

International Intelligence

Italian Communists implicated in P-2 plot

The Italian Communist Party (PCI) has been strongly compromised by documents acquired by the parliamentary commission investigating the affairs of the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge (P-2), which was outlawed in 1981 for activities against the Italian state.

Dossiers taken from the Montevideo, Uruguay villa of P-2 Grand Master Licio Gelli, have confirmed that Federico D'Amato a former official of the SIFAR section of the Italian secret services, was a member of P-2. D'Amato now serves with the border patrol. He was forced out of SIFAR in 1974 by a scandal involving a coup plot.

The Italian press is reporting that D'Amato, a Christian Democrat, worked closely with three leading British agents in the PCI: Giorgio Amendola, Giancarlo Pajetta, and a certain Anderlini. Through them, D'Amato is said to have been put in touch with East bloc secret services.

Relating a somewhat different version of the affair, the PCI newspaper *Unità* claims that P-2 member D'Amato was spying for the Italian secret services against the communists.

The secretary of the PCI in Sicily, Pio La Torre, is believed to have been murdered last April 30 because he had discovered Pajetta's role in the British intelligence-KGB plan to provoke a separatist rebellion in Sicily, "Operation Nightmare."

French police raid Ben Bella's home

French police recently raided the home of former Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella, a pro-Hitler Islamic fundamentalist and Club of Rome agent whom the European Labor Party had been demanding be expelled from France for the past several months.

Unfortunately, Ben Bella himself was in Switzerland at the time of the raid and thus escaped. Nonetheless, the French police action will greatly harm his political and ter-

rorist capabilities.

The police were acting on a series of tips deriving from a recent major bank robbery case in Paris. This led them to Ben Bella's apartment, where they found caches of machine guns, ammunition, and other weaponry. Among those arrested was the former Algerian head of security.

Over the past months, Ben Bella has been building himself up as the "new Khom-eini" of North Africa. His activities have been bankrolled by Lausanne banker François Genoud, top funder for the Neo-Nazi International. Late last year, Ben Bella hosted a secret meeting in Paris to organize commemorations throughout the Islamic world for the 50th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Ben Bella is also linked to the Rothko Chapel in Houston, the center used by the Schlumberger family for running fundamentalist operations into the Middle East and North America.

Qaddafi says Hitler had the right idea

Dictator Muammar Qaddafi has given an interview to three papers—the French-language *Jeune Afrique* and *Le Matin* and the U.S. publication *Newsweek* in which he supports Adolf Hitler's policies. The release of the interview coincides with growing fascination in oligarchic circles about a "new Hitler project."

Qaddafi told the journalists: "I repeat that I am absolutely against the massacres perpetrated by Hitler, against any massive physical liquidation, of Jewish or non-Jewish populations. I said that Hitler affirmed that he realized the danger that the Jews represented for Germany—as the Americans will realize one day the danger that Zionism could create in America—and that he had, it seemed, chosen to sacrifice the Jews before the latter sacrificed Germany. I am not absolutely in agreement with him but I relate a historic fact: we severely condemn Hitler for what he did, but he did it because he discerned this danger. . . ."

"An anti-Zionist American revolution will save the United States from Zionism. If not, it will be destroyed by it. This is the current plan of Zionism, the same plan that

failed at another time in Germany. In reality, although we totally condemned Hitler for the massacre of Jews, Hitler had understood this plan, understood that the Zionists wanted to dominate Germany."

The interview also included lavish praise for the "peace" and "ecology" movements, which Qaddafi has been funding.

London masons behind 'Bulgarian' connection

New evidence in the hands of Italian police and magistracy show with unprecedented precision that it is the Grand Lodge of London (the center of the Scottish Rite Freemasons led by the Duke of Kent) that is behind, and controls, the entire weapons for drugs network based in Sofia, Bulgaria. This network, led by the Syrian Henri Arsan through his Stipam International Transports company, overlaps the network that plotted the assassination of John Paul II.

According to the evidence, the center of Arsan's weapons smuggling has been, for the last 10 years at least, the Tuscany region and in particular the port of Leghorn. Arsan used the export and shipping companies of several P-2 Freemasonic figures, including Maurizio Bruni. He used also the Züst and Bachmeier company, the "Armeria Sacchi" owned by Eugenio Sacchi who exported from Leghorn weapons of the Czechoslovakian company, Merkuria. The investigators have proof that some of the weapons ended up with the Red Brigades. Another close associate of Grand Master Licio Gelli working with Arsan, Alessandro del Bene, used to smuggle sophisticated military electronic systems from Tuscany through a British company based on Jersey Island (U.K.), the "Independent Trading Company." But what is most interesting is that the whole Masonry in the Tuscany area is fully controlled by the Grand Lodge of London.

According to the last issue of *Panorama* magazine, 90 percent of the Tuscany politicians are Masons and directly connected to London. The links were reinforced in 1973 when the Grand Secretary and the President of the London Grand Lodge, James Stubbs and Jeremy Pemberton came to Florence to meet their political contacts there. *Panora-*

ma printed a beautiful picture of the two leading Masons, together with Lelio Lagorio, the present Socialist Defense Minister, and at that time President of the Tuscany region. Lagorio had already been caught red-handed protecting one of the bosses of Red Brigades, Giovanni Senzani, and is suspected of being the top political protector of this Masonic weapons-smuggling gang.

A network has been discovered in London very similar to the one discovered by Trento magistrate Carlo Palermo. It is led by one Garth Reynolds, who had been in contact with Arsan.

Foreign investment in India promoted

The first of 15 conferences across the U.S. on investment prospects in India took place in New York Jan. 16. The audience of more than 150 was three or four times the attendance level in previous years.

With about \$3 billion in total trade between the two countries, U.S. direct investment in India is still only \$500 million. But more than 25 percent of that has occurred in the past two years, and in the fast-growing area of joint ventures, the U.S. now holds a 20 percent share.

Keynoted by Indian Ambassador K. R. Narayanan, the seminar was co-sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Indian Chamber of Commerce of America, and other agencies. Featured speakers included J. A. Patrino, vice-president of Combustion Engineering, who spoke of CE's long and vital relationship with India's core power generation-heavy electrical industry, a relationship that might be seen as a model of successful technology transfer. Two panels included spokesmen from various firms with experience in India, as well as Indian Embassy representatives.

Ambassador Narayanan presented an overview of India's economic development, with goals and prospects, emphasizing the continuity of Indian economic policy from the time of Independence. This theme was later energetically expanded by Economics Minister Bagla of the Indian Embassy, responding in part to repeated efforts, notably on the part of World Bank representative

David Williams, to obscure the issues by casting policy discussion into the Procrustean ideological framework of "socialism versus free enterprise."

India has never considered foreign financial investment as an end in itself, Economics Minister Bagla explained, nor as a "private" entity. Rather it is treated as an input to accomplish, in particular, the efficient updating of industrial technologies.

The many reports of investment successes stood out against the tiresome litany of troublesome foreign exchange regulations and bureaucratic hassles. Whatever they may be saying, more and more American businessmen now view India with great practical interest.

Italian trade unions cave in on COL

The IMF and its Italian allies have finally succeeded in forcing Italy's labor unions and the Communist Party (PCI) to accept a cut in the cost-of-living escalator (COL). For the past two years, the IMF had failed in that effort. On Jan. 23, after an unprecedented show of strength by Italian workers, who organized the biggest strike against austerity in the past 20 years, the union leadership kneeled before the Club of Rome operatives who head Italian industry, and accepted a 15 percent cut in the COL.

Olivetti chief Carlo De Benedetti commented, "Very good. Now we can turn to the real problem: cutting public spending." PCI parliamentarian Natta: "Very good, this is the direct result of the popular mobilization." Prime Minister Fanfani: "Thanks to my government, a dangerous social confrontation was prevented."

Italy's most hated trade-union leader, Socialist UIL Secretary Giorgio Benvenuto (known among workers as "*lo spione*" [the spy] because of his links to Bulgaria), commented: "This is a splendid victory. The unions are no longer antagonists."

It is not clear that the PCI and the trade unions will be able to force Italian workers to accept the deal they've made, or, in the alternative event, that radicals won't be able to provoke violence over the issue.

Briefly

● **KING HASSAN II's** principal military adviser, and commander of Moroccan forces fighting the guerrillas in the former Spanish Sahara, Ahmed Dlimi, died in a car accident one day before the visit of French President Mitterrand to Morocco.

● **THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL** will join those trying to force President Reagan to reject a beam-weapon missile-defense policy and to disarm the U.S. instead. The point of the U.S.-based NATO thinktank's new study, to be released in March, is that "the U.S. is building up its forces at three times the rate of our European allies. The only way to stop this disparity from disrupting the alliance is for the U.S. to cut back on armaments and agree to limited disarmament," an author of the study said.

● **GEN. GEORGE SEGNIUS**, the other author of the Atlantic Council study, said that beam weapons would violate SALT I and the ABM treaty, and "besides, my official knowledge from sources . . . tell me that the Soviets are pursuing a stable course and not developing such weapons." The general is former head of staff for the Joint Chiefs.

● **"BEHIND THE BULGARIAN** connection is the Lodge of Kissinger and Andropov" is the title of a dossier recently published in Rome. It includes information on the murder of Banco Ambrosiano's Roberto Calvi and former Prime Minister Aldo Moro.

● **KLAUS BARBIE** (a.k.a. Klaus Altman), the former head of the Gestapo in Lyons, France, has been arrested in Bolivia on charges of "organizing the network of paramilitary and mercenaries in Bolivia." According to a government official, these networks "were financed by the cocaine trade and one of their purposes was to intimidate the political and labor opposition to previous military governments." Barbie also faces possible extradition and war crimes trial by West Germany.