
Policy Questions

The stakes in the Gen. Dozier case

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According to reports from my contacts in highly placed circles in Italy, the efforts to rescue the kidnapped General James Dozier have been stymied by a continuing State Department protective screen around guilty Freemasonic and Socialist Party circles in Italy.

At present daily reports are being issued from, aggregately, the President, Prime Minister, Parliament, and Justices of Italy, exposing, one after the other, the friends of the State Department's Michael Ledeen as directly implicated in control of international terrorism. Yet, neither the U.S. government nor U.S. news media either report or act appropriately on the basis of the official discoveries and revelations openly and massively published in the Italian news media.

General Dozier would almost certainly not have been kidnapped if the State Department had not acted last spring to attempt to cover up and neutralize the NDPC's widespread exposure of the Propaganda Due (P-2) Scottish Rite Freemasonic Lodge in Italy. Despite official proof of Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi's implication in circles coordinating international terrorism, Michael Ledeen's policy of U.S. backing for Craxi's political ambitions persisted. Now, Italian authorities have denounced Ledeen as linked to the same circles. But for a U.S. foreign-policy tilt toward support of the Socialist International, the conditions leading to the wave of attacks on U.S. military and diplomatic personnel could have been uprooted.

The Reagan administration has inherited this problem from the virtually pro-terrorist Carter administration and from the influence of such outright liars as Henry Kissinger and Robert Moss. But for Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti's part in the cover-up of Billygate, much of the terrorist infrastructure would have

been neutralized. Carter holdovers in the Justice Department and elsewhere are a major problem of the Reagan administration in this connection, as well as Carter's part in destroying capabilities of the CIA.

As a citizen, Michael Ledeen deserves a fair trial to seek acquittal from the charges of monstrous corruption placed against Ledeen by Italian authorities. What Ledeen cannot defend himself against is his public complicity in giving U.S. political support to forces in Italy allied with international terrorism, including the Socialist International's Bettino Craxi. However, Ledeen is only a very small part of the corruption within influential political circles.

The forces of international terrorism are a controlled instrument of policy of not only Meyer Lansky's long-standing associates, but also of very powerful rentier-financier circles centered in Venice and Switzerland, as well as Beirut, Cyprus and Sicily. Lausanne, Switzerland is the center of the most important safe-housing of terrorists within Europe itself. The NATO region within which General Dozier was kidnapped, is the protected heartland of terrorism in Italy. The forces behind terrorism are allied with Armand Hammer in Libya and Italy, and interface powerful financial interests in Houston, Texas, as well as New York City and the circles linked to Governor Brown in California. The combination of interests involved in this way inside the United States itself is so powerful in total that no President, since the assassination of John F. Kennedy, has shown the courage to oppose them directly.

It is fear of following policies which would offend relevant powerful circles which is the reason General Dozier was kidnapped, and also the reason the most-effective courses of action for attempting his rescue have not been set into motion.

It is irresponsible to hope that we might find exactly where General Dozier is being held. We might be lucky, but to gamble on the hope of receiving such information in time is playing roulette with many more lives than that of the general. The only effective course of action is to crush those circles we know to be responsible for international terrorism—to oblige them all to produce General Dozier alive and well, or else. I fear official Washington lacks the political guts to take that course of action. There are too many powerful figures in government and the major parties whose friends include circles linked to international terrorism.

I would hope, by this announcement, to contribute to shaming us all into taking effective action at last, to mobilize the majority of public opinion against any influential figure who attempts to prevent such an appropriate course of action. If my proposed course of action is not followed, I fear we are setting many more than General Dozier and Lt. Col. Ray up for targeting by the friends of Bettino Craxi.

A dossier on the investigations

by Vivian Freyre Zoakos, European Editor

1) The present head of Italian Military Intelligence, **General Nino Lugaresi**, has uncovered money transfers to **Michael Ledeen** prior to and during his assumption of the role of European adviser for Secretary of State **Alexander Haig**. Some details of this ongoing official investigation were published on January 11 by the newspaper *La Repubblica* and on January 18 by the magazine *L'Europeo*. According to these reports, General Lugaresi has uncovered the existence of a numbered bank account located probably in Switzerland and maintained by his predecessor, **General Santovito**.

General Santovito was forced to resign his post in the summer of 1981 when it was revealed that he was a prominent member of the Propaganda 2 Freemasonic lodge. The publication of the membership list of the Propaganda 2 secret lodge in May, 1981, forced the collapse of the Forlani government in power at the time; the lodge was declared illegal, and is currently under investigation by a special "Propaganda 2 Commission" of Parliament. Its members have been shown to be the top directors of the Italian drug and illegal arms trade as well as of terrorism.

General Lugaresi's investigation established that the cited bank account was used by his predecessor to transfer huge sums to his cousin and collaborator in the Propaganda 2 lodge, **Francesco Pazienza**. Pazienza is a member of the **Italian Socialist Party** for which he acts as liaison between the party and individuals outside the country.

Pazienza was in turn transferring part of this money to Michael Ledeen, the investigation has shown.

La Repubblica and *L'Europeo* note that Pazienza had been a close associate of Ledeen and Alexander Haig from at least the period in which Haig was at United Technologies prior to his appointment within the Reagan administration. It was Pazienza who organized the 1981 Washington trip of **Claudio Martelli**, the close associate and spokesman of the General Secretary of the Socialist Party, **Bettino Craxi**. In Washington, Martelli met extensively with Ledeen, giving an interview to the newspaper *La Stampa* upon his return to

announce that Ledeen, speaking in behalf of Alexander Haig, had promised State Department backing for Socialist leader Craxi to become the first Socialist prime minister of Italy. In the ensuing scandal, Ledeen was hastily forced to deny Martelli's report of the content of their discussion.

La Repubblica also reported, citing the official Italian Military Intelligence investigation, that the rest of the monies in the secret bank account from which Ledeen was being paid were being funneled to finance Craxi's rise to power.

2) The chief district attorney of Rome, **Judge Ferdinando Imposimato**, is coordinating a nationwide investigation into "black" and "red" terrorism that led, on January 20, to the arrest of three members of the kidnap team that on December 17 seized American **General James Dozier** in Verona. Judge Imposimato has also identified at least ten names of the estimated 18 individuals directly responsible for the kidnapping on behalf of the **Red Brigades** terrorist gang.

On Sunday, January 17, Judge Imposimato gave an interview to the Roman daily *Il Messaggero* outlining the conclusions to which his investigations had led him respecting the international control points of all Italian terrorism, both "black" (fascist) and "red" (communist), including the best-known gang among these—the Red Brigades—which kidnapped General Dozier. The interview provided the general outlines of an otherwise detailed report.

Imposimato reported that he had traced foreign control of Italian terrorism to the **Soviet KGB**, certain unspecified **Palestinian networks**, **Libya**, **Lebanon**, **Egyptians** ("belonging to the faction . . . responsible for the assassination of Sadat"), and **Israeli intelligence (the Mossad)**.

The common aim of these foreign intelligence networks, he said, was to "Lebanize" Italy by generating uncontrollable chaos. The outright terrorist side, he added, worked together with the illegal drug trade and arms trafficking, all three being operated by the same cited networks: "The militants of the international center (of terrorism) have been engaged for months in a massive effort to diffuse heroin in Italy on a vast scale. . . . On the one hand, they would obtain from this the effect of intoxicating our youth, to destroy an entire generation, and on the other they obtained from the drug trade large amounts of capital which they then invest in the acquisition of weapons" with which to arm the terrorists.

With respect to the Israeli Mossad involvement in this destabilization plan, Imposimato noted that, "Their plan was to reduce Italy to a country enmired in civil war, in order to then convince the United States of the need to rely more on Israel for the security of the Mediterranean." He added that the Italian security services "were unable to perceive this enormous danger.

The only ones to have perceived it immediately, and who continue to follow the developments (the chaos scenario) with great attention and intelligence, never doing anything to stop it but rather exploiting it for their own advantage, are the agents of the Israeli secret service."

One of Judge Imposimato's initial sources for the Israeli-terrorist connection was the testimony of jailed Red Brigades leader **Alfredo Bonavita**, who turned state's evidence following his arrest. The newspaper *Corriere della Sera* on January 18 reported some of the leads provided by Bonavita: "[Bonavita] spoke of . . . contacts with *Israeli secret service agents*. He said that they, in order to give themselves credibility, offered (the Red Brigades) useful information to track down traitors to the Red Brigades. It was the Israelis who provided the information as to the whereabouts of **Marco Pisetta** (who had attempted to leave the Brigades and testify against them) and the information was exact."

Another captured Red Brigades leader, **Roberto Sandalo**, in testifying as to the point of origin of weapons being illegally smuggled into the Italian terrorists, said that the weapons shipments, "come by sea. The point of departure is in Palestine, between Israel and Lebanon or, more precisely, the border between Israel and Lebanon."

Ouri Porat, official spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister **Menachem Begin**, responded to these charges on the following day with the expected denial.

3) In the course of his investigation, Judge Imposimato on January 9 arrested a group of ten terrorists, of whom the most important was **Giovanni Senzani**, the noted Florentine criminologist indicted in 1979 as one of the masterminds of the kidnapping and assassination of **Aldo Moro**, former Prime Minister of Italy and head of the Italian **Christian Democratic Party**. As part of the arrest, Imposimato found a large cache of weapons including numerous bazookas and ground-to-air rocket missiles. Following the questioning of those arrested and the examination of documents found, the judge announced that the Red Brigades under Senzani had been planning a spectacular terrorist act for January 22 at 1:00 p.m. At that time, the terrorist gang was to slaughter the entire leadership of the Christian Democracy as they met for the party National Council meeting. The massacre would have been viewed throughout Italy, since TV film crews would have been present to broadcast the meeting, Imposimato said.

This, together with the kidnapping of NATO General Dozier, would have thrown Italy immediately into instantaneous political chaos. Even the massacre of the entire Republican Party leadership in the United States would not constitute a disaster of equivalent proportion, since Italy lacks a second immediately viable mass-based ruling party.

Senzani, the mastermind of this plan under the

direction of the cited intelligence units, has been subsequently revealed widely in the Italian press to be the collaborator and friend of Italy's Defense Minister, the **Socialist Lelio Lagorio**. Their association reportedly dates from at least the period during the 1970s when Lagorio was the long-term President of the Tuscan region of Italy. Lagorio, who is well known in Italy as the unofficial head of the Zionist lobby and has been widely sympathetic in public to Libyan leader **Qaddafi**, has also been now charged with being a member of the Propaganda 2 Masonic lodge.

The nature of the links between the Propaganda 2 and the foreign intelligence networks coordinating international terrorism is currently being investigated by the "Propaganda 2 Commission" of Parliament.

Last week an official "Parliamentary interrogation" was submitted in Parliament formally demanding that Minister Lagorio answer to this charge. Lagorio denied it. It had already been revealed in May, 1981, when the Forlani government published a partial list of Propaganda 2 members, that Lagorio's private secretary was a member of the lodge.

4) Italian **Prime Minister Spadolini**, in a speech delivered on the same day that Judge Imposimato first publicized his investigative findings, said of the international control points of Italian terrorism that: "We know that the terrorist challenge is attempting to strike against our industrial system, our international alliances, our difficult equilibrium of social relations, and at the relations between the different political forces. This is why we are making every effort to know more about the links of terrorism at the international level, such that we may oppose and stop every destabilization plan. . . ."

5) **Pope John Paul II**, in a long address delivered on December 21, focused on the problem of international terrorism for its enormous threat to global peace. said, "It is my duty to raise my voice against the grave and still unresolved phenomenon of international terrorism which poses a permanent threat to the domestic and international peace of nations . . . The reasons behind these attacks defy reason," the Pope continued, "and grow from unknown roots which, however, can always be traced back to . . . the attempt to inject uncertainty and fear into international life."

On December 14, Pope John Paul during a visit from the Bishops of Sicily, addressed the problem again, this time targeting the **Mafia** which the Propaganda 2 networks were historically responsible for creating and which today functions as one of the subsidiary links between the Propaganda 2 and the terrorist Libyan regime. The Pope praised **Cardinal Pappalardo** for organizing in Palermo in November, 1981, a "day against the Mafia," and delivering a homily against organized crime. He ordered Catholics to actively assist the Church in fighting the illicit organization.