

## Report from Italy by Marco Fanani

### A bitter cup for the D.A.

*Roman prosecutor Gallucci, who is part of the Propaganda-2 apparatus, has been set back in his war against the magistracy.*

**T**he district attorney of Rome, Achille Gallucci, on March 17 accused the entire supreme body of the Italian judiciary, the Superior Council of Magistrates (CSM), of the corrupt practice of drinking too many cappuccinos at public expense.

To responsible persons, Gallucci may appear to have made a fool of himself; but the city's chief prosecutor, himself reportedly under investigation by the top magistrates for his suspected role in the P-2 Lodge Freemasons' terror and coup conspiracy, is desperate to destroy the last effective law enforcement institution in Italy: the CSM.

With the major political parties already perceived by Italians as corrupt and ineffective, it is only this network of courageous judges which has continued to defend the constitution.

The constitution, born after World War II when Italians were overwhelmingly revolted by both Fascism and the Savoy monarchy which had handed the government to Mussolini in 1922, assigned great powers to the parliament and to the magistracy. The highest organ of the magistracy is the Superior Council, presided over by the president of the republic. It is composed of 33 judges, who oversee the entire Italian judicial apparatus.

In recent years, this network of magistrates has been responsible for the most significant series of criminal investigations and prosecutions to be undertaken anywhere since the Nuremberg trials. Under the magistrates'

supervision are the major cases against "red" (leftist) and "black" (fascist) terrorism, international drugs and arms smuggling, the would-be assassins of Pope John Paul II, and the ultrasecret P-2 lodge, which many believe is still plotting to carry out a coup against the Italian republic. Several of these investigations have uncovered the trail known as the "Bulgarian Connection."

Italian law provides that when any investigation touches a member of the CSM, he is subject to immediate dismissal. For the moment, however, Gallucci has been defeated by the defenders of the magistracy in Italy, including President Sandro Pertini, former Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, and spokesmen for the Communist Party (PCI) and Christian Democracy (DC). The "case" against the CSM has been removed from his control and will probably be dropped.

Gallucci is notorious for his collusion with the P-2 lodge of Licio Gelli, outlawed in 1981 for plotting to overthrow the Italian republic. Through Judge Cudillo, whom he controls, Gallucci issued a judicial report exonerating the P-2 from any serious crimes against the Italian state.

Tina Anselmi, head of the Parliamentary Commission investigating P-2, has accused Gallucci of covering up for the Masons, and the Hon. Vittorio Forsini, a member of the CSM, stated to the press on March 23: "One has the impression of being in the presence of a 'white' coup d'état, carried out by forces which represent a

danger to the moral and political stability of the republic."

This danger came not only from inside Italy. The P-2 lodge was not a purely Italian organization: Licio Gelli had excellent relations with the administration of President Carter and had collaborated until the end of 1969 with Alexander Haig and Henry Kissinger.

Gelli also maintained relations with Romania and Bulgaria, and a vast covert network from East to West.

Gallucci is supported in these subversive efforts by Minister of Justice Clelio Darida, an old collaborator of Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani.

Fanfani is known to be close to P-2 circles, through his personal secretary Gianpaolo Cresci, who has been exposed as a member of the lodge.

Like Licio Gelli (who is now jailed in Switzerland on the minor charge of using a false passport), Fanfani is a native of the city of Arezzo.

It is possible that the Gallucci/Cudillo *sentenza* giving the P-2 lodge a clean bill of health will be used to convince the Swiss authorities to release Gelli, rather than extradite him to Italy.

Italian intelligence specialists believe that Gallucci's moves against the magistrates may be connected to certain U.S. intelligence circles that held meetings this February with a delegation from the neo-fascist party of Italy, the MSI. This would be the intelligence faction closely allied with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, exposed here last year as the mastermind of the 1978 Red Brigades kidnapping and assassination of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro. The context for the present crisis is the recent attempt to bring the monarchy back to Italy with the dying former king, Humbert of Savoy. Humbert's death has undercut the restoration effort for the moment.