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RED BRIGADE LINK WITH TRAFFICKERS, SHINING PATH VIEWED

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[Text] Exclusive report by ANSA Agency.--The police here in Peru has received cable reports alleging that there are four and not two Italian terrorists of the ~~united~~ leftist "First Line" organization hidden in Peru and engaged in drug trafficking in complicity with "Shining Path" [Sendero Lucinosa] which ~~probably~~ has received money for buying weapons in exchange for protecting their activities. The Italian terrorists in question are: Maurizio Baldassarri, age 18; Loredana Ballan, age 31; Oscar Tagliaferri, age 37; and Renato Ferris, age 34. Initially only the first two were mentioned in the report issued 3 weeks ago by the Italian police when they learned of the ~~discovery~~ of the network that was bringing Peruvian cocaine into Italy. Last week the chief of the PIP Peruvian Investigative Police, lieutenant general ~~Antonio~~ Balbuena Cueva, reported that indeed Tagliaferri had been in Peru until last year, when he traveled to some European country with legal documents. He may have returned to Peru bearing false papers to continue trafficking in narcotics. In the following report, prepared by ANSA ~~exclusively~~ for OIGA, the Italian police suspects that in Lima and other Peruvian cities, there may be terrorists of the "Red Brigades." If this ~~assumption~~ is true, it would mean Peru is becoming an international base ~~for~~ leftist terrorism with Italian elements added.

Until fairly recently, those who picked Latin America as a fairly safe haven of refuge were the ~~Nazi~~-fascists like Stefano Delle Chiaie. During the early 1970's, scores of ~~rightist~~ Italian extremists implicated in the most hair-raising crimes ~~hunted~~ for countries like Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Brazil.

The presence, for years, on the Latin continent of military regimes indeed allowed the most ~~incurable~~ characters of black Italian terrorism to live out their incorrigible obstinacy without many problems and often--as is true of Delle Chiaie and of Pier Luigi Pagliani, who died last year in La Paz--even assuming public office as government consultants.

Now that in Italy the phenomenon of terrorism as a whole is apparently on the wane, leftist ~~terrorists~~ as well appear to have found refuge in Latin America. But this is not all. Some dangerous Italians of the extreme Left have set up headquarters in South American countries for the international

traffic in narcotics, the income from which probably goes to finance the international armed struggle.

#### Drug Terrorism

The news spread just lately in Italy and was like a bombshell in Peru. It is a confirmation of everything the Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry has been denouncing for some time now: there are foreign terrorist organizations in Peru that are providing economic aid to the militant Maoists of "Shining Path."

The Italian police, in cooperation with Interpol, continued its investigations even further, discovering that four Italian terrorists who took refuge in Lima are top men in the cocaine and heroin traffic with Italy. The area of Milan, Italy, is where the drug probably gets put on the market. Any money income is most likely deposited immediately into Swiss bank accounts and paid out in Peru. Part of the money most likely ends up in the hands of what is left of the Italian terrorist organizations. Still another part most likely is sent to the guerrillas of "Shining Path," who for their part, probably assure the Italian terrorists in Peru all possible assistance.

But there is even more: a channel, to give it a name, of "emigration" between Italy and Peru has probably been active for a little under a month now and the Italian police suspects that the "Red Brigade" terrorists, the strongest clandestine group in Italy, are probably active now in Lima and in other Peruvian cities.

So Peru is very likely turning into an international base for Leftist terrorism involving Italian elements, and Peruvians responsible for the activities of a Red international.

#### How a "Network" Was Destroyed

But now let us see how the Italian police managed, at least temporarily, to put an end to the narcotics traffic from Peru to Italy. The narcotics experts had discovered that starting from about the end of 1981, there were large amounts of heavy drugs, especially cocaine and heroin, definitely of Peruvian origin, circulating on the Milan market.

Two years of work allowed the Italian police to discover that the drug came into Italy by way of shipments of books from Peru. Books in whose bindings the narcotics were stashed and which were addressed to young people of the provinces of Brescia and Mantua (northern Italy) who in the past had had links with extreme Leftist organizations. The drug was sent directly from Lima by four Italians sought for terrorism and also accused of homicide: Maurizio Baldassaroni, age 38; Oscar Tagliaferri, age 37; Renato Ferro, age 34; and Loredana Gallan, age 31.

## Violent Story

Who are the four Italians? The story of some of them, and in particular of Baldasseroni and Tagliaferrri, is one of uninterrupted violence, a violence halfway between common prostitution and the Leftist terrorism which has shed so much blood in Italy in the last 10 years.

The four are from "First Line," a clandestine group active in Italy till towards the end of 1981, the leaders of which are practically all in jail, and which was the only terrorist organization to equal--in the number of militants, firing capacity and operative structures--the "Red Brigades." But "First Line" was the most anomalous group and the least linked to the extremist canons of Marxism-Leninism. "First Line" was also the organization most affected by the phenomenon of repentance.

"First Line" also had a place in the ranks for the children of wealthy Italian families and important politicians, like Marco Donat Cattin, who now cooperates with the law against his former associates, and is the younger son of the former minister of industry, Carlo Donat Cattin.

Baldasseroni and Tagliaferrri are undoubtedly the most outstanding characters in the group. Italian justice has issued a large number of outstanding orders for their capture. The most serious accusations against them have to do with four homicides, four feindish crimes which, according to the accusation, probably were not politically motivated.

## Bloody Vengeance

The victims were: a narcotics runner--Giuseppe Grandi--murdered in Milan in November, 1978, and three customers in a Milan bar--Domenico Bordinazzi, Piero Maggi and Carlo Lombardi--murdered by two killers from "First Line" on 1 December the same year.

The story of the murder of these three men is blood-curdling and got Baldasseroni and Tagliaferrri kicked out of the subversive organization.

On 1 December, 1978, the bodies of the three men were found in a car in Milan. Someone had murdered them by riddling their bodies with rifle and pistol shots.

The police thinks the motive was settling accounts between gangs from the local underworld and the case has been pigeonholed.

Time goes by. Two militants of "First Line" under arrest decide to cooperate with the judges and tell the story of the massacre. It is not an ordinary crime, but revenge by two members of "First Line": the very same Tagliaferrri and Baldasseroni.

At the end of an "exciting night" with a couple of girls, the two terrorists decided to go, the 1 December 1978, to have a few drinks in a bar on the outskirts of Milan.



Evidently drunk, the two start arguing with a group of customers in the bar, who expel them from the premises.

Baldasseroni and Tagliaferri decide to return to Baldasseroni's house, take a Smith and Wesson 12-caliber rifle and a 357 Magnum pistol and go back to the bar. They find it closed and then start combing the neighborhood until they see the three customers from the bar in a car. They stop the vehicle and discharge their weapons at these chance victims.

In the requisitory with which Baldasseroni and Tagliaferri were arraigned and indicted, the judge speaks of "triple homicide for trivial motives." But the two terrorists are known to have tried to express their vengeance in a political crime before leaving Italy.

#### Heading for Lima

Some repentant former members of "First Line" reported that the two terrorists wanted to make a filer of rebuttal to explain that for communists it was intolerable to be mistreated in a proletarian district. The filer was not written and it even appears that Sergio Segio, then the indisputable head of "First Line," threatened the two with death before declaring them expelled from the organization.

It is known for a fact that before leaving Italy along with Loredana Ballan and Renato Ferro the two Red killers got in touch with other terrorists and that they surely organized a new subversive group composed largely of dissidents from "First Line" and from other lesser terrorist groups.

Meanwhile, in cooperation with the Peruvian and Italian police, Interpol began searching in Lima for the four Italian terrorists who for some time now have been financing the armed struggle in Peru with drug money.

The tracks of the four vanish in Lima. There is talk of a department located on the farthest outskirts of the capital, in a remote area where few people travel.

#### Horrisome Supposition

But it is not likely that the four Italian terrorists—still according to indiscretions—have been living the typical clandestine life. They have probably even been seen in nightspots in the center of Lima.

But according to the Italian police, Tagliaferri, Baldasseroni, Ferro and Ballan are only the top of the iceberg of the Italian subversives that have taken refuge in Latin America.

How many Italian terrorists are there in Peru? How many of them chose drugs to finance the revolution? The answer is not easy.

It seems that the four in question have made an agreement with other Italian terrorist organizations that have dissidents in South America, like

"Communist Guerilla," which in Italy always frequented heroin trafficking circles. This does not exclude additional involvement by Right wing extremists in channeling the drug, always in conjunction with the large heroin and cocaine multinationals.

Lastly, there is another worrisome supposition. That the drug connection will work both ways and with two objectives. Peru could be the point of departure for drugs heading for Italy. And the trail from Italy to Peru could carry not only money but also weapons and munitions for "Shining Path."

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