

Italy's War on Crime by Marco Fanini

The Black Nobility's weapons smugglers

Four traffickers now awaiting trial were trading in military secrets as well as nuclear devices.

The Roman Black Nobility and the Savoy family, the Italian dynasty responsible for bringing Mussolini to power who were banned from Italy when the population ratified a republican constitution in 1947, have been discovered to be involved up to their oligarchical necks in the huge East-West weapons and drugs smuggling network: the Bulgarian Connection. Italian magistrate Judge Carlo Palermo, who handed down indictments against others involved in the operation last year, has just arrested four of the oligarchs' weapons smugglers with connections to Italian and American secret service factions and those of the East bloc.

The smugglers' traffic was not handguns and nickel bags. In arms they were fencing helicopters, tanks, Exocet missiles, and nuclear devices. Their main activity, however, was conveying information on military equipment to nations in both the East and West.

Now awaiting trial are the weapons and spying organization controllers:

- **Glauco Partel**: known as the "Italian von Braun" because of his self-proclaimed expertise in missiles, controller of Missilistic Transportation Study Center in Rome, a fluent speaker of Russian.

- **Massimo Pugliese**: a member of the Italian Carabinieri state police and an official of the SID, the precursor organization of the current Italian secret service. Pugliese was a member of the so-called Bureau D of the SID, the infamous counterintelligence section. Pugliese was also head of the

Sardinian branch of the Italian secret service from 1964 to 1970, a longtime member of the infamous Propaganda-2 Freemasonic Lodge headed by former Mussolini aide Licio Gelli, and house publicist for the now-deceased Fascist controller and banished holder of the Italian throne, Umberto of Savoy, and;

- Their associates Carlo Bertonic and Vincenzo Giovannelli.

At the time their collaborators were preparing the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in Portugal last year, Pugliese was preparing a coup against the Italian government along with monarchists Edgardo Sogno and Filippo de Jorio.

What became known as the "Sogno Coup" had as its aim destroying the Italian constitution. The conspirators considered it too republican.

But what may have exposed the cabal's activity was the coup attempt last year in Sardinia financed by Libyan Muslim Brotherhood fanatic Mummar Qaddafi. Brought to testify before an Italian parliamentary commission investigating the terrorist Sardinian Banditism separatist grouping, Pugliese had said the prospect of an upsurge in Sardinia was unthinkable. The subsequent coup attempt poured light on Pugliese's connections to left-wing revolutionary billionaire Giangiacomo Feltrinelli and the Banditism during the 1964-70 period.

When Judges Mario Marchetti and Walter Basonne went to interrogate Pugliese where he is being incarcerated in Trento, they found him represented by Vincenzo Caredda, lawyer

for the leader of Sardinian separatism, Meloni.

Along with Partel, whom he started working with in 1971 after severing formal connections to the Italian secret service, Pugliese established contacts with secret services in several East bloc countries. In the late 1970s the two masons tried to sell a tactical beam weapon invented by Rollando Pelizza of Brescia to an East bloc secret service.

Pugliese's frequent dinner host Umberto then commissioned him to write a book on the *sacra sindone*, the supposed picture of Jesus Christ owned by the Savoy family. Umberto's appreciative letter of commendation and the fascist monarch's portrait Pugliese was given by the oligarch are still in his residence.

Now it has been exposed that the son of Umberto, Vittorio Emanuele di Savoia—who expects to be dubbed the new Italian king in exile—was also a member of the P-2 Lodge and fully involved in the international weapons smuggling business along with Renato Gamba, who has also been arrested by Judge Carlo Palermo.

Pugliese is also a frequenter of the salons of Roman Black Nobility Countess Maria Anonietta Nicastro and Princess Elvina Pallavicini, the founder of the anti-Pope Bishop LeFebvre cult.

According to the Milan daily *Repubblica*, investigations indicate that the core of the weapons-trafficking wing of the P-2 Lodge to which Pugliese adhered was based in Monte Carlo. The parliamentary commission investigating P-2 began to uncover this connection last July, when they arrested Ezio Giunchiglia, a P-2 leader, secretary of the Comité Montecarlo, the Monte Carlo Lodge, and, at the time, a member of the defense ministry.