

International Intelligence

Was Gelli arrested to 'finish' P-2 probe?

Licio Gelli, the head of the secret Propaganda-2 (P-2) Freemasonic lodge, was arrested in Switzerland Sept. 13 in the company of an unnamed second person. He had been a fugitive from Italy, where he is wanted on charges of espionage and illegal money dealings, since June 1981. P-2's role in international terrorism and drug running first surfaced one week after the first assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II.

The possible cause of the arrest, which was made on the minor charge of carrying a forged passport, was indicated by sources which are very interested in laying the P-2 scandal to rest. According to one, the arrest and trial of Gelli will provide the opportunity to "finally clear everyone," even Henry Kissinger.

More heat on 'Hyperion' terrorists

More pressure on the issue of terrorism came to bear against the government of French President François Mitterrand when the European Labor Party (POE) led a Sept. 10 demonstration in the center of Paris demanding the shut-down of the so-called Hyperion Language Institute. The Hyperion school has been repeatedly denounced by Italian authorities as a center of international terrorist deployments.

The POE's secretary-general, Jacques Cheminade, is a candidate for mayor of Paris in next spring's elections.

The demonstrators carried signs reading, "Mr. Prouteau [head of Mitterrand's anti-terrorism task force], the real terrorists are at 27 Quai de la Tourmelles," address of the school; and, "Badinter and Debray must go." Badinter is the current Justice Minister, whom the POE charges has links to terrorist circles himself; Régis Debray is Mitterrand's foreign policy adviser, and was once a "leftist guerrilla" in the jungles of Bolivia—with such connections still maintained.

The French government has repeatedly ignored requests for investigation of the Hy-

perion Institute. On Sept. 16, Oreste Scalzone, wanted in Italy in connection with the 1978 kidnap-murder of Aldo Moro, was released by French authorities. His arrest had come only two weeks earlier, the outcome of a joint Italian-French police operation.

On Sept. 13, the daily *Le Monde* attacked the POE and insisted that there was "no evidence" implicating the school in terrorism. The arrest of the school's three founders by Italian police last February was a "tragic mistake," according to *Le Monde*.

Execution of Ghotbzadeh a turning point for Iran

After weeks of delay, the Ayatollah Khomeini's government ordered and carried out the execution of former foreign minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh the night of Sept. 15, on charges that he conspired to overthrow Khomeini. The execution marks a consolidation of political power in the hands of hard-line mullahs who advocate the spread of Iran's fascist revolution throughout the Islamic world.

These mullahs had become increasingly prominent over the past month. The Iranian press threatened the world with the announcement that Iran is now capable of blocking the flow of oil through the Persian Gulf whenever it desires. Ayatollah Khomeini, who led the taking of American hostages, is now in Mecca conducting rallies of Muslim pilgrims demanding that Saudi Arabia break off all ties to the United States.

New peace initiative for Central America

Consolidating a new policy unity between Mexico and Venezuela, Presidents López Portillo and Herrera Campins have sent joint letters to President Reagan, Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua and President Robert Suazo Cordoba of Honduras to propose a negotiated solution to the state of near war between Honduras and Nicaragua, Mexican Foreign Ministry officials announced Sept. 16. "Ways that remain open to halt the current worrying escalation, increase of tension, and

dangerous expectations as to the outcome of the crisis," must be explored to end the "deterioration" of the situation, the three letters stated.

The Washington ambassadors of Mexico and Venezuela presented Secretary of State Shultz with the letter to Reagan yesterday morning. Mexican Foreign Ministry spokesmen stated that the Presidents will await his responses to the letter before offering their own concrete suggestions for peace, but are "implicitly" offering their good offices to mediate a solution.

The Honduras-Nicaragua dispute, fed by steady armed raids into Nicaragua by paramilitary units based in camps along the Honduran border which are being covertly armed by American intelligence, is one of the levers of the British effort to further destabilize the region. The *New York Times* was fit to be tied at the fact that the Venezuelan government, once Haig's strong ally, has now joined Mexico in proposing a solution.

Pakistan verging on violent upheaval

The Sept. 13 assassination of Zahoor Hasan Bhopali, a leading member of dictator Zia ul-Haq's Federal Advisory Council, has worsened the tense political situation in Pakistan. Bhopali was the third council member to meet a violent death in recent months.

Incidents of violence have swept all parts of the country. Three prominent right-wing leaders have recently received written threats of assassination from unidentified sources. In mid-September, there was an attempt to blow up the home of the Federal Advisory Council's chairman in Zialkot. Suspicious fires have been set in Lahore, and several incidents of looting and killing have been reported from Karachi.

According to one Pakistani news-daily, university campuses have become arsenals and ammunition depots controlled by fanatical Muslim student groups.

One of the three right-wing leaders receiving a death threat, Interior Minister Mahmood A. Haroon, told a meeting in Lahore: "The country is passing through a very critical situation and anything may happen anytime."

Swedish press censors opposition to Palme

Swedish national elections occur Sept. 19 under a cloud of press censorship and scandal. Media have refused to permit publication of damaging material against former Prime Minister and Socialist International figure Olof Palme.

Leading the opposition to Palme is candidate Kerstin Tegin of the small but influential European Labor Party. When Palme slandered Tegin as a fascist, she challenged him face to face on national television last April 14, to debate her on "what fascism is, and whether it is you or I who is a fascist." Swedish TV, state controlled and accepting no advertising, has blacked-out her campaign ever since.

Now, the national press, receiving an ad from a national trade union federation (LO) group, ran the ad Sept. 10, but deleted three paragraphs containing the most damaging material against Palme. "One of Palme's 'professors' [advisers-ed.] was convicted of drug crimes last fall. Others in his circle have had contact with underworld figures," a deleted paragraph read in part.

EIR holds Mexico seminars on two continents

Executive Intelligence Review's expertise regarding the significance of Mexico's Sept. 1 nationalization of its banking system was called upon for a series of seminars in New York and Western European capitals in mid-September. In New York, 43 representatives of corporations and diplomatic missions attended on three days' notice.

EIR's Fernando Quijano described the Mexican measures in detail, and pointed to the likelihood that other Latin American nations will take similar or even more far reaching actions in coming months. "The world as it existed prior to Sept. 1, 1982 is completely finished. An entirely new set of rules and factors are now governing the world political process," he said. Both U.S. and European press have systematically distorted the nature of Mexico's actions, partly out of wishful thinking, partly to hide the impli-

cations of Mexico's evident determination to resist all "conditionalities" the IMF might attempt to impose.

It is increasingly likely, said Quijano, that Mexico will be joined by other Ibero-American nations to form a common market of the sort specified by EIR founder Lyndon LaRouche.

David Goldman, EIR's Economics Editor, who had just returned from the Toronto IMF meeting, reported that many developing countries were desperately seeking some kind of deal with the IMF to relieve the tremendous financial pressures they are experiencing, but the IMF "held out absolutely no deals; the message was remarkably simple—submit your populations to genocide so the debt can be paid."

In Bonn, West Germany Sept. 14, diplomats from Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Bolivia, India, Nigeria, Canada, and Japan heard reports from EIR's Dolia Estévez-Petingell, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and Lyndon LaRouche, who called on the assembled diplomats to scuttle the "British system" and return to the American System of economy, made known in Germany by Friedrich List. Similar EIR seminars took place in Rome, Milan, and Stockholm.

Mrs. Gandhi begins visit to Soviet Union

Indira Gandhi begins a seven-day visit to the Soviet Union Sept. 20. This past summer, the Indian Prime Minister visited the United States for talks with President Reagan. Because the seventh summit of Non-Aligned Nations will be held in New Delhi this winter, and Mrs. Gandhi will therefore chair the Non-Aligned Movement for the next three years, her trip to the Soviet Union is considered extremely important.

It is expected that she will focus talks with President Brezhnev and other Soviet leaders on the importance of international economic stability. A two-day meeting of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation was held in Moscow Sept. 15-16, led by Indian Foreign Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao and Soviet Deputy Premier Arkhipov, co-chairmen of the Joint Commission.

● **CAMBODIA**, devastated by the 1974-78 genocide of Pol Pot who closed all schools, is conducting a campaign against illiteracy, say reports from Phnom Penh. A primary school course has been passed by 82,640 previously illiterate persons, with 482,600 more enrolled in literacy courses. 3,500 new classrooms have been opened to accommodate higher education needs.

● **FRANCE** is reportedly landing a Mirage-2000 jet sale to China worth several billion francs, involving both deliver of goods and know-how. China also purchased radar, anti-tank and anti-aircraft weaponry on the same shopping tour.

● **MARGARET THATCHER** began an Asian tour Sept. 16. She will spend five days in Japan, and proceed to Peking for four days, her first formal visit to that country. Thatcher will also visit the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, and reportedly India as well.

● **SUN MYUNG MOON** of the so-called Unification Church and figures of its unofficial parent body, the World Anti-Communist League (WACL), will hold a "Fifth World Media Conference" in Seoul, South Korea Oct. 4-8. Speakers will include WACL leaders Douglas MacArthur III, Juanita Castro (Fidel's disaffected sister), and Gen. John K. Singlaub (Ret.), addressing such topics as "the manipulative effect of terrorism on the media," and "the moral implications of nuclear energy." In a tasteless display of black (oligarch) humor, last year's event featured "the relation of U.S. media to the political stability of El Salvador." WACL is the main force behind the "right-wing" assassination teams, which along with their "left" guerrilla counterparts, have served to perpetuate genocidal warfare throughout Central and South America.