

tacked the tanks as they were filing into Lebanon from three different points, but not one MIG did it. Assad only wanted to make a minimal show in order to be paid by the Arabs. . . .

EIR: The Italian press has reported that the Vatican has a proposal to preserve the national integrity of Lebanon. Do you know more about this?

Edde: No, I don't know anything about it.

EIR: They also referred to you as the presidential candidate of the Vatican.

Edde: As early as March 1982, journalists came here to ask me if I were a candidate. I just want to make one point clear. One does not present one's candidacy. It is the parliament that elects you. By the way, the Lebanese constitution is modeled on the French constitution of the Third Republic. Therefore, I can be elected President even while I am here.

So, as early as March 1982, I issued a declaration stating the three preconditions under which I would accept a candidacy in the next presidential elections: 1) withdrawal of Israeli forces from the entire south of Lebanon and application of the 1949 Lebanese-Israeli armistice convention; 2) withdrawal of Syrian forces from the entire territory of Lebanon; 3) replacement of the Syrian army by a multinational force. I would like to emphasize that it should be *multinational* and not *international*. It should be Arab or European or Euro-Arab, with no Syrian forces of any kind in it. . . .

Lebanon has turned into a football field worked over by both sides. The absurdity is that people applaud whichever side is winning or losing, and no one speaks of Lebanon any more. The chief of state of Lebanon, who was elected under conditions everyone knows, did not open his mouth to protest against the Israeli invasion. The Foreign Affairs Minister did not protest either. No one protested because they were afraid of being killed. . . .

The Russians are very good chess-players. They are letting things run their course. . . .

EIR: It was the Italian Communist paper *L'Unità* that covered you as the candidate of the Vatican. . . .

Edde: That is nice. Doesn't the Vatican have its own press? Why did they address *Unità*? Why don't they print it in their own press? Was the Communist coverage favorable? After all, I am an original candidate. I don't swallow everything. Even President Reagan [made campaign promises]; I impose conditions. I don't want to become President just for the pleasure of it; my father was one. I know how it starts and how it ends in Lebanon. I will accept it only when I know that I will have the means to save the unity of the country and the country's sovereignty.

ITALY

POE: London behind Roberto Calvi case

by Umberto Pascali

On July 7 a brief was filed with a court in Milan, Italy that threatens to blow wide open the control of international terrorism, drug running, and other criminal operations by the British royal family—as *EIR* has contended for years. Fiorella Operto, Secretary-General of Italy's European Labor Party (POE), filed the legal brief documenting the probable role of the British Freemasonry, led by royal family members, in the recent shocking death of Roberto Calvi, head of the Banco Ambrosiano and member of the Italian lodge "Propaganda-2." Calvi's body was found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London on June 18.

Since the middle 1970s, the POE—collaborators of *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche—has established itself as a special kind of authority on terrorism in Italy. In a series of dossiers and legal briefs, the party of Fiorella Operto exposed and demanded the dismantling of the *command center* of terrorism. The POE's method of "striking at the head of the beast" contributed to the success of Italian authorities in tracking down the P-2 lodge as the source of repeated massacres and attempted coups, and in such anti-terror operations as the Jan. 24 rescue of Gen. James Lee Dozier.

Since Calvi's death, the British Royal Family, government, and press have attempted to cover up what is now emerging in the major Italian press: evidence that Calvi was murdered to prevent him from revealing the central role of the Grand Mother Lodge of London (led by the Queen's cousin, the Duke of Kent) and the City of London in running political and financial operations to control and destroy national governments.

The Milan daily *Il Giorno* reported July 11 that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met with Italian Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni while in Rome the week of July 5 to discuss the Calvi case, and that Rognoni had told Thatcher he wanted London to stop attempting to thwart the Italian investigation of the case.

Corriere della Sera, a Milan paper, stated July 13 that "certain interests" want to shift the blame in the Calvi case from the role of the Grand Masonic Lodge and the City of London onto Italian institutions. Italian author-



Fiorella Operto (right)

ities have been requesting the aid of British authorities in investigating the London role for the past month. This shift of responsibility was intended, the paper stated, to use the Calvi affair to weaken the Italian government, just as the first explosion of the Propaganda-2 scandal brought down the Forlani government in May 1981.

In response to the building exposure of the case, Milan Judge Dell'Osso has issued warrants for suspects in the death of Calvi's secretary, originally ruled a suicide, who "fell" out a window at the same time Calvi died in London.

In London, the Duke of Kent's Grand Mother Lodge is not indifferent to the efforts to bring the investigation home there. Sources report that at the last meeting of the Lodge, several prominent members did not attend, and the Duke ran a "blitz investigation" of his lodge which concluded that Calvi and the P-2 had no connections to London. Yet Italian magistrates have in hand confessions by Calvi which confirm that connection.

Fiorella Operto has stressed to journalists that an attempt may be underway to interfere with the actions of the court, as has been done when the POE has presented previously suppressed, but irrefutable testimony to the courts in the past. In 1977, she filed a brief on Prof. Francesco Alberoni, the suspected creator of the terrorist Red Brigades, which detailed the responsibility of leaders of the Italian Socialist Party in that operation. The presiding magistrate in the case, Emilio Alessandrini, who was also investigating money flows at the Ambrosiano Bank, was subsequently killed by terrorists.

The day after Operto filed the POE Calvi brief, the Milan court, known for its determined investigations into P-2, had its chief attorney suspended. The General Attorney retired at the same time, and the magistrates were unable to take their places in the court.

The following is an interview conducted with POE Secretary-General Fiorella Operto by EIR Wiesbaden correspondent Umberto Pascali, after she submitted a legal brief concerning the death of banker Roberto Calvi to the Milan court July 7.

EIR: Your brief requests an urgent investigation of the United Grand Lodge of the Duke of Kent in connection with the violent death in London of Roberto Calvi. What is your aim?

Operto: I presented the brief because, although the Italian authorities have done a splendid job against the Mafia, terrorism, and drug trafficking, the command center that is conducting the destabilization against Italy and other nations, has yet to be exposed and dismantled. With the Calvi case, this problem of not hitting at the center of the operations became even more apparent.

As we have documented in the brief, what emerged is that this center must be in London. But if you look at the British press, or you ask some of the British authorities involved in the investigation, or follow the coverage of the larger portion of the international media linked to London, you see that the word London is scarcely mentioned, and of course the name of the United Grand Lodge does not even appear. On July 7, Prime Minister Thatcher was sent to Italy to discuss how to deal with this scandal. One of my collaborators, Leonardo Servadio [EIR's Rome Bureau Chief], asked Mrs. Thatcher at her press conference if that were why she was here. The British journalists could not control themselves when the Duke of Kent was mentioned. For them, the British Royal Family is untouchable, no matter what crimes it may be involved in.

Thatcher lied when she said she was not going to discuss Calvi. Even the July 11 London *Observer* was forced to admit that Thatcher had lied in substance in answering Servadio, who used the contents of our brief. The *Observer* recognized that "the highest political levels are pressuring for a verdict of suicide and to close the Calvi file," and in fact that Scotland Yard is following instructions closely. One month after the body of Calvi was found, they still refuse to give any serious investigative material to the Italian authorities. Many magistrates and police officers here are saying openly that London is covering for unnameable conspiracies.

EIR: What do you think London's plan is?

Operto: You can track directly to London the command chain of the Mafia and the most important operations carried out, politically and financially, against the nation of Italy. At this point, it is very well known, for example, what Winston Churchill did to ensure that Mussolini came to power in Italy. It is also known that the "antifascist" Churchill remained in contact with Mussolini until the last moments of the *Duce's* life. Mussolini was killed in the way he was in order to cover for the disappearance of explosive documents incriminating Churchill and others in London, which Mussolini was carrying with him. The story of the Mussolini bag looks, in a certain sense, like the one of the Calvi bag. The "super-efficient" Scotland Yard have not yet been able to find what Calvi

was carrying with him, and now they are saying that no bag existed.

EIR: You are accusing the Duke of Kent of direct involvement in the case.

Operto: Yes, we believe that it is finally time to investigate this gentleman. British Masonry, besides the kooky, macabre elements (which seem very attractive to the British oligarchy), is a political instrument. It is a gigantic network reaching into almost every country, and it is used to force certain policies on those countries. The Duke of Kent was, and very likely still is, the protector of Licio Gelli and the real controller of P-2, the organization that tried for more than 10 years to subvert the Italian republic. Was Edward of Kent ever investigated? No. Why not? It is time this impunity is dropped. The Grand Lodge of Kent, and you should note that it is known as the Grand Mother, controls the City of London, which means very large portions of the international financial system. Italian police know that the City is the international center for laundering dirty money. . . .

EIR: Why do you think these oligarchic centers in London are trying to hard to dismantle Italy?

Operto: This is, from their standpoint, a “geopolitical” question, centering on the historical importance of the Mediterranean. But the primary reason is the presence of the Vatican in Italy.

The British oligarchy considers the Vatican the institution it must destroy. It is their most important enemy, because of the pro-development policy of the Catholic Church.

If you read the British press, you see that in the Calvi case, they refrained from asking whom Calvi met with in London. They concentrated on the Vatican. The way in which the question of the Ambrosiano bank was handled was: how can we provoke a financial bankruptcy of the Vatican? This has nothing to do with the head of the IOR [Institute of Religious Works, the Vatican bank], Msgr. Paul Marcinkus, and his several financial operations, but it has a great deal to do with the financial reorganization that John Paul II is determined to carry out inside the Vatican. The British want to prevent this reorganization. And this has even more to do with the determination of the Pope to establish the concrete basis of a new world economic order: not the one sponsored by [Club of Rome founder] Aurelio Peccei, and the various cannibals at Sussex University, but a plan to restart the real economy in the developed and developing sector. This is the supreme threat to the British oligarchy. This is why the campaign on the “Vatican financial scandal” was accompanied by an even more vicious threat against the Pope personally and politically. We have to ask if this is a campaign that precedes an even more serious threat to the Pope’s life.

Many have said that the manner in which Calvi was killed was a Masonic warning, a warning against those who are abandoning the “protection” of the Grand Mother Lodge, a bloody warning to attempt to save a monstrous financial system of usury that is now threatening the very existence of civilization.

Documentation

‘Urgent to investigate the Grand Mother Lodge’

Excerpts from and paraphrases of sections of the brief filed by the Partito Operaio Europeo (POE) in Milan on July 7 follow. Such a brief, termed an esposto, is a legal document which, under Italian law, can be presented to the courts by any citizen who may in this manner further justice. It does not constitute formal charges, but can lead to opening investigations as to whether any crime has been committed.

“Fiorella Operto, as General-Secretary of the POE, brings to the attention of the Milan attorney some facts related to the inquiry on the escape and violent death of banker Roberto Calvi, in order to show the role that British Masonry and, in particular, the leaders of the United Grand Lodge, alias Grand Mother Lodge of London, had in the violent death of the banker and in the destabilization of the institutions of the Italian republic. . . .

“The investigations into the Italian Masonic Lodge Propaganda-2 can and must be analyzed in the context of these new facts, through which it may be possible to hypothesize that the leaders of the P-2 were operating against the institutions of the republic, at an international level through evident links with foreign Masonic organizations, [and] above all that P-2 is a direct outlet of the London Lodge. . . .

“1) Although many newspapers, magazines, and media have explicitly reported the thesis that banker Roberto Calvi had been killed following orders of the Grand Mother Lodge of London, until now no investigations have been initiated in this direction.

“Banker Roberto Calvi confessed last year to Milan Judge Guido Viola that he was a member of the London Masonic lodge. ‘I am a member of the Grand Mother Lodge,’ Calvi declared, ‘because Gelli [the Venerable Master of P-2] and [Umberto] Ortolani [who P-2 associates boast “owns Uruguay” through his BAFISUD bank there] convinced me to become one. On the other side, if I had disobeyed the orders of the Lodge, I couldn’t have conducted business in the City of London.’ Although Calvi was a member of the Lodge, he was also terrorized by it. When some members of the Parliamentary Com-

mittee of Investigation on P-2 asked him explicitly to reveal the name of the lodge of which he was a member, Calvi answered, 'I cannot say anything because it is forbidden to me. I have received death threats for years. I don't want to end up dead.'

"From these declarations one can assume that Calvi was aware of: a) the willingness and capability of the London Lodge to kill him; b) the fact that he could be personally threatened by death by such a Lodge; c) the fact that such a Lodge had strong control over the banking and other activities of the most important British financial center. . . .

"3) From what appears to us, until now there has been no deep investigation of the contacts between the leaders of P-2, Licio Gelli and Umberto Ortolani, and the leadership of the London Lodge. According to what has been reported by many media and books, the career of Gelli was pushed by the Grand Master of the Scottish Rite [and head of the London Lodge] the Duke of Kent, cousin of the Queen of England. Gelli and Kent would be linked by personal friendship. . . .

"High-level leaders of Italian Masonry, during the P-2 scandal, revealed that the then-Grand Master of Italian Masonry, Lino Salvini, justified the rapid rise of Gelli . . . and even drastic changes in the 'Masonic rules' in order to promote Gelli among the other Masonic leaders, with the fact that support for the head of P-2 was the only way to get the recognition of the Grand Lodge of London. Several witnesses interrogated by the Parliamentary Committee on P-2 declared that Gelli told them several times that 'behind P-2 is the financial power of the British crown and the Dutch crown.'

"4) Many newspapers connected the escape and violent death of Calvi to the existence in the City of London of an illegal international center specializing in laundering dirty money.

"Italian police, in the context of the investigations of Calvi's death, asked the British police to confirm the existence of such a center, which would be the direct continuation of the so-called instant banks of Mafia boss Pierluigi Torri. . . . Such banks were also linked to the head of U.S. organized crime, Meyer Lansky. Torri's money was then used, as police have discovered, to finance terrorism all over Europe. Torri's banks were frequented regularly by the brother of terrorist Pierluigi Concutelli, the head of Ordine Nuovo who killed Rome Judge Vittorio Occorsio in an ambush in 1976, the same day on which Occorsio had obtained conclusive evidence on the huge flow of money passing through the hands of Licio Gelli."

The brief goes into detail about a group of Mafiosi and criminals, for example Danilo Abruciati, a known Rome-based gangster, who tried two months ago to kill the Vice-President of the Ambrosiano, Roberto Rosone. Abruciati was an accomplice of Torri in London and

specialized in drug traffic in Rome. He was part of the so-called Clan of Marseilles, which included several criminals from the French city and involved in the "French Connection" drug traffic. This gang was responsible for several kidnappings in the Italian capital and has been identified as "Kidnapping, Inc." The real head of the gang was a high-level leader of P-2 and personal friend of Gelli, Gianantonio Minghelli, who used to take care of the financial aspects of the operation: the recycling of money from the kidnappings. The brief also establishes factual links between the gang and the Mafia families Gambiono, Spatola, and Zerillo.

The brief also repeated the story that appeared in an Italian paper and was confirmed by other sources in Rome, about the secret Masonic Lodge, the "Blackfriars" of Edinburgh. The Lodge is known by insiders as the "British P-2." It is likely Calvi may have decided to leave for South America and for this would have asked the aid of the Blackfriars, realizing too late that they wanted to kill him. According to some sources, the Blackfriars are the executors of the death sentences handed down by what one source called "the secret council of the Queen."

republic of Venice, where the Council of Ten decided secretly to condemn to death persons considered "dangerous." The sentences were executed by killers with black hoods and could be arranged as open assassination, suicides, or accidents. The brief continues:

"On the basis of such material and other material the POE will supply, it can be hypothesized that the following crimes were committed by the leaders of the Grand Mother Lodge: 1) Political conspiracy through association, Article 305 of the Penal Code; 2) attempts against the constitutional bodies, Article 289; 3) political and military espionage, Article 257; 4) substitution of money and valuables from robberies and kidnappings, Article 648; and 5) criminal association further aggravated.

"In addition, on the basis of Article 7 of the Penal Code [that Italian and foreign citizens must be pursued, even if the above-mentioned crimes are committed abroad] Italian justice has a full right to operate. . . .

"The POE requests the opening of a legal proceeding on the deeds of the United Grand Lodge of London. . . . The POE believes that the Grand Mother Lodge, through secret organizations like P-2 and the financial control of certain important banks such as the Ambrosiano, did operate against the republic's institutions. Such a lodge appears to be the center of the recycling of funds from the drug traffic in our country and to have financed terrorism. It is clear that investigations into such a nexus of 'unnameable' interests, reaching to the British Royal Family, presents difficulties. But, given that the Grand Lodge of London appears to be the top center of financial, political, and terrorist destabilizations of Italy, we demand you proceed with the utmost urgency."