

## Attic Chronicle by Phocion

### The Arsenis scandal

*Scandals run wild around the two brothers, and it appears someone is trying to pull the plug on Papandreou.*

Last week's column made certain allusions to the direct and indirect relationships of the former terrorist gunrunner, Vincent (Takis) Arsenis, who today is Greece's director of armaments industry, with the very filthy attorney general of Cyprus, Mr. Tornarites. Bearing in mind the Venetian/Levantine character of these old Arsenis and Tornarites families, look what has transpired since the writing of that column.

Vincent Arsenis and his brother Gerassimos (Gerry), the minister of national economy in Mr. Papandreou's Socialist government, have become the center of a scandal now rocking Greek politics. One member of Papandreou's Socialist Party executive was summarily expelled for publicizing the fact that brother Vincent, the gunrunner, was pursuing policies detrimental to his government and favorable to the Israeli defense industry.

Whether the charges are true or not is immaterial. To defend the expelled central committee member, a parliamentarian, Mr. St. Panagoulis, charged that brother Gerassimos, the minister of national economy, is a leading member of the Grand Orient Lodge "Ionia" working for "foreign interests" and unnamed "foreign intelligence services" operating through the Freemasonic organization. Panagoulis pointed to the engravings for a new 500-drachma currency note, which bear the portrait of Count John Capodistria and his family coat of arms, two hands in a Freemasonic handshake, circled by a Uroboros, a snake eating its own tail.

The conservative opposition press

went wild with scandalmongering and the tempest has yet to abate. Both Arsenis brothers gave lengthy press conferences to "deny all charges." To compound their misfortune, an in-law of Prime Minister Papandreou was caught fueling the charges against the Arsenis brothers. When Papandreou came out in defense of the Arsenis, a government minister who had resigned a month earlier warned Papandreou to behave or the "real secret" of Mr. Papandreou's career would be divulged by said ex-minister.

More scandals were floated in the back-rooms involving the chief of the Greek air force and his homonym newspaper publisher in similar Freemasonic scandals, as well as organized homosexual intrigues with political implications (Homintern). Then, two leaders of Papandreou's Socialist Party were charged with embezzling 57 million drachmas from the National Bank of Greece, with the complicity, presumably, of Minister Gerry Arsenis.

Then, an official of the Grand Orient Lodge "Ionia" came forward to clarify that the charges against Minister Arsenis were unfounded, that it was a case of mistaken identity. The Freemasonic spokesman, named Spyros Arsenis, claims to have a son, also named Gerassimos Arsenis, who is the real member of the lodge, not the minister. He then detailed his life history, how his father was raised on the same island of Cefallonia from which Minister Arsenis comes, how he moved to Aleppo, Syria, to Iskenderun, Turkey, to Nicosia, Cyprus, to Tripoli, Libya.

It is all quite unnecessary. The most damning evidence against Gerry Arsenis can be found in the man's public record while a U.N. official in New York and Geneva. Over the years, Gerry Arsenis formed an intimate relationship with former World Bank President Robert McNamara, the wild Gnostic of Roosevelt Island. As Gerry is an honored guest at the McNamara residence every time he visits New York, he could not help but notice his host's black mass, Moon-worshipping ceremonies, and other blood-curdling practices to which McNamara freely admits. Or could it be that the two jointly attend services at the notorious Lucifer Trust temple at the U.N. in New York?

The homosexual-ring aspect of this sordid affair is also not unimportant. But for this, let us wait and see how brother Vincent, the gunrunner, handles his affairs with his Bostonian connections.

Now to the relevant question: Who is pulling the plug on the Papandreou government and why? A mere month ago, the Socialist prime minister darkly threatened President Caramanlis with revelations from the feared "Cyprus Dossier," documenting collusion between the Greek President and the Turkish military leadership on matters which are technically, straightforward high treason. We were impressed, however, when President Caramanlis, instead of capitulating to Papandreou's blackmail, went on a visit to Spain, met with the exiled Greek king's sister, Queen Sophia of Spain, and returned to Athens the day before the Arsenis scandal broke, which was one week before the deadline for the opening of the "Cyprus Dossier."

Could it be that Caramanlis has dirt on Papandreou before which even a charge of high treason would be unimpressive? "Opsometha!"