

# Mafia, Freemasons plot to break up Italy

by Claudio Celani

Leonardo Messina, a former mafioso who recently decided to collaborate with Italian authorities, has revealed that the Mafia is currently involved in a plot to separate Sicily from the rest of Italy, and that it is being aided in this effort by Freemasonic lodges and by a political force which is connected to the separatist North League.

Messina spoke on Dec. 4-5 in front of the parliamentary committee on Mafia activities. The "Cosa Nostra," he said, "wants to take over a piece of the state." Messina explained that the Mafia is "dropping old political alliances" and allying with "new forces, which are born outside" of Sicily. The reference to the North League, the separatist formation which is supported by the *Wall Street Journal* and the London *Economist*, is evident. Messina added that all Mafia bosses decided to join Freemasonry in 1978. "All the bosses of Cosa Nostra, Riina, Madonia, Provenzano, all honorable men, are masons," he said. He added that the separatist plot is supported "by forces outside of the national borders."

Messina's statements confirm *EIR's* analysis that the Mafia has always been an instrument of political destabilization, analogous to terrorism, and congenial to the world order established at Yalta. Vincenzo Macri, a judge in Reggio Calabria, compared the role of the Mafia in the south of Italy to that of Gladio, the secret NATO organization, in the north. Gladio, which was officially supposed to be a resistance network formed in case of a communist invasion of Italy, in reality was used as a capability for destabilization, supplying training camps and weapons for terrorist operations.

The ongoing "shift of alliances" described by Messina is consistent with the post-1989 Anglo-American decision to drop the old political ruling class that had guaranteed Italy's anti-communist direction, in favor of new forces like the North League and a "new generation" of politicians in traditional parties, like parliamentarian Mario Segni, Republican Party (the party of the British banking establishment) head Giorgio La Malfa, and factions in the Socialist Party, who are docile instruments for the "new world order." According to this design, Italy is supposed to be thrown into a pre-1860 situation, split into three or more impotent little states which would have no sovereignty. Also, 1978, the date given by Messina as the year in which Mafia bosses decided to join Freemasonry, is indicative. During that year, Italy lived through the biggest political destabilization of its postwar

history, with the kidnaping and assassination of Aldo Moro, the former Christian Democratic prime minister who was trying to build a "grand coalition" government, coopting the Communist Party into an independent alliance, away from the Moscow imperial strategy but also away from the Anglo-American bloc. With the death of Moro, a new phase of limited sovereignty for Italy began, which brought state institutions completely into the hands of Anglo-American-controlled forces, most notably the "Propaganda-2" (P-2) Freemasonic lodge.

After Messina's revelations, Massimo Brutti, who is a member of the parliamentary anti-Mafia committee, challenged Freemasonry to "clarify the question, expose and cut all connections of single lodges and covert associations with crime. Otherwise the whole of Freemasonry will be overwhelmed by this image." Brutti also reminded listeners, "Already in the postwar period, the Mafia played on separatism in a serious way. It had international support also inside the American establishment."

## Membership lists surrendered

Early in October, the Freemasons were forced to give to investigating Calabrian Judge Agostino Cordova the full list of their membership, because he had discovered several "covert lodges" through which local mafiosi cut their business and weapons deals. From those deals, Cordova had discovered that Licio Gelli, the boss of the P-2 lodge closed in 1982, in reality had never stopped his activities and was in charge of a multimillion-dollar bank account from illicit business. Cordova also found in Gelli's private notebook, the secret telephone number of a "very high state authority" who is rumored to be former President Francesco Cossiga. Extending his investigation throughout Italy, Cordova discovered an endless number of secret lodges, and found out that former secret service officers who were P-2 members have been recycled into new lodges, hence still active.

Cordova was expected to become national coordinator of the anti-Mafia investigations, the position which judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino would have held, had they not been assassinated by the "Mafia" last summer. Messina revealed that an order to kill Cordova had been put out, but it was never carried out because Cordova, due to FBI pressure, was not elected.

The role of Freemasonry in the destabilization has also been discussed in the press after journalists Antonio and Gianni Cipriani revealed the existence of a "confidential memorandum," presumably in the hands of Italian authorities, exposing an Anglo-American plan to use neo-Nazi violence to isolate Germany and impose a "Pax Americana." In this plan, code-named "Operation 3K," lodges belonging to the American Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite were to be instrumental.

Giuliano Di Bernardo, grand master of the Italian Grand Orient (one of the two official lodges recognized by the Scot-

tish Rite), announced, after a tumultuous meeting of the Grand Orient general staff, that Freemasonry will react to what it considers "persecution." Di Bernardo compared the attacks on Freemasonry to attacks against Jews, and threatened to call in "international support," including from human rights organizations. This can only mean that threats like the one against the life of Cordova mentioned by Messina, and against other state authorities, have become dangerously real.

Grand Master Di Bernardo disavowed any connection to the covert lodges (whose existence he couldn't deny), insisting that there are three levels of masonic organizations: those "recognized" by the British Mother Lodge (like the Grand Orient); "legitimate" lodges, but not recognized by

the British Lodge; and a third level which is neither recognized nor legitimate. Covert lodges with Mafia membership, Di Bernardo said, belong to the third group.

Unfortunately for Di Bernardo, another top mason, Aldo Alessandro Mola, who is the official historian of Freemasonry, declared in an interview with the magazine *Il Sabato* last summer, that the status of a "covert lodge" like the P-2 is no exception, but it is rather the rule in Freemasonry, and that all such lodges depend upon American Freemasonry, which in turn depends upon the British Mother Lodge. In that interview, Mola explained that the present freemasonic strategy is to prevent the economic integration of western and eastern Europe.

## WCC renounces concept of man in the image of God

The World Council of Churches attacked the concept of "*imago viva Dei*" (man in the image of God) and renounced Christianity's commitment to "anthropocentric theology," in a just-issued document entitled "Searching for the New Heavens and the New Earth: An Ecumenical Response to UNCED." The document is the WCC's policy statement for the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development's so-called Earth Summit, held June 1-12 in Brazil. The document was prepared in Brazil following a joint meeting of the WCC and the Brazilian Council of Churches.

Aside from various gratuitous swipes at the International Monetary Fund, and comments which seem to be correct critiques of economic policies that put debt above all else and which lead to the spread of hunger throughout the underdeveloped world, the document is a gnostic diatribe, aimed at bringing religious belief into alignment with the perspectives of the Rio Earth Summit.

"We continue to assault the planet. Consumption of energy continues as though it were limitless in content and benign in effect. . . . Our churches themselves must be places where we learn anew what it means that God's covenant extends to all creatures, by rediscovering the eco-centric dimension of the Bible. . . . We acknowledge that the traditional anthropocentric nature of Christian theology has contributed to one species, human beings, destroying and threatening many other life forms," it reads.

To change all this, the document calls on churches to "play an important role by advocating principles that: respect the inherent integrity of all species. . . ; conserve biodiversity in order to stabilize the life-support system of the planet, enable sustainable development, and ensure

equitable access to genetic resources; [and] protect the territorial rights of indigenous peoples on whose lands great varieties of life exist."

The WCC mob, which obviously knows nothing about any of these matters, then declares "deep concern" about "global warming," and calls for banning chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and limiting "greenhouse emissions." It also says, without any explanation whatsoever: "Nuclear energy is not an appropriate alternative to fossil fuels either from an ecological or economic perspective."

Later the basic gnostic viewpoint is clearly enunciated:

"We affirm the goodness of God's creation and the intrinsic worth of all beings. Anthropocentric, hierarchical, and patriarchal understanding of creation leads to the alienation of human beings from each other, from nature, and from God. The current ecological crisis calls us to move toward an eco-centered theology of creation which emphasizes God's spirit in creation, and human beings as an integral part of nature. Instead of dominating nature, men and women have the responsibility to preserve, cultivate the earth, and to work with God for the sustainability of the planet. . . .

"From the scientists we learn that human beings came into existence much later than the plants and other living organisms. With diverse culture and languages, people of all races belong to one single species.

"An eco-centered theology of creation requires us to re-examine some of the basic presuppositions of theological anthropology. A hierarchical understanding of *imago Dei*, putting human beings infinitely above all creation, must be replaced by a more relational view. Human beings are created for the purpose of communion with God and all the living and non-living things. In the example of Jesus, we see a life-style characterized by simplicity, humility, and openness to nature" (emphasis added).

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