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## Interview: Antonio Cipriani

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# 'Black' masonry schemes for conquest of former East bloc

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"I never saw such a level of destabilization, both in Europe and in the former East bloc, as I see now. And thus we must ask ourselves, what is the ultimate aim of all this?" says Antonio Cipriani, investigative journalist of the Italian paper *Unità*, former organ of the Italian Communist Party and now the newspaper of the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS). With his brother Gianni, he published a book last November, *Limited Sovereignty: History of Atlantic Subversion in Italy (Sovranità limitata: storia dell' eversione atlantica in Italia)*, which analyzed the last two decades of destabilization and terrorism in Italy as the product of the world order established by the Yalta Accord between the Soviet Union and the Anglo-Americans. "We wrote that book to show which forces acted in the partition of the world at Yalta, and thus how the sovereignty of so many countries has been limited," he said. "What is known as terrorism, but also mafia activities, we called 'stabilizing subversion'—i.e., we saw them as a *modus operandi* to keep external control of certain countries, especially in Europe."

More recently, the Cipriani published a series of articles in *Unità* describing an unprecedented fight between two wings of Freemasonry: on one side the "Europeanists," and on the other the "black" or "occult" masonry, the Anglo-Americans linked to the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, based in Washington. The "black" masonry is ready to do everything to prevent collaboration between western Europe and the former East bloc, and in doing this, collaborates with the former Soviet secret services, KGB and GRU, which, according to Antonio Cipriani, are still fully operational.

He mentions also a traffic in weapons, including nuclear weapons, offered to Arab countries by U.S. and Israeli intermediaries: "An extremely serious game, which—exploiting the need of Third World countries for defense—is aimed at the creation of new enemies, new Khomeinis. Countries to be set up, and against which to launch a war. Like in Iraq."

The articles describe three confidential reports, one prepared by the German secret service BND for Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the other two by Italian military intelligence, the SISMI, for Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti. All

three warn about the danger of an international mafia that is trying to conquer the markets of the East for their traffic in drugs and weapons (see *Feature*). This new interpretation of the "free market" is worrying particularly the German BND, because of the immense financial and thus political power this "mafia" is able to accumulate in the former East bloc, and in every country with a public deficit big enough not to be able to say no to the "lords of drugs and weapons." This, emphatically, includes Italy.

According to the Cipriani, "It is clear that the document prepared by the BND and delivered to Chancellor Kohl has the quality of clarity. Already the experts in international politics of the intelligence services consider the position taken by the BND as a clear reference to the role played over the last decades by the CIA in the allied and non-allied countries of Europe: a role that now is put into question."

According to the authors, "black" masonry has also penetrated, and established an alliance with, a key part of the leadership of the Orthodox Church, in order to prevent its rapprochement with the Vatican.

Surprising many European observers, on Jan. 7 the most important German daily, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, reported large quotes from *Unità*, under the title, "Black Freemasonry Is Penetrating the East." The article summarizes the revelations: "A strategy to guide development in the former communist countries. Deals like the sale of military arsenals. Deals involving the sale of military arsenals in order to shape political decisions. . . . Maneuvers to prevent the rapprochement between the Vatican and the Orthodox Churches. . . . The conquest of the East: Exploiting the great chaos and the immense political difficulties of the former communist countries, secret Italian representatives of the 'black' masonry, in close collaboration with some sectors of the CIA, succeeded in establishing lodges, and above all business connections. Weapons included."

The German newspaper explained that the aim of this penetration in the East is to establish a "new, parallel world order." The "black" masonry reportedly also organized "secret gatherings in Poland, in the former Yugoslavia, in Prague, Bucharest, and Russia." And during these meetings,

“money from the coffers of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite was delivered.”

Antonio Cipriani discussed his investigations with *EIR* on Jan. 13.

**EIR:** When you talk about the Yalta world order, what do you mean?

**Cipriani:** The world was divided by the Yalta agreement, but through it, East and West established control of the world; thus the interest of one side has been to keep the other side alive, in order to be able to maintain this global influence, especially on certain areas of the world, like Europe. Now that the Soviet Union doesn't exist any more, it is our impression that the fundamental interest of the Anglo-American forces is to prevent the evolution of an independent Europe and to prevent the former Soviet Union from getting too close to Europe and producing too powerful an alliance.

Let me be a bit simplistic. Had the European technologies been put together with the resources of the former Soviet Union, this would have resulted in a pole that the Anglo-Americans consider too great a threat to their power, especially because this would have been *ipso facto* the reference point for the countries of the Third World that are looking for development.

**EIR:** Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche said recently that Yalta and the antecedent to Yalta—the Versailles System—have collapsed, but the beneficiaries of these deals don't want to accept this reality.

**Cipriani:** This is the point. This is a moment of enormous crisis, because it is a moment of transition. It is a very dangerous moment, because in a moment at which the future is so clearly at stake, anything can happen. We must see how far the game will go. It is evident that whoever has held power up to now wants to keep it at any cost. We must see what “at any cost” means. In Italy, the “internal” confrontation going on is not just internal, it is also over this issue. It is a very sharp confrontation.

**EIR:** Speaking of destabilization in the former East bloc, how do you see the activities of characters like Prof. Jeffrey Sachs and his economic shock therapy, which many consider as more a way of destabilizing than an economic theory?

**Cipriani:** I can say this: The handbooks on irregular warfare underline the necessity of both a “military” or violent intervention, and an economic intervention. Actually, the handbooks explain that the economic intervention precedes any kind of unofficial “military” intervention. The economic destabilization is fundamental if one wants to be able to attack the power structure of a country. So, *for the moment*, I do not have *direct* evidence to prove what Professor Sachs is really doing, but it is clear that economic destabilization is the first phase of a political destabilization. And there is no doubt that the “black” masonry wants to keep the former East

bloc destabilized, rather than see it joining Europe.

**EIR:** You have written about an alliance between the “black” masonry and sectors of the Orthodox Church to sabotage a rapprochement with the Vatican that was slowly taking place.

**Cipriani:** We have information that the Orthodox Church has been infiltrated and, let's say, manipulated into a series of operations against this rapprochement. This happened for sure in the Yugoslav situation, a strong push by the Orthodox against the Catholics. Then there was the distancing, which we considered very sudden, during the recent synod in Rome, when the Orthodox refused to be present. But another important signal was the opposition to the desire of the Catholics to appoint a bishop in Moscow. There the Catholics were given a very clear signal: “You cannot enter here.” Other cards had already been played.

**EIR:** What are the forces opposed to what you call “black” masonry?

**Cipriani:** At this point, things are still too fluid. The final deals have not yet been made, but undoubtedly, it seems to us, there is a confrontation between a masonic group that wants a united Europe, against those forces pushing for disintegration. The latter want to block the growth of the Catholic Church, for example. They support a part of the Orthodox Church that they consider more useful, to keep the East in a situation of instability, because it is clear that if those countries had proceeded along the road to democracy, in a situation of stability, the danger to the Anglo-American colossus would have been huge.

**EIR:** You say that we are witnessing a moment of destabilization as never seen in recent decades, especially in Italy. But apparently there is no terrorism, no political violence as we saw only a few years ago. . . .

**Cipriani:** In a country like Italy, the new “strategy of tension” is taking place in two phases: through big organized crime and small but extremely widespread criminality, and then through using this to destroy the level of political involvement of the population. The escalation of criminality at any level convinces the citizen that the state is incapable of reacting. This is more dangerous than terrorism as such. People will ask for means of repression and oppression. You must understand that big criminals at this point represent the “occult” part of the establishment. The illegal trafficking is so huge, that a chunk of the institutions must necessarily be part of it, or complicit. But this is not just a police problem. Both the reports prepared by Sismi and the one prepared by the BND underline the danger that this international mafia may take over our democratic institutions. I would say that the report prepared by the BND must be seen as a cry of alarm and a warning to those forces that intend to block the lawful evolution of Europe “at any cost.”