

In 1980, operatives of the Gambino syndicate in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Cherry Hill and Delran, N.J. were arrested for transporting millions of dollars of over 90 percent pure heroin from Sicily. Among those arrested were Rosario and Giuseppe Gambino.

The chief of Italy's heroin trade was—until his death last August near Palermo, in a “mob rubout”—Gaetano Badalamenti, an intimate of Dr. Miceli-Crimi, Francis Turatello, and Gerlando Alberti. After Francis Turatello, the mafia drug boss of Milan, was murdered in prison last August, the Italian press revealed that Turatello's “political guardian angel” was Bettino Craxi, the head of the Italian Socialist Party. Turatello's gangsters were often “lent” to the Red Brigades.

The third drug kingpin in Italy is the now jailed Gerlando Alberti. Alberti was arrested in August 1980 in a raid on the biggest heroin refinery in Western Europe, Ceresto Castle near Turin. Last month, Judge Caselli of Turin revealed that his investigation into the Alberti Mafia family produced overwhelming confirmation of the Mafia's interconnections with the Red Brigades. According to Judge Caselli, the Mafia has signed a deal with the terrorists, whereby the Mafia supplies weapons, money, safehouses, and men in exchange for political favors. The Red Brigades even opened contact with “friendly” governments in the Mediterranean as new markets for the Mafia's weapons and dope smuggling.

On Jan. 28, Italian police rounded up 40 members of a heroin ring operating in Verona, the NATO base city where Dozier had been kidnapped on Dec. 17. The ring, a branch of the Calabrian ‘Ndrangheta’ (Mafia), was a textbook example of terrorist/organized crime collaboration. Socialist Party boss Giacomo Mancini runs the ‘Ndrangheta in his native Calabria, in southern Italy; his son-in-law, Paolo Laponi, heads a terrorist band called Communist Combat Units which carries out kidnappings and other crimes with the ‘Ndrangheta and splits the proceeds 50-50. Raggio, the leader of the Verona heroin band, was a member of the Communist Combat Units *and* the Socialist Party.

Meanwhile, the indictment of Sindona has raised painful questions for U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. The questions center on Haig's relationship to the Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge of Licio Gelli, which, as this publication has previously documented, was behind every assassination, coup attempt, and drug running and kidnapping operation of importance that has occurred in Italy over the past ten years.

Not only has Haig's aide Michael Ledeen been charged by the Italian press and magistracy (see below) with having possibly received money from P-2 in return for promoting the ambitions of Bettino Craxi. But Haig himself, whose name appeared on one of the dossiers seized in Licio Gelli's villa last spring, was named by Michele Sindona as someone who could corroborate his

The Abscammers' ties to the Red Brigades

The anti-terrorist circles in Italy who on Jan. 24 rescued General Dozier from the hands of the heroin trafficking Red Brigades, have linked U.S. Eastern District Organized Crime Strike Force head Thomas Puccio to the Palermo drug mafia through the person of Michele Papa. Papa was the central figure in the Billygate affair and a bridge between the Libyan government of Muammar Qaddafi, the Palermo-reconstituted “French Connection” heroin mob, and “left” and “right” terrorists in Italy including the Red Brigades.

The bridge between Strike Force prosecutor Thomas Puccio and the Sicilian heroin mafia was further confirmed Jan. 25 by an Italy-based investigator for the National Democratic Policy Committee. The investigator contacted Michele Papa and was

overtly solicited by Papa to deliver a personal package to his “good friend” in Brooklyn, New York—Thomas Puccio.

Moreover, another part of the Justice Department's Abscam apparatus, Melvin Weinberg, is a self-admitted financier of the Red Brigades. In Robert Greene's book on Weinberg, *The Sting Man*, the DoJ's chief Abscam informant admits that shortly before Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro was murdered by the Red Brigades, he, Weinberg, was supplying the fundraisers of the Red Brigades with blank certificates of deposit from offshore banks, which the terrorists were using to raise money for their activities.

“Sting man” Weinberg in an earlier period ran a global scam operation for organized crime kingpin Meyer Lansky's “London Investors”—an international network which trafficked in phony certificates of deposit which were used to finance the same Red Brigades networks.

David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan bank also enters the picture as it was Chase Manhattan that housed the fraudulent accounts of Abscam's Abdul Enterprises.