Naples route in 1984. The main fugitive from that case is Friedrich Schaudinn, a German-Serbian weapons dealer who is now hiding out in former Yugoslavia. According to journalist Gianni Cipriani, one of Italy's most experienced researchers into terrorism, Schaudinn is being protected by networks controlled by members of the P-2 lodge.

The P-2 connection does not exclude the Anglo-American angle; indeed, it amounts to the same thing. The P-2 was a secret lodge controlling, at one point, all of Italy's secret services and military leadership, on behalf of American free-masonic networks represented by persons like Henry Kissinger and Michael Ledeen. The P-2 has been dismantled, but many Italian leaders believe that the American control over the Italian secret services, especially the military SISMI, still exists. It was no coincidence that after the Florence bombing, somebody decided to make public a classified speech given by former President Francesco Cossiga three months ago before a parliamentary committee, in which Cossiga revealed that the SISMI has always acted on American orders and gave orders to the Italian government, rather than doing its bidding.

Three hypotheses are officially being put forward as to who is responsible for the Florence bombing, and what their motivations might be: 1) the Mafia and the P-2, reacting to recent successful anti-Mafia operations; 2) the Serbians, who want to prevent a NATO or American military intervention from Italian bases; 3) financial circles interested in collapsing the Italian economy.

The last hypothesis, which might seem the most farfetched, is not really so. Certainly the terrorism works, at one level, as an economic attack, scaring tourists away at the opening of the summer season. This affects one of Italy's most important sources of revenue, aggravating the crisis surrounding the public deficit, which has already led to the collapse of the lira and to a loss of Italy's credibility in the financial markets. Supporting this thesis is Massimo Pini, adviser to former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. In an interview in the daily *La Stampa*, he said on May 29: "I received a phone call from Americans who told me: Now you cannot sell your companies at the same price as yesterday, otherwise we will go to France, where it is safer, to buy."

But the attack against Italy operates at several levels, and it certainly includes Italy's role in the Balkans. Many have pointed to the fact that Serbian officials have repeatedly threatened Italy with terrorism, should Italy decide to supply bases for a military intervention against the Belgrade regime. Two days after the Florence bombing, it was made known that a commando squad of mercenaries had stopped an Italian aid convoy in Bosnia and brutally executed three members of the expedition. Then, on June 2, a gunboat of the Serbian-Montenegrin Navy shot, without warning, at an Italian fishing boat inside Italian territorial waters, killing a fisherman. The Italian government reacted by putting the Navy on alert, and is preparing to strengthen air defenses by leasing American F-15s or F-16s.

Commentary

The global adversary

Lyndon LaRouche made these remarks on May 31:

What is being said in some of the Italian press in exposing matters which should have been exposed 15 years ago or earlier, is very useful and very helpful in mobilizing at least part of the shocked Italian population to realize that it is five minutes or one minute before midnight for the very existence of the Italian nation.

Although we must concentrate on the Italian situation as such, we must look at Italy as being a victim of a process which is much broader. We must go back into the 19th century, we must understand that the forces directed by Lord Palmerston through such Palmerston assets as Giuseppe Mazzini tried also, in a sense, to destroy Italy; and if they could not destroy it, to control as much as possible the formation of a united Italy under the House of Savoy. We remember the end of the war, when the Americans in the OSS and others, in the name of opposing the return of the House of Savoy, were duped into a policy associated with a friend of a fellow whom I used to call "Dopio" Croce or "Maladepto Dopio" Croce because of his Hegelian and similar kinds of history.

Palmerston and the Freemasons

What we are dealing with is what is known generically as the Versailles System and its Yalta and New Yalta successors. Now these were actually designed on behalf of a faction in Britain which is known historically as the Venetian party, that is, of the heirs of Paolo Sarpi's faction, which is the British imperial faction against which the American Revolution was fought, for example. This Venetian faction is otherwise known as the British imperial faction of which Lord Palmerston, during the middle of the 19th century, was a leading representative. If one traces the development of free-masonic organizations in the United States, in France, in Italy, and so forth during the period of Palmerston, one has a very good handle on what the problem is today.

One should also look at the phenomenon in France called the Entente Cordiale, whose roots lie in such locations as Lord Palmerston's enthroning the man who became Napoleon III in the presidency of France. Actually, the French government under Napoleon III, Napoleon le Petit, was the first Entente Cordiale. An Entente Cordiale, permit me to say so, is a French catamite submitting to a British imperial sodomite.

The progeny of this miscegenation of the British Scottish Rite with the French catamites is called Grand Orient and it is known by the same name in Italy. This is very close to another branch of British intelligence, the freemasonic organization of so-called Jewish designation—but it is not Jew-

ish, it is a heathen or paganist freemasonic rite, a cult—called B'nai B'rith.

Look at the role of Volpi de Misurata, then called Volpi, and of Volpi's friend Parvus, otherwise known as Alexander Helphand, in the period of the B'nai B'rith coup called the Young Turk rebellion in Turkey—i.e., the government which used the Kurds to slaughter the Armenians beginning in 1908. And look at the relationship of this branch of B'nai B'rith called the Young Turk government, whose publicist was Vladimir Jabotinsky, the friend of Mussolini, earlier the editor of *Young Turk* magazine, and Volpi's role in putting Mussolini into power, with Volpi de Misurata as finance minister of Italy, the actual builder of Italian Fascism. If one looks at this, and at the freemasonic connections, and is not blinded by what Mussolini did to certain freemasonic leaders in Sicily and so forth, then one has a comprehension of the kind of processes with which we are dealing.

The essence of the matter is that the Venetian party faction, or the imperial faction of Britain, as exemplified by Lord Palmerston and the rule of the British Grand Lodge over such European lodges as Grand Orient and B'nai B'rith—this faction is determined to prevent, at any cost, the unification of the sovereign nation states and sovereign national political economies of Europe and Asia in a Eurasian bloc of economic development cooperation. To the purpose of preventing such a development, as proposed by Russia's Count Sergei Witte at the turn of the century, the British, with the aid of their Grand Orient and B'nai B'rith allies, used the Young Turk operation to unleash the Balkan Wars preceding World War I. The Balkan Wars had the purpose of destabilizing all Europe and unleashing what became World War I.

Beginning in 1989, the British and British agents in the United States, including friends of Henry Kissinger such as British agent Lawrence Eagleburger and Brent Scowcroft inside the Bush administration, together with Gorbachov in Russia, unleashed the Serbian fascists who were British agents, primarily around Slobodan Milosevic, to slaughter their neighbors for the purpose of destabilizing the underbelly of central Europe, in a campaign which from 1989 onward was openly advertised as a campaign against the danger that Germany united might become an economic power "Fourth Reich," in the words of Mrs. Thatcher's cronies.

That is the context in which certain Anglo-American forces and their B'nai B'rith allies, through freemasonic channels, are working to destroy Italy today. If one understands the global context for these local events within Italy, and notes the similar phenomena which are erupting in eastern Europe, where production is down to 30%, approximately, of 1989 levels, as a result of these same plots—the destabilization of Germany, the coming destabilization of France, the destabilization of Spain, and so forth—one sees what these forces are doing to all civilization. It is time to awaken. It is time to defend Italy, of course; but, we cannot defend Italy effectively unless we understand the global adversary against whom we are fighting.

Ukraine is becoming a rudderless nation

by Konstantin George

A series of decisions taken on May 20 by the Ukrainian Parliament, which is dominated by old communists, stripping the executive of real power, has put Ukraine on a path leading to further economic collapse and social upheaval. The crisis in Ukraine, occurring simultaneously with the collapse of the Polish government of Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka, which fell on May 28, and a communist-engineered political crisis in Belarus, has created a matrix of crises threatening the stability of the three largest eastern European countries lying between Germany and Russia. The destabilization of Ukraine was immediately exploited by Moscow when, on May 24, it re-launched the dispute with Ukraine over control of the Black Sea Fleet.

Control of the Black Sea Fleet, however, is not the most serious conflict concerning military matters between Russia and Ukraine. The fundamental question, and this threatens to take some very ugly turns, is over the 176 former Soviet ICBMs based on the territory of Ukraine, which under Start I had been slated for dismantling.

The issue of the ICBMs, what is referred to as Ukraine's "nuclear arsenal," is a trap which has been set for the young republic which is being exploited by Moscow—with western assistance—which is bent on a reconquest of Ukraine in stages. To date, Ukraine has agreed in principle to destroy these missiles; however, being bankrupt, it has insisted that the cost of their destruction be borne by the United States and Russia, as the successor state to the U.S.S.R. Pending that, Ukraine has stalled on ratifying the Start I treaty and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The same old communist-dominated Parliament which has plunged Ukraine into instability is playing into Moscow's hands, and has indefinitely postponed debate on ratification of Start I.

Russia has repeatedly charged, though it has never supplied any evidence, that the Ukrainian stall on ratification conceals a project to place these missiles under Ukrainian control, and that Ukraine is covertly working on re-targeting these missiles against Russia. During May, articles in the Russian military press began to float the idea of a potential need to "preempt" a Ukrainian nuclear capability. Such talk, coupled with the re-launching of the Black Sea Fleet issue, has prompted Ukraine into fearing a potential Russian invasion some time in this decade.

The Russian posture has caused a policy re-thinking in

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