

demonstrations will occur under cover of protesting the deploying of American medium-range nuclear missiles in the southern part of Sicily.

The weapons for the destabilization are being partially routed through the British consulate in Sicily. The ammunition is mainly arriving from Spain, a route which will now be investigated by the Italian government.

Not only the Italian cabinet has become alerted to the danger. Operation Nightmare, which was previously a highly secret project, has gained so much notoriety internationally, thanks in part to the efforts of this journal, that pieces of the scenario are beginning to appear in the European press.

The March 30 edition of the West German newspaper *Die Welt*, one of the most widely circulated in the country, carried a front page article advertising certain components of the gameplan. *Die Welt* reported: "According to analyses of Western secret services, the communist initiators [of anti-American demonstrations against the missiles] are counting on the support of the Sicilian separatist movement. The planned campaign is supported, according to the intelligence reports, by Libya's Chief of State Qaddafi. . . ."

### **Sicily only the detonator**

In late 1979 the Italian banker Michele Sindona, best known in the U.S. as the owner of the collapsed Franklin National Bank, testified to the FBI that he had been contacted by certain networks in the American intelligence community to aid in planning a Sicilian separatist revolt. The individuals he had subpoenaed in this regard were Alexander Haig, then NATO European commander, Admiral Stansfield Turner, and Admiral Thomas Moorer. Sindona had been a collaborator of the Allies and the American OSS during the World War II Sicilian invasion, where he functioned as a liaison between the OSS and the Sicilian separatists, transporting to them weapons provided by the OSS.

Admiral Moorer, former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the individual named by Sindona as implicated in an earlier separatist coup attempt in the island, has now revealed in discussion with a reporter that he is equally well informed on the current operation. Moorer's role in the present operation helps give weight to Sindona's earlier testimony indicting current Secretary of State Haig.

Moorer, together with other sources, now indicates that the Sicilian revolt will be only the "detonator" of a much broader destabilization effort that will encompass the whole of the areas bordering the Mediterranean, including the Balkan countries, some of which are within the Soviet orbit. That fact alone makes the Sicily scenario a potential detonator of an escalating thermo-nuclear war confrontation.

Among the other sources representing this view of

the gameplan was a former top-ranking member of the Carter administration who maintains ties to the peace movement. Another was one of the leading OSS hands who inducted Sindona during the war years, eventually bringing him into the orbit of the top international intelligence networks as an international banker laundering money for organized crime elites.

All agree that the immediate targets are "Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia," and "the leading Balkan and Eastern European states, particularly Romania, Hungary," and ultimately "even the Soviet Union itself." A successful or at least sufficiently powerful demonstration of Sicilian separatism would be the tip-off for a spreading wave of nationalistic sentiment throughout the various linguistic and cultural groups currently regrouped under various national governments.

Soviet intelligence, these sources report, is working together with the British to round up the various internationally-scattered leaders of such separatist, fascist groups as the infamous Yugoslav Ustashi, and returning them to their homelands in preparation for the coming events. The most immediate way to identify the relevant networks, another source noted, is to trace the drugs and arms smuggling routes that run throughout the Mediterranean, criss-crossing southern Europe both East and West, and run into the Middle East and Libya. These are the criminal networks that are involved in the planned destabilizations at an operative level.

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### **Propaganda-2**

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## **British royal family tied to Sicily plot**

by Scott Thompson

Lord Carrington, British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Duke of Kent, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and eighth in line of succession to the throne, are both implicated in the attempt to destabilize the southern flank of NATO through a Sicilian upheaval (code-named "Operation Nightmare") that is timed to coincide with the Sicilian Vespers celebration in late April.

In Sicily, both the peace movement and its opposition are tied to the Sicilian separatist forces associated with the Mafia, Freemasons, and Italian black nobility that were welded into a unit by the British Special Operations Executive and Office of Strategic Services during World War II. Since an aborted attempt in 1943-47 period by these networks to install the House of Savoy as rulers

over a Sicily transformed into an offshore haven for casino gambling and drugs, the Sicilian separatists have been used for outbreaks of terrorism and coup attempts in Sicily, including one in late 1979 coordinated by financier Michele Sindona and Licio Gelli's Propaganda-2 Freemasonic lodge.

Lord Carrington and the Duke of Kent are an ongoing tie between the P-2-coordinated Sicilian separatist networks and the highest levels of the British Secret Intelligence Service, as well as providing a bridge through their own business ties to the British-dominated international narcotics cartel.

### **Sindona, Hambros, and the strategy of tension**

On Aug. 2, 1979 Michele Sindona, who was awaiting trial on multiple charges of fraud stemming from the collapse of his Frankling National Bank empire, disappeared. A few days later a note arrived from a heretofore unknown terrorist group stating that Sindona had been kidnaped.

In a June 17, 1980 interview taken after his return to New York, Sindona told FBI Special Agent Louis J. Vizi that rather than being kidnaped, he had been part of "a conspiracy . . . in Sicily between revolutionary Freemasons and some members of the Sicilian military and governmental authorities to participate in an armed uprising that would culminate in the secession of Sicily from Italy." Sindona proceeded to name members of the P-2 lodge as being responsible for running the coup on the ground. In March 1981, his attorney subpoenaed Secretary of State Alexander Haig, former CIA Director Stansfield Turner, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy Graham Martin, Admiral Thomas Moorer, and former U.S. Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy as being complicit in the coup.

The involvement of Haig in a P-2 plot to destabilize U.S. ally Italy was subsequently confirmed by Italian magistrates. An affidavit corroborating Sindona's statements was also submitted by John McCaffery, the former head of British SOE operations in Italy, who is believed to have acted as a partial controller of Sindona for British intelligence. Shortly after he wrote the affidavit, McCaffery died under mysterious circumstances. With his death one of the key leads tying Sindona, P-2, and repeated Italian coup attempts to the highest levels of British SIS was cut off.

Among his many roles McCaffery had been a board member with Lord Carrington of Hambros Bank, which was one of the chief financial backers of Sindona. ties between Hambros Bank and Sindona were established through Franco Marinotti, the president of Italy's textile giant, Snia-Viscosa, who had worked in the underground resistance with McCaffery. It was with the assistance of Marinotti that in 1959 Sindona took over the Banco Privata Finanziaria (BPF), the building block

of his financial empire and at the same time a bridge between the Italian black nobility, British SOE, the Propaganda-2 lodge, and the Mafia.

Together with Marinotti, Sindona approached Prince Massimo Spada, the "Vatican's financial ambassador to the outside world" and then head of the Vatican bank Istituto per le Opere Religiose (IOR), who bought a majority interest in BPF for the Church. Spada was also a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a central institution of the Italian black nobility whose members serve as the command structure on the Italian side over P-2. Almost all the chiefs of military and intelligence services exposed as members of P-2 were also in the Order, as were: Umberto II, head of the House of Savoy; Licio Gelli's patron Juan Perón; and Prince Spadafora, a leader of the Sicilian separatist movement who had been Mussolini's Undersecretary of Agriculture and who married Nazi Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht's daughter. In 1964, while Pope Paul VI waged a campaign against the Order, Spada was ousted from his post with IOR, which promptly pulled out of the BPF. Spada remained on BPF's board.

It was at this point that Hambros stepped in to share the Vatican's former interest in the Banca Privata with the Continental Bank of Illinois, whose chairman, David M. Kennedy, was to become President Nixon's Treasury Secretary. During the period of collaboration between Hambros-BPF-Continental, Sindona's financial empire served as a funding conduit for the post-1968 "strategy of tension" in which NATO carried out massive terrorism and repeated coup attempts in Italy.

This combination was well-suited for such operations. Jocelyn Hambro, the Chairman of Hambros, had served with British SOE in Switzerland during World War II, as had Harry Spoborg, a Hambros board member assigned with McCaffery to join the board of BPF. Lord Carrington, who joined Hambros' board in 1967, had been First Lord of the Admiralty, in which post he oversaw Britain's Naval Intelligence operation. Carrington left Hambros in 1970 not out of disagreement with its policies, but to become Britain's Secretary of State for Defense and one of the chief advisers to Prime Minister Ted Heath. At the time he was on Hambros' board, Carrington was also a board member of Barclays Bank, one of the Big Four London clearinghouse banks involved in laundering funds from international narcotics traffic through its offshore operations.

With the backing of Hambros, Sindona launched an acquisition drive. One of his first projects was to swallow the Vatican's \$300 million real estate conglomerate, Generale Immobiliere. This was ultimately accomplished through a joint effort by Hambros, BPF, and Gulf and Western. The deal Sindona worked out with Gulf and Western, which is today controlled by

Max Fisher's organized-crime crony Carl Lindner, became the subject of an ongoing Securities Exchange Commission investigation.

Sindona next acquired part interest in the Banca Unione of Milan which had been founded by Carlo Feltrinelli, the father of the terrorist Giangiacomo Feltrinelli who used income from the bank to finance the most hardcore groups in the May 1968 riots. Before his death in a premature bomb explosion, Giangiacomo Feltrinelli had sent 200 members of the Italian radical underground to Sicily. According to later testimony of their leader, Andreola, reprinted in the Italian publication *Il Settimanale*, the purpose of the relocation in Sicily was "to study the methods of the Mafia and to make contact with some of its representatives for revolutionary aims."

Such a meeting was arranged at the home of Mario Labisi, a leader of the Italian Socialist Party, who would later accompany Michele Papa and Billy Carter on their 1978 trip to Libya. During this trip Papa and Labisi had a secret meeting with the Palestinian Liberation Organization during the course of which they pledged the remnants of Andreola and Feltrinelli's forces to "fight alongside the Palestinians."

Sindona bought Feltrinelli's interest in the Banca Unione, while bringing his French brother-in-law, the Count André d'Ormesson, into his financial dealings.

According to a series in the London *Sunday Times*, Finabank, a wholly owned subsidiary of BPF, was also used to conduit funds to the Greek colonels before they seized power in 1967 and to General Vito Miceli: "Miceli personally received \$800,000 from the then American Ambassador, Graham Martin. Miceli was later indicted—though, as a deputy of the neo-fascist MSI party, he had parliamentary immunity—for his part in the so-called Rosa dei Venti conspiracy, which almost led to a coup in Italy in 1974. One of that group of conspirators . . . talked to a young Italian magistrate. The financing for Rosa dei Venti, he said, had come through Sindona's Finabank."

### **The Duke of Kent and Licio Gelli**

Edward, Duke of Kent, represents a direct tie between the British royal family and Propaganda-2. The Kents represent an especially "black" line of the House of Mountbatten-Windsor, with close ties to Edward VIII; the Cliveden Set; and through marriage to Schroeders Bank, a major organizer of the Hitler Bounty Fund, used to finance Hitler's 1933 rise to political power; and to key components of the international narcotics cartel. The Kents have also been major patrons of Freemasonry in Britain. In fact, in the history of British Freemasonry since 1737 only two of the heirs apparent have failed to become members, while the current Duke of Kent was elected Grand Master of the

United Grand Lodge of Britain in 1967.

The British Grand Lodge is known as "The Mother Lodge," because together with that of Scotland it has chartered most of the other Grand Lodges of the world since the days when British SIS operative Elias Ashmole developed the craft as tool of British intelligence. It was the British Grand Lodge that chartered the Grand Orient Lodge of Italy originally, and it was the British SOE which reconstituted Italian Freemasonry after World War II, employing the exiled U.S. gangster Nick Gentile to swing support of the Grand Orient behind a 1947 referendum for Sicilian independence.

In 1966, while stationed with U.N. forces in Cyprus, the Duke of Kent initiated the process of returning Licio Gelli, a former member of Mussolini's OVRA, from 20 years exile in Argentina where Gelli had been a chief adviser to Juan Perón. According to Italian coverage, the Duke of Kent lent his name to Gelli to build up Propaganda-2 as a covert intelligence arm of the Grand Orient Lodge. With this backing Gelli began openly advertising that he favored a military coup that would restore the House of Savoy.

On Dec. 7, 1970 the first of a series of P-2 coups was attempted. Prince Borghese led a detachment of fascists and forest rangers into the Interior Ministry building where they were to announce the seizure of power. The coup was short-circuited at the last moment when the Christian Democratic Party and the Vatican threatened to expose the role of General Miceli, to whom funds had been laundered through Sindona's Finabank, in the coup plot.

The Kent family's involvement in fascist coups d'état is long-standing. George, Duke of Kent, the father of the current Duke and son of King George V, was known to be sympathetic with his brother, Edward VIII, who was forced to abdicate because of his overt support for Hitler, which the British oligarchy knew its American junior partner would never accept. The Duke of Kent accompanied his brother after his abdication on the first stages of a trip to meet with Hitler and Goering.

Princess Alexandra, sister of the current Duke of Kent, is married to Angus Olgilvy, the second son of the Earl of Airlie, whose family shares ties to the Nazis and to the families that have controlled international narcotics since the days of the Opium Wars in China. The Earl of Airlie, for example, is chairman of Schroeders Bank, while Angus Olgilvy is himself on the board of several firms (e.g., The Rank Corporation) that are at the center of the international narcotics cartel.

It is men like the Duke of Kent and Britain's Lord Carrington, who, with the Italian black nobility, are running the current Sicilian destabilization of Italy using forces from the Mafia to neo-fascist groups and the peace movement to achieve this goal.