

# EIR Special Report

## Italy's P-2 scandal implicates Haig and the Trilateralists

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In mid-May, shortly after the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II, the criminal activities and membership of the Italian Freemasonic Lodge known as Propaganda Due (commonly called P-2) became known to the public, producing a scandal which has not only placed scores of Italian bankers and politicians in jail, but has expanded into an international exposé of citizens above suspicion in many nations. More than the future of individuals is involved. The nature of the revelations is such that an enormous strategic-policy fight is at the core of the P-2 affair.

Now implicated in connection with P-2's control of international terrorism, drug-running, and worldwide "dirty money" flows are several members of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission featuring George Ball, Rockefeller himself, former U.S. ambassador to Italy Richard Gardner, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Also implicated—in P-2's *creation* as well as activities—is the current secretary of state of the United States, Alexander M. Haig.

The well-known Rome daily *Paese Sera* unleashed this latest bombshell June 16, when it documented that Haig as well as Kissinger have collaborated closely with Italian business leaders and military personnel who were preparing a coup d'état in 1969, and whose names all appear on the P-2 membership list. *Paese Sera* charges that dossiers found in the possession of P-2's fugitive leader Licio Gelli show Haig under the category "friend," and suggest that plans for a coup have been revived with Haig's entry into the U.S. State Department.

Reportedly, Haig and the Trilateral Commissioners under Rockefeller are running scared. P-2 linked sources in Rome say that a special commission has secretly formed in America to prevent the scandal from spilling across the Atlantic and into the State Department's offices. It is not yet clear whether former President Gerald Ford, one of only 17 "Blue Cap" Masons in the United States, who is now allegedly heading this coverup commission, has been fully informed by Henry Kissinger of what is actually involved.

According to both the London *Times* and the internal evidence of the



*Winston Churchill meets with the leaders of the Republic of Salò in 1944: Marshal Pietro Badoglio (l) and Ivanhoe Bonomi.*

case, the P-2 scandal erupted through the efforts of certain factions in the Vatican who forced publication of a partial membership list of the highly secretive P-2 Freemasonic Lodge. This occurred fully two months after the list had come into the possession of the Italian government.

Arnaldo Forlani, prime minister at the time, had refused to publish it, not least because he himself, together with three members of his cabinet, and the very highest levels of the Italian secret services and military establishment, were directly implicated in the scandal. The Vatican, however, forced Forlani's hand after the attempted assassination of the Pope—the crowning event in a conspiracy against the Catholic Church. The Church, and Pope John Paul II personally, were targeted because of their role as the leading institutional opposition to the global depopulation policies of the P-2 conspirators.

### **The Carter connection confirmed**

The Carter administration, including the former President himself, has been revealed to be deeply involved in the P-2 scandal. It was the Carter administration that commissioned and then adopted the study labeled "Global 2000" calling for the reduction of global population by 2 billion people by the year 2000 as the primary necessity of U.S. strategic interests.

Why such a policy? What networks were involved in its adoption and implementation? The answers are what the P-2 scandal is unraveling.

First, the P-2 affair is shedding light on the real dimensions of the Billygate scandal involving Billy

Carter and the Carter administration's links to terrorist Libya. It happens that all the leading controllers of the Sicilian separatist movement are members of P-2. This includes the nobleman Alliata di Montereale, the acknowledged funder of Sicilian separatism throughout the postwar period. It also includes all the top Italian oligarchical households and other fascists and Socialists that *EIR* had identified at the time of Billygate as controlling Sicilian terrorism. Many of these individuals, such as the "black prince," Junio Valerio Borghese, are P-2 members.

The connection to Billygate arises because the best known public spokesman of Sicilian separatism, Michele Papa, arranged Billy Carter's trip to Libya and acted as the liaison between the President's brother and Libyan dictator Qaddafi. Libya itself is a state fully controlled by the founders of P-2, namely the notorious Italo Balbo of Mussolini-period fame, who on behalf of the Venetian and allied oligarchy was viceroy of Libya for some time.

### **Student and master**

Qaddafi himself as a young man was trained in Spain under the auspices of P-2's Grand Master Licio Gelli and Gelli's two close associates: Argentine dictator Juan Perón, whose friendship with Gelli was intimate and of long duration, and the notorious Nazi Otto Skorzeny, head of the infamous Black Orchestra intelligence organization during World War II, who snatched Mussolini from the hands of the Allies so that he might establish the final Fascist state known as the Salò

## Paese Sera reports on Haig's role in Italy

*The following is a translation of an article that appeared in the June 16 Italian daily Paese Sera under the byline of John Capelli, datelined New York. The "Haig documents" existence was also reported by the June 15 issue of Le Nouvel Observateur.*

1969, at least according to informed sources in New York, was the year that officers of the U.S. national security staff decided to protect with a Masonic cover story an organization that would have liked to impose a subversive shift on Italian politics. At that time, this role was granted to the P-2 lodge that was already active in the fields of business and investments. It is important to stress that at this time the number-two man in U.S. national security was Alexander Haig. Haig, the future generalissimo, established a series of contacts with what he called Italian "businessmen."

There are no documents to confirm this thesis of Haig's links to the P-2 lodge (besides the one found among the dossiers of Gelli with Haig's name on it). We have only the statements of sources close to both the Italian Masonry and the U.S. Freemasons, who are operating these days to clarify the situation and clearly differentiate between the activities and responsibilities of individuals linked to the P-2 in Italy and the United States and those Freemasons who take authentic positions of Masonry.

The Vice-Grand Master of New York, Judge Charles W. Froessel, who is responsible for the foreign relations of the Masonry, confirmed to us that Lino Salvini and Giordano Gamberini repeatedly tried between 1970 and 1978 to obtain the support of the American Masons for their efforts to place their men in the Grande Oriente d'Italia [a branch of Italian Masonry—ed.]. But Froessel refused any help to them that would give a Masonic cover for their activities.

They even tried to approach Grand Master Bruce Widger during their visit to the United States for the inauguration of Reagan last January. During the same period, Spartaco Mannini, the Grand Master of

Palazzo Giustiniani [Grande Oriente—ed.] and his associate Battelli arrived in the United States to celebrate the bicentennial of the New York lodge.

The American Masonry is now preoccupied with the bad effects that the P-2 affair may create for the whole organization. What Gelli did with the P-2, says the grand master of New York, cannot be justified from any standpoint.

It must be said that the period between 1970 and 1980, that saw in Italy the development of the golpista strategy, meant, on the contrary, for the United States the Watergate scandal and the exit from the political scene of the men that had favored the NATO project of 1969. But the election of Reagan has provided over the past months the context for renewing contacts with important U.S. personalities, "friends" of P-2.

A source linked to American Masonry tells us (and it is clear why) that on one of his journeys to Italy he spoke with many military men about the possibility that Alexander Haig would soon have an important position in a possible Reagan administration. Many of these military people, says a source today, appeared on the long list of the names of the members of the P-2 lodge. It should be noted that the enthusiasm and optimism of the Italians vis-à-vis the possibility of Haig's gaining a powerful new position under Reagan was expressed four months before Reagan was nominated by the Republican national convention, and nine months before the appointment of Haig as secretary of state. And there is more: the visit of General Santovito to Washington only a few days after the confirmation of Haig at the State Department.

It was the French Grand Master who accused the P-2 of being an instrument of the CIA and Trilateral Commission. The fact is that already in 1944 a document of the British Organization for Special Services existed, dated Sept. 15, 1944, and numbered 9A-322199. This document signaled that right-wing forces in Italy wanted to give a Masonic cover to "communist-terrorist" groups to negatively influence the Communist Party electorate.

Republic in 1944. Gelli, Perón and Skorzeny, all residents in Madrid during the 1960s, were the indoctrinators of Qaddafi and the actual authors of Qaddafi's *Green Book* of revolution.

Jimmy Carter's personal invitation to Licio Gelli to attend his inauguration, and Gelli's boast of close friendship with the former President, now become explicable as the true scope of Billygate and its subsequent coverup begin to emerge.

Jimmy Carter was, of course, the hand-picked candidate of the Trilateral Commission under the auspices of his subsequent national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. That story is a well-known one. It became a scandal that the Commission was ubiquitous at all levels of the Carter team.

It is therefore not surprising to find the Commission being charged as the entity behind the Fascist-Socialist conspiracy comprising the P-2 lodge. Roger Leray, Grand Master of the French Grand Orient Lodge, told the press late last month that the Trilateral Commission and its highly influential members ran the P-2 lodge.

### Haig's involvement

As we report here, information now emerging from the P-2 affair implicates Trilateraloid personalities within the Reagan administration itself. Specifically, the name of Alexander Haig is being linked to the scandals as one individual working with Trilateral member Henry Kissinger during the Carter administration to further the activities of the tainted Sicilian separatist networks.

The targeting of Haig in connection with P-2 has generated one of the most explosive aspects of the P-2 affair. Haig's profound involvement in a conspiratorial organization founded by Fascists, and responsible for terrorism and drug-running, is the number-one item of discussion in Washington corridors and back rooms throughout the nation.

The issue has been raised in State Department briefings; and highly placed Masonic sources in Europe report that the Haig State Department is desperately attempting to use American muscle to put the lid on the entire P-2 affair, both in the United States and in Italy. This is difficult to do, because at the same time Haig is continuing with his policy, adopted from the Carter administration, of Global 2000 depopulation and deindustrialization. The "Augustinian" forces in the Catholic Church are bound by considerations of both survival and epistemology, to escalate the fight. In this way they will be aided by other, nonreligious, groups and political leaders, people vehemently opposed to Club of Rome-style depopulation policies, who wish instead to reinstitute science and economic growth to their former predominant positions both in the United States and abroad.

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## THE FASCIST CONNECTIONS

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# A history of the P-2 conspiracy

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"The biggest scandal in the history of the Republic," as the Italian press put it, broke open with the publication May 20 of the names of the 962 members of the Italian secret Masonic Lodge Propaganda Due (P-2). A few days later, the government of the Honorable Arnaldo Forlani was forced to resign. The P-2 lodge, directed by the Venerable Master Licio Gelli, former torturer for Mussolini's Republic of Salò, cast in the role of the grand puppetmaster, had been accused in the past of being implicated in arms trafficking, terrorism, illegal currency flight, blackmail, kidnapping, attempted coups d'état, and other criminal activities. It always came out unscathed—even in cases where its filthy role was most evident.

Forlani had the list of names in his hands since March 27 and had waited almost two months before he acceded to requests for publication. The higher-ups in NATO had put him under a lot of pressure to impede the divulging of the names, and for clear reasons. On the list were three ministers in the Forlani government, and even that of Mario Semprini, head of the prime minister's office. Also on the list were 59 political leaders, among them 43 parliamentarians, almost all either Socialists or of the Christian Democratic faction of former Industry Minister Toni Bisaglia and Amintore Fanfani; all the heads of the Italian secret services, the commander of the Financial Guard, 50 high officials in the army, 29 in the Navy, 32 from the Carabinieri (military police), 9 from the air force, 9 diplomats, 49 high banking officials, 83 industrial leaders, judges, journalists, famous publishers, etc.

Notwithstanding the pressure to contain the scandal, it immediately spread like an oil slick. A key person involved in investigating P-2, Col. Luciano Rossi of the Financial Guard, suddenly committed "suicide," amid well-warranted charges of assassination. The situation has gotten so hot that gossips in Rome and other European capitals insist on the possibility of a "sudden disappearance" of the President of the Republic, Alessandro Pertini, who would be immediately replaced by the political leader most directly implicated in the scandal, Senate President Amintore Fanfani. According to the rumors, Fanfani would sandbag the investigation and would install as President of the Council another political