

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

Europe coordinating in effective counterterror drive

Highly coordinated and dramatic steps have been taken by the governments of Western Europe and the Middle East, to expose and dismantle the terrorist networks run by British and Israeli intelligence. The past week's roundup of over 30 Italian university-based "intellectuals" identified as the masterminds behind the Red Brigades represents an effort to use the political *method* by which international terrorism can be defeated.

Beginning April 5, Italian antiterrorist police units operating under the supervision of magistrate Pietro Calogero conducted a series of raids in Rome, Milan, and Padua, arresting leading members of the autonomi—the "aboveground" support organization for the Red Brigades. Among those arrested for conspiring to violently overthrow the state, was Professor Antonio Negri, a member of the Political Science faculty of the University of Padua. The university's political science and sociology departments have long been known as among the recruiting grounds and safehouses for the Red Brigades.

Negri has been charged with complicity in the kidnapping-murder of former Italian President Aldo Moro. The evidence against Negri indicates coordination on the case between Italian, French and West German governments. Analysis of tapes of the

ransom calls received by the Moro family positively established that one of the calls was made by Negri while he was staying in Paris.

More significantly, the Italian magistracy—following the lead set in the widely noticed European Labor Party dossier, "Chi ha ucciso Aldo Moro?" (Who Killed Aldo Moro?)—has announced that its investigation into terrorist operations is no longer proceeding from bombers and assassins, but is proceeding from the structure that recruits and protects the terrorists. Magistrate Calogero, in announcing the first 22 arrests, proclaimed that they are the first phase of a cleanup that would ultimately provide the Italian population with the full story of Aldo Moro's murder.

The Italian government has alluded to British-Israeli control over terrorist operations, which has been made explicit in recent statements by the governments of France, Turkey, and Iraq.

- French authorities have suggested that the Israelis were behind the April 6 bombing of an Empain-Schneider Group nuclear construction facility near Marseille, according to the April 7 *Washington Post*.

- Before dispatching the Turkish Chief of Staff to Baghdad for discussions with Iraqi counterparts on defeating the spreading destabilization of the region through British intelligence-run

regional autonomy and fundamentalist cults, Turkey's President Ecevit blasted "foreign intelligence services—some from allied nations"—for fostering Kurdish independence efforts and announced collaboration with particularly the governments of Iraq and Syria in dealing with this problem.

- The Iraqi government has recently arrested, tried, and executed a number of leaders of the Communist Party faction associated with British intelligence operative Robert Swann—charging these individuals with conspiracy to infiltrate the military and foster an overthrow of the Iraqi government.

Counterpart U.S. intelligence services have been silent and inactive in the face of recent environmentalist disruptions. One source reported this week that both CIA Director Turner and FBI Director Webster have been personally touring the country warning civic groups that their agencies are powerless to counter terrorist operations due to restrictions imposed on them by the Levi guidelines and by the release of "classified information" through the Freedom of Information Act.

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