

## Editorial

# The siege of Switzerland

General James Dozier's freedom may bring about benefits even more important than the sweeping sense of relief that the brilliant efforts of the Italian authorities stirred throughout the civilized world. His kidnapers' trail, as Italian authorities have emphasized directly and through the Italian press, leads to the previously inviolable sanctuary for everything dirty in the world, the outlaw-state Switzerland.

*La Repubblica's* report Jan. 28 of a \$20 billion per annum flow of narcotics-related and other criminal revenues from Italy to Switzerland, with the complicity of all the major Swiss banks, should eliminate any doubt as to the character of that nation's banking system. And since the method of investigation long propounded by *EIR* succeeded in the Dozier case—cracking terror by cracking the narcotics traffic—what will come loose in this case is incomparably more than the handful of criminals' numbered accounts which the Swiss authorities have tossed, like bones, to foreign authorities in past years.

Dozier is alive because the Italian authorities began by putting pressure, including arrests and surveillance, on the rank of "citizens above suspicion" who have given political protection and material support to the Red Brigades, including personalities who figured in last spring's "Propaganda-2" scandal. These include the now-notorious Banco Ambrosiano, whose chairman Roberto Calvi was the de facto treasurer of the P-2 lodge, and whose Swiss manager is now assisting the Roman magistrates with their inquiries, from the vantage-point of a Rome slammer. Using a computer list of 50,000 names, the *Guardia di Finanza*, Italy's financial police, are scrutinizing Italians involved in illegal capital movements to Switzerland.

This is not merely another tax-evasion round-up, nor even simply a major drug case. Switzerland, created as a modern nation by the Venetian Count Capodistria at the Congress of Vienna in 1815 for precisely such purposes, is the command center for all of international terrorism. It contains the headquarters of the European branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, implicated in heroin trafficking from the Mideast to

the United States; the headquarters of the terrorist-support group World Council of Churches; training camps and safe-houses for environmentalist and "left" wing" terrorists of the Baader-Meinhof variety; and the arms and money-laundering facilities which make the whole operation run as smoothly as the proverbial Swiss watch. This present status merely extends the mountain-enclave's role as a refuge for European anarchist terrorism during the 19th century, including the residence of Mikhail Bakunin and his band of assassins.

Switzerland's existence as a political entity owes everything to the city of Genoa's need for a northern base on the trade routes to the Rhine, and later to its need to move its capital base to safety out of the way of invaders. Bank Leu, whose manager is now in jail in Italy on flight-capital charges, was founded as the first Zürich bank immediately after Austrian troops demanded an £8 million payment for not levelling Genoa in 1749, and the entire run of Geneva banks appeared like mushrooms immediately before Napoleon marched through Genoa in 1797. It is not a country but a Genoese-Venetian façade, an armored safety deposit box protected by geography and the most fanatical militarism in the world (with the possible exception of Israel); the entire adult male citizenry is permanently under arms.

The proof that this is true is the simple fact that General Dozier is alive, since the Italian counterterror authorities premised their entire investigation on neutralizing the Swiss level of control over their domestic gangs of thugs. Why the United States has not already done such things as Italy could do, the Defense Department's Mr. Fred Iklé—from the family that until recently chaired the Swiss National Bank—or Mr. Thomas Puccio of the Justice Department's Abscam Gestapo could answer in great detail. What the Italians have demonstrated to us is that it is finally time to have done with a country whose banks sap our currency through international flight capital, while its Bank for International Settlements seeks to dictate austerity to us.