

Report from Madrid by Leonardo Servadio

Ledeen's Spanish connection

The González government is intimately tied into the networks now being exposed in the U.S. Iran-Contra affair.

Many people here these days have become quite sensitive to the name "Michael Ledeen." Israeli, Italian, and American political figures are also sensitive to that name. Why should Spain be different?

Ledeen, of course, is the exposed "secretary of state" in what the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, upon close study of Lt. Col. Oliver North's diversion of Iranian arms-sale proceeds to the Contras, identified as a "parallel government" in the United States, responsible for arming Iran—actually, although the committee did not say so, for bringing Khomeini to power in the first place—for illicit arming and funding of the Contras, and a hundred other dirty operations of which the world public is only now dimly aware.

Among them: In Italy, Ledeen is implicated in the operations of the outlawed Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge, its drug-running, gun-running, and plotting of terrorism and coups. He is about to be implicated in the 1980 Bologna train station bombing that killed 83. He was involved in P-2's takeover of the Italian intelligence services (SISMI), in particular, the positioning of one Francesco Pazienza as head of a "parallel SISMI," at the time of the Bologna atrocity.

Pazienza, behind bars awaiting trial in connection with the Bologna massacre, promises to tell all, and on his lips are the names "Ledeen" and "Haig," the former U.S. secretary of state to whom Ledeen was a "part-time adviser."

In Israel, Ledeen is implicated in

an "Armageddon" plot to destroy the Dome of the Rock mosque, second holiest site of Islam, to rebuild "Solomon's Temple" atop Temple Mount in Jerusalem—in the process bringing to power Ariel Sharon's faction, the Israeli grouping so active in U.S. arming of Iran.

In the United States, Ledeen is implicated in recruiting convicted spy Jonathan Jay Pollard to the Israeli Mossad unit run by Sharon's "wet-works" specialist, "Dirty" Rafi Eytan, whence "false flag" agent Pollard stole U.S. secrets for trade to the Soviets by the Sharon-Eytan group.

Ledeen and Colonel North's Contra diversion schemes were conducted through fronts collectively known in the United States as "Project Democracy," an operation of the Second International's Social Democrats U.S.A.

What about Spain? Felipe González's Socialist International government ought to be pretty nervous by now.

Last December, *El Tiempo* magazine revealed that billionaire gun merchant Adnan Khashoggi had staged a "party" at his Marbella villa in June 1985. U.S. Ambassador to Italy Maxwell Rabb was there; so was Ledeen. Some special arrangements were made with attending Spanish Socialist figures, among them then-Mayor of Barcelona Narciso Serra, and his successor, Pascual Maragall.

Subsequently, some of the weapons Israel was shipping to Iran were shipped to Barcelona first, then on to the mullahs.

Serra later became defense minis-

ter to Felipe González.

Did the Spanish government, even Prime Minister González himself, know of such operations?

When one asks Ledeen what he thinks of González's government, he is said to boast that he "created" González's government. In truth, since González came to power, his Socialist Party has been doing to Spanish institutions what P-2 was doing to Italian institutions, taking them over via covert, "parallel" mechanisms.

For example, something very similar to the Pazienza operation in Italy now appears under way here. González's former personal secretary, Julio Feo, is now the secretary of the prime minister, a newly created position. Feo has been engaged in "reorganizing" the Spanish secret services, and has authored a plan to centralize all agencies under his post in the prime minister's office. One of Feo's men, Rodríguez Colorado, has been named chief of the national police. Feo, by the way, is not just a González man. He is a close personal friend of . . . Michael Ledeen. He was also once co-owner of a U.S. "public relations firm." His partner was Thomas Enders, the former U.S. secretary of state for inter-American affairs, who then became the U.S. ambassador to Madrid.

There's much more: Spain has been rocked by "left" and "right" terrorism, very much as the P-2 lodge orchestrated "left" and "right" terrorism in Italy. The identified terrorists are linked to their Italian counterparts. Unconfirmed source reports say Khashoggi is financing some implicated parties. The net effect has been to rally much support to González's government.

Perhaps it's time for an investigation?