

Ledeen again named in uproar over ten-year-old Moro crime in Italy

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Aldo Moro, the president of the Christian Democratic Party and a former Italian prime minister, was found dead in a car trunk ten years ago this June, in Rome, after a 55-day captivity by the terrorist Red Brigades. Now, an uproar has broken out in Italy over who was responsible for Moro's death. In the flurry of charges and countercharges, everything points to the same American and Soviet circles now feverishly engaged in making a "New Yalta" redivision of the world, at the expense of all sovereign nations.

The uproar in the media and political and law enforcement circles centers around a polemic kindled by a former Communist senator, Sergio Flamigni, on the security committee which ran the investigations into the 55 days of the tragedy. Ex-Senator Flamigni had been on the parliamentary committees probing the Moro Case and the Propaganda 2 (P-2) lodge, the illegal freemasonic lodge headed by Venerable Grand Master Licio Gelli, which was tied to nearly every major terrorist incident which has occurred in Italy since 1969. Gelli himself was arrested and imprisoned.

In his book *La tela del ragno (The Spider's Web)*, Flamigni charged that all the men who led the investigation into the Moro kidnaping were members of P-2, i.e., the head of SISMI (foreign intelligence), Giuseppe Santovito; the head of SISDE (domestic intelligence), Giulio Grassini; the general commander of the Tax Police, Raffaele Giudice; as well as a restricted committee of consultants convened by Francesco Cossiga, then interior minister, and now President of Italy. It also included the criminologist Franco Ferracuti.

After the book came out, a group of Communist senators put a parliamentary question to the prime minister to ascertain the "role of P-2 lodge members" in the Moro affair. Everyone wondered why such a well-known fact was suddenly being played up by the Italian Communist Party. Do the Communists perhaps want to attack President Cossiga and through him, Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita?

The Communists' aims are not clear, but they surely have nothing to do with truth-seeking. Certain masonic circles and their U.S. associates had a role in the kidnap-murder of Aldo

Moro, but it is with just those circles that the Communists have long flirted, and the individuals they are now denouncing took those important posts *with the Communists' blessing*, as parliamentarian Costantino Belluscio reveals in the interview we publish below.

Ledeen's role

The Communists were therefore in the group that decided to disastrously bungle the investigation into the Moro kidnaping. It remains to be seen what the role of the American "advisers" was. An interview given by Ferracuti to an Italian weekly may shed some light on the issue. Asked about his job at SISDE, Ferracuti answered, "I was in charge of relations with the American embassy, and therefore, I encountered both CIA and FBI agents, as well as Mossad agents."

Ferracuti names a key U.S. figure who is under scrutiny for having protected Israeli Mossad spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, now in jail for having stolen U.S. military secrets of critical interest to the Soviets. "In that period, Michael Ledeen showed up and offered to help me in the investigation into the Red Brigades. He now denies that detail, but I remember full well that I said to General Grassini not to accept the collaboration of Ledeen, because Alexander Haig and Henry Kissinger, members of the U.S. Republican Party, were part of Georgetown University at the time. . . . [Democrat] Jimmy Carter was then in power, and it seemed to me that to accept the collaboration of Ledeen on such a delicate theme as the Red Brigades, could put us on a collision course with the American government."

"How did it end up?" asked the interviewer. "Ledeen talked about it directly with our prime minister [Giulio Andreotti]. . . . Ledeen was on very good terms with some of our politicians. He was on a first name basis with Cossiga, I heard him." Was Ledeen able to intervene directly to sabotage the investigation? If so, why, and who was behind him? Kissinger? Haig? These, and many other questions are now being raised by the spate of publications anniversary of the Moro murder.