

Return of the monarchs: the politics of a New Dark Age

by Scott Thompson

Ruling houses



1. *Great Britain*: House of Guelf; also, House of Wettin (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) known as Windsor. Head of the House, H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, also Queen of Canada and Australia, Sovereign of the ten Commonwealth countries. All members of the Royal Family play roles in governing oligarchic institutions. Edward, the Duke of Kent, runs the "Grand Mother Lodge" of British Masonry which

ordered the execution of Roberto Calvi, head of the Ambrosiano Bank, as part of a war for hegemony between Scottish and York Rites against Grand Orient Masonry. His cousin, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, heads the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John, which controls those bankers and organized crime figures who run every aspect from production to dirty money laundering for the \$200 billion international narcotics cartel—one of the secret sources of the British Royal Family's wealth.



2. *Belgium*: House of Wettin. Head of House, H.M. King Baudouin I of the Belgians. Family wealth is partially based upon the mammoth Société Generale de Belgique—a joint property of King Baudouin I and the Belgian Hapsburgs—which owns raw materials subsidiaries in Zaire and other Third World countries, as well as upon Petrofina, a joint property of the King and the Belgian Rothschilds.



3. *Netherlands*: House of Orange-Nassau. Head of the House, H.M. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. The family has a vast fortune as co-owners of Royal Dutch Shell, Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM), and other multinationals. Queen Beatrix's father, Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Beisterfeld, was a member of the Nazi SS in Germany, and he later became a foreign agent of the infamous I.G. Farbenindustrie which designed the Nazi slave labor camps. Prince

Bernhard founded the Bilderberg Society and the even more important European Foundation of Culture which helped to found the genocidal Club of Rome.



4. *Denmark*: House of Oldenburg. Head of House, H.M. Margrethe II of Denmark. The Danish oligarchy is split between a pro-British wing and a pro-German wing identified with the Schleswig-Holstein family. Margrethe was trained in archeology at Cambridge and in sociology at the London School of Economics, and is a patron of Christiana—a counterculture youth experiment and center for drug traffic.



5. *Norway*: House of Oldenburg. Head of House, H.M. King Olav V of Norway. King Olav has numerous connections to Great Britain where he trained at the University of Edinburgh. His House, an elected Monarchy, was established in 1905 when Prince Carl, the second son of the Danish King Crown Prince married Princess Maud, daughter of the Prince of Wales, the future King Edward VII.



6. *Sweden*: House of Bernadotte. Head of House, H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. Though heavily British-influenced, the Swedish oligarchy remains fiercely independent in military affairs, encouraging heavy industry until the last decade.

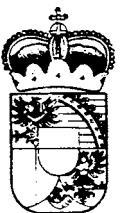


7. *Spain*: House of Bourbon. Head of the House, H.M. King Juan Carlos I. The only Royal House to be returned to power since World War II, King Juan Carlos acceded through a joint agreement of Franco and Opus Dei. Strongly opposed to British hegemony on the continent, King Juan Carlos is now threatened by the British-dominated Socialist International, whose Spanish head, Felipe González, was recently elected Prime Minister.



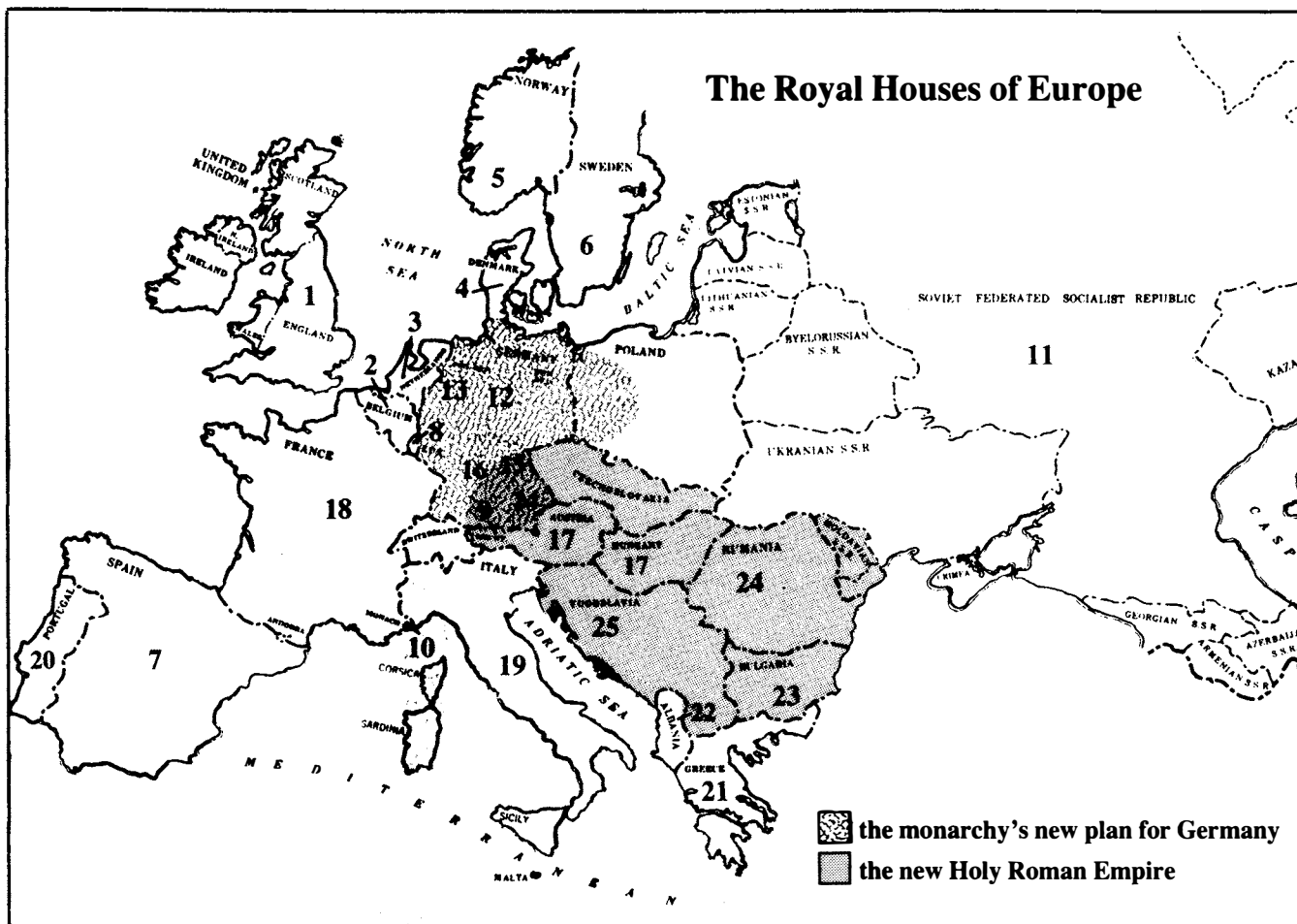
8. *Luxembourg*: House of Nassau. Head of House, H.R.H. Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg. Luxembourg today functions as an offshore banking and money-laundering facility on the continent.

With the succession of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, the grandmother of Queen Beatrix, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg passed to the senior branch of the House of Nassau, then headed by Adolphe, Duke of Nassau.



9. *Liechtenstein*: House of Liechtenstein. Head of the House, H.S.H. Prince Franz Joseph II of Liechtenstein. The country was formed in 1712 when Austrian Prince Johann Adam of Liechtenstein bought two fiefs of the Holy Roman Empire. Today, the country is a notorious offshore facility with more registered banks and corporate shells than residents.

The Royal Houses of Europe



10. *Monaco*: House of Grimaldi. Head of House, H.S.H. Prince Rainier III of Monaco. His wife, Princess Grace, is believed to have been murdered as part of an effort to consolidate offshore flight capital, dirty money laundering, and similar functions on the continent.

Houses in exile or no longer ruling



11. *Russia*: House of Romanoff. Head of House disputed between the children or grandchildren of Czar Nicholas II and Grand Duke Vladimir who is supported by the British. The latter's father, Grand Duke Cyril, a first cousin to Czar Nicholas II, worked with Henri Dieterding of Royal Dutch Shell, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and the Wittelsbach's Thule Society to create a White Russian-Bavarian Nazi Party alliance involving Alfred Rosenberg.



12. *Germany*: House of Hohenzollern. Head of the House, H.I.R.H. Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia. The family is involved in complicated restoration efforts that include the British to whose Royal Family Prince Louis Ferdinand is closely related, the Wittelsbach of Bavaria and their advisers, and the Soviets.



13. *Hanover*: House of Guelf. Head of the House, H.R.H. Prince Ernst August of Hanover would be King of Great Britain according to Salic Law of inheritance through the male line. Prince Ernst August is a former SS officer and a member of Hapsburg's PanEuropa (PEU), whose members form the core of his Welfenbund. One son joined the Poon cult, dying in an accident at their camp.



14. *Bavaria*: House of Wittelsbach. Head of the House, H.R.H. Duke Albrecht of Bavaria. Advised by the Thurn und Taxis, Hohenloe, and other mediated princes of the Holy Roman Empire, the Wittelsbachs were instrumental in creating the Bavarian Nazi Party and are part of the "New Hitler" project. The Wittelsbach are heirs of the Stuart claim to the British throne.



15. *Saxony*: House of Wettin. Head of the House, H.R.H. Prince Maria Emanuel, Margrave of Meissen. Closely linked to the British Royal Family through Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, the House of Wettin has founded many other dynasties, such as that of Belgium, Bulgaria, and elsewhere.



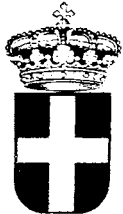
16. *Württemberg*: House of Württemberg. Head of House H.R.H. Duke Carl of Württemberg. Württemberg may join Bavaria in a restored Holy Roman Empire. Some believe that Mayor Rommel of Stuttgart, who was schooled in Britain while his father fought the Allies in North Africa, would make an ideal new Hitler candidate. Rommel has turned Stuttgart into a center for Greens, counterculture, and cults like the Anthroposophists.



17. *Austria and Hungary*: House of Habsburg-Lorraine. Head of House, H.I.H. Archduke Otto of Austria. Otto von Habsburg is now the frontman for restoration efforts by agreement of the "northern" and "southern" tiers of the oligarchy, and is advised by the mediatised princes of the Holy Roman Empire.



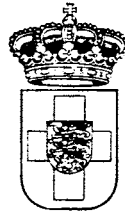
18. *France*: Disputed between the House of Bourbon and the House of Bonaparte. H.R.H. The Count of Paris, head of the Bourbon pretenders, is descended from the notorious Duc d'Orleans, a ring-leader with the British of the Masonic-linked Jacobins of the French Revolution. H.I.H. Prince Louis Napoleon is head of the Imperial House of Bonaparte.



19. *Italy*: House of Savoy. Head of the House, H.M. King Umberto II who ruled for a month before being deposed by plebiscite in 1947. His heir, Prince Victor Emanuel, is a notorious gunrunner and member of Licio Gelli's P-2 Masonic Lodge, which staged repeated coup attempts on the Savoys behalf and is a coordinating center for narcotics and "Red" and "Black" terrorism.



20. *Portugal*: House of Braganca. Head of the House, H.R.H. The Duke of Braganca. The family is involved in the "blackest" wing of the Catholic Church that is implicated in the last attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II, and through its Brazilian branch and Tradition, Family, and Property has steered that country to oppose a New World Economic Order to arrest Third World genocide.



21. *Greece*: House of Oldenburg. Head of House, H.M. King Constantine II of the Hellenes, who is closely related to the Royal Houses of Denmark and of Great Britain who act as the family's controllers. King Constantine was deposed in 1973 following earlier quarrels with the "Colonels" whose 1967 coup he had promoted.



22. *Albania*: House of Zogu. Head of the House, H.M. King Leka I of Bulgaria. In their restoration efforts, both King Leka and his father have been catspaws of Anglo-Soviet networks associated with KGB Gen. H. "Kim" Philby. An invasion a few months ago failed.



23. *Bulgaria*: House of Wettin. Head of the House, H. M. King Simeon II of the Bulgarians. Dynasty formed by Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. King Simeon's father joined the Axis, but was poisoned by Hitler when he opposed a Soviet invasion. King Simeon was deposed in 1946, joining in exile his grandfather, King Victor Emanuel III of Italy, then studying in the U.S.



24. *Romania*: House of Hohenzollern. Head of the House, H.M. King Michael of Roumania. Deposed in 1947, he now resides in Switzerland and is a businessman.



25. *Yugoslavia*: House of Karadjordjevic. Head of House, H.R.H. Crown Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia. Though his father, King Peter II was deposed by Winston Churchill and Fitzroy MacLean, King Peter became an agent of the Foreign Office during his exile in England and the U.S. King Peter's brother, Prince Andrej, is said to run a false Order of St. John that operates in the U.S. and Latin America on behalf of British intelligence.

As an international economic blowout of the sort that sends nations careening into oblivion approaches, old forces at the center of the rentier-financier oligarchy which bear direct responsibility for the crisis—the Monarchists—have crawled out of their family crypts and castles where they long schemed in darkness against republics, to herald a return of the European kings. The British royal house, through such agents as former Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, is determined that this restoration take the form of a Holy Roman Empire arrangement whereby it maintains hegemony on the continent.

An agreement to pursue this restoration effort was reached

last May in discussions between the predominantly Protestant "northern tier" aristocracy of Great Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, and northern Germany, whose power is based upon banking and raw materials, and the predominantly Catholic "southern tier" aristocracy, which maintains vast family funds (*fondi*), that are the basis of many Swiss banks, and intelligence apparatus as powerful as their northern cousins, but who have been deposed from the nations they governed. The strategy discussion concerning feudalist restorations coincided with the British oligarchy's decision to deploy again former Secretary of State Henry Kis-

singer, a catspaw of Carrington, to heighten global political and economic chaos, eroding resistance to the return of monarchical rule.

The ghost of Arnold Toynbee

Great Britain's current effort to return the European kings is really an elaboration of the work of Arnold Toynbee, a leading member of British Foreign Office intelligence during World War I who became director of intelligence for both the Foreign Office and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the progenitor of the Council on Foreign Relations and British Commonwealth conspiracy, during World War II. First and foremost a *Hofrat* of the British royal family, Toynbee served as the central myth-maker, creating an illusion of history in the population that totally eradicated the millennia-old struggle between good and evil, between the republican and oligarchical principles, that is now entering its final phase.

Toynbee's book, *A Study of History*, has been used to brainwash a generation of the Anglo-American elite and through them the broader population. In it, Toynbee describes Great Britain as the modern administrative center for the oligarchy of "Western Society," which he specifies as including both the Catholic and Protestant peoples of Western Europe and the Americas. According to Toynbee, this "Western Society" was a political outgrowth of the Roman Empire whose system Toynbee praises. Toynbee's deliberate lying leads him to argue that following a "time of chaos," the Roman Empire served as the "rib" from which the "backbone" of this "Western Society" was formed.

While Toynbee is correct in comparing the decadent Roman oligarchy with its homosexual British heirs, Toynbee says that this relationship was somehow mystically mediated through the Holy Roman Empire of the great Emperor Charlemagne. In fact, it was those Guelf families of the Italian "black nobility" who do trace themselves lineally to the Caesars of Rome (e.g., Pallavicinis and Colonnas) who by toppling Frederick II (like Charlemagne, one of a handful of true "philosopher kings") in the mid-13th century, created a Dark Age from which Europe did not recover culturally until the Renaissance, and in political-economic terms until the republican movements of the 18th century.

The second major distortion Toynbee uses to establish the British oligarchy's pedigree results from his assertion that it was the Church which acted as the cultural conduit from the Roman Empire to the present. Toynbee thereby obliterated the war between early Christians and Roman pagans that St. Augustine describes as the central feature of the early Judeo-Christian tradition. Toynbee in fact traces the origin of Christianity to an earlier "Syriac Society," specifically the *Magna Mater* ("Great Mother") cults of successive Babylonian, Assyrian, and Achaemenid Empires, whom St. John labelled "The Great Whore of Babylon."

What relevance do Toynbee's lying distortions of history have upon the current monarchical restoration effort? In robbing Christianity of the essential Neo-platonic notion that

"Man is created in the image of God" (*Imago Dei*) which finds its direct expression in the *filioque* doctrine, Toynbee has reduced Judeo-Christianity to the level of the Orthodox (Byzantine) Rite or even that of Nestorian, Gnostic, and other cult heresies. Humanity is thus a prey to the superstition, astrology, and pornography by which the oligarchy destroys advanced civilizations, and all checks have been removed within such an immoral population to accepting autocratic-regimes of the Babylonian cult priesthood sort. If Man is created in the image of God, meaning that he is imbued with the potential to develop his God-like reason, then, as every republican knows, autocracy is against the law of nature, most especially an autocracy based upon primogeniture rather than any consideration of a ruler's fitness to govern.

Holy Roman Empire or a new Hitler?

There are currently two major tracks which restoration plans are following. First, around the person of Archduke Otto von Hapsburg whom both the "northern" and "southern tiers" have agreed should take the public lead, there is a plan to re-establish the Holy Roman Empire as the overarching institution uniting smaller regional and ethnic groupings similar to the fiefdoms of feudal Europe. In fact, such a dual system already exists within Europe. Underneath the nation-states whose present form was shaped by the republican movements of the 18th and mid-19th centuries, the fiefdoms of the Holy Roman Empire continue to exist, run by an ultra-secret network of mediatized princes whose members include: the Auersperg, Esterhazy, Fürstenberg, Fugger, Hohenlohe, Lobkowitz, Orsini, Sayn-Wittgenstein, Schwarzenberg, and Thurn und Taxis.

The latter, who originated in northern Italy (Turn et Tasso) ran the "universal post" (postal service) of the Empire. They still direct the Venetian intelligence system that was at the core of the Empire, which operates through secret societies and orders. Today, the Thurn und Taxis fortune, based largely upon banking, raw materials, and vast real estate holdings that include their own town of Regensburg and eight castles, is estimated to be at least \$5 billion; the family also sits at the head of the princely system which directs Archduke Otto. In addition to the German regions of Württemberg and Bavaria, plans for establishing a new Holy Roman Empire include the South Tyrol, Liechtenstein, Austria, as well as a renewed "rollback" effort to liberate Hungary and form a Danube federation of Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Albania.

Hapsburg, who currently represents the State of Bavaria in the European Parliament, speaks publicly of this effort in euphemistic "World Federalist" terms as founding a United States of Europe, likening the European Parliament to the Continental Congress. Through Carrington and others, the British royal government has sought to infiltrate and steer this effort, turning the empire into a junior partner in much the same way that the Austro-Hungarian Empire functioned following the 1815 Congress of Vienna, that witnessed the

demise of the last Holy Roman Empire and the rise of British hegemony upon the Continent through Hobbesian “balance of power.”

The second restoration track foresees immediate success possible in Portugal with the Braganzas, in Bavaria with the Wittelsbach, and in Italy with the House of Savoy or another family.

True to their role as the “Perfide Albion” which plays “each against all,” British concurrence with the Hapsburg effort is simply a bargaining chip for other political processes that the British have set into motion. Among these are plans to create a “New Hitler” under virtual hothouse conditions. This project has not only major support from the British, but also from certain Italian and Bavarian elements of the “black nobility” such as the Thurn und Taxis family, who as chief advisers to the Wittelsbach earlier helped create the Bavarian Nazi Party of Adolf Hitler.

The many facets of fascism

It was precisely the same royal houses which, acting under centralized direction from the British crown in the 1920s and 1930s, funded the rise of Adolf Hitler and a delicatessen of fascist movements starting with Benito Mussolini’s Black Shirts and ranging from Dolfuss’s clerical fascism in Austria to the pagan cult of Count Coudenhove-Kalergi’s Blue Shirts, and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem’s Green Shirts. For the British, Adolf Hitler was to transform a Germany prostrated by the Versailles Treaty into a marcher lord for a drive East to balkanize and conquer the Soviet “heartland,” according to a British doctrine developed by Halford MacKinder, geopolitician to the Round Table. That geopolitical doctrine was conduited into the pages of Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* by two “vassals” of the Wittelsbach, Karl Haushofer, and Rudolf Hess, who as Deputy Reichsführer would later fly to the Duke of Hamilton to enlist open British support for the impending drive into Russia.

Other British influences upon the Hitler project include such oligarchic agents as Houston Stewart Chamberlain, a member of Aleister Crowley and Bulwer-Lytton’s Isis-Urania Order of the Golden Dawn cult, whose Bavarian branch, the Thule Society (of which the Wittelsbach, Thurn und Taxis, Hohenlohe, and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Wettin) were members), formed the Nazi SS.

If the British viewed Hitler as a potential marcher lord, many of their continental cousins—including the Hanoverians, Hohenzollerns, Wittelsbach, and others—saw him as the potential spearhead of mass movements that might mean their eventual restoration, something which Hitler was bright enough to promise them. It was for this same purpose that the Hapsburgs supported Coudenhove-Kalergi’s Blue Shirts and Dolfuss’s clerical fascism, both of which were to be tossed aside by the Nazis, who canceled all deals as they gained power.

The British oligarchy distanced itself from its Hitler “Frankenstein’s monster” in 1936, by forcing the abdication

of King Edward VIII, who dreamed of overthrowing Parliament to join hands with the Führer, and in 1938 by dumping Prime Minister Chamberlain, whose appeasement rhetoric masked a willingness to remove the buffer states between Nazi Germany and a drive East. The Hapsburgs, who never openly promoted Hitler, and their continental allies, who did back him, increasingly distanced themselves after the 1938 Anschluss, fleeing in droves after the Nazis’ 1943 defeat at Stalingrad. Now, some of the continental oligarchy are prepared to make the same mistake of creating a “New Hitler,” though their own strategists at centers like the Club of Rome and European Cultural Foundation project that this time, 2 to 3 billion people will die as a result of the Malthusian policies this new project puts into place.

Others known to be supporting a “New Hitler” project are Armin Mohler, a former volunteer of the Swiss SS, who today heads the Siemens Foundation, and several members of the Dominican and similarly anti-Augustinian factions within the Church. One possible candidate is Manfred Rommel, the Mayor of Stuttgart, who was trained by the British in England while his father fought them in North Africa, and who has encouraged the spread of a Strasserite counterculture in Württemberg of Greens, anarchists, and Anthroposophs. Ironically, current British efforts to create a “New Hitler,” supported by some of the Bavarian and other southern German families in particular, may prove once again to be the greatest obstacle to Hapsburg restoration efforts, to which the British have given their token blessing.

The Anglo-Soviet connection

While they plot the return of a “New Hitler,” Great Britain, through Lord Carrington and networks associated with KGB Gen. H. “Kim” Philby, has opened backchannel negotiations with the Soviet Union around the question of a united, but neutral Europe. Heretofore the British and Hapsburgs have entered negotiations with the Soviets around the question of a “New Yalta” arrangement around Eastern Europe. In the last two months, sources report, the British have unilaterally proposed the merger of East and West Germany, but a Germany transformed into a neutral buffer state along lines first suggested by Hans Morgenthau and later by Henry Kissinger’s close friend and Fabian Society official, former British Defense Secretary Denis Healey.

To gain support for this notion, well-informed sources report that the British and the Soviets have both approached Prince Louis Ferdinand Hohenzollern, the head of the Kaiser’s royal house. If Prince Louis Ferdinand would support this scheme of a neutral Germany, both Britain and at least some Soviet factions would even consider promoting his restoration. According to one source they even promised the return of portions of Germany—Ostprussia and Silesia—now under Polish sovereignty. Prince Louis Ferdinand would thus find himself a bedfellow of Socialist International Chairman Willy Brandt and Egon Bahr, who have long advocated this brand of “Ostpolitik.”

Jesuit calls for a new Adolf Hitler

by Antonio Uccello and Raffaele Bonomi

“A new Hitler would be desirable, but Hitler made a psychological mistake to superimpose the German race over others. We know that the German race, the Anglo-Saxon peoples are the best. But Hitler’s method was wrong. What we require now is a king for Europe, and that king must be the successor to Franz Josef for the Austro-Hungarian throne—Otto von Hapsburg.”

The speaker was Monsignor Arrigo Pintonello, honorary military Archbishop and representative of the dark side of Rome religious life. Pintonello was born in Venice, and traces his ancestry to the nobility of the Austro-Hungarian empire. He was trained for seven years at the Jesuits’ command center in Rome, the Gregorian University. He is a leading ideologue of the Palermo, Sicily-based Thule Society, worshipers of Nordic race cults who are conspiring to impose a “New Führer” over an economically and morally devastated Europe in the years to come.

Pintonello confided his plans for a “New Führer” in what would appear, on the surface, to be the most unlikely of all places, the serene campus of the Collegio Selva Dei Pini outside Rome, a 400 student school that the Monsignor directs. But as is the case with much of what goes on in and around Rome, appearances are deceptive.

“This school is modeled on the Anglo-Saxon mode,” the Monsignor had stated in his opening remarks. “It is like Eton, or Oxford, it combines study with sport.”

The Monsignor invited us to sit down in his ornate study, elaborately furnished with wood panels and tables and cushioned chairs. He expounded on how Europe would be restructured in this present moment of economic and social crisis. He began by discussing the case of Italy.

“Italy is too heterogenous. Garibaldi was wrong; north and south Italy should never have been one country, they are incompatible. In the future, we can create a state with Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto, and Tuscany, and then another in the south. Sicily, Sardinia, Calabria, must go their own way. . . . “We need a federation of regions for all of Europe headed by a chief,” he continued. “We need a new Holy Roman Empire. Such a union would be desirable and hoped for. We could then diffuse German culture. The Holy Roman Empire is in the hands of the German people, the Anglo-Saxon people.”

Was he aspiring for a new Hitler, was this the project, we asked.

His voice, taking on the coloration of a near-religious awe, rose and he exclaimed, “I want to recall what Hitler said: ‘Ein Volk, Ein Führer,’ and what was the word? Let me remember. Yes! ‘Ein Reich.’ Hitler’s idea was ‘Ein Volk, Ein Führer, Ein Reich.’ ”

He continued: “I am very favorable to the idea of a new Hitler, but without the mistakes. People thought that Hitler was crazy; they are wrong. He had defects, he had no culture.

“In the future project,” he repeated, “the chief must be Otto von Hapsburg.”

The Monsignor’s face became serious, adopting a studied philosophical pose. “In nature, there is the necessity of a chief. There is a natural value of hierarchy and why not a hierarchy in society, and so . . . a monarchy! Nature creates all things, and so the process will be. Everybody must obey a chief. That is the law. He who wants to change it is outside the law.”

His demeanor changed, he became menacing. “Americans don’t understand this!” He charged: “In the last war, they made a mistake! Americans are guilty! They were on the wrong side, working with the enemies of mankind in Russia against the Germans. This generated a decadence in Europe. It is now only possible to save Europe with a monarchy!”

We asked: Would this project of the monarchies be aided by the current economic crisis in the world?

“The economic crisis will help the project to succeed. This economic crisis is an evil that can be a good and that can generate a good project. It could direct the people toward a European union with one chief. . . .” How long would it take to realize this plan, we inquired.

“It is a race against the Marxist threat. There are symptoms that we are winning. The defeat of Schmidt in Germany helps our project. For a time, Kohl and Strauss will rule, until people become disillusioned, as they are in Italy, with the Christian Democracy. But I know Strauss personally, and he is a superior man. I can assert with certainty that Strauss is in favor of the project of making Otto von Hapsburg the king of Europe. There are some young people close to Strauss who are being trained right here.”

Then the Monsignor stopped, “I have been sick. I am tired; we must conclude.”

He escorted us down the corridors toward the exit, and began speaking in German, expounding suddenly on how “the Jews were the first people on the earth, the most important *Volk*. Here too Hitler made a mistake.”

He walked further, leaning over quietly and reverting to Italian, saying, “Do not fear me. I am not a terrorist.”

We barely had time to explore the inner meanings of this message before we had reached the elegantly structured entrance hall. He bade us farewell, insisting that we kiss him as part of the parting ritual, and accepting no protest.

Was he aware that his evil plan would no longer be hidden and sheltered behind facades from the international public view?