

the war. If that situation should last it will make for vast disarray, dissatisfaction, unrest, especially among the young if they cannot find jobs and opportunities.

At the same time we have a higher amount of inflation than is sensible; we have a much higher rate of interest than what should be permitted in the present situation of investment and fixed capital. The present rate of interest in the Western world is ridiculous. So one has to bring down the interest rates. . . . If there is a specific American responsibility, it derives from the fact that . . . where America goes, there goes the rest of the Western economy. I would not say that one has to choose between Poland or the Middle East or the economy as the first priority. But one has to act in the one field in order to act in the other. . . . As regards myself, this, I guess, is my 45th or 50th trip to the United States in my lifetime, and almost all your cities. . . . I have many relatives here and many friends here. I cannot think of a future of my country without a close friendship with the American nation.

Excerpts from the text of the joint statement by Ronald Reagan and Helmut Schmidt on Jan. 5:

. . . The President and the Chancellor call again on the Polish authorities to end the state of martial law, to release those arrested and to restore the dialogue with the Church and Solidarity. . . . The President and the Chancellor reiterated their position that any military intervention in Poland would have the gravest consequences for international relations. . . .

The President explained the economic measures taken by the United States with regard to the Soviet Union. The Chancellor informed the President that the Federal Republic, together with its partners in the European Community, will undertake close and positive consultations in this regard with the United States and with other Western states in order to define what decisions will best serve their common objectives and avoid any step which could undermine their respective actions. . . . The President and the Chancellor expressed their hope that the course of developments in Poland would permit their countries to review these decisions [to withhold official economic aid to Poland.]

The President and the Chancellor also stressed the great importance of current economic issues. In this context, the Chancellor referred to the danger of a worldwide depression and ensuing far-reaching political hazards that may arise if the industrial countries fail to agree on a common strategy to combat unemployment. The Chancellor emphasized in particular the strategic significance of social and economic stability in the industrial countries of the West as an important element in the maintenance of a stable East-West balance. . . .

Italy

Drug overlords tied to the Dozier case?

by Nora Hamerman

Information that has recently surfaced in the Italian press implicates Dope, Inc. in the Red Brigades kidnapping of NATO General Dozier and other terrorist actions in Verona, the headquarters of the NATO Command Land South. The city of Verona also happens to have the highest per capita rate of heroin addiction in Italy, and is situated at the crossroads of illegal drug traffic from the Middle East via Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and northward into Germany.

A top Mafia boss arrested in northern Italy in December has been revealed to be a kingpin in the collaboration between the Red Brigades, organized crime, and unsavory international networks involved in the U.S. "Billygate" scandal. Italian investigator Umberto Pascali, in a forthcoming *War on Drugs* magazine article, shows that Italian terrorism of both the left variety—the Red Brigades that kidnapped Dozier—and the right variety are run by the same forces that run the dope underworld. These trails lead back to the conspiratorial nexus exposed last May in the scandal concerning the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic Lodge, which was plotting to overthrow the Italian republican government and restore the deposed Savoy monarchy.

The P-2 "lodge" controls a vast financial network with tentacles throughout the Western hemisphere, through which the family funds of the old Venetian-centered oligarchy are preserved and deployed.

Further P-2 links

On Dec. 20 the Milan newspaper *Il Giornale* reported on the background of the recent arrest in Turin of Mafia boss Gaetano Fidanzati. Fidanzati was considered the successor of the notorious Gerlando Alberti, the kingpin of the "Sicilian Connection" arrested in the summer of 1981 after Italian tax police had raided a gigantic heroin refinery under his control. Alberti's U.S. contacts included some of the biggest heroin traffickers arrested in the past two years, and they in turn were connected to the powerful P-2 lodge through banker Michele Sindona, who is now serving a jail sentence in New York.

Another important connection of Fidanzi is the late gangster Francis Turatello, who was killed in jail in Italy last August. At the time, *Il Giornale* pointed out that Turatello, who ran the heavy-drug network in Northern Italy, had a political patron—Bettino Craxi, the leader of the Italian Socialist Party.

Craxi is a key link between these drug networks and the “utopian” wing of NATO, including former NATO commander-in-chief Alexander Haig, who worked actively through 1981 to win Reagan administration approval for a potential Craxi premiership in Italy. Moreover, when the P-2 scandal exploded, a “Haig dossier” linking the U.S. Secretary of State to the plot was widely mentioned in the Italian press—until the lid went on last June.

Italian Prime Minister Spadolini is now beginning to point the finger at NATO. Speaking on Jan. 5, he said that it was NATO and not the Italian government that was responsible for protecting General Dozier. Spadolini’s statement was issued on the same day that his office also repudiated the latest trumped-up charges that he was involved with the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge.

The P-2 lodge had numerous and well-documented links to the “right” variety of Italian terrorism, including repeated coup attempts in the early 1970s by former Mussolini terrorists led by Prince Junio Valerio Borghese. In addition, P-2 worked with Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, himself a creature of P-2 Grand Master Licio Gelli, to supply the Red Brigades and the entire spectrum of “red,” and “black” terrorists with sophisticated weapons.

This leads to P-2’s role in “Billygate.” Billy Carter’s famous 1979 trip to Libya was organized by a Socialist lawyer from Sicily, Michele Papa, who is closely tied into the heroin-running clan of Gerlando Alberti and Gaetano Fidanzi. With the arrest of Fidanzi, the tax police and Turin magistrates discovered a big network of drugs, weapons, and terrorism extending through the Spanish Costa Brava, Italy, and Belgium under Fidan-

zi’s direction.

International ties

“From the Costa Brava came heroin,” reports *Il Giornale* journalist Beppe Fossa. “From Central Europe came weapons (pistols and Kalashnikov machine guns). The Sicilian Mafia had the job of delivering these commodities into Africa and the Middle East.” A magistrate in the case is quoted: “The Mafia’s ships were often escorted at sea by motorboats of a foreign police. For the moment I cannot reveal the name of this country. I do not want to provoke, at this point in the investigations, international complications. . . . The case is very serious, and I don’t want to embarrass the foreign minister.”

Two countries have been suggested by intelligence analysts in Italy as likely candidates for the unnamed foreign country—Libya, and Israel. Arms traffic to Libya in exchange for illegal drugs originating in the Mideast is a well-known phenomenon. The Israeli drug mafia is documented to be working with Muslim Brotherhood insurgents in Egypt in this “business.”

Il Giornale explicitly stated that gangster Gaetano Fidanzi had links to terrorism—the Italian Red Brigades and West Germany’s Red Army Fraction (Baader-Meinhof gang).

This network may also account for the extraordinary ease with which convicted assassin Ali Agca eluded arrest prior to his attempt on the Pope’s life. According to a recent article in the French periodical *Le Point*, Libya’s Qaddafi and Iran’s Khomeini backed Agca and are now trying to kill both the Pope and his Secretary of State, Casaroli.

An intriguing angle on the case of General Dozier himself is a report from French intelligence circles, impossible to confirm, that the Reagan White House and the Soviets had agreed on overthrowing Qaddafi. According to this story, Dozier would have been in charge of logistics.



General Dozier in the photograph transmitted by the Red Brigades after his kidnapping, reminiscent of Aldo Moro before his murder.