Italy's War on Crime by Marco Fanini

In a single night

The police operation against the Camorra confirms the role of the Propaganda-2 lodge at the top of organized crime.

On the night of June 16, the most imposing operation to date by police and carabinieri against the mafia was carried out in Italy: 10,000 agents served 856 arrest warrants, issued by the prosecutors' offices in Naples, against the Neapolitan mafia, known as the "Camorra."

Among those arrested was the popular television announcer Enzo Tortora, charged with drug trafficking. Also hit by the warrants was Pierluigi Concutelli, the neo-fascist superterrorist, and Sante Notarnicola of the Red Brigades.

All of them belonged to the Camorra under Raffaele Cutolo. The Camorra is a 3,000-man army of killers and gangsters based in the major Italian cities; its headquarters are in towns near Naples such as Ottaviano and Nola, and the killers are mostly young lumpen-proletarians from Naples. The Camorra is, however, very closely tied to the big mafia families of New York, and as we shall see, linked to the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge.

The arrest of Enzo Tortora was a shocker. On behalf of the private television stations, he was about to interview U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Tortora is now accused by the Italian Joe Valachi, Pasquale Barra—who has sung to the tune of 3,800 pages of testimony—of supplying heroin and cocaine to figures in the Italian show business world.

But Tortora is also politically known for having participated during the 1960s in the Committee of Democratic Resistance of Edgardo Sogno, a P-2 Mason linked to the deposed royal house of Savoy who is accused of having attempted a coup against the Italian republic.

It is extremely interesting that the Italian magistrates also accused Concutelli and Notarnicola of being in the Camorra: Concutelli is a killer who belongs to fascist associations, while Notarnicola is a terrorist of the extreme left. The apparent contradiction can only be explained by the top-down control exercised by Licio Gelli's P-2 lodge over every subversive operation: terrorism, the mafia, massacres, drugs, and kidnappings.

In every chapter of the Italian destabilization we find the guiding role of the P-2 lodge and of its international links, the Kissinger group in the United States and the "Bulgarian connection" in the East bloc. Concutelli and Notarnicola in particular were working with the Roman mafioso Ernesto Diotallevi, in turn a close collaborator of that same Flavio Carboni who today is accused of the assassination of banker Roberto Calvi.

Carboni, the right-hand man of Licio Gelli, is a very important figure in the mafia: his job was recycling the dirty money of the Sicilian and Naples mafias through Italian and Swiss banks.

Calvi, the head of Banco Ambrosiano, was used up to a certain point by Carboni in his operations.

Around Carboni are other shady characters like Alvaro Giardili (of the Eurocondotte and Aeragricola companies) and Francesco Pazienza (who fled from Italy and lives in New York, protected by Alexander Haig). This may be a good place to recall that Judge Carlo Palermo accused the Italian actor Rossano Brazzi of weapons trafficking, and that Brazzi is also suspected of being a P-2 member. Brazzi lives in New York, where he directs an ambiguous organization called "The Knights of New Aragon."

The P-2 lodge, which has been targeted by the parliamentary commission of inquiry investigating the 1978 kidnap-murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, also controls and finances politicians and entire parties, like the Italian Socialist Party (PSI).

This was proven once again in mid-June when Robert Teardo, the Socialist Party leader in the Italian Riviera town of Savona, was arrested and charged with belonging to the mafia.

Teardo was a member of the P-2 lodge, but even after the P-2 scandal broke two years ago, PSI secretary Craxi had kept him as president of the Ligurian Region and even ran him as a candidate for parliament. Thus, after the clamorous cases of "Honorables" Mancini, Landolfi, Pittella, Colucci, all PSI leaders, some of whom have been tied to terrorism, others to the mafia, and others to smuggling, the Teardo case has shown again that the PSI, which gets about 9 percent of the Italian vote, is run by a bunch of vultures who would find a more appropriate perch in jail than in the government.

The Italian magistracy is moving very fast to unmask the subversive maneuvers of P-2, no holds barred. Unfortunately, no Italian party is immune from P-2 control, except the POE (European Labor Party), which is denouncing the P-2 and Yuri Andropov for trying to destabilize Italy in order to remove it from the American sphere of influence.