

Cardinal Casaroli charges a plot

Vivian Zoakos examines the circumstances of the Vatican's public and private counteroffensive against the P-2 assassination networks.

On June 28, Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Cardinal Casaroli issued the stunning statement that the May assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II may have been part of a plot rather than the work of a lone assassin. The Cardinal, who is the highest authority in the Catholic Church after the Pope himself, also linked John Paul's survival to the avoidance of a threatened global nuclear war.

Casaroli's warning was immediately echoed on the following day in a statement from Monsignor Jeronimo Prigrione, the Vatican's Apostolic Delegate (ambassador) to Mexico. This indicates that the Secretary of State had spoken not in his own behalf but as the result of a decision made at the highest levels of the Vatican Curia, the central ruling body of the Church.

Using diplomatic but nonetheless dramatic language, Cardinal Casaroli also acknowledged the existence of a plot against the Church as a whole. He stated that in the attempted murder of the Pontiff, old hatreds and "sacrileges" had been resurrected "within one heart [the assassin's] . . . or was it many hearts?" Further clarifying this allusion to organized conspiracy, Casaroli remarked again that while many people hope that the Pope will emerge healthy from his current illness—caused by post-operative complications—"others hope the contrary."

The Cardinal also alluded to the reasons behind the plot against the Pope when he linked the importance of the Pontiff's speedy recovery to his crucial role in standing against "the forces of evil" which are threatening the world with nuclear destruction.

On the following day, newspapers around the world carried headlines typified by that of *La Stampa*: "For the First Time In Public the Cardinal Speaks of a Plot."

The Vatican's Apostolic Delegate to Mexico June 29 warned there may exist "a special group of persons" who are determined to murder Pope John Paul and the leading "forces for peace" within the Church. In this he also referred to the attempted assassination of Cardinal Casaroli, which had occurred in St. Peter's Basilica on the same day that the Cardinal had issued his statement.

Echoing Casaroli, Monsignor Prigrione spoke of the Pope's unique role in "saving the world from self-extinction," and charged all Christians to take seriously Casaroli's warning of a plot against the Church. He said that "since Cardinal Casaroli has suggested the possibility of an international plot to assassinate John Paul II, all Christians ought to be conscious of this and assume an attitude of solidarity with the Pope."

What is the plot of which these prelates speak, who is behind it, and what is its purpose?

The Global 2000 apparatus

As *Executive Intelligence Review* reported in some detail in its July 7, 1981 issue, the currently breaking Masonic scandal in Italy has brought to the surface, as a unified entity, the elements of an international conspiratorial elite whose policy is the drastic depopulation of the world.

The Catholic Church, under the leadership of Pope John Paul II, has been identified by this elite as one of the most powerful institutional stumbling blocks to the successful imposition of this policy.

The Italian Freemasonic scandal involving the secret lodge Propaganda 2 has shown conclusively that there exists an international apparatus cutting across party lines and national borders, as well as involving powerful elements within the Catholic Church itself, all working for a common goal. The names involved include those of Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the Rockefeller banking empire, Club of Rome founder Aurelio Peccei, Kuhn Loeb investment banker George Ball, the Italian royal House of Savoy together with the entire stratum of Italian, German and other "black nobility," and many others including all known terrorist and drug-smuggling networks.

The program of this far-flung and powerful elite is to reverse the process of global industrialization and progress, as Peccei's Club of Rome advocates, and as the State Department intends to carry out in the name of the Global 2000 policy adopted under the Carter

administration. It is a policy of a return to the Dark Ages, through deindustrialization and depopulation.

George Ball, the protégé of eugenicist William Draper Jr., was the individual responsible for the creation of the population control bureaucracy within the State Department that created the Global 2000 policy. Speaking of the specific case of Latin America, he said in a recent interview that its population was an "acid pollution" for the United States and added: "There is strong pressure from the Vatican not to do anything at all to encourage population control in Latin America. This is a real obstacle. . . . This Pope is too strong; it's too hard to do anything at all with him. He is absolutely dead set against any population policy, and he is very powerful."

Church threatened with schism

What may be identified as the "Augustinian" tradition within the Catholic Church, exemplified by such targeted individuals as the Pope and Cardinal Casaroli, are currently in the midst of a deadly battle with the Global 2000 proponents inside the Church. These latter are openly threatening the Vatican with a schism if the Pope and Curia refuse to go along with their Dark Ages program. This schismatic movement, although originating with certain prelates and Catholic intellectuals in Europe, such as the Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin, is institutionally particularly active within the North and Latin American Churches.

In the United States, circles within the Interreligious Peace Colloquium of Father Gremillion, S.J., exemplify some of the highest levels of the North American Global 2000 schismatic movement. As Gremillion has explained in interviews, and his collaborators have published, the centralized Catholic Church must be destroyed in favor of autonomous regional churches whose task will be to help populations accept economic backwardness ("appropriate technologies") and hence, accept the violent reduction of their numbers.

A cofounder of Gremillion's organization was Jimmy Carter's former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, together with other leading Jesuits such as William Ryan, S.J., member of Peccei's Club of Rome and Jesuit Provincial Superior in Toronto, Canada, as well as leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood and B'nai B'rith. The Interreligious Peace Colloquium was founded in Bellagio, Italy, on the Rockefeller estate that similarly serves as the meeting place for the Siena Group of international bankers currently involved in the Italian Propaganda 2 scandal.

As Gremillion told an interviewer, his organization is not itself a mass movement but the *creator of mass movements*; and he boasted that the building of such a movement within the North and Latin American Churches was doing very well.

Indeed, the Jesuit father did not exaggerate.

In his pastoral message issued at the beginning of July, the president of the Brazilian National Bishops Conference, Ivo Lorscheiter, quoted at length from a book by Aurelio Peccei to motivate his thesis that science and industrialization "dehumanize" populations and should be abolished. One week later, speaking at the conference of the Frente Agraria Gaucha in Porto Alegre, Dom Lorscheiter supported Church involvement in armed terrorist "guerrilla" struggles "in extreme cases where it is the only solution." Such meat grinder "guerrilla" warfare has been named by the authors of Global 2000 as a means of lowering population growth in the Third World.

Typical of the faction represented by the Brazilian bishop is the situation in the Nicaraguan Church where three Jesuit priests holding ministerial posts in that government have flatly rejected orders from the Vatican to resign their government positions. The orders were conveyed by the Primate of Nicaragua immediately upon his return from an emergency trip to Rome.

The open split within the Nicaraguan Church was partly responsible for the convening of an extraordinary meeting in Rome on June 8-11 representing a test of strength between the schismatic and Curia-allied forces. The meeting involved all the bishops of Latin America, the heads of the five religious orders operating in the area, three Curial cardinals, and the president of the Latin American Conference of Bishops. The result was that the Curia was forced, at least temporarily, to back down or face an open revolt within the Central American church.

The Curia's thesis that priests must not become involved in the internal political affairs of any state was voted down, although it was a thesis repeatedly endorsed by Pope John Paul himself. Instead, the concluding conference document advocated the pluralist formula of "unity in diversity" requiring a "case-by-case analysis" of each national situation in Central America. Needless to say, this principle effectively destroys the centralizing force of the Pope in directing the Church, creating precisely the type of "regional Church" structures advocated by Father Gremillion.

Furthermore, the concluding document accepted the formulation of Jesuit General Arrupe allowing collaboration between the Church and terrorist "Marxist" groups, precisely as called for by the Brazilian bishop.

Arrupe's formulation, taken from a letter sent on Dec. 8 of last year to all the Jesuit Provincials, consists of two points. First, it is necessary to "recognize and seek to understand the reasons for which the Marxist analysis is so attractive," and second, to recognize the use of anticommunism "for the sole purpose of covering up injustices." In other words, a backhanded but unmistakable endorsement of Marxist guerrilla movements.