

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

Terrorism 'expert' Cooper confesses to terrorist ties

An internationally known terrorism "expert" presently officially employed as a consultant to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the International Association of Chiefs of Police has admitted that he is a close personal associate of arrested Red Brigades controller Antonio Negri and a half dozen other Italian radical professors now being charged with complicity in the kidnapping-assassination last summer of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro.

H.H.A. Cooper, a British national presently based out of Washington, D.C. and Dallas, stated in an interview with a reporter from this magazine one week ago, that the Italian government's crackdown on the *control elements* behind the terrorist underground is "a repression movement aimed at denying the professors who are theoreticians of change the right to organize and recruit their students ... I personally know Professor Negri and many of the other arrested academics and I can say for certain that they have nothing to do with terrorism ... You just cannot go after the professors who are naturally the theoreticians of social change and connect their theories to acts of violence ..."

Cooper's remarks are nearly a verbatim repetition of the line put out by a number of Italians, especially grouped around the leadership of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), who are now scrambling to destroy the evidence that could lead to their arrests. Included in this grouping are Norberto Bobbio, Roberto Vacca, and Frances-

co Alberoni—all leading PSI "intellectuals" who, as this publication has documented, are the linguistics specialists who recruited zombified students into the terrorist Red Brigades and Autonomi.

It should be obvious to American law enforcement officials—especially those who read our detailed coverage last week of the successful new investigative approach adopted by the Italian and French authorities in their latest crackdown on terrorists—that Dr. Cooper "doth protest too much." For the past five years, Cooper—an operative reportedly still in the employ of British intelligence—has insinuated himself into the U.S. law enforcement community as an "expert" on terrorism. In 1976, he was the staff director of the LEAA's National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals Task Force on Disorders and Terrorism. He directed the preparation of a 600-page report that whitewashed tons of evidence linking the Institute for Policy Studies, the Ford Foundation, the Stern Fund, and other U.S.-based entities to the creation of the Weathermen, the Black Liberation Army, the FALN, and other terrorist groupings. Instead, he declared that terrorism is a "sociological phenomenon" that will inevitably grow more serious and more difficult to contain.

Cooper's confessed association with the man about to be proven in the Italian courts to have masterminded the Moro caper sheds a great deal of light on his past performance. From 1973-75, while already an advisor to the

LEAA, Cooper was the President of the Non-Governmental Organizations Alliance of the UN—an organization that provides safe-houses to the terrorist support groups of five continents. In 1977, Cooper visited Italy as an official "consultant" to the government on antiterrorist policies. At that time, an investigation into the role of the PSI intellectuals was dropped.

Environmentalists, Maoists threaten violence

As this issue goes to press, there are strong indications that the two days of demonstrations planned for the nation's capitol on May 5-6 are being run along lines similar to the July 4, 1976 Peoples Bicentennial operation which drew thousands of often well-armed Maoists and environmentalists to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, May 5, an estimated 500-1,000 members of the Revolutionary Communist Party (formerly the Revolutionary Union) are staging a national May Day march to the capitol. This group, headed by Robert Avakian, has made no bones in recent issues of its newspaper *Revolution* that it models itself on the Italian Autonomi terrorists and the Symbionese Liberation Army. Dozens of its members in Houston, Atlanta, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. have been arrested in the past six months on charges ranging from illegal weapons possession to inciting to riot.

Indicative of the potential for trouble in Washington this weekend is the response from terrorist expert H.H.A. Cooper to a question on the possibility of terrorism from the environmentalists: "I don't expect any violence—that is if there are no provocations from the police." Shades of Chicago, 1968?

—Jeffrey Steinberg