

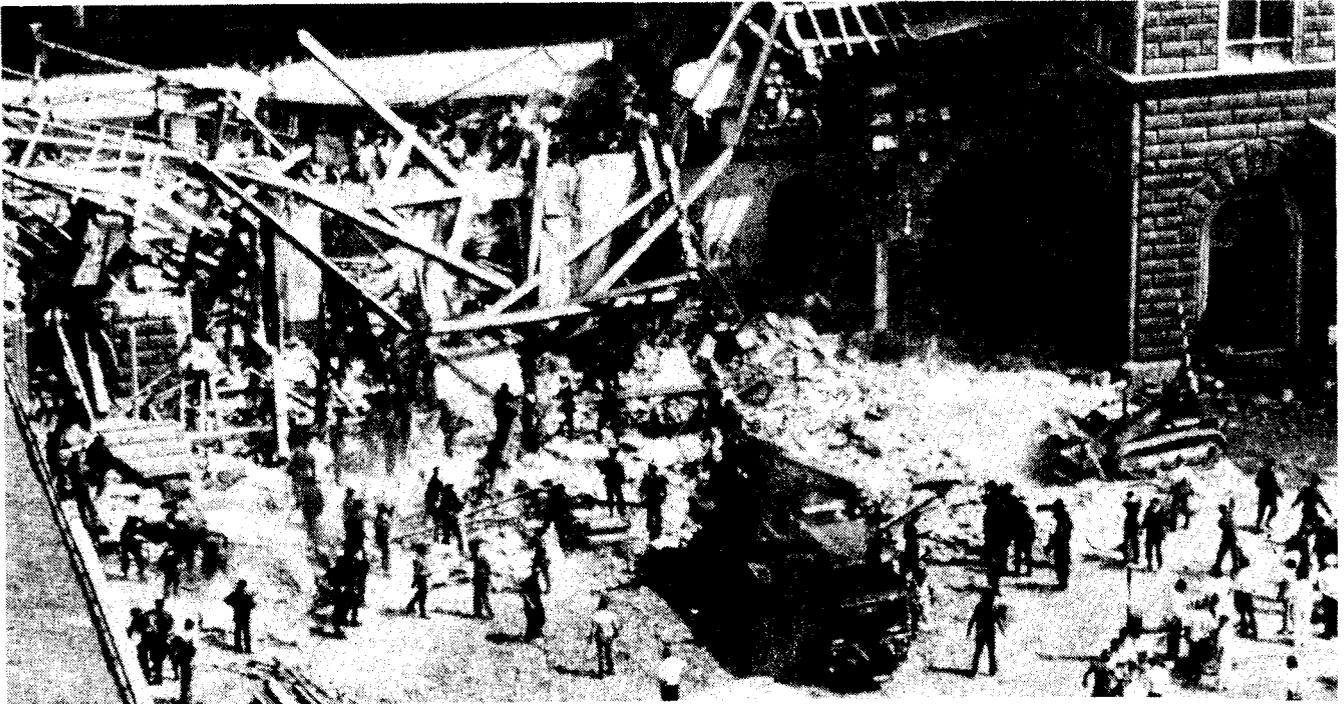
## **Italy busts East-West command center for guns, drugs, and terror**

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In mid-October in nearly identically formulated public addresses, President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II committed the international resources of the United States and the Catholic Church to an all-out war against the international syndicate responsible for the \$200-\$300 billion per year traffic in mind-destroying drugs. Symbolically, the President and the Pontiff delivered those simultaneous messages in Miami, Florida and Palermo, Sicily, two of the world's leading centers of heroin and cocaine processing and distribution.

Only days after these public declarations of war on crime, the Italian magistracy announced a series of sweeping arrests of global significance. First, Judge Ferdinando Imposimato, the magistrate in charge of the ongoing prosecution of the murderers of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro, announced on Oct. 18 that he had issued an indictment against former Socialist Party of Italy (PSI) General-Secretary Giacomo Mancini on charges of conspiracy against the state. These are the same charges brought against Professor Tony Negri and other controllers of the Red Brigades who were the behind-the-scenes directors of the Moro plot and who were over a score of years instrumental in the creation of the entire terrorist underground in Italy and throughout the Mediterranean region.

In mid-November in the aftermath of the Mancini indictment, a group of Milan magistrates announced the arrests of several dozen people involved in the world's largest weapons-for-drugs smuggling ring stretching from the Middle East throughout Europe, including the East bloc, and into the United States. These arrests added a dramatic new dimension to the ongoing Propaganda-2 Freemasonic scandal, which resurfaced over the summer when Banco Ambrosiano president and P-2 money manager Roberto Calvi was found hung from London's Black Friar's Bridge. Sources on two continents have reported to this publication that Calvi was ritualistically executed by the Scottish Rite Grand Lodge of England. The nominal head of the guns-for-heroin ring busted by the Milan magistrates, Henri Arsan, operated his import-export company, Stipam, out of a building owned by Banco Ambrosiano and occupied by the recently-fired Vice President of the bank.



*The aftermath of the 1980 Bologna, Italy train station bombing, which left nearly 100 dead. Black-market arms and explosives, paid for with shipments of drugs, supply both the left and right terrorists of Europe.*

As this special report will detail, the combined impact of the Mancini indictment, the Arsan arrests, and the simultaneous arrest in Rome of an official of the Bulgarian National Airlines for complicity in the May 1981 attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, represents the greatest opportunity ever to permanently smash the international crime syndicate known as Dope, Inc. For the first time in the post-war period, sufficient evidence has been compiled to puncture the Iron Curtain and unravel the full extent of dirty East bloc networks' involvement in the global trafficking in heroin, heavy arms and terrorism, a trafficking that traces its unbroken origins to the Orient Express opium routes of the Ottoman Empire and the Czars.

### **Immediate strategic implications**

For the experienced law enforcement or intelligence professional, the ongoing Italian revelations represent a special sort of drum beat that has the potential of drawing out into the light of day the actual controllers—many situated in the board rooms of the premier banking houses of London—of the global crime syndicate. As the Italian magistrates have been closing in on the Milan centered gun-drug syndicate, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon, and other leading figures including Presidents Betancour and Ziles Suazo of Colombia and Bolivia have all been drawn into life-and-death battles with the same international mafia, the outcome of which will determine the future of all of those nations.

In each and every one of these cases, local oligarchical henchmen of the leading black nobility families of Britain

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and continental Europe have found their power challenged through simultaneous crackdowns on the smuggling and flight capital apparatus that has been at the center of their manipulations of national political and economic life.

In the case of Egypt, President Mubarak has taken bold prosecutorial actions against the "Alexandria Mafia," centered around the remnants of the King Farouk apparatus and the drug and flight capital network built up during the Sadat regime by circles linked to the ex-President's wife and brother. It is this apparatus, linked to the Scottish Rite Freemasonic lodges, and, through those lodges, to both the Muslim Brotherhood and to an Anglo-Soviet faction within the Egyptian Army, that has been designated by Henry Kissinger, Lord Carrington, and others grouped around the Kissinger Associates logo to overthrow Mubarak in the immediate weeks ahead in order to check the international momentum of the war on crime and the drive to impose a New World Economic Order.

According to sources in the Middle East, on Thursday, Dec. 2, there was an aborted assassination attempt against President Mubarak involving at least two British "mercenaries" (subsequently confirmed to be still associated officially with British Intelligence) and two Egyptian members of the Muslim Brotherhood known by enforcement officials to be involved in narcotics trafficking. This report was confirmed by U.S. sources.

The simultaneous moves against the international drug and weapons cartel in South America, the Middle East and Italy has, according to several sources polled by this publication, created a serious potential short-term cash crisis for the international black marketeers; this crisis has the potential to force more open intervention by the high-level "citizens above suspicion" who regulate the international dope-and-arms trade behind the scenes. Increasingly, such figures as Henry Kissinger, Ariel Sharon, Camille Chamoun, Edgar Bronfman, have found it necessary to coordinate their travels to directly intercede to block the war on crime efforts. To the extent that this smoking out process is fully advantaged, another layer of the Dope, Inc. hierarchy can be exposed and destroyed.

Ultimately, the success or failure of the announced war against international crime will be determined on American soil. To the extent that the Reagan administration acts on its stated commitment to eradicate the international drug syndicate from the top to the bottom, the White House will shortly find itself confronted with an Anglo-Soviet "fifth column" deeply embedded within the U.S. national security establishment itself. This is where the international drug war will be ultimately resolved.

What is the precise nature of the Anglo-Soviet apparatus and how does it intersect the international drug and arms syndicate?

The answer passes through the ostensibly "anti-communist" doors of such institutions as the League for Industrial Democracy, the East Side Conservative Club, the headquar-

ters of the AFL-CIO and its "comintern" arm, the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and the Georgetown University offices of Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and Michael Ledeen.

As the result of the groundbreaking work accomplished over the past three years by the Italian magistracy with ample support from elements within the Vatican, a firm trail of evidence has already been established across the Atlantic leading to the doors cited above.

In March, 1980, Michele Sindona, the P-2 linked banker presently serving time in federal prison for the financial machinations surrounding the collapse of Franklin National Bank, filed an affidavit in U.S. federal court in the Southern District of New York stating that he was commissioned by then-NATO Commander Alexander Haig to participate in a separatist coup d'etat on Sicily involving several thousand Sicilian and Milanese heroin traffickers now identified as part of the Arsan guns-dope ring. The initial Haig revelations were furthered in May of the following year when a raid on the villa of P-2 head Licio Gelli aimed at garnering evidence of an international heroin ring, instead revealed massive files on the activities of the illegal Freemasonic lodge, including a file labeled "Alexander Haig." On at least two occasions, Michael Ledeen, a State Department aide to Haig and a former Rome bureau chief of *New Republic* magazine, was dispatched to Italy to attempt to retrieve the classified "Haig" file.

In the aftermath of the initial exposures of the P-2 crime syndicate, came a second wave of revelations during the spring of 1982 detailing a superstructure controlling the P-2 grouping known as the Monte Carlo Committee. Prominent among the members of the Committee, according to eyewitness testimony, were P-2 Grand Master Licio Gelli and Henry A. Kissinger. An operative of the Monte Carlo Committee, Stefano delle Chiaie, has been identified by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and other sources as one of the first-string assassins of the neo-fascist "black international." Up until the October 1982 inauguration of Bolivian President Ziles Suazo, delle Chiaie was at the center cocaine ring headquartered out of the Bolivian Interior Ministry, where he held an official post.

Among the individuals at present in jail in Italy for participation in Red Brigades terrorism is the international affairs director of the Italian socialist trade union federation, UIL, Luigi Scricciolo. Scricciolo has been charged with complicity in the kidnapping last year of U.S. General James Dozier in Verona, Italy, and with attempting to pass information, garnered from the interrogations of the General during his captivity, to officials of the Bulgarian government. This Bulgarian connection likely places Scricciolo in the center of the same circles involved in the Arsan ring and the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II.

Just prior to his arrest early this year, Scricciolo traveled to Washington, D.C. where he was the personal guest of

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, among others. This is not the only time that Kirkland has been directly implicated in the terrorist and drug command. During the mid-1970s, Kirkland was a central figure, along with New York "labor mediator" Theodore Kheel, in an offshore financial scam involving a modular housing company called Sterling-Homex and a bank called Republic National Bank. Republic National is the New York flagship bank of Edmond Safra, a Brazilian-based international financier who was trained in banking through another front for the P-2 apparatus, the Milan-based Banco Commerciale Italiano. Safra's international banking nexus has been linked by Israeli sources to both a South African and Ibero-American arms-smuggling network and to the kingpin of international black-operations finance, Meyer Lansky.

### Philby and Lovestone

But the common thread running through all of the above-mentioned "American connections" to the international East-West gun and drug smugglers network presently being dismantled through the efforts of the Italian magistracy and others is the filthy espionage network personified by Mr. Jay Lovestone. From Kissinger through Kirkland, the entire U.S.-based circle of "citizens above suspicion" who belong on the "Under Investigation"-list trace their political pedigree to Lovestone and the left-wing British Round Table apparatus that Lovestone has represented for over half a century.

A thorough investigation into the past and present activities of the "Lovestonites" represents perhaps the most efficient track of investigation into the U.S.A. connection.

From his days as the head of the League for Industrial Democracy chapter at City College of New York in the 1920s (LID was the official American offshoot of the British Fabian Society), through his founding of the Communist Party, U.S.A. in the mid-1920s, to his subsequent official expulsion from the CPUSA by Stalin, Lovestone has been one of the leading Anglo-Soviet agents, representing the American wing of the international Bukharinite apparatus that ran the Soviet Comintern throughout its existence. Even after Lovestone formally "repudiated the Bolshevik system" in the late 1930s, U.S. Military Intelligence investigations strongly pointed to Lovestone as the Western Hemispheric station chief of the OGPU, the predecessor to the Soviet KGB.

Throughout this period, Lovestone was one of the central figures in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, a New York City-centered union that was openly associated with Lansky mentor Arnold Rothstein and later with Lansky's own Murder, Inc. operation. This garment-center operation was the fiefdom of both the Morgenthau and Lehman families. By the 1940s, the CPUSA-dominated ILGWU had spawned a Research Department which during the 1940s was absorbed into the wartime Office of Strategic Services (OSS) "Double-Cross" counter-espionage section. That section of the OSS was directly trained in England by Kim Philby and remained a point of contact for Philby and his associates

throughout the future Soviet defector's tenure as a top official at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. Several members of the old OSS Double-Cross team remained longterm associates of Philby, including *New York Times* Middle East Bureau Chief, future CIA counterintelligence director, and lifelong Lovestone associate James Jesus Angleton.

With the close of World War II, the ILGWU-OSS cell—still dominated by Jay Lovestone—constituted the research and educational divisions of the American Federation of Labor. To this day, Jay Lovestone maintains an office within the inner executive suite of AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland.

At the close of World War II, Lovestone established himself as the leading self-proclaimed anti-communist in the American labor movement. At that time, he was under reported continuous U.S. Military Intelligence investigation for his Soviet ties. During this post-war period, Lovestone was instrumental in the launching of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the American Institute for Free Labor Development. Both organizations were dominated by Lovestone protégés, such as Irving Brown, who was recruited by Lovestone into the CPUSA during the 1920s.

It is this apparatus that has been at the center of the "inside" wrecking job on the U.S. national security establishment throughout the post-war years, and which has maintained longstanding ties to the Lansky-centered organized crime syndicate through the ILGWU and the ILGWU-dominated Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai Brith. The ADL has historically been a front for such British intelligence figures as the war-time New York City British Special Operations Executive director Sir William Stevenson and for the "Jewish" mob. Not coincidentally, the ADL's own bank, Sterling National Bank, is a defendant in a \$23 million lawsuit stemming from P-2 linked Michele Sindona's sinking of Franklin National Bank.

During the early 1950s, a second "Philbyite" cell was hatched at the Government Department of Harvard University under the sponsorship of Dr. William Yandell Elliott, a member of the wartime OSS-SOE-run "Mazzini Society" run by the Lovestonites involved in the "Operation Underworld" invasion of Sicily, and British intelligence's Sir Isaiah Berlin. Oxfordian Berlin was the homosexual lover of Anglo-Soviet agent Guy Bergess of Burgess-Maclean-Philby fame. The Harvard Government Department "cell" was comprised of Henry Kissinger, already tainted with an Anglo-Soviet intelligence pedigree through his war-time tenure in Germany, McGeorge Bundy of the Boston Brahmin family, and future Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. All three of these individuals have in recent years been identified as associates of Philbyite circles working the other side of the British designed and manipulated "East-West" conflict.

It is this circle, spawned by the original League for Industrial Democracy-British Fabian Society project, that warrants special attention with regard to ongoing law enforcement efforts to shut down the East-West guns-for-drugs apparatus.