

Witness fingers Kissinger in the Moro murder trial

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This journal's charges that Henry Kissinger was behind the murder of Italian statesman Aldo Moro in 1978 have received startling corroboration in sworn testimony in an Italian court.

Testifying Nov. 10 at the ongoing Rome trial of the Red Brigades members who kidnapped and killed former Italian Prime Minister Moro, Moro's press aide Corrado Guerzoni named Henry Kissinger as the "important American politician" who tried to intimidate Moro and make him change his political line. Guerzoni also said that Aldo Moro, before his death, had discovered that Kissinger's networks in the U.S. State Department tried to spread false rumors to the Italian media implicating Moro in the Lockheed payoff scandal that rocked world politics and toppled governments in the middle 1970s.

Guerzoni's testimony was front-page news in every Italian paper and a leading item on radio and television newscasts. It confirms charges made in a legal brief submitted last August to the Rome tribunal by Fiorella Operto, head of the European Labor Party in Italy and a close collaborator of *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. In that brief (translated in full in the Oct. 19, 1982 issue of *EIR*), Operto arrayed massive evidence that Henry Kissinger, operating on behalf of a private oligarchical network hostile to the interests of the United States and every allied sovereign government, had the motive, means and capability to order the murder of Aldo Moro. Operto asked the court to open an investigation of Kissinger.

The exposure of Kissinger's relationship to the "crime of the century"—the Moro murder—could blow the lid off a

carefully contrived plan by Kissinger and the British oligarchical circles behind him to make millions in speculative dollars off the Israeli takeover of the occupied West Bank, and simultaneously carve up the Middle East between the resurgent British Empire and certain cooperative circles in the Soviet Union after driving out the United States. Although Kissinger persistently has disguised his brutal methods of implementing policy as necessary to the crusade against communism and particularly the Soviet Union, it is clear that the international conspiracy against Aldo Moro brought together the ultra "left" Red Brigades with their documented ties to Eastern European intelligence services as well as the U.S. AFL-CIO leadership, and the intimates of the "ultra-right" Black International with whom Dr. K. openly consorts. Moro himself understood this.

Operto, in the cited legal brief, said that Henry Kissinger must have been the "important American politician" who, according to the testimony of Moro's widow, told Moro on a trip to the United States that he must "either change his political line or pay dearly for it." According to Eleonora Moro, the politician whose name she did not know added, "See for yourself how you want to understand this advice."

Asked in court Nov. 10 who had made the threats, Corrado Guerzoni, one of Moro's closest political collaborators, said "Henry Kissinger, who at the time was U.S. Secretary of State."

Guerzoni said that following the threats, made in 1974, Moro became suddenly ill, cut short his visit to the U.S.A., and considered leaving public life. He then decided not to

give in to the Kissinger diktat, but tried to take measures to assure the security of his wife and children against terrorist attacks.

In March of 1978, after an escalating series of threats to his life, Aldo Moro was kidnapped in an ambush on a Rome street and his five bodyguards instantly murdered. Moro was held and tortured nearly two months by the Red Brigades, and then was atrociously murdered himself.

Guerzoni's courageous testimony adds another name to the list of leading statesmen from among America's most valuable allies who were threatened by Henry Kissinger—and against whom the threats were brutally carried out. In 1977, Pakistan's last legally elected Prime Minister Z. A. Bhutto was overthrown and replaced by the military dictatorship of Zia ul-Haq, which judicially murdered Bhutto in 1979 on the same kind of trumped-up "corruption" charges Kissinger tried to use against Moro.

Before he died, Bhutto wrote a White Paper in his defense. He wrote that Kissinger had told him "I will make a horrible example of you" if Bhutto continued his independent nation-building efforts. Reporting on a conversation with Kissinger over Pakistan's nuclear energy program, which Kissinger opposed, Bhutto wrote, "Thus I received my death sentence."

Middle East was the issue

At the time of his death, Aldo Moro, then the president of Italy's Christian Democratic Party, was working closely with Pope Paul VI on a plan to create a "national unity" government in Italy, bringing into some government role the Italian Communist Party, Italy's second largest party. It was this plan that Kissinger openly and vehemently opposed.

As reported in court by Guerzoni, Kissinger told Moro in 1974, "I am not a Catholic, I do not believe in dogmas, and I cannot believe in your political line which I consider a strongly negative element."

But Moro himself was not deceived into believing that Kissinger's opposition had anything to do with "anti-communism." Moro's son testified last summer that Moro perceived that a certain network in the Soviet Union agreed with the Kissinger forces in the United States and Britain in opposing the "national unity" plan, for broader strategic reasons. According to published reports of the "confessions" extracted from Moro by his Red Brigades captors, Moro dated Kissinger's personal hostility to him from 1973, when as Italian Foreign Minister Aldo Moro had denied the United States permission to land on Italian bases to resupply Israel in the Yom Kippur war. Moro noted that Kissinger could not digest the European effort to open a dialogue with the Arab countries as well. It was then that Kissinger opened up the slander campaign depicting Moro as soft on communism.

In the murdered statesman's own words, "I was portrayed as bent on an indiscriminate accord with the Italian Communist Party, whereas it is well known that my attitude is a

carefully thought-out and measured political evaluation. . . ."

The West Bank real-state scam

A scandal that began to surface days before Guerzoni's Rome testimony makes clear what kind of interests Henry is protecting in the Middle East. The Kuwaiti daily newspaper *As-Siyassah* of Nov. 6 ran a six-column article exposing Henry Kissinger's planned Nov. 15 meeting in London with former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, now a member of "Kissinger Associates, Inc.," former U.K. Ambassador to Washington Lord Harlech, and others to coordinate land speculation on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. A press release published by the Kuwaiti News Agency the same day stated:

"According to well-informed French political sources quoted today in the daily newspaper *As-Siyassah*, a major scandal is about to erupt that could lead to the dismissal of both Menachem Begin and Ariel Sharon. It has been revealed that there will be a series of secret meetings in London Nov. 14-15 involving Dr. Kissinger, Alexander Haig, Lord Carrington, and various British personalities such as Lord Harlech and Julian Amery as well as Miles Copeland, a former CIA agent in Egypt, living in London for the last 15 years."

"The meeting will aim at establishing a \$10 million fund to buy land in the West Bank and Gaza. In the recent period the Israeli government has been increasing its economic and political pressures on Palestinian families to leave their lands. These lands are then sold to pro-Israeli Palestinians, who are then selling them to dummy companies in France and Britain, which are exploiting them on behalf of the Israelis. According to French sources, this is the same operation as was done at the turn of the century by the Rothschild family.

"The London meetings will aim at gathering the necessary money for such investments in the West Bank and Gaza, and their exploitation for real estate speculation. The sources have pointed out that the early release of the news of the meeting may lead to its cancellation, as it also establishes a direct link with Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who, it should be remembered, is responsible for the massacre in Lebanon."

Investigation of the reported real estate "scam" shows that in addition to Henry Kissinger and Lord Harlech, it involves former World Bank director Robert McNamara; two leading members of the Trilateral Commission, Ireland's Garrett Fitzgerald and Roy Jenkins, head of the British Social Democratic Party; and Copeland, who recently admitted to a close associate his involvement in the assassination in September of Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel, the incident that "triggered" the Beirut massacre. These individuals are operating through Lord Harlech's "Trust for International Development," a business front with operations in many parts of the globe. Heading the Trust is George Assoussa, former director of the now defunct Foundation for Arab-Israeli Reconciliation.

According to one intelligence source close to Israeli Defense Minister Sharon, large combines based in the United States, Israel and France have been formed to buy huge tracts of privately owned Arab land in the West Bank. The lands are then being unloaded in one-dunum and five-dunum plots for Israeli buyers at 100 percent mark-up.

It is estimated that 60 percent of privately owned land in the West Bank will be in Jewish hands in three years.

While agencies such as the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency are refraining from direct involvement in the deals, other groups, such as the fanatical Gush Emunim, are conduiting millions of dollars into West Bank real estate. Organizations like the Jewish National Fund are putting money into land reclamation once the land is purchased. In one combine described to *EIR* investigators, the minimum investment is a quarter of a million dollars.

Complicit in the real-estate scheme are a number of leading West Bank Arab families, many of whom, such as the Husseinis and Nuseibehs, maintain extensive connections to British intelligence. The Israeli-sponsored West Bank Village Leagues under the titular leadership of Mustafa Dudin are operating as an Israeli-controlled "Palestinian movement" to convince West Bank Palestinians to emigrate.

An anti-U.S. plot

In explaining Kissinger's involvement in West Bank real estate speculation, one insider explained, "It's simple. Kissinger likes money, and this is a damn good way to make it. Secondly, if Israel owns the West Bank, it means the West Bank problem is effectively settled—to the detriment of the United States."

Sharon and most of the Begin government are firmly behind the real-estate operation, which coheres with recently publicized government plans to settle 100,000 Jews on the West Bank by 1985. Such "Israeli expansionism" was roundly condemned by the U.S. administration in an unusually strong statement issued on Nov. 5. There can be no question in anyone's mind but that playing Sharon's "Greater Israel" game will undermine all remaining U.S. influence and credibility in the Arab world.

The Kissinger itinerary

This leads to the broader strategic goals of Henry Kissinger and the men behind him. *EIR* has discovered that Kissinger is slated to travel to London in the middle of November to put the finishing touches on an Anglo-Soviet sponsored plan to eliminate American influence in the Middle East. Kissinger's trip is the follow-up to a session he held with senior British aristocrats in London last May, when he was assigned the task of redirecting U.S. foreign policy to discredit the United States in the Middle East. He was given advance information of Israel's invasion of Lebanon at that time.

EIR learned of several high-level secret meetings recently

convened or scheduled to occur, with the involvement of Henry Kissinger and his associates:

1) On Nov. 15 in London, Henry Kissinger is scheduled to meet with Lord Harlech (David Ormsby-Gore) and others to discuss, among other things, "financial investments into the West Bank," according to one inside source. Those slated to attend the meeting include Ariel Sharon; Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis; former Secretary of State Alexander Haig; Lord Carrington, former British foreign secretary and a principal of Kissinger Associates; British parliamentarian Julian Amery, a top-level Freemason and a member of the secret Le Cercle group; Swiss intelligence operative Ernst Kux of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, also reputed to be a member of Le Cercle; Robert Moss of the *Daily Telegraph* and British intelligence; Sir Edmund Peck, a British intelligence operative from World War II days when he was active in the Balkan theater, currently a visiting professor at Aberdeen University; Armin Gutowski, director of the Hamburg World Economic Archives; and Nicholas Elliott, former British intelligence station chief in the Middle East and currently a senior official in MI6.

2) In mid-October, Sharon held a private meeting in the village of Dir-el-Kamar in the Chouf Mountains in Lebanon with Charles Chamoun, a relative of Camille Chamoun. Present at this meeting were: Rupert Murdoch, owner of the *New York Post* and long-time British intelligence operative; Charles Douglas-Home, editor of the *London Times*; *New York Post* foreign editor Bruce Rothwell; Uri Dan, formerly of the *New York Post*, official biographer (and apologist) for underworld crime figure Meyer Lansky, and currently official spokesman for Ariel Sharon; Israeli Consul-General to New York, Naf-tali Lavi; and Lebanon's ambassador to China, A. Bustani.

The purpose of the meeting, sources report, was to discuss building up Chamoun's Chouf Mountain headquarters in Dir-el-Kamar and the Chamoun clan as a battering ram against the presidency of Amin Gemayel. Chamoun is known in Lebanon for his strong British intelligence connections as well as for his strong East bloc banking connections. Other topics included the West Bank, the importance of keeping the Lebanon-Israel border open, and real estate and water diversion schemes for southern Lebanon. The meeting was followed by a helicopter tour of the West Bank (reportedly to survey the premises); meetings with Prime Minister Begin and other government and opposition leaders; and a party at Sharon's ranch, hosted by Rupert Murdoch. Joining the festivities was American Jewish Congress head Howard Squadron, Rupert Murdoch's lawyer.

3) British parliamentarian and intelligence operative Julian Amery arrived in Israel in early November for one week on the pretext of attending celebrations commemorating Balfour Day. The real purpose of the visit, sources report, was to meet secretly with Israeli intelligence, Mossad. (See article, page 31.)