

Inside Canada by Pierre Beaudry

Canada to become terrorist haven?

The Piperno case is a step toward opening the borders to terrorists sought by their own governments.

For the past six months, the Canadian Ministry of Employment and Immigration under Lloyd Axworthy has been carrying on official discussions to change Canadian immigration laws to grant sanctuary to any person who claims that he or she may suffer "political persecution" if returned to their home country.

The utter refusal of Canadian authorities to cooperate with Italian government demands for the extradition of terrorist controller Francesco Piperno, is an initial step in this move to turn Canada into a terrorist haven and center for deployments in North America.

Since the kidnapping and murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978, Italian government and law-enforcement officials and magistrates have fought a pitched battle against the terrorist apparatus in Italy, with a few forays against the supranational terrorist command structure, including recent press revelations about the higher-level role of Henry Kissinger, as well as the role of Piperno, in the Moro case.

But the European oligarchy which funds and deploys international terrorism has moved rapidly to create new national safehouses for one of their key weapons against unsatisfactory governments or leaders. Francesco Piperno was arrested by Canadian authorities when attempting to enter the United States from Montreal's Mirabel Airport last September. At that time, the Italian government had already officially requested his extradi-

tion on 44 charges, including the kidnap-murder of Moro and the murder of five of his bodyguards. But Quebec Provincial Court Judge James K. Hugesson refused to extradite Piperno, on the grounds of "insufficient evidence."

On March 3, the Quebec Superior Court ruled that Piperno should be released on bail while awaiting completion of his hearings.

There was one serious response to the official extradition request by Italian Judge Ferdinando Imposimato, the leading magistrate in the Moro case. At the May 18 hearing, Canadian lawyer Joseph Ness, representing the Italian government, stated that, "The proof [submitted by Imposimato] shows that Valerian Morucci and Adriana Farena participated materially in the kidnapping. . . . Piperno was aware of and participated in this act.

"We are not contending that Piperno actually went to the scene and participated concretely, materially in the kidnapping, that he was actually on the scene and drove one of the cars. The same thing goes for the murder of the bodyguards and the murder of Moro. But the proof will show that to be part of a crime, it is not necessary that the person participate actively," Ness stated.

According to the *Montreal Gazette*, documents of statements about Piperno made by terrorist Antonia Savasta, the leader of the Red Brigades group captured for the kidnapping of U.S. Gen. James Dozier in January, were tabled in court and never brought

into the public record.

Yet, on June 2, Superior Court Justice Paul Martineau rejected all bids to extradite Piperno, because the "evidence, in the forms of statements furnished by witnesses in Italy, did not measure up to standards recognized by the courts in Canada."

In response to the signed statements by Morucci and Farada that they had carried out Piperno's orders, Judge Martineau ruled that "guilt by association is not recognized by our law," and gave Piperno back his passport.

Piperno applied for refugee status in Canada June 18.

His lawyer, Pierre Duquette, reported to the press that Piperno "has applied for refugee status because he would be persecuted in Italy for his political beliefs."

Actually, Piperno may be remaining in Canada because revelations in Italy are coming too close to home. He had attempted to enter that other Socialist International terrorist haven, François Mitterrand's France, on June 11, but was turned back by French police.

This certainly reflects the current political battle within the Mitterrand regime, in which Interior Minister Gaston Defferre has made at least some attempts to enforce French law since Justice Minister Robert Badinter opened the country's borders to the terrorist apparatus of Europe after the Mitterrand election.

But Mitterrand himself is lending at least "moral" support. He has put his name on the petition, now circulating in Montreal, demanding an end to the "permanent judicial harassment against Francesco Piperno." The petition, published in the daily *Le Devoir*, is backed by two terrorist support groups, the League of Rights and Freedom, and the Committee Against Repression in Italy.