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# The trail of Italy's P-2 scandal leads to Club of Rome global banking networks

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As the *London Times* noted late last month, if the current scandal rocking Italy were limited to having caused yet another government crisis (Italy's 40th since the war), the foreign journalistic community, at least, would be hard-put to stifle a yawn. But no one is yawning as the waves from the scandal involving the Italian Propaganda-2 (P-2) Masonic Lodge spread inward and outward, encompassing some of the most powerful and respected members of the international banking community, the Socialist International, and even some of the leading noble families of Europe.

The scandal broke on May 20, when Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani was forced to publish the membership list of the highly secretive P-2 Masonic Lodge after having sat on it for two months. At the same time, some dramatic arrests were made, including two of the nation's most respected bankers—themselves members of P-2—for illegal financial transactions. Along with the shocking combination of names found to coexist side by side in the P-2 Masonic brotherhood, the activities of the lodge, the story of its founding and purpose also began to emerge.

Put succinctly, the P-2 Lodge has been found to be an extension into the present of Mussolini's dreaded OVRA (Organization for the Voluntary Repression of Anti-Fascists). OVRA was the Italian equivalent of the Gestapo, the secret police of the Fascist state, answerable directly to the party, not to the government. The leading members of the P-2, including its president and founder Licio Gelli, were in particular those officers of OVRA who acted as liaison officers with branches of the Nazi secret police and maintained the closest relations with such Nazi networks as Otto Skorzeny's.

It was Skorzeny, as is well known, who rescued Mussolini from the Allies; Mussolini then also created the short-lived Salo government, whence originate many current members of the P-2. Gelli in particular was hated and feared at the time for his peculiarly vicious torturing of prisoners.

That a prominent organization exists in modern Italy, founded and run by such individuals, is already of some interest. When that organization, however, is seen to regroup along with members of the OVRA and leading

members of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), of the ruling Christian Democratic Party (DC), of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), of the Italian Social Democratic Party (PSDI), of the very highest levels of the armed forces, the secret service, the banking community (including the central bank), and members of the nobility, pedestrian notions of the upper-echelon workings of politics break down completely.

A look at a small portion of the membership list shows that the following have been long-time P-2 members: the Socialist minister of labor and foreign trade; the Christian Democratic minister of justice; three leading members of the Italian central bank, the Banca d'Italia; the heads of the media industry, including the presidents of both television channels and the president of the overall communications conglomerate RAI; innumerable editors and publishers of the leading Italian newspapers, including the so-called newspaper of record, *Corriere della Sera*; the personal secretaries of some of the historic and most powerful leaders of the Christian Democracy, including that of current Senate president and frequent prime minister Amintore Fanfani; the secretary-general of the Italian Social Democratic Party (member-organization of the Socialist International chaired by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt); the parliamentary fraction leader of the Italian Socialist Party (also a Socialist International organization); the head of the current prime minister's cabinet; the private secretary of the president of Italy (the latter a Socialist); the head of the Italian Joint Chiefs of Staff and 17 army generals, 6 admirals, 9 Carabinieri generals (military police), 4 air force generals, and close to 200 other top officers in each of these services; the heads of all three branches of the Italian secret services, including the civilian coordinating body (all three have been forced to suspend professional activities pending further investigations, and their subordinates have taken over, except in such cases where they too have been revealed as P-2 members); various leading industrialists, including the Socialist vice-president of the Italian national oil company, ENI, the president of the national steel conglomerate, Finsider, and the central director of the mammoth IRI conglomerate that, in turn, controls hundreds of

Italy's most important banks and industries; Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, pretender to the Italian throne; and so forth.

Non-Italians are also well represented, including various other Europeans. By far, the largest number are, however, Argentine citizens, representing the relocation of Nazi and Fascist networks in Latin America, and particularly Argentina, following the postwar flight into that country by scores of Nazis and Fascists.

### How the P-2 was founded

The P-2 was established on the decision of the British Masonic Lodge currently chaired by the Duke of Kent, the same Duke of Kent whom the British press so swiftly moved to exonerate as soon as the P-2 affair broke into the public. The testimony of this fact comes from one of the investigating Italian judges, who told the newspaper *La Stampa* that it was the Anglo-American order, headed by Kent, that in 1964 took the decision to bring former OVRA officer Gelli back from Argentina to create a special lodge.

The P-2 soon became the centralizing organization for the terrorist and other conspiratorial activities of both the Italian right and radical left. In it were gathered the left-wing "Libyan connection" terrorist networks of the Socialist Party under Foreign Minister Enrico Manca, and the controllers of Fascist terror such as the Borghese family that ran the 1971 coup d'état attempt, the Rosa dei Venti Fascist plotters within the military—in short the founders and current controllers of both right-wing and left-wing terror.

What made the lodge particularly unique and effective was its access to the famous Sifaro files. These were the files gathered by General Di Lorenzo, then head of the Carabinieri, on behalf of the secret service. The files contained voluminous details of the sexual and other foibles of every Italian of note, and were thus a formidable and nearly universal blackmail weapon. It was in fact in 1964, the same year that Kent recalled Gelli from Argentina, that Di Lorenzo had attempted a coup d'état on the strength of those files and with the cooperation of the French Secret Army Organization (OAS).

Following this, the files were ordered destroyed by the SID, at the time the Italian secret service. The job was entrusted to one Colonel Viezzer, Gelli's close collaborator and a fellow Fascist, who, at the time headed the dreaded Section D (counterespionage) of the SID. Viezzer, who was jailed as soon as the P-2 affair broke out, needless to say, did not destroy those files. They were, instead, turned over to Gelli, who as head of P-2 and on behalf of his oligarchical controllers, used them judiciously to shape Italian politics, banking and industry at all levels, and ensure coverup of the tracks of terrorism, weapons, and drug smuggling.

Thus was created the P-2, whose rumored power

and activities have always been known to be enormous, but against which no one ever dared move.

One of the most productive threads of investigation into the ramifications of the P-2 affair is provided by the banking networks that criss-cross the lodge, particularly the Banco Ambrosiano of Milan, whose chairman of the board and prominent P-2 member, Roberto Calvi, has been jailed in connection with the scandal.

The Banco Ambrosiano, headed by the incarcerated Calvi, forms one of the members of the international Inter-Alpha group of banks whose other members are the Nederlandsche Middenstandbank, the Kredietbank of Brussels, the Privatbanken of Denmark, Williams and Glyn of London (the Royal Bank of Scotland), Berliner Handels- und Frankfurterbank (BHF) of Frankfurt, and Ultrafin of New York. The group represents an international banking web of enormous influence with close ties to the zero-growth, depopulation policies associated with the Club of Rome and its chairman Aurelio Peccei. The entire group is currently under investigation by *EIR*, but it is sufficient to cite certain leads in the investigation to indicate the ramifications of the interconnections involved.

The Inter-Alpha lead, for example, traces directly to Richard Gardner, Carter's ambassador to Italy and often cited by *EIR* for his involvement in Italian terrorism and destabilizations at the highest levels. Gardner was placed on the board of Ultrafin in New York by Roberto Calvi specifically to provide Inter-Alpha with monthly intelligence reports.

Gardner had been introduced to Calvi by a leading executive of Inter-Alpha through the good offices of then Fiat employee Aurelio Peccei. Mrs. Gardner is Daniele Luzzato, daughter of one of the leading Venetian banking families historically intimately associated with the Venetian black oligarchy. Calvi's Banco Ambrosiano, and through it Inter-Alpha, is itself closely associated with the Venetian oligarchy through the interlocking directorates of the Ambrosiano group. For example, Valerio Manera, known as "the last Doge of Venice" and currently jailed along with Calvi, sits not only on the board of the Banco Ambrosiano, but also various of its correspondent banks, including the Catholic Bank of the Veneto.

Inter-Alpha is also closely associated with the so-called Adela organization founded in 1964 under the auspices of the NATO parliamentarians group. Adela, best known through its association with David Rockefeller, had Aurelio Peccei as its European coordinator, who was long the head of the Agnelli Fiat empire in Argentina, and later founder of the Club of Rome. The Club of Rome's promotion of antiscience, depopulation policies that act as a battering ram against sovereign nation-states becomes more understandable when studied in light of the P-2 affair and its implications.