

EIR Special Report

Evidence of FBI crimes now before the U.S. Senate

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Both the British-pedigreed Sen. Malcolm Wallop and the controlled media have so far refused to admit to the American people that in carrying out its Abscam campaign against the United States Congress, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were guilty of gross misconduct. Yet during the Senate debate March 3 through March 11 on the expulsion of Sen. Harrison Williams, reams of evidence of FBI misconduct were placed before the nation's senators. That evidence will be the starting point for the full Senate investigation into Abscam and the FBI promised by the Senate leadership. The opening of this investigation is the subject of a resolution which Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, announced on March 11 he will soon be presenting to the Senate.

Already the evidence before the Senate, and assembled in the *Congressional Record* of March 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11, records crimes that far surpass the "dirty tricks" on the part of the executive branch that were paraded before the American people during Watergate. From the first day of the Senate debate, it became clear that with Abscam the Justice Department was not seeking to prosecute Senators and Congressmen who had demonstrated "a pattern of criminality," but was carrying out a political witch-hunt. From there the crimes documented in the evidence submitted show that the effect of the Abscam operation was a gross violation of the Constitution of the United States, which endangers the basic civil liberties of every citizen.

Second, it was shown that to carry out this unconstitutional campaign the Justice Department and the FBI employed criminal means. It is that combination—the use of criminal means in action against the civil liberties of citizens—that represents the *police-state methods* that must be immediately brought to a halt if this nation is to survive as a democratic republic.

The evidence now in the hands of the Senate must be only the beginning of the investigation if the Abscam apparatus in the Justice Department is not merely to be constrained but rooted out. In its two-year battle against Abscam, *Executive Intelligence Review* has documented that the Abscam apparatus in the Justice Department is up to its necks in international



The Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.: Soon on the floor of the Senate will be a resolution mandating a full probe of Justice Department misconduct during the Abscam investigation.

organized crime, including dope trafficking. Begin with the FBI's star witness convicted con man Mel Weinberg himself, who boasted in his authorized biography, *The Sting Man*, that he had helped to fund the terrorist Red Brigades in Italy through an entity called London Investors, known to be part of the billion-dollar dope empire of Mafioso Meyer Lansky. Proceed from there to the Abscam prosecutor Thomas Puccio, who is a "good friend" of Italian dope mobster Michele Papa, and, as reported by the Italian press agency La Repubblica on Feb. 23 of this year, is rumored to have "received the modest sum of \$16 million in one of his numerous trips to Sicily in exchange for shutting his eyes to the trafficking of drugs between Palermo and New York."

It is also the case that Abscam's initiating Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti and Assistant Attorney General Phillip Heymann, while they were busy preparing frame-ups against U.S. congressmen, were also busy covering up the Billygate scandal that linked the Carter family to the dirtiest terrorism and drugs apparatus in the Mediterranean. Those links to Libya and to the dirty-money networks were mediated through Thomas Puccio's friend Michele Papa.

A Senate investigation that pursues these leads—and many others—to the bitter end will necessarily lead to t conclusion that the Abscam apparatus within the Justice Department operates not on behalf of the citizenry of the United States but is an asset in position within the nation's highest law enforcement capabilities operating for the protection of the international British-dominated dope cartel, Dope, Inc.

Senate debate

March 3: Opening statement by Senator Wallop for Ethics Committee in favor of expulsion of Senator Williams; opening statement by Senator Inouye in defense of Senator Williams; statement of intent by Senator Cranston to enter censure motion.

March 4: Opening statement by Senator Williams, with request that, as a show of his good faith his immunity be waived; Senator Cranston announces that he will sponsor a resolution for a full Senate investigation of executive-branch misconduct during Abscam.

March 8: Senator Williams continues his statement; Senators Wallop and Heflin rebutt.

March 9: Senators Heflin and Mattingly defend Senate Ethics Committee report; Senator Cranston introduces motion to censure, not expel, Senator Williams.

March 10: Senator Melcher speaks in Williams's defense; Senators Leahy, Bradley, Pryor, and Mitchell call for expulsion; Senator Hayakawa supports censure motion.

March 11: Senator Williams delivers farewell speech; Senators Cranston and Inouye pledge probe of Abscam.