

## Middle East Report by Robert Dreyfuss

### Muammar meets Bruno

*The overweight Austrian Chancellor goes out on a limb to welcome Qaddafi to the Socialist International.*

Israeli military intelligence was closely watching Col. Muammar Qaddafi's two-day visit to Austria on March 13-14, while, at the same time, keeping an eye on one of its own, that "Qaddafi of Israel," Gen. Ariel Sharon.

And many people are beginning to suspect that there is more than a coincidental relationship between Qaddafi and Sharon.

That Sharon and Qaddafi might be covert but witting political allies ought not to shock readers of this column. But useful evidence emerged during Qaddafi's visit to Vienna that might shed light on the "Sharon-Qaddafi connection."

First of all, it deserves special mention that Bruno Kreisky had the chutzpah to invite Qaddafi to strut and swagger in Vienna. Despite the fact that the international press has repeatedly documented that Qaddafi's government sponsors training camps for both left- and right-wing terrorists, the portly Austrian Chancellor intoned that *he* was unaware of any evidence that Qaddafi supports terrorists. Such a statement reflects either total incompetence on the part of the Austrian intelligence service, or, even more ominously, that elements in that agency are complicit in Qaddafi's activities.

Indeed, after sitting through Qaddafi calling President Reagan a "terrorist" and calling for the overthrow of the Saudi royal family,

Kreisky allowed that he would not object to the sale of Austrian arms to Libya's lunatic. And, less than 24 hours after the end of Qaddafi's Vienna escapade, Kreisky's fellow Socialist, French President François Mitterrand, announced that France was delivering ten sophisticated gunboats to Qaddafi, ending an arms embargo begun under President Giscard d'Estaing.

Kreisky also opened doors for Qaddafi in Malta, Greece, Italy, and other European states.

But the real shocker during the Qaddafi visit was the public tête-à-tête between the Libyan colonel and a gaggle of European terrorists, including the chief lawyer for the Baader-Meinhof gang and representatives of the Italian Red Brigades. At this strategy session, Qaddafi proclaimed himself führer of the European "peace movement."

Qaddafi's idea of peace? He suggested that these gentlemen of the terrorist underworld prepare for violent assaults against NATO facilities in Sicily! Qaddafi then hopped down to Malta for further talks along these lines.

Now, it is a well-known fact in Italy and elsewhere that Colonel Qaddafi was installed in Libya by the fascist Propaganda-2 lodge of Italian Freemasons. The P-2 lodge, exposed in 1981, is a gang of Swiss and Venetian bankers and insurance company executives who, along with British Petroleum and

Occidental Oil's KGB-linked Armand Hammer, backed Qaddafi's 1969 coup d'état. Given this connection, the Qaddafi focus on Sicily is not surprising.

In Italy, the P-2 lodge is associated with the Neapolitan Camorra and the Mafia of Sicily, the organized crime "families." For years, since the World War II days of Lucky Luciano and Vito Genovese's collaboration with NATO and U.S. Naval Intelligence, the Sicilian separatist movement (spelled: Mafia) has been a powerful force on that forsaken island. And, through the person of Socialist lawyer Michele Papa, the godfather who set up Billy Carter's ill-starred link to Qaddafi, the Libyan colonel has supported Sicilian "independence."

Now, in that cause, Qaddafi is lining up the finest European terrorists money can buy.

Enter Ariel Sharon. Today, the kingpin of the "Sicilian" mob—indeed, of all organized crime—is Miami's Meyer Lansky. Lansky, who has extensive links with the Israeli Mafia, helped to sponsor Defense Minister Sharon's uneven career by funding his activities. The conduit of Lansky dirty money to Sharon is Meshulam Riklis of the U.S.-based Rapid-American Corporation.

Inside Israel, of course, Kreisky's obsequious support for Qaddafi set off some alarms, for without any doubt some Israelis will die because of Kreisky's aid to Libya. But, among those Israeli military officers in the know, Sharon's shady associations with Qaddafi's friends Lansky and Riklis just as surely portend evil. And, of course, Sharon, close to home, is a more convenient target.