

1981: the year of the global assassins

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"It is my duty to raise my voice against the grave and still unresolved phenomenon of international terrorism," Pope John Paul II stated in his Dec. 22 address to the Cardinals and prelates of the Roman Catholic Church. "I cannot forget my own personal experience on that afternoon of May 13 in Saint Peter's Square." The reasons for terrorism, declared John Paul II, "grown from unknown roots which, however, can always be traced back to hatred, to ideological confusion and to the attempt to inject uncertainty and fear into international life. . . . The lasting threat of this grave future for mankind, and my own experience in going through the crucible of such a tremendous test make me raise my grief-stricken voice once more" to appeal to international terrorists to desist from their "mad death threats."

The Pope's appeal is no simple-minded cry against violence. It is a precisely worded call to the world's political leaders and investigative agencies to take determined action to expose the conspiracy that lies behind the series of assassinations and attempted assassinations in 1981 that have brought us so close to a "new Sarajevo."

Of that conspiracy there can be no doubt. In a report released Sept. 23, the Italian court ruled in a 51-page report that the murder attempt on the Pope May 13 was no act of a "lone assassin" but the work of a conspiracy. The report stated: Ali Agca was "not a religious fanatic," but a "bold and proven killer . . . who knew how to

handle a weapon and had nerves of steel. Agca was only the visible point of a conspiracy, though impossible to define, [which] was widespread and menacing and devised by shadowy forces."

Not since 1962-63—when the Permindex international assassination bureau gunned down Italian oil developer Enrico Mattei, U.S. President John F. Kennedy, and made dozens of attempts on the life of French President Charles de Gaulle—has the world witnessed such an intense use of political assassination as in 1981. On March 30, John Hinckley, Jr., nearly succeeded in murdering the new President of the United States. Within a month, President Giscard d'Estaing narrowly missed death at the hands of terrorists at the Corsican airport. On May 13, Pope John Paul II was shot by Agca, a man who had evaded capture by Turkish authorities for more than a year as he crossed unimpeded through Eastern and Western Europe. On Oct. 6, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was slaughtered while reviewing a military parade. The intensity of the political terror has not abated: French press reported Dec. 21 that the Pope has come under renewed death threats; President Ronald Reagan has been documented to be the target of hit teams now operating in the United States; and Democratic Party leader Lyndon LaRouche is also known to be the target for early assassination.

To take up the challenge of the Pope's mandate brings forth the first question: is there a common political

aim behind these series of assassinations and attempts?

Each of those targeted for assassination in 1981 represented an obstacle to the European-British oligarchy's goal of a world order ruled on the basis of the population-reduction doctrine of the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report*; a "post-industrial society" in which the threat of progress-committed nation-states would have been eliminated. Global destabilization, population wars, and the destruction of both the United States and the Soviet Union as world powers, are the preconditions for this new world order. Among the adherents of this vision for modern man we find the City of London financial and royal interests; the die-hard oligarchy of Europe led by Otto von Hapsburg; the black nobility of Italy; we find the controllers of the Muslim Brotherhood secret society that put Ayatollah Khomeini in power in Iran and that controls Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi. And it is among the adherents of this fascist world order that we find capabilities for political assassination.

Looking at the wave of political terror that has bloodied the year 1981 there are three leads that emerge in pursuance of the "unnamed conspiracy": the exposure of the Propaganda Due secret Freemasonic society; the British Arab Bureau's Muslim Brotherhood; and the continuing capability of the British-Perminindex international assassination bureau. This review will deal primarily with the first.

P-2: an international scandal

Exactly one week after Pope John Paul II had been shot, "the biggest scandal in the history of the Republic" of Italy, as the press called it, broke out when the Forlani government released the names of 962 members of the illegal Freemasonic secret society, Propaganda Due (P-2). A few days later, the entire Forlani government was forced to resign when the Socialist Party refused to pull out its members of the government that had appeared on the P-2 list.

Directed by the Venerable Master Licio Gelli, former torturer for Mussolini's Republic of Salò and one of the sponsors of Libya's Colonel Qaddafi, the lodge had been accused in the past of involvement in arms trafficking, terrorism, illegal currency flight, blackmail, kidnapping, attempted coups d'état, and other criminal activities. But it had always emerged unscathed.

Since March 1981 the Forlani government had had in its possession the names of the P-2 members. The list had been found on the premises of Gelli's villa during a government raid. Also found were 33,000 individual dossiers—blackmail files on every prominent Italian politician, businessman, military officer, intelligence operative, and labor leader. For two months Forlani acceded to pressure from high NATO officials not to publish the P-2 list; but the attempted assassination of

John Paul II placed unbearable pressure to bring to light the evidence against the "citizens above suspicion."

Pressure to keep the lid on the P-2 scandal was understandable. On June 16, the well-known Rome daily *Paese Sera* documented that the U.S. National Security Council under Henry Kissinger in 1969 had made the decision to carry out activities in Italy through the P-2 cover. Case officer for the operation was Alexander Haig, now Secretary of State. Also implicated in P-2 are several members of the Trilateral Commission, notably David Rockefeller, George Ball, and the former U.S. Ambassador to Italy under Jimmy Carter, Richard Gardner. According to *Paese Sera*, dossiers found in the possession of P-2's fugitive leader Licio Gelli showed Haig listed under the category of "friend," and suggested that plans for a coup in Italy were revived with Haig's entry into the State Department. Within a month of the *Paese Sera* revelations, Haig had dispatched State Department adviser Michael Ledeen to Italy with the aim of quashing the spread of the P-2 scandal.

A fascist conspiracy

Examination of the flamboyant career of Licio Gelli, P-2's Grand Master, demonstrates the power of the Propaganda Due revelations in damaging the network of the oligarchy's one-worldist operatives in the United States and elsewhere. Gelli functions as the Lord Chamberlain for the House of Savoy, and enjoys the personal friendship of such diverse personalities as German neo-fascist Franz-Josef Strauss, whose underground circles in Germany were known to safehouse Ali Agca, and Romanian head of state Nicolae Ceausescu; he was among the few Italians to be invited to attend the presidential inauguration of Jimmy Carter in 1977.

Gelli began his career fighting alongside the Spanish Fascists in the famous Tercio, the Spanish foreign legion, and from there became a paratrooper for the Nazis in Finland. Back in Italy, when Mussolini created the Republic of Salò in 1944, Gelli became the official liaison between the Fascists, the secret police of Salò, and the Nazi SS. He also gained notoriety as a torturer, a skill he had learned from the Nazis in Germany.

After the war, under the protection of OSS officer James Jesus Angleton, at the time working to protect the House of Savoy, Gelli was permitted to flee to Argentina, taking millions in flight capital with him. There Gelli became an intimate of Juan Perón's political adviser, José López Rega, the founder of the drug-trafficking terrorist group, the AAA. He also established contact with Aginterpress, the Lisbon press agency that for years had been the brains behind the Black International of Otto von Hapsburg and former Nazi commando Otto Skorzeny.

In the early 1960s, Gelli received orders from the Anglo-American Scottish Rite Masons—namely the Duke of Kent—to return and reorganize Italian masonry. According to the Grand Master of the Grand Orient in France, Roger Leray, this project was based upon a decision taken by the Bilderberg Society, an oligarchical institution composed of Europe's nobility and its international retainers like Henry Kissinger. By 1966, Gelli had been elevated to the level of Master and installed in the P-2 lodge. Among the notables who joined Gelli's lodge were Victor of Savoy, the pretender to the Italian throne; the Savoy Prince Junio Valerio Borghese (the "Black Prince"); Senator Mario Tedeschi, leader of the fascist MSI party; Prince Alliata di Montereale, the primary bankroller of the Sicilian separatist movement. Found among its membership list in May were 170 top military personnel, 30 members of the Italian parliament; three cabinet ministers of the Forlani government including both Christian Democrats and Socialists; and two former heads of the SID, the Italian intelligence service.

As did its 19th-century predecessor, Propaganda Uno, directed by that incendiary agent of Lord Palmerston and founder of the Mafia, Giuseppe Mazzini, P-2 functioned as a political conspiracy, situated on the second rung of political control over both right and left terrorism and the plotting of coups.

On the night of Dec. 7, 1970, P-2's Prince Junio Valerio Borghese attempted a coup d'état led in Rome by neo-fascist commandos who occupied the Interior Ministry. May 17, 1973 saw another coup attempt—this time by the famous Rose dei Venti organization. The conspirators were high officials in the NATO psychological warfare center at Verona and a group of industrialists. Licio Gelli provided the coordination and necessary funding. Gelli's P-2 was also implicated in terrorism, including the Aug. 3, 1974, bombing of the international train *Italicus*, which killed 12 passengers and wounded many others.

There are two avenues of evidence linking the Pope's would-be assassin Ali Agca to P-2. P-2's Prince Alliata di Montereale is the patron behind the *Accademia Mediterraneo*, which sponsors the monthly journal *L'Opinione Pubblica*. One of Montereale's employees in this endeavor is a right-wing Turkish journalist, Nevin Gunn; Gunn is also suspected as an accomplice of Agca.

The other route goes through Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi. But first it is necessary to interject the fact that "linked to Qaddafi" does not mean to Qaddafi as the self-proclaimed prophet of Greater Libya or Muslim fundamentalism. Nor does it mean Qaddafi, the pawn proffered to the Soviet Union and its KGB. Muammar Qaddafi is first and foremost a creation of P-2. Libya has been controlled by the Italian black

nobility since Italo Balbo of Mussolini-period fame, a descendant of Mazzini's P-1, ruled over the country as viceroy. Qaddafi himself was trained in Spain under the auspices of Gelli and two of his close associates, Juan Perón and Otto Skorzeny. Gelli, Perón, and Skorzeny, all resident in Madrid during the 1960s, are the actual authors of Qaddafi's Green Book of revolution.

Two days after Pope John Paul had been shot, King Hassan of Morocco sent a confidential letter to Italian President Pertini. According to the Milan news daily *Corriere della Sera* May 16, the letter contained details linking Agca to Qaddafi. *EIR* verified the *Corriere* report. Pertini, a member of the Socialist Party of Italy, has refused to date to disclose the contents of the Hassan letter, claiming it has been "lost."

To proceed to the next level of control over terrorism, we examine the arrest of Italian banker Roberto Calvi on May 19, one day before the scandal broke. A member of P-2 and chairman of the Banco Ambrosiano, Calvi stands at the center of a banking nexus that supplies the funding for international terrorism. The Venetian banker is reportedly the top financial representative for Libya.

According to sources at the Banco Ambrosiano on both sides of the Atlantic, Calvi's bank is one of a grouping of seven interlocked banks called Inter-Alpha. The publicity-shy but powerful international syndicate includes West Germany's BHF Bank, France's Swiss-connected *Crédit Commercial*, the *Kredietbank* of Luxembourg, and the British combination of Williams and Glyn-Royal Bank of Scotland, now merged with the central bank of the Far Eastern dope trade, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Inter-Alpha was founded in 1972 to be the premier flight-capital conduit between the Far East and Latin American "offshore markets," with special expertise in the secretive transfer of very large old family fortunes. With centers in 40 countries, Inter-Alpha is the next level of control over the terrorist protectors and deployers within the P-2 lodge.

It is thus not unexpected to find that one of the most powerful figures in the Inter-Alpha nexus is Aurelio Peccei, founder of the Club of Rome, who in the spring of this year at a Paris gathering endorsing François Mitterrand as President of France, declared that the nation-state must be destroyed since it is an obstacle to the full imposition of a zero-growth world order.

It is Aurelio Peccei who appears to have had command over the Inter-Alpha's own intelligence service, Ultrafin. While still functioning from his 20-year post at the Agnelli family's Fiat company, Peccei ordered that Richard Gardner, later named U.S. ambassador to Italy by Jimmy Carter, be placed in charge of Ultrafin's intelligence operations in New York. From his position as a leading economic light of the Trilateral Commission, Gardner was responsible for preparing monthly

reports “on the world situation and its impact on Inter-Alpha,” according to sources at Ambrosiano.

As for Peccei, from Fiat, he went on to head the Atlantic Institute’s Economic Committee, from which he launched the Club of Rome in 1968, along with OECD’s economist Alexander King, and Hugo Thiemann, counselor to the Swiss Nestlé Corporation, an entity interlocked with Inter-Alpha.

Aurelio Peccei’s presence in Inter-Alpha brings us to the heart of the “shadowy forces” behind international terrorism: P-2 and its terror machinery is the enforcement arm for the Malthusian oligarchs’ Club of Rome.

The Islamic connection

In early September, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat launched a crackdown on the opponents to his government operating under the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood and under the KGB-linked Coptic Church. “There will be no Khomeini here,” Sadat told his nation. In early October, as he was preparing the second phase of his security clampdown, which would have involved government shakeups and a military purge, Sadat was assassinated. But from the standpoint of his assassins’ controllers, Sadat’s major crime was not his crackdown on the Brotherhood, but his determination to build Egypt—the keystone nation of the Arab world—into a modern industrialized country.

What P-2 is for Europe, the Muslim Brotherhood is for the Middle East. Founded by the British Arab Bureau in 1929, the Muslim Brotherhood is the Islamic-wide semisecret society that brought the Ayatollah Khomeini to power in 1979. Khomeini and nearly the entire leadership of his fascist Islamic Republican Party were members of the Freemasonic-modeled Fedayeen-e-Islam, the Iranian arm of the Muslim Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is also the power base of Pakistan’s military dictator Ziaul Haq, and its Libyan ally, the Senussi Brotherhood, backs Qaddafi. In Saudi Arabia, the Brotherhood’s chief is Prince Abdullah, now awaiting a destabilization to take power.

The economic dismantling of Iran and the genocidal elimination of all opponents, including children, to the Khomeini regime, demonstrates the prevailing ideology of the Muslim Brothers. The Muslim Brotherhood’s purge of all “Western influence” from Islam—that is, industrial technology—conforms to the British method of colonial rule by enforced backwardness.

Naturally, the controllers of the Muslim Brotherhood are not to be found in the Islamic nations it attacks. Its strategic directors are Islamic exiles and European oligarchical retainers found in such organizations as the Islamic Council of Europe, the Islamic Institute for Defense Technology, and Islam and the West, located in such cities as London, Geneva, Munich, and Paris.

Under the protection of Jimmy Carter’s Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti—the same attorney general who refused to prosecute the Billygate affair—the Muslim Brotherhood was permitted free rein in the United States, through its fronts, the terrorist Muslim Student Association, the Persian-Speaking Students Group, and the Detroit-based Ramallah Federation. The Islamic Guerrilla Army, operating under the direction of Iranian Muslim Brother Bahram Nahidian in Washington, D.C. carried out the July 26, 1980, murder of anti-Khomeini leader Ali Akbar Tabatabai in Washington, D.C. A Dec. 15 column by Jack Anderson surfaced evidence linking “lone assassin” John Hinckley, Jr. to the same Islamic Guerrilla Army.

The Muslim Brotherhood in the United States, in combination with that section of the American Zionist lobby represented by Max Fisher, Edgar Bronfman, and their ties to the Permindex international assassination bureau, represents the core of the assassination threat against President Ronald Reagan today. That threat emerged in the clear light of day with the Oct. 21-25 conference in Houston, Texas, of the Muslim Brotherhood under the auspices of the Rothko Chapel. Participating in the meeting, entitled “Islam: Spiritual Message and Quest for Justice,” were 23 top-level Muslim Brotherhood strategists from all over the Islamic world. Throughout the conference’s proceedings, its participants rose to hail the murder of Egyptian President Sadat and to call for the spread of the Khomeini revolution throughout the Middle East.

The Rothko Chapel been founded in 1971 by Jean and Countess Dominique de Menil, the family heading up the Houston branch of the Schlumberger Corporation, the world’s largest producer of oil-drilling equipment. Before his death, Jean de Menil had been a member of the board of directors of Permindex, and had been present at the spring 1963 meeting of Permindex directors at Montego Bay, Jamaica, where the Nov. 22 murder of President Kennedy was planned.

The majority of the participants at the Rothko Chapel gathering had come from a gathering in Paris the previous week under the sponsorship of the Muslim Brotherhood control organization, Islam and the West. That conference had been funded by Occidental Petroleum, the Corporation of Qaddafi mentor Armand Hammer. Attending were Britain’s Lord Caradon and the Club of Rome founder Aurelio Peccei. At the conference, the Islam and the West decided to effectively merge with the Club of Rome.

The surfacing once again of the Club of Rome points to the fundamental act that international terrorism is no “sociological phenomenon,” but a weapon deployed on behalf of the Global 2000 policy of genocide worldwide. And the “citizens above suspicion” espousing such a policy must be examined accordingly.