

Editorial

Qaddafi, the death merchant of Venice

The "first brother" of the unlamented U.S. Carter administration, Billy Carter, was once heard to remark on his associations with the Libyan government of Muammar el-Qaddafi, "Of course they're terrorists . . . but at least, they're honest about it." In some insouciantly corrupt circles Qaddafi has cultivated a reputation for being indeed a tough and violent character, but "at least" he's violent in the interests of African or Arab liberation from the oppression of Western colonialism.

No one but the most gullible buys the image of Qaddafi the liberator of oppressed peoples. As Lyndon LaRouche has urged, President Reagan and the European allies must stop Qaddafi's genocidal excursion into Chad with surgical air-strikes, exactly as Hitler should have been stopped in the Sudetenland and Mussolini in his hideous colonial war in Abyssinia in 1936. *This would receive massive support from the U.S. citizenry, including the overwhelming majority of minorities, who loathe Qaddafi.*

The president of Chad has denounced Qaddafi for "massacring" the villagers where Libyan-backed forces have invaded in Chad. In short, the "liberator" is seen in Africa as a genocidalist.

Qaddafi is not merely a fascist; he is a pure invention of the Venetian and Swiss Nazi International which installed him as a pliantly brainless Islamic kook in command of Libya in 1969. "Libya" itself is an invention of the Venetian-Swiss oligarchy. Venetian Count Volpi di Misurata carved it out of the Ottoman Empire in the Tripoli War of 1912.

Qaddafi has simply copied Volpi di Misurata's policy—depopulation of northern Africa in order to serve as a raw materials supply center for the Venetians. In 1922 Volpi and his friends installed Mussolini in power in Italy, with Libya as the model "colony" of Mussolini's fantasy of a new Roman empire.

Qaddafi was groomed by the heirs of Mussolini and Volpi, the Propaganda-2 "freemasonic" lodge nominally headed by financier Licio Gelli. Gelli was distinguished by having been a torturer in the Fascist secret police and also having been a close collaborator of the Italian Com-

munist Party in the postwar period, a man with a mysterious entrée in Bulgaria and Romania. When P-2 was exposed and outlawed in May 1981, shortly after the murder attempt on the Pope, Gelli went into hiding.

Gelli's closest crony in the P-2 was José López Rega, the founder of the AAA (Argentine Anti-communist Alliance), well known for its death squads, and less well known as contrabandists in weapons and drugs. The two trained Qaddafi in Spain before he took power in Libya in 1969. In 1974, Gelli organized a triumphal tour of Libya by López Rega.

Anyone who doubts Qaddafi's identity as a Swiss-Venetian colonial puppet should reflect on the strange coincidence of Qaddafi's Africa rampage with the "escape" of Gelli from his comfortable Geneva prison the night of Aug. 9. Arrested last year in Switzerland, Gelli was about to be extradited to Italy, where he is wanted on multiple charges of involvement in virtually every major act of subversion and terror, right and left, that has gone on in Italy since 1969.

Qaddafi is confident today that he can get away with mass murder. And why shouldn't he be? After all, another of Gelli's protégés, Bettino Craxi, has been installed as the first Socialist Prime Minister of Italy since the fall of Mussolini, with the *benefit* of Mr. Henry Kissinger. Craxi's Socialist Party has maintained intimate ties with Libya for a decade, including illegally shipping sophisticated arms to Qaddafi and protecting the dope traffic which gives the Libyan dictator the wherewithal to buy arms. Of course, Kissinger and his aide Alexander Haig were integrated into P-2 in 1969 when Gelli revamped his organization and launched the "strategy of tension"—nearly 15 years of terrorist atrocities in which Libyan money played a key role. Terrorism featuring the likes of Stefano delle Chiaie, who started by running "Nazi-Communist" riots at Rome university in the 1960s, and now runs hits for South American dictators friendly to Kissinger.

The only liberation Qaddafi's sponsors are interested in, is the freedom to continue stealing and killing. It's high time to put an end to it.