

## Kissinger Watch by M.T. Upharsin

### An 'American gift' to Bettino Craxi

Imagine the following scenario unfolding some time during the coming weeks or months:

Henry A. Kissinger walks into the Customs Service, or whatever it might be called, in Rome, or Rio di Janeiro, or for that matter, New York, with the intent of answering some routine questions which have arisen during an investigation. As he enters, officials calmly walk up, put handcuffs on him, and say, "Dr. Kissinger, you are under arrest."

Sound too incredible? Perhaps not.

Exactly that sequence of events happened to one of Kissinger's friends in the "citizens above suspicion" world of real controllers of organized crime. "Businessman" Francesco Pazienza, a fugitive from Italian justice for the past four months, walked into a New York Customs office voluntarily to answer questions of U.S. investigators looking into missing funds from the deceased Roberto Calvi's Banco Ambrosiano. As he walked through the door, he was arrested.

"I don't think he was aware of the warrant on him," U.S. Customs Service Deputy Chief for Investigations Patrick O'Brien said. "He was shocked."

Pazienza, reputedly a prominent figure in the Propaganda-2 (P-2) Freemasonic lodge, has been sought by Italian authorities for:

- his role in the suspicious death of Calvi, who was found "suicided" one morning, hanging from scaffolding under London's Blackfriars Bridge;
- involvement in a Camorra/Mafia construction-contract scandal in Naples;
- involvement in an alleged se-

cret group within Italy's Sismi military intelligence service, called "Super S," believed to have used the service to carry out activities including embezzlement and money laundering. Customs agents identify Pazienza as a former assistant to Sismi's deputy director.

As news of the arrest broke in Italy, certain highly interesting little matters began to surface in the Italian press. March 6's *Il Giornale* showed a picture of Pazienza standing next to Alexander Haig, former U.S. Secretary of State. *Il Giornale* was yet more direct, noting Pazienza's years of close friendship with Kissinger himself. Some speculated that Kissinger and his piggy-bank, David Rockefeller, might decide to put up the bail money to get Pazienza out.

But "there's no honor among thieves." When Kissinger Associates' office in Washington was called March 6 and queried on the case, an aide screeched, "We never heard of Francesco Pazienza!" and slammed down the phone.

### 'The Moro treatment' or 'Pazienza treatment'?

Of course, Dr. K and his piggy-bank know *extremely well* who Francesco Pazienza is, and what the implications of his arrest might be.

Several of Italy's papers termed the arrest "an American present to Mr. Craxi," referring to the Italian prime minister. The fun is that on the same day that Pazienza was arrested, Mr. Craxi was beginning a four-day visit to the United States. For months, law-enforcement authorities of Craxi's government had been trying to apprehend Pazienza, but had been impeded primarily by Swiss authorities.

The crowning irony is that on the morning of March 4, only hours before Mr. Pazienza's woes, Bettino Craxi was having (one should certainly not say enjoying) breakfast at Henry A. Kissinger's apartment, at the same table as David Rockefeller, John Gutfreund of Salomon Brothers, John Reed of Citibank, a Mr. Vale of Lazard Frères, Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch, and the *crème de la crème* of Establishment bankers.

According to highly informed sources, Kissinger used the occasion to give Craxi what is referred to as "the Moro treatment." Those with good memories recall that it was at a "breakfast party" at his house that Kissinger had given the ultimatum to former Prime Minister Aldo Moro that preceded the Red Brigades' kidnaping and murder of him. "These people are threatening Craxi," the source said.

Craxi had already announced last month that his name was among those on a hit-list of the Red Army Faction terrorists of West Germany. Spokesmen for Craxi emphasize that a "new terrorism," organized by Moscow and aimed at political leaders of Western Europe, is imminent.

According to first-hand accounts, Craxi emerged from the meeting "visibly shaken."

Kissinger and his banker and mafia buddies are none too happy that Craxi has aligned with President Reagan on both the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative and the fight against narcotics-trafficking and drug-related terrorism.

Hence, "the Moro treatment."

However, with the other event in New York City on March 4, the handwriting on the wall might rather be directed to Dr. K himself.

Should we begin to speak of "the Pazienza treatment"?