

# International Intelligence

## **Italy's P-2 scandal bobs up against Craxi**

The P-2 Masonic scandal in Italy was revived at the end of September, with the target of the new revelations on the secret neo-fascist organization being none other than Bettino Craxi, the Italian Socialist leader who is Alexander Haig's choice to become the new prime minister.

The new revelations stem from the court testimony of Roberto Calvi, the leading Italian banker arrested this summer for his illegal money trafficking in behalf of the P-2 conspirators. Calvi testified that he was blackmailed by the P-2 into giving about \$21 million to the Socialist Party coffers, and specifically to Socialist chief Craxi.

The blackmail on behalf of Craxi, Calvi continued, was carried out by Umberto Ortolani, currently the Knights of Malta ambassador to Uruguay and a key zero-growth agent in the Catholic Church. Calvi's testimonies revealed the details of a telephone conversation with Craxi after Calvi had deposited the required sums into the Socialist Party bank account, and Craxi "thanked" him for the money transfer, implying that Craxi personally was part of the secret dirty-money transferred to the Socialist Party.

## **Oxford planners link oil to population**

The annual symposium on world energy cosponsored by OPEC and Oxford University's St. Catherine's College at the end of September made population a topic of discussion for the first time.

Nordine Ait-Loussaine, formerly of the Algerian oil company Sonatrach and now director of Maurice Strong's Geneva-based International Energy Development Corporation, declared that over the next 20 years, only the underpopulated OPEC nations—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, and the UAE—will export a sizeable volume of oil and maintain their

petrodollar balances. Such heavily populated nations as Nigeria and Indonesia, he said, would be written off as oil exporters.

Robert Mabro, director of Oxford's St. Anthony's College, followed with the prediction that underpopulated oil producers will use the oil weapon most readily and effectively, since they do not need high revenues to sustain their populations.

## **U.S. ambassador to Nigeria wants genocide**

The U.S. Senate has received the nomination of Thomas Pickering, a leading sponsor of the genocidal *Global 2000 Report*, to be the American Ambassador to Nigeria.

With a population of about 80 million, Nigeria is the biggest country in Africa, accounting for approximately 20 percent of the entire population of the African continent.

The largest oil producer in Africa, Nigeria is the second largest supplier of oil to the U.S., and Nigeria is determined to use its oil wealth to industrialize. "If one nation in Africa is important," said a demographic profiler for the Population Reference Bureau, "it is Nigeria."

Pickering was assistant secretary of the Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs section of the State Department under the Carter administration. He oversaw the preparation of the *Global 2000 Report*, working directly under secretaries Vance and Muskies.

## **Britain takes 'soft' approach to Poland**

Referring to Alexander Haig, the London *Times* editorialized Sept. 23: "There is a school of thought in Washington . . . which holds that the Soviet empire should be left to destroy itself by the force

of its own inner contradictions and by violence if it comes to that. . . . If the Russians invade, the argument goes, communism will be further discredited, Soviet forces will be tied down. . . . The Western alliance will be pulled together." The *Times* proposed instead that the West consider offering Poland large-scale economic aid "tied to IMF-type conditions" and "in consultation with the Russians." The article reflected Foreign Secretary Carrington's pursuit of geopolitical deals with the U.S.S.R. rather than bald confrontation. David Watt, who heads the Royal Institute of International Affairs, publicly endorsed this approach Sept. 25.

Poland's creditor banks and KOR are meanwhile demanding a guarantee that Poland will emphasize agriculture rather than industry, and accord plant managers more "autonomy," according to the Sept. 29 *New York Journal of Commerce*. In this connection the rabidly anti-industrial KOR, the radical "Workers' Defense Committee" synthesized by British intelligence five years ago, dissolved itself Sept. 28 in order to exert more influence as officials within Poland's Solidarity organization.

## **López Portillo talks about De la Madrid**

Mexican president José López Portillo, interviewed on Sept. 25, the day the candidacy of his successor, Miguel de la Madrid, was announced, responded to a question as to whether the new PRI candidate is "a technocrat of a *politico*:" "I refuse to accept these conventional divisions. . . . A technocrat can be a good politician, and a politician can be a good technocrat; I believe in the integral man."

A fur ple are criticizing Mr. de la Madrid for the considerable contact he necessarily had with the private sector in the course of his work as Planning Secretary. Do you think he is close to the private sector?

## Briefly

Could this hold some danger?"

López Portillo said: "There's nothing special about the nature of his contracts with the private sector, because he also had lots of contact with the social sector and the public sector. Our country is only one unit; such Manichean speculations as yours split the human personality as if it were a cake or a cheese. A human being is neither cake nor cheese; it is complex, as society itself is complex."

### **Promising signals on U.S.-Mexico trade**

Mexico was host late last month to the first full meeting of the special U.S.-Mexico Trade Commission (STR) set up by Presidents Reagan and López Portillo at Camp David in June. Some 30 officials came down from the U.S. side, headed by Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Special Trade Representative William Brock. On the Mexican side, Commerce Secretary Jorge de la Vega Domínguez and Industry Secretary José Andrés de Oteyña headed the slate.

The U.S. side declared keen interest in re-establishing the U.S. as a reliable nuclear technology supplier to Mexico, after the debacle of the Carter years, and that Mexico indicated it was "receptive" to the request. And, at a Sept. 29 Mexico City seminar on U.S.-Mexican nuclear cooperation, Ambassador John Gavin said the Reagan administration intends to return the U.S. to the status of a reliable supplier of nuclear technology. Gavin spoke on the same day that Mexico's Federal Electrical Commission opened bidding on technologies for Mexico's next two nuclear plants, under conditions in which the technicians who will build and operate the 20,000 megawatts of nuclear power will be fully trained, and the technology transferred to Mexico. Many European suppliers are in the bidding.

A determined faction in the U.S. is still attempting to use the Reagan "free-market" dogma to force Mexico toward a labor-intensive, light-industry Hong

Kong model. One of their point men is Jerry Brady, a Washington consultant contracted by the STR office to make an official study on U.S.-Mexico trade issues. Known as the Ventura Report, the study stresses that "the two nations are most likely on a collision course over trade." Brady says that a labor-intensive focus was played down in the study to avoid antagonizing the Mexicans.

### **Henry Wallich describes Third World loan shutoff**

In a semisecret speech to the International Conference of Banking Supervisors on Sept. 24, Federal Reserve Governor Henry Wallich emanded that the supervisors force private U.S. banks under their jurisdiction to consider rescheduled loans as defaulted loans and take the loss on their books, and/or set up reserves against the prospect of defaults.

This would mean that banks halt lending to any nation or entity from whom full repayment on time was not guaranteed.

"The world has reached the point," the veteran austerity specialist Wallich said, "where a slowing down in the rate of growth of debt is necessary. First the higher proportion of rescheduled debt should make us uneasy, especially if the interest itself is capitalized, and second, the high level of interest rates unfortunately also adds to the risk inherent in any given level of debt."

In a press conference at the annual conference of the International Monetary Fund, Wallich said that the Cooke Committee, set up after the rigged 1974 collapse of the Herstatt Bank to propose regulations for the Euromarkets, is beginning to enforce "consolidated balance sheets" for banks.

Under this policy, whereby rescheduled loans of a foreign branch must appear on the headquarters' books, greatly reducing the latter's solvency, and forcing a reduction in Third World loans.

● **LYNDON LAROUCHE**, *EIR* founder, announced Oct. 1 that "an urgent action program" is required to quarantine the Khomeini regime and halt the process of genocide in Iran. Among the measures pursued will be condemnation of the regime by all relevant official bodies, removal of diplomatic immunity for Iranian officials, their arrest by local authorities under the Nuremberg code, and cessation of all international aid to the regime. These issues, LaRouche stated, will be raised at once with the governments of the major Western powers, the U.S.S.R., Israel, and leading Third World governments, along with United Nations authorities.

● **FRANCOIS Mitterrand** and Maggie Thatcher each arrived in the Persian Gulf at the end of September seeking influence and arms deals should the U.S. Congress reject the AWACS sales to Saudi Arabia. The British Nimrod and French Atlantique were offered as substitutes.

● **VENEZUELA** blocked a World Bank loan to Guyana for a hydroelectric project in the disputed Essequibo region, a project counted on for power generation and bauxite smelting, to save oil import costs. Prime Minister Ptolemy Reid also reports that the Venezuelans are scaring off private investment in Guyana, while Great Britain has proposed that Guyana launch "an emigration program" to ship citizens to Belize and other locations described as "non-white."

● **U.S. SENATORS** active on behalf of international "nuclear nonproliferation," such as Democrats Alan Cranston and John Glenn, have protested Pakistan's drive toward an "Islamic bomb" but say that they will vote for the U.S. military aid package to Zia nonetheless.