FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

French 'new right' backs Italian 'new left'

On Sept. 19, the "Committee of Intellectuals for a Europe of Liberties" (CIEL) held a press conference in Paris to denounce the Italian authorities' request for the extradition of Franco Piperno, a professor arrested in Paris on an international warrant. Piperno is wanted for complicity in the murder of former Italian premier Aldo Moro by "Red Brigades" terrorists.

The nature of the press conference, and of Piperno's new defenders, once again confirms that the "new right" of which CIEL is representative, and the "new left" of which Piperno and the Red Brigades are representative, have a common origin and ideology. The CIEL consists of Raymond Aron, vice-president of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a NATO-linked think tank controlled by the British monarchy; Michel Crozier, a sociologist; Edgar Morin, a "mass communications specialist"; Jean-Marie Benoist, a sociologist; Jean d'Ormesson, a journalist for Le Figaro: Marie Antoinietta Macciocchi, a former Communist Party member; and other anti-communists, right-wing social democrats and Eastern European "dissidents." What has brought them together with the likes of "ultraleft" Franco Piperno is the explosive results of several months of French and Italian police collaboration in a crackdown on the interconnected networks of extreme-left, extreme-right, and organized-crime terrorism.

A most threatening development to the "right" and "left" was the recent appointment of Maurice Bouvier, Central Director of the Judiciary Police in the Interior Ministry, to coordinate investigations into the activity of mobster Jacques Mesrine, France's most wanted man. Bouvier is the kind of policeman who knows who's really behind terrorism.

Commissioner Bouvier rose in police ranks steadily throughout his career, becoming famous for his 1962 probe of the Petit Clamart assassination-attempt against Charles de Gaulle. The President's car was riddled with machine-gun fire. Bouvier tracked down and arrested all the gunmen involved.

Permindex connection

Moreover, that investigation produced knowledge, not generally publicized, that the assassination attempt was financed and arranged from Switzerland by the U.S.-based Permindex Corporation. The logistics were organized by Col. Bastien-Thiry, with support from NATO headquarters in Brussels, where General Challe, a Secret Army Organization officer, was stationed. The \$100,000 funneled into the operation and overall command came from Permindex and Division 5 of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation. The money was delivered by Maurice Brooks Gatlin, working under Guy Bannister of the FBI in New Orleans.

The Permindex Corporation was set up with the cooperation of British intelligence by U.S. and Canadian Zionist lobby organized-crime elements who overlap

with the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad (it is to be recalled that Piperno's "Red Brigades" fired Israeli-made bullets in the killing of 5 Aldo Moro bodyguards). FBI's Division Five was set up by British intelligence Major General Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, who also set up Permindex, and is the lawyer for the Canadian Bronfman Zionist family of liquor and drugrunning repute.

What makes the Mesrine case key in further investigations is his known collaboration with the OAS in Madrid, and his position as the darling of the extreme left movement. The newspaper "Liberation" grants him interviews while he is in hiding, and the "Prisoner's Action Committees" organized by the notorious Michel Foucault, a psychologist trained at the Tavistock Institute of London, helped Mesrine in a jailbreak.

Adding to his long record of robberies and kidnappings for ransom, Mesrine two weeks ago hit the news when he shot and nearly killed a journalist, Jacques Tillier, who after working for the DST (French equivalent of the FBI) for a few years, began a career as an investigative journalist for the extreme-right weekly "Minute," and who had been following the Mesrine case.

The current investigations into the Permindex-OAS-organized crime connection should also lead to the trail of Jacques Medecin, Mayor of Nice

tector of the organized crime and gambling circuit in his area. Jacques Medecin is the protector of the "sewer gang" of bank robbers led by Albert Spaggiari—so named because their latest series of bank heists have been carried out by digging up through sewer systems to safe deposit vaults. Spaggiari is a former member of the OAS.

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