

## Report from Italy by Marco Fanani

### Justice minister tied to P-2?

*The arrested mobster Carboni, a longtime associate of Roberto Calvi, has been implicated in Calvi's murder.*

The Commission of Inquiry of the Italian parliament (made up of senators and deputies) received on Feb. 23 a communication from the attorney general of Milan, Dr. Antonio Corrias, urging it to open an investigation on possible relations between Justice Minister Clelio Darida and the well-known mafia figure Flavio Carboni, who is also the factotum of the outlawed Propaganda 2 (P-2) Masonic lodge, directed by Licio Gelli and Umberto Ortolani.

Carboni is suspected of having ordered the assassination of Calvi.

Carboni was arrested in Switzerland on July 30, 1982. Among his papers was found a note in his handwriting which read: "Darida has given advance notice of messages. Watch out for the Milan judges." At the time the Commission of Inquiry avoided an investigation because it was maintained, incredibly, that the name was not Darida but a non-existent "Durida."

This time, however, suspicions have been reinforced by a police report made by the former secretary of Carboni, Emilio Pellicani, revealing many details on the relations between Darida and Carboni. Darida was in close touch with Carboni since the 1970s, when Darida was mayor of Rome, and in that capacity accepted an envelope with 600 million lire in it in exchange for certain changes in the city's zoning regulations. Darida also received money during and after the 1976 electoral campaign. When he was named justice minister, he pocketed 1

billion lire from Carboni to corrupt the judges who the affairs of Banco Ambrosiano chief Roberto Calvi.

In Italy, the justice minister oversees the activities of the magistrates, who nonetheless enjoy a great deal of autonomy and investigative powers. It should be added that Darida has been for 20 years a close collaborator of the Italian premier, Amintore Fanfani, and that Pellicani testified to close relations between Darida and Fanfani's son, Giorgio Fanfani. Flavio Carboni, in turn, is a very dirty figure: according to the charges of Rome Judge Ferdinando Imposimato, the brothers Flavio and Andrea Carboni were the mafia's financiers. Through an endless series of finance companies, most of them in Trieste, the Carboni recycled the Sicilian mafia's dirty revenues from drugs, kidnappings, and holdups by "black" (fascist) terrorists into Swiss banks. The Banco Ambrosiano and its affiliated Banco di San Gottardo were used, for a time, for the same purpose.

The P-2 Investigative Commission of the Chamber of Deputies recently opened a probe of the ties between P-2 and the United Grand Lodge of London, headed by the Queen's cousin, the Duke of Kent. It seems it was the British Masonry that gave the marching orders to Gelli, Ortolani, and Carboni.

Calvi had become more and more linked to the mafia and to P-2, which supplied him with "laundered" money. When he manifested his intention

of breaking ties with the British Masonry, he was killed, allegedly under the direction of Flavio Carboni.

Carboni's and Darida's denials leave room for many doubts. How the parliamentary Commission of Inquiry will act remains to be seen, but politically speaking, Darida's resignation can no longer be put off. It was already demanded by the magistrates of Genoa when Darida said publicly that the mafia cannot be defeated.

Premier Fanfani must explain how it is possible that his personal secretary, Gian Paolo Cresci, was a card-carrying member of P-2 and how it is that his son Giorgio, his friend Darida, and practically all of his clan were linked to Licio Gelli. Given that both Gelli and Fanfani hail from the same city, Arezzo, and that Fanfani, in contrast to his predecessor Giovanni Spadolini, has never uttered a word of condemnation against P-2, doubts are more than legitimate. Fanfani is also a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, which provided ex-King Umberto of Italy with his passport—significant in light of the fact that the P-2 lodge attempted repeatedly in the 1970s to bring the House of Savoy back to power through a coup. The head of the Fanfanians in Sicily, former Palermo Mayor Vito Ciancimino, is a notorious Mafia asset.

If the investigation into Darida and the Fanfani clan is blocked, the judges investigating Carboni, the mafia, and the P-2 lodge will be in grave danger: on Feb. 26, the tax police announced that it had foiled a mafia plan to assassinate Judge Imposimato.

Judge Imposimato has led the way in the Italian magistracy's campaign against figures "above suspicion." In November, Imposimato issued arrest warrants for two leading members of parliament from the Italian Socialist Party, allied to Fanfani.