

## Italian officials: Mossad cosponsors Red Brigades

by Muriel Mirak

When, at the conclusion of a visit to Rome Jan. 9, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir granted an interview to the prestigious national daily newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, the one question neither he nor anyone else in politics expected to be posed, was thrown rudely on the table: is it or is not true that the Israeli intelligence service, Mossad, is behind the international terrorism? Mr. Shamir quickly dubbed the question absurd, and refused further comment. Days later, however, it reemerged, this time in the form of a documented statement issued to the press by Judge Ferdinando Imposimato, the leading magistrate in Italy's years-long battle against terrorism.

In laying bare Israeli intelligence's terrorist capabilities, Imposimato was overturning the tables in a political poker game of very high stakes. If effective international action follows up Imposimato's lead, not just Italy but the entire world may finally be liberated from the political gangsters that have been holding it hostage for over a decade. Those networks comprehend not only international terrorism, whether "left" or "right," but the worldwide drug cartel and arms smuggling outfit as well. They are identical to the Italian-Libyan-Israeli nexus unearthed—and all too prematurely reburied—in Billygate.

### Imposimato's revelations

Judge Imposimato made his dramatic revelations on Jan. 17 to the Rome daily, *Il Messaggero*, and faint echoes sounded in the U.S. *Newark Star Ledger*, *Boston Globe*, and *Washington Post*. Imposimato stated that a massive destabilization effort against Italy has involved

intelligence services of non-PLO Palestinians, Eastern Europeans, Libyans, Syrians, and anti-Mubarak Egyptians. The judge added, "At least up until 1978, the Israeli secret services had also infiltrated the Italian subversive organizations and more than once placed at the disposal of the Red Brigades weapons, funds, and information."

Italian secret services, he declared, "were incapable of perceiving this enormous danger, whereas the only ones to have immediately grasped it and followed its development intelligently and attentively—*without thwarting it, but rather exploiting it for their own purposes*—were the Israeli secret service agents."

Imposimato documented his findings with the confessions of two arrested Red Brigades militants, Patrizio Peci and Alfredo Bonavita, who "have talked, supplying proof of the collaboration offered by the Israeli secret services, who went so far as to furnish information useful to the search for traitors . . . and the recruitment of new troops."

Links to the Israelis had already turned up, indirectly, in early January, when Imposimato arrested criminologist Francesco Senzani, suspected of having organized the Dozier kidnaping. In one direction Senzani's tracks led to Italian Socialist Party (PSI) Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio, widely reputed to be Mossad's man in Italy; in another direction, they led to Haig and Kissinger's protégé Michael Ledeen, whom the Italian weekly magazine *Europeo* revealed last week to be a Mossad agent.

The Senzani arrest triggered a chain reaction, as at least a dozen new names came to light in the Dozier

connection, and as many warrants were issued for their arrest.

### **'Left' vs. 'right'**

Not only have the arrests exposed the lie of "left vs. right" terrorism, but they have further exposed their unified command to be the international drug cartel. "Left," "right," arms smuggling and drug trafficking, in Imposimato's findings, are one and the same thing. The judge explained it this way: "The militants of this international centralized command have been engaged in a colossal effort over the past months to spread heroin in Italy on a vast scale. That's why almost all the biggest traffickers, those who supply the pushers with a steady flow, come from Libya and Syria. On the one hand, they succeed in addicting our youth, burning out an entire generation, and on the other, they shore up massive capital with which to invest in arms purchases."

Taking the example of a notorious terrorist Mauro Folini, Imposimato explains how Folini, a confessed Soviet KGB operative, originally worked out of Libya, then made contact with the Italian *Autonomia Operaia* group (which later became the Red Brigades). In cooperation with Italian Socialist Party protégé Franco Piperno and the PSI-founded magazine *Metropoli*, Folini organized arms shipments into Italy. At the same time, Folini was working with neo-fascist terrorist groups directly linked to the recently exposed secret Masonic lodge, Propaganda 2.

Another case cited by the judge is that of Paolo Lapponi, son-in-law of the PSI leader Giacomo Mancini who, working under the cosmetic cover of the Combatant Communist units, marketed arms and drugs with the mafia.

### **The Billy Carter parallel**

The parallels to the case of Billy Carter, working through the Sicilian PSI mafioso Michele Papa in arms and drugs dealing with Libya's terrorist leader Qaddafi, could not be more direct.

This, the magistrate concluded, is the nature of the network which orchestrated the assassination of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978, is the same which killed Sadat, and unleashed Ali Agca, the would-be assassin of Pope John Paul II. This is the network which organized the attempt on the life of President Reagan.

Precisely what the terrorist contingent led by Senza-ni had in mind was revealed just days before Imposimato announced his findings to the press. According to documents and heavy weaponry seized in Brigadists' safehouses, the strategy called for the kidnaping of Fiat industrialist Romiti, assaults against Rome police headquarters, the assassination of a "top anti-terrorist magistrate" (most probably Imposimato himself), and a clamorous military attack against the National Council

meeting of the Christian Democratic Party on January 22, with the projected murder of 80 of its members. Such a succession of killings would then catapult the country into chaos, anarchy and civil war.

"But why?" one asks. What would the purpose of such a bloody massacre be?

In the words of CD party general secretary Flaminio Piccoli, "the Red Brigades, by eliminating part of the CD leadership, would . . . provoke a dramatic and confused situation in the country, making it possible for serious political events . . . to worsen the situation, in a process of destabilization for international reasons." The "international reasons" to which a host of other Italian political leaders have also alluded over the past weeks, were most explicitly identified by Judge Imposimato, in whose view "the plan aimed at reducing Italy to a country wracked by civil war, such that the United States were forced to rely on Israel for security in the Mediterranean."

### **Spadolini's Mideast policy**

The credibility of Imposimato's startling analysis must be tested on the scales of the increasingly aggressive Middle East diplomacy carried out by the current Spadolini government in Italy. Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo completed a tour of Jordan and Saudi Arabia earlier in January which, according to highly placed foreign policy experts in the Christian Democracy, was part of a Reagan-backed European effort to bring a Saudi peace plan into reality. Colombo, according to reliable political observers, was engaged in serious shuttle diplomacy, mediating the moderate Arab position to the Israeli government, in the person of Foreign Minister Shamir. And when the Israeli diplomat then visited Rome, significant pressure was exerted on him, by both the Vatican and the Spadolini government, to clinch agreement to the Fahd plan in Tel Aviv.

Underlining the government's pressure tactic, the Republican Party newspaper *Voce Repubblicana*, known to reflect Prime Minister Spadolini's views, almost daily quoted the visiting Israeli diplomat's protestations of "willingness" to talk to the Jordanians and Saudis. News of Egyptian President Mubarak's imminent trip to Italy, his first foreign visit since Sadat's death, received ample coverage in the Italian press, in hopes a Mideast settlement was in the offing.

### **The Andreotti government**

Such was the role that Italy in 1978 envisioned playing, as European mediator for a just peace in the Mideast, based on mutual respect for the integrity of the state of Israel and a Palestine nation, informed by broader cooperative efforts toward industrialization of the area. Such, in fact, was the content of a major foreign policy declaration that then Prime Minister

## Mr. Haig comes out of the closet

by Dennis Small, Latin America Editor

For the past 14 months, this magazine has been reporting on Secretary of State Alexander Haig's secret alliance with the Socialist International to destabilize and depopulate Central America. Earlier this month—on Jan. 8, to be precise—Haig finally came out of the closet and met openly in Foggy Bottom with Felipe González, the head of the Spanish Socialist Party and the Socialist International's case-officer for the Central American insurrection.

Since that congenial tête-à-tête, the following events have occurred:

- The Socialist government of France announced it would sell \$17 million in arms to the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

- On Jan. 9, Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomás Borge announced that his government had dismantled a major rightwing plot to dynamite Nicaragua's cement and petrochemical plants, and charged "foreign intelligence agencies" with complicity. Knowledgeable Washington sources have admitted to *EIR* that Haig's State Department was involved in setting up the covert operation.

- On Jan. 10, a group of 36 Haitian exiles sailed from Miami to Haiti to try to overthrow the Duvalier dictatorship. Again the State Department is reliably reported to have been behind the move.

- On Jan. 13, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a close ally of French President Mitterrand who shares the perspective of enforced backwardness for the Third World, traveled to Mexico to meet with President José López Portillo to try to neutralize his independent foreign policy, and in particular to derail his well-known opposition to the Haig-Socialist policy for Central America.

These fast-breaking developments in the Caribbean Basin region are all a direct outcome of the Haig-González meeting, whose central agenda item was the refurbishment of their shared strategy of reducing the area's population through civil war and social dislocation. Under the guise of what sources close to Haig term "cooling out" the area, the two men in fact agreed to continue their established division of labor, whereby the Socialist International funds and encourages *leftist* in-

Giulio Andreotti pronounced on March 16, 1978 as his government was being sworn in. That same day, CD President Aldo Moro was kidnaped, in an obvious attempt to kill Andreotti's national unity government, which enjoyed Communist Party support, and rend asunder the majority of industrialists, Catholics, and Communist-organized labor that it rested on.

Italy survived the ordeal of the Moro assassination and bucked the efforts, led by Socialist Party spokesmen, to bring the state to a pact with the terrorist devil. But Andreotti's government buckled under the massive political pressures of scandals and continuing terrorism until it fell in late 1979, opening the way to a succession of ruling coalitions with the pro-terrorist Socialists, which totally reversed the Andreotti-Vatican position on the Middle East.

It is only with the formation of the Spadolini government—itsself an "ugly duckling" taken under the wing of a re-emerging Vatican-Communist alliance—that Italy has begun to recover its diplomatic mission in the Mediterranean. And that is one of the reasons the sights of the international terrorist command have focused on Italy now as in 1978.

Unlike four years ago, when the most courageous political leaders of the country would only whisper that "dark forces" were intent on destabilizing Italy, or that "secret services" of "some foreign country" were involved, today there are politicians and magistrates, like Imposimato, who have decided to name the names of the terrorist controllers, and call the bluff of the enemy.

This method was pioneered in Italy by the European Labor Party (EAP), the small political formation founded on the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche, leader of the National Democratic Policy Committee. Following the Moro assassination, the EAP issued a dossier outlining the command structure of international terrorism, which flows from the oligarchical families of Venice, Rome, and Britain, down through the banks managing their family funds, to the secret intelligence services and think tanks protecting them, through the arms and drugs traffic, to the street-level assassins.

The EAP put the finger of the British secret services and Mossad, tracing their agents into the PSI, as well as the Carter administration's Ambassador Richard Gardner and his Georgetown allies Kissinger and Haig. The EAP promoted massive distribution of the explosive dossier among law enforcement and political officials, urging them to shift their attention from street-level Red Brigades to the political controllers pulling their strings. That, the EAP insisted, would be the only efficient means of ridding the country of the terrorist pest.

Imposimato's disclosures have sounded the opening shots in what must become the last round in the secret intelligence warfare called terrorism.