

International Intelligence

Heads will roll when arrested terrorist 'sings'

After 17 years as a fugitive from justice, Nazi-communist Italian terrorist Stefano Delle Chiaie was arrested by Venezuelan police in Caracas on March 27. Delle Chiaie has been extradited to Bologna, Italy, to stand trial for the terrorist bombing there on Aug. 2, 1980, which claimed the lives of 85 people.

"I have a full dossier with me," the terrorist said, as soon as he set foot on Italian soil, according to sources in Rome.

What names will be found in the terrorist's "dossier"? Delle Chiaie has been one of the top executors for secret organizations like the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge and the related Comité Montecarlo, considered an operative branch of the Trilateral Commission. Other members of this masonic grouping include Alexander Haig, Henry Kissinger, and Michael Ledeen, according to testimony by numerous sources, reported over years in the Italian press.

Delle Chiaie has now joined, in the defendants' dock, Francesco Pazienza, the collaborator of Ledeen, Haig, and P-2 Venerable Master Licio Gelli. "Now they will hear me, especially Alexander Haig. We will talk in front of the court about some political assassinations," screamed Pazienza to the magistrates after his arrest for the Bologna bombing.

Mexican bishops decry 'intolerable' debt burden

Mexico's conference of bishops on March 28 announced the release of a 100-page document supporting recent Vatican statements on the debt, and saying that interest payments could not be made at the expense of living standards. All of Mexico's 100 bishops signed the statement, which was presented at a press conference by the Social Pastoral Commission.

"No country is obligated to destroy or gravely compromise its own fundamental economic levels of subsistence, growth or

social peace," according to the statement. "Mexico has already paid in the last five years, in foreign debt-service, a sum equivalent to half the total capital that we now owe, yet the principal has not diminished, but increased. . . .

"The situation increases the burden to intolerable limits for our people. The internal effort to adjust the economy is exacting a high social cost. . . . The cause of the crisis is found in the fact that the essential connection of economics and politics with morality has not been respected, since politics is reduced to a technique of power, domination and oppression. . . . Mexico cannot overcome the crisis, nor progress to justice and peace, without taking into account the moral values that apply to the situation."

When a country has honorably tried to pay its debt, but "runs up against the impossibility of meeting its obligations, an international, unified, radical remedy is imposed and shared, which does not exclude either total or partial forgiveness, or acceptance of moratoria that help the debtor country recover its solvency."

New accomplice named in Pollard spy scandal

Attorney Howard Katz has been named as the third American member of an Israeli intelligence ring tied to Jonathan Pollard, now serving a life sentence for his espionage. Katz, who has dual citizenship and is a resident of Israel, had purchased the safehouse used by Pollard and Israeli embassy employee Irit Erb to photocopy classified documents.

While the U.S. Justice Department has offered Katz immunity, in an effort to learn more about the Pollard ring and related espionage activities, the Israeli defense ministry has barred Katz from leaving the country.

Katz has long been the director and legal counsel for Healthco International, with offices in Boston, Jerusalem, and cities in the Middle East. Healthco portrays itself as a retailer of dental equipment, a favorite cover for Mossad fronts, since the radioactive ma-

terials found in medical equipment serve to mask radioactive materials designated for different purposes. Healthco was founded and funded by Lehman Brothers, now part of the American Express group, which itself has been deeply implicated in the Irangate scandals.

Great Russian racism targets Uzbekistan

The Soviet collective farm newspaper, *Sel'skaya Zhizn (Rural Life)*, blames the high birthrates in Uzbekistan for the fact that the Soviet Central Asian Muslim Republic has about 1 million unemployed, mostly in the rural areas.

Uzbekistan has a population of 18 million, of which about 11 million live in rural areas.

The article signals the beginning of a drive for "population control" among the Soviet Union's Muslims. The Russian chauvinist campaign against birthrates in Muslim areas began in January with a TASS wire attacking the "very high birthrate" in Tadjikistan.

In a related development, the Moscow publication *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya (Socialist Industry)* reports that the Trans-Caucasian Muslim Republic of Azerbaijan has 250,000 unemployed, and that "tens of thousands" of them are being sent to the "labor deficit" region of Siberia, to work in oilfields and railway construction projects.

Contras are fed up with Elliott Abrams

Leaders of the opposition to the Sandinista government inside Nicaragua are furious at U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Elliott Abrams, according to a report in the *Baltimore Sun* on March 31.

One Contra figure is quoted: "Abrams told us that he thought we were all very

heroic for staying in Nicaragua, but they had their own plan. . . . I don't know who is more arrogant and imperious, Daniel Ortega or Elliott Abrams. But after being treated like another little brown person who didn't count, I left that meeting feeling more a common bond with my political adversary, Ortega, than with my supposed political ally in Washington. The Yankees want to keep us here in Nicaragua to be a rallying voice for some fantasized insurrection. But the Contras will be just another Bay of Pigs, and we'll be the first ones who are put up against the firing squad wall."

New role for communists in Italy's government?

Since March 3, when Italian Premier Bettino Craxi resigned his post, the country's leaders and political parties have unsuccessfully sought to form a new government, while assiduously avoiding the real issues of the national crisis: the economic situation, the AIDS emergency, and the renewed outbreak of terrorism. The outcome of this floundering could be a communist-supported government, after early elections in June.

Just days after the assassination of Gen. Licio Giorgieri on March 24, President Francesco Cossiga, a Christian Democrat, took the extraordinary step of mandating the communist president of the Chamber of Deputies, Nilde Iotti, to carry out an "explorative assignment." Iotti is the former mistress of Palmiro Togliatti, the postwar head of the Italian Communist Party. She was assigned when former Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, a Christian Democrat with close ties to Libya and Syria, failed to form a government. Although an "explorative assignment" does not mean actually forming a government, but only determining what chances of agreement there are, the decision to give a communist this role was a signal coming from the head of the Christian Democratic Party, Ciriaco De Mita, that his party would be ready to form a minority government with the outside support of the communists after early elections.

Craxi, just reconfirmed as general secretary of the Socialist Party at the party congress in Rimini, expects to get his party's mandate to try again to form a new government on April 9, after a month of useless political maneuvers. If he fails to reconstitute the five-party government coalition, early elections would be called for June 14 or 21.

Moscow plays the 'Israeli card'

The Soviet leadership has announced several new initiatives toward Israel, designed to capitalize on the worst crisis in Israeli-American relations since the Suez crisis in 1956. On March 30, the Kremlin declared that it would allow some 10,000 Jews to emigrate to Israel this year, through Romania. Then on April 1, the Soviets said they would soon be sending a consular delegation to Israel, the first since the diplomatic break of 1967, to survey properties belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church.

These moves were prepared by intensive negotiations, including back-channel shuttle diplomacy by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and Occidental Petroleum's Armand Hammer.

On March 20, Avraham Tamir, director of the Israeli foreign ministry met with the Soviet ambassador to the United Nations, Aleksandr Bolonogov. A few days later, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir announced a change in Israeli policy, saying that the government could consider the issue of diplomatic relations between the two countries separately from the question of Soviet Jewish emigration. Moscow has always insisted that the issue of Soviet Jews is a purely "internal matter." Israel's compromise signaled to Moscow how far Jerusalem was ready to go.

Now the Soviet Union is dispatching diplomatic teams to explain these developments to its Arab allies, starting with the arrival in Amman, Jordan on March 24 of Vladimir Orlov, deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet, and Sergei Losev, the general director of the TASS news agency.

Briefly

● **DAVID WATT**, the former head of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, died under extraordinary circumstances on March 27. Watt was reportedly electrocuted when he touched a power cable that had fallen down in a gale. Watt had just written two highly controversial articles in the London *Times*, one on March 13 attacking the behavior of Israel's Ariel Sharon in the Pollard spy scandal, and the other on March 20 stating that the prevailing mentality in the Soviet Union was not Marxist-Leninist, but Great Russian.

● **CLAES ZEIME**, the Swedish prosecutor who has criticized Stockholm Police Chief Hans Holmér's conduct of the investigation of the murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme, submitted his resignation on March 30. He told the Stockholm daily *Expressen*: "I have for a long time been wondering how long I could keep silent. I will possibly find myself in such a position that I will talk." There are yet no indications yet what Zeime might have to talk about.

● **LOTHAR RUEHL**, the West German deputy defense minister, criticized the "zero-option" proposal for withdrawing nuclear missiles from Europe, in a commentary in the *International Herald Tribune* published March 27. He added that the present Soviet attitude at the Geneva arms talks "does not look promising."

● **OVER 150 ISRAELI** military advisers are permanently based in Iran, at some of the key military airfields, according to Iranian sources opposed to the Khomeini regime. These Israelis are Farsi-speaking and often of Iranian origin.

● **FRANCE** expelled three Soviet diplomats on April 2 "for activities unconnected with their mission and their status." A government spokesman said that France "cannot tolerate diplomats undertaking . . . espionage on French territory."