of a terrorism-related visit to Israel in summer of 2006. The EOD unit displayed a variety of IEDs, Scud missiles, and other armaments utilized by Hamas, Hizbollah, and Al Fatah to attack Israelis or Israeli territory.

Camouflaged IED
Not known if eggs were organic.

It was noteworthy that all of the Israeli military units visited showed high morale and officers freely answered questions.
Terrorism Up Close continued…

about their duties and the challenges they faced on a daily basis. Females were well represented, including in the officer ranks.

Suicide bombers present a particular security threat to Israel and some of the bombers make one ponder about the utility of “kindness” in an environment where political and religious indoctrination are more powerful than gratitude. One such example involved a young Palestinian female who was burned in an accident and over the period of a year received free medical care and treatment for her burns at an Israeli hospital. Shortly after her final treatment she returned to the hospital and was quickly determined to be wearing a suicide explosives vest.

A visit of the special suicide bombing unit provided a disconcerting picture of the challenges faced by the unit. It is notable, however, that more than 85% of suicide bombers are intercepted before they are able to attack their designated target.

Dr. Schweizer wearing a suicide explosives harness (deactivated).

A year after the attack, relatives and friends of the victims continue to stop by and grieve at the site of the former discotheque. 
To be continued in the April newsletter…

A memorial to the victims of a suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv discotheque.