

## Italy on alert against 'Operation Nightmare'

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The Italian government, alarmed by insistent reports of a planned Sicilian destabilization in the immediate future, is taking a series of strong steps against the forces behind the scenario.

At the same time, conversations with a series of high-ranking individuals overseeing the Sicilian revolt have confirmed that Sicily will be used as the detonator for a much broader destabilization of the entire Mediterranean area, including the Balkan states.

The deputy head of the Italian military police (Carabinieri), Gen. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, has been unexpectedly appointed "super-prefect" for the city of Palermo, Sicily, with powers extending beyond the city itself. The prefect is the direct representative of the national government. Dalla Chiesa's extraordinary prefecture will give him powers to follow investigations throughout Sicily, the rest of Italy, and abroad if necessary.

A high-ranking Italian political source very close to Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini has also leaked in private conversation that the government plans to replace most or all of the existing prefects already on the island. Most of these are either compromised by or are the instruments of the Mafia and Sicilian separatists, who together with the so-called "peace" movement will play the up front role in the planned destabilization. Allied separatist movements are also on the rise on the Italian island of Sardinia and the French island of Corsica.

General Dalla Chiesa's job has been reported to be "to unleash an attack against the Mafia" and to "investigate the drug traffic, including identifying its political

and international links." In order to do this, he has been allotted powers to "move with executive and operative independence in all places where the Mafia maintains its adjuncts."

He will be aided by a special deployment of forces into Sicily whose exact nature has yet to be released. They will be either trained military personnel or members of the elite Financial Guard (treasury police) or both, together with his own Carabinieri. The source reported that investigations will begin in earnest into the weapons traffic into the island from Spain, as well as on the role currently being played by the British consulate in Sicily in distributing weapons and ammunition.

### Operation Nightmare

As *EIR* has documented, the Sicily scenario, code-named Operation Nightmare by its controllers, is a collaborative effort among British and Soviet intelligence, Libya, and former American OSS networks grouped in the State Department around Alexander Haig and Henry Kissinger. The channels date back to at least the war years, when the Allies employed the services of the Sicilian separatists and the Mafia in the invasion of Italy.

Those channels have remained live, as one source put it, through their continuing cooperation in running the international drugs and illegal arms trade. In Operation Nightmare they will be given a public cover courtesy of the misnamed peace movement, which, with Libyan money, Mafia weapons, and separatist support will begin staging demonstrations in Sicily April 4. The

demonstrations will occur under cover of protesting the deploying of American medium-range nuclear missiles in the southern part of Sicily.

The weapons for the destabilization are being partially routed through the British consulate in Sicily. The ammunition is mainly arriving from Spain, a route which will now be investigated by the Italian government.

Not only the Italian cabinet has become alerted to the danger. Operation Nightmare, which was previously a highly secret project, has gained so much notoriety internationally, thanks in part to the efforts of this journal, that pieces of the scenario are beginning to appear in the European press.

The March 30 edition of the West German newspaper *Die Welt*, one of the most widely circulated in the country, carried a front page article advertising certain components of the gameplan. *Die Welt* reported: "According to analyses of Western secret services, the communist initiators [of anti-American demonstrations against the missiles] are counting on the support of the Sicilian separatist movement. The planned campaign is supported, according to the intelligence reports, by Libya's Chief of State Qaddafi. . . ."

### **Sicily only the detonator**

In late 1979 the Italian banker Michele Sindona, best known in the U.S. as the owner of the collapsed Franklin National Bank, testified to the FBI that he had been contacted by certain networks in the American intelligence community to aid in planning a Sicilian separatist revolt. The individuals he had subpoenaed in this regard were Alexander Haig, then NATO European commander, Admiral Stansfield Turner, and Admiral Thomas Moorer. Sindona had been a collaborator of the Allies and the American OSS during the World War II Sicilian invasion, where he functioned as a liaison between the OSS and the Sicilian separatists, transporting to them weapons provided by the OSS.

Admiral Moorer, former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the individual named by Sindona as implicated in an earlier separatist coup attempt in the island, has now revealed in discussion with a reporter that he is equally well informed on the current operation. Moorer's role in the present operation helps give weight to Sindona's earlier testimony indicting current Secretary of State Haig.

Moorer, together with other sources, now indicates that the Sicilian revolt will be only the "detonator" of a much broader destabilization effort that will encompass the whole of the areas bordering the Mediterranean, including the Balkan countries, some of which are within the Soviet orbit. That fact alone makes the Sicily scenario a potential detonator of an escalating thermo-nuclear war confrontation.

Among the other sources representing this view of

the gameplan was a former top-ranking member of the Carter administration who maintains ties to the peace movement. Another was one of the leading OSS hands who inducted Sindona during the war years, eventually bringing him into the orbit of the top international intelligence networks as an international banker laundering money for organized crime elites.

All agree that the immediate targets are "Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia," and "the leading Balkan and Eastern European states, particularly Romania, Hungary," and ultimately "even the Soviet Union itself." A successful or at least sufficiently powerful demonstration of Sicilian separatism would be the tip-off for a spreading wave of nationalistic sentiment throughout the various linguistic and cultural groups currently regrouped under various national governments.

Soviet intelligence, these sources report, is working together with the British to round up the various internationally-scattered leaders of such separatist, fascist groups as the infamous Yugoslav Ustashi, and returning them to their homelands in preparation for the coming events. The most immediate way to identify the relevant networks, another source noted, is to trace the drugs and arms smuggling routes that run throughout the Mediterranean, criss-crossing southern Europe both East and West, and run into the Middle East and Libya. These are the criminal networks that are involved in the planned destabilizations at an operative level.

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# **British royal family tied to Sicily plot**

by Scott Thompson

Lord Carrington, British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Duke of Kent, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and eighth in line of succession to the throne, are both implicated in the attempt to destabilize the southern flank of NATO through a Sicilian upheaval (code-named "Operation Nightmare") that is timed to coincide with the Sicilian Vespers celebration in late April.

In Sicily, both the peace movement and its opposition are tied to the Sicilian separatist forces associated with the Mafia, Freemasons, and Italian black nobility that were welded into a unit by the British Special Operations Executive and Office of Strategic Services during World War II. Since an aborted attempt in 1943-47 period by these networks to install the House of Savoy as rulers