

FACTS BEHIND TERRORISM

U.S. environmentalists linked to Italy's Red Brigades

Ongoing investigations into the U.S. environmentalist movement have linked it to the kidnapping of Italian banker and Vatican investment counselor Michele Sindona. The evidence so far connects the public defenders of Italy's Red Brigade terrorists, the "Committee Against Repression In Italy" with a new theoretical document espousing the cause of bringing environmental terrorism to the United States. The intended vehicle for this is the "Coalition for Direct Action At Seabrook," a recent splitoff from the Clam Shell Alliance and the sponsor for the upcoming Oct. 6 demonstration at the Seabrook nuclear power facility.

In a recently published pamphlet circulating at movement bookstores in the U.S., called *Midnight Notes*, is a call for the antinuclear movement to give up its soft stand on violence and imitate the actions of the anarchists (Autonomi) of Europe, who have carried out numbers of bombings at nuclear plants and construction sites and violent confrontations which have left police and demonstrators dead on more than one occasion. Although the authors of this document claim to be members of the "Midnight Notes Collective," they are in fact, the "Committee Against Repression In Italy (CARI).

Fact: The address listed as the headquarters of *Midnight Notes*—491 Pacific Ave., Brooklyn,

N.Y.—is the residence of CARI head Sylvia Federici and the headquarters of CARI. **Fact:** George Caffentzis, an author for *Midnight Notes*, is also active in CARI. He is, along with others in CARI, an editor of the magazine *Zero Work*, identified by Italian police authorities as the journal-organization that maintained contact with recently arrested Red Brigade controller Antonio Negri, a fact not denied by *Zero Work*.

Zero Work was a splitoff from *Telos Magazine*, in which Tony Negri and others developed the "theoretical" ideas to which the Red Brigades and their Autonomi supporters subscribe. The concept of zero work is the specific artificial belief structure used by Negri and his associates in brainwashing members of the Red Brigades: the ultimate "revolutionary" moment at which all work for capitalists is stopped. This notion is taken up by *Midnight Notes* to justify the need to stop nuclear power and other advanced technologies.

Midnight Notes refers to a bombing of a nuclear power station by the E.T.A., a Basque terrorist group. Two construction workers were murdered. *Midnight Notes* claims the bombing "did not impede the antinuclear movement but widened its impact... The movement, far from loosing support after the bombing turned the incident against the plant and continued to sponsor mass demonstrations."

Italians round up terrorists, left and right

Back in Italy, police officials continue to round up terrorists involved in bombings and kidnappings, left and right.

Neonazi mass murderer Franco Freda, who styles himself "the leader of the Aryan aristocracy," was apprehended in Costa Rica on Aug. 23 by the Italian Secret Service in cooperation with local authorities. Freda and his fellow terrorist Giovanni Ventura were condemned in absentia to life imprisonment by an Italian court earlier this year, for the 1969 bombing of Piazza Fontana in Rome, which killed 16 passers-by.

Extradition is also being sought by Italy for Franco Piperno, the leader of the leftist "autonomi" in southern Italy, who was arrested last week in Paris. Piperno is wanted in connection with the kidnapping and murder of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978, as well as the murder of his five-man escort. A Piperno defense committee composed of French "new philosophers" and assorted leftist intellectuals has been formed to prevent Piperno's extradition, charging that the Italian government is "repressive" in its fight against terrorism.

Giacomo Mancini, Piperno's protector and highly-placed in the Italian Socialist Party, has reacted in panic to the arrest of his protégé. On more than one occasion since the warrant for Piperno was issued, Mancini has defended him and accused the authorities of being crazy or fascists. Now Mancini is demanding to know from the Italian government whether the documentation they sent to Paris as part of the extradition request, includes information on Piperno's activities at Mancini's terrorist kindergarten, Cosenza University.

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