

Editorial

Mopping up the 'Mafia'

On Nov. 24, 1982, in a maneuver reminiscent of the rout of the Jesuits by Charles III of Spain more than 200 years ago, the Italian government scored a direct hit against the strategic opponents of Lyndon LaRouche. Italian police and magistrates, with collaboration of the American DEA, CIA, FBI, the German BKA, and other allied agencies, swept down on the core of the underworld. Warrants for the arrest of 200 of the top figures in the East-to-West-and-back traffic in arms and narcotics—figures not intimately related to exactly those names now feverishly attempting to destroy *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche and his collaborators—were handed down. More than 40 have already been arrested. The entire Italian Army was placed on alert. As the Italian magistrates responsible have acknowledged, the very heart of the heroin supply for the entire West, and a major trunk line of the arms traffic, have been hit. It is "the world's largest illegal arms trafficking organization," he said.

Provided that Reagan, the Pope, and others who have been known to compromise in the past do not flinch in pursuing this evil all the way to its origins, the just-completed arrests together with other, less-reported developments could herald a breakthrough. Last January, a knowing European intelligence source told us, "The common conception of the Mafia is backwards. Most people think the Mafia is primarily a money-making operation which gets involved in politics. The Mafia is first and foremost political."

As the successful rescue of U.S. Gen. James Dozier proved, the Mafia is one unit in the army of terror deployed by the international oligarchy to enforce its will—in a division of labor with "left" and "right" terrorists, dirty banking networks, corrupt courts and corrupt media. At its higher level the "Mafia" is run by what an Italian paper recently dubbed the Homintern, reporting on *EIR*'s exposé of the homosexual Anglo-Soviet espionage network with which former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is associated.

In fact, the best guarantee of defeating the organized evil hit in the Nov. 24 roundup would be for the Reagan administration to cut Henry Kissinger publicly

loose from all influence and facilitate his extradition, if need be, to countries like Italy and Pakistan where he may soon be wanted to answer charges in connection with the violent deaths of former Prime Ministers Aldo Moro and Ali Bhutto. Secondly, it would behoove the Reagan administration—and the Vatican—to immediately sever ties with all associates of New York mob lawyer Roy M. Cohn, who among other things represents the Gambino crime family, the U.S. end of the massive heroin running network under attack in Italy, as we will elaborate next week.

In a press conference in Milan, the Italian official in charge of the Varese bust stated that the targeted gun-running band, allegedly led by a Syrian named Henri Arsan, "was both East and West" in its supply sources and trafficked with terrorists of "all political colors." The description tallies precisely with our 1981-82 identification of the international network that deployed and sheltered the would-be killer of the Pope, Ali Agca, and Dozier's captors.

Moreover, some of the Kissinger-Cohn allies we named last February as Italian protectors of the dope-terror networks have now come under criminal charges. In November, Rome Judge Ferdinando Imposimato handed down indictments of Giacomo Mancini, the former Secretary-General of the Italian Socialist Party, and two close associates, for collusion with the subversive Red Brigades, precisely the charges *EIR* made. Mancini, the "boss" of the Calabrian Ndrangheta crime families, used his control of the Milan Socialist Party to groom current PSI leader Bettino Craxi, whom Kissinger has backed.

Don't expect to read about this in the American print media, which even blacked out Ronald Reagan's late-November Miami speech calling for an all-out war on the Mafia. But Henry Kissinger is the cover feature in the Italian weekly *Europeo*'s latest issue, not as the "Soviet expert" played in the fawning U.S. newsweeklies, but as the figure named by witness Corrado Guerzoni for having threatened Aldo Moro before he was murdered by the Red Brigades. A new era may have begun.