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"The last your speech, 'No, yes', 'No, no', and whatever is beyond these comes from the evil one. (Jb. 5:37)"

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Secret Vatican Power Group Preparing Next Conclave

CONCLAVE BOUND?

It is now absolutely certain that, for certain persons, preparations for the next Conclave have already been under way for quite a while; and have now taken on a sense of urgency since Pope John Paul II's hospitalisation, last summer, at the Gemelli Policlinic.

On several occasions, independent journals have revealed that in the very heart of the Vatican, there presently exists a **secret power group** - in the form of a true organization, made up of the press, information services as well as minions strategically placed in the internal structure of the Church (Apostolic Nunciatures, Offices of the Holy See, different Commissions, in dioceses, Episcopal Universities and Conferences, etc), or having connections with other power groups outside the Church (cf. *Impact Suisse* February/March/April 1981; cf. *Il Settimanale* May 5, 1981; cf. *si si no no* November 15, 1985 and May 31, 1987).

As far as a Power Group is concerned, the Conclave is not to be organized after the death of the pope - but much sooner than that. Their goal is to make sure that they control "a third of the votes, plus one" at the next Conclave. By thus controlling the electorate, they can reject undesirable candidates and elect a pope who fits their requirements.

N.B. "a *third of the voters, plus one*" - a majority of two thirds is required to elect any candidate as pope. Therefore a group that can count on a third of the votes plus one more vote can in fact effectively prevent the election of any candidate they might consider undesirable.

Thus we can appreciate the importance of consistories, wherein new cardinals are appointed - especially those appointments of the immediate future. The prime objective of this power group is the appointment of their friends as cardinals or their appointment to any key position that can act as a springboard to attaining the post of cardinal.

Since a papal election is of the greatest importance for the good of the Church, we have deemed it more opportune than ever to take up once again and update that which in the past has already been published concerning the above-mentioned pressure group. We shall also examine and consider its present strategy in view of the next Conclave.

A MISLEADING QUESTION

As recently as May 10, 1992, the presence of a well organized, Freemasonic, mafiosa-type clan ("*cosa nostra*") in the Vatican itself was denounced by the journal *Il Borghese*:

"*The old suspicions have resurfaced, of many truly 'cunning' (as they used to say) 'Monsignori' (being associated with Freemasonry; Not that we can actually speak of them being in Lodges as such, but still nevertheless, a 'secret society' organized in, let us say, 'the Roman manner' - in order to help one another in their respective careers - as was admitted by one of their naive, affiliated members.*"

It is often asked if there are Freemasons within the Vatican and if this can be proved. This is a misleading question, since Freemasonry is a secret society and consequently it is not possible to give everybody concrete, conclusive proof of the identity of their agents.

So let us put the question another way. Does Freemasonry exist in the Vatican? This question is more easily answered, since there does exist, within the Vatican, an organized power group which 'plays the Masonic game'. Whether or not the members of this power group are actually "card-carrying" members of a Masonic Lodge - this question we leave to others.

What we find interesting is the fact that, in practice, they do act as if they were registered members of Freemasonry; sharing, as they do, its ideology and supporting its plans; plans, moreover, well-known by ecclesiastical experts (cf. Leo XIII, *Humanum genus*; Pierre Virion, *Mystere d'iniquité*; cf. *si si no* Year I, #5 and ff.).

It is a well-known fact, that each time someone tries to remedy, in one way or another, some of the current abuses in the Church, the files pertaining to these abuses mysteriously disappear and all initiatives are paralysed - either by the power group or by their friends. So it is, that the Church is affected by more and more serious problems, which can easily be seen to have their roots in Freemasonry.

A few examples will suffice:

- It is estimated (*El Mercurio* 7/9/1992) that every day in Latin America, 8,000 souls leave the Catholic Church to go over to the various sects; whose expansion American Freemasonry desires and furthers by providing these sects with an abundance of funds.
- False ecumenism, which breeds religious indifference, has been very much desired and planned by Freemasonry. The large ecumenical meetings are held with the collaboration of the New Age movement, which is nothing but a "pure fruit" of Freemasonry.
- Heresies, which today are spread around "by the armful" (John Paul II, quoted by *L'Osservatore Romano*) by the priests themselves, are the result of a Masonic infiltration of the clergy - who have been going on since the last century.
- The secularization of both States and clergy is something that Freemasonry has long since desired and worked towards.
- Today, birth control is taught to Catholics under the label of "responsible maternity," encouraging so-called "natural methods" in flagrant opposition to Catholic doctrine - which on the contrary urges and blesses large families. This has long since been the design and the program of Freemasonry, aided and abetted by the international organizations it controls, such as the O.N.U., the F.A.O., etc., who periodically whip up false fears of world over-population (cf. *Courier de Rome* June 1991; also the article of Piero Gheddo in *Il Giornale* 12/9/1992 entitled "La variante 'catholique' de la contraception").

Hence, the presence of such an organized power group, striking at the Church from its very interior and paralyzing its vital organs, is something so grave that, anyone being aware of it is duty-bound to denounce it publicly, if they seriously take to heart the good of the Church.

In fact, the main aim of this group is not the "good of the Church," but rather the interests of the group itself and its associates. This clique does not serve the Church, but uses it for its own ends. It has no hesitation in subjugating the Church to a foreign "boss." - to an enemy who seeks only to use it, modify it and transform into a mere "holding," a mere associate of some higher power - in other words: the *New World Order* or *One World Government*.

THE SUMMIT

As is always the case in circles of this kind, the lower ranks are made up of men who are, for the most part, ambitious self-seekers and careerists or simply weak men, easily black-mailed; whereas the topmost echelons, or summit, is controlled by distinguished men, who are well-organized, able and cunning.

All of this is no incentive to a young cleric who wishes nothing more than to humbly serve the Church - for it is obvious that persons outside of, or in disagreement with the pressure group, so soon find themselves edged out of any influential position.

GREAT HOPES DASHED

At one time, a series of personnel changes had raised hopes that the granite-like power group was perhaps beginning to crumble.

Firstly, there was the departure of His Excellency **Achille Silvestrini** in June 1988. This was followed by the departure of Msgr. **Giovanni Coppa** to take up the nunciature in Prague, Czechoslovakia (though he disliked this nomination and hoped to return to Rome).

Then there came **Casaroli's** calculated resignation from his post of Secretary of State, whereby he hoped to leave without actually leaving - a plan that backfired when an "outsider" ousted Casaroli's protégé and personal nomination for the post.

Finally, there was the retirement of Cardinal **Ugo Poletti** from the Roman Curacy. Yet despite all this, the glimmer of hope grew weaker and weaker as prospects for meaningful reform faded in the distance. For not only do we see a return of the "old guard," but rather, a reinforced old guard.

THE RETURN

The Italian journal *Avvenire*, was right in calling **Silvestrini's** nomination as Prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches as "the return." Some may consider this Congregation as being of little importance, but such is not the case. In importance, it is second only to that of the Holy Office.

In fact, Catholics of the Eastern Rite are scattered all over the world and their communities often have their own bishops. It is, therefore, an error to think that this Congregation's power is limited to the mere geographic limitations of the East - its power is actually felt, not only in the Middle East, but from the ex-U.S.S.R. to the U.S.A., from India to Canada. Thus it has the power of nominating bishops throughout the entire world.

The Congregation for the Eastern Churches can also be said to be powerful because of the considerable economic resources it has at its disposal, coming from donations, various profits and other forms of incoming aid - especially from the former French protectorates.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED - BUT WHAT ABOUT MEN?

How can one possibly have confidence in **Silvestrini** in view of his record? That man who, over a period of many years, played into the hands of Communism - which he now describes as being "*anti-human and anti-religious*." This same man who, for years, preferred listening and "being open" to the heads of a schismatic Church, sold-out to the secret police (K.G.B.) - while having nothing but scorn for the true priests and faithful who had remained faithful to Rome.

How can we have confidence in a man who was ready and willing to have recourse to injustice, under the pretext of obtaining *religious liberty* in an *anti-religious* system (something that is absurd); and he has not hesitated in employing agents in the Vatican who were closely connected with the K.G.B. - to the point where even the Italian Secret Service grew concerned? (Cf. *La Repubblica* March 15/16, 1992, article entitled "Spia del K.G.B. in Vaticano" ("K.G.B. spies in the Vatican -"); also cf. *si si no no* May 31, 1987).

Today, this very same **Silvestrini**, writing about the collapse of Communism, states that "*the last eleven years of history...have changed the world, and hopefully, have buried once and for all, an anti-human and anti-religious structure, which seemed granite-like, unassailable, as well as shielded behind a gigantic arsenal of nuclear weapons.*" (Achille Silvestrini's preface to the book, *The U.S.S.R.-An Empire In Shreds*)

What value can now be ascribed to such words? It is 10 or 20 years ago that we would have wished to hear this same judgment passed upon Communism from the man who, by his manoeuvring, subjugated the Church to this regime in the countries of the East. Today, these utterances simply serve to illustrate his haste to place himself on the "right side" of the fence.

Shrewdly, and with much "bowing and scraping," **Silvestrini** uses the same preface to publicize the pope's role in the collapse of Soviet power. In doing so, he smoothly turns his back on his Ospolitic Master-**Casaroli**, who, as we shall presently see, cannot resign himself to the new world situation.

OSTPOLITIK - ITS FRUITS AT THE RECENT EUROPEAN SYNOD

During the last European Synod, certain leaders of the Orthodox Church (formerly agents of the K.G.B. and still retaining some influence) not only refused to come to Rome, but took advantage of the situation to publicly insult the Catholic Church. How can we otherwise explain this, unless during those long, dark years, those same men had readily agreed with **Silvestrini's** Ostpolitik?

According to the requirements of **Casaroli's** utopia, wherein Communism would perpetually exist, **Casaroli** and **Silvestrini** surrendered to the dictates of Communist regimes; consequently, accepting shameful nominations of (unworthy) bishops, as well as appointing ignominious leaders to the various local churches. It suffices to recall the words of Father Ulysse Flerdus, S.I. in his book *Moscow and the Vatican*: "*After many attempts and negotiations, Archbishop Casaroli finally succeeded in 1973, in personally consecrating four Czechoslovakian bishops; one of them, Bishop Joseph Vrana de Olomouc, was the president of the movement known as 'Pacem in terris', formerly called 'Priests for Peace' backed and supported by the [communist] government.*"

In exchange, **Casaroli** only asked him for the bare minimum: to resign from "Pacem in terris," but many had doubts as to the sincerity or value of his gesture. In fact, Ernest Milcent says in his book, *East of the Vatican* (1980): "*Msgr. Vrana failed to keep his promise...and continues to direct the pro-governmental movement Pacem in terris.*"

Furthermore, in order to be highly regarded by the communist regime, **Casaroli** and **Silvestrini** shamefully agreed not only to dialogue, but even went so far as to give their favour to powerful Orthodox bishops affiliated with the K.G.B.

Now that the regime has crumbled, these same prelates still pretend and intend to remain the privileged representatives of Rome. Yet they do not wish to see the Catholic Church on an equal footing with the Orthodox Church, even less do they want to see Roman authorities grant the Catholic Church any privileges in relation to the Orthodox. Thus the behaviour of the leaders of the Orthodox Church, on the occasion of the European Synod, is nothing but the consequence of that old and evil *Ostpolitik*.

SILVESTRINI HAS THE UNIATES IN HIS HANDS

At the present time, the congregation for Eastern Churches finds itself at the centre of major ecclesiastical problems, such as that of the Uniates - i.e., Eastern Rite Catholics who have heretically resisted all attempts to incorporate them, as a matter of course, into the schismatic Orthodox Church.

Those poor souls! What can they hope for when, for all these past years, the politics of the Holy See - or rather **Casaroli's** and **Silvestrini's** *Ostpolitik* - has considered them the major obstacle to ecumenical dialogue with the schismatic Muscovite Church and dialogue with the "politics" of Bolshevik Russia?

They have suffered much at the hands of the Communists, yet today's persecution is much more painful, since it comes from the very men of Rome to which they had remained so heroically faithful; yet who, for ecumenical reasons, no longer treat the Orthodox Muscovite Church as schismatic, nor do they accuse it of unjustly dispossessing the Uniates of what was rightfully theirs.

The Secretary of State's clear intervention on behalf of Catholics in Russia, during this latest Synod, has been quickly forgotten - whereas it should have been a starting point for settling relations between the Vatican and Russia, Catholics and Orthodox. Nothing lasting or serious will ever be achieved without justice or historical truth.

In reality, a new and even more dreadful Calvary is dawning for Catholics in Russia. Following the collapse of both the Iron Curtain and the Communist Regime, they might have at last hoped to obtain that long-awaited freedom of worship, religious education, freedom of apostolate, etc. Yet now, on the contrary, with **Silvestrini's** appointment to the Congregation for Eastern Churches, they find themselves in the hands of the accomplices of their former persecutors.

In fact, we must not forget that the Cardinals **Silvestrini** and **Casaroli** did everything they possibly could to silence, or even chase out of their own countries, all the great cardinals of the East: Wysynski, Slypi, Mindszenty, Beran. These great princes of the Church were both heroes and martyrs - not only at the hands of their Communist persecutors, but even more so through the persecution and betrayal of those responsible for that *Ostpolitik*.

LEBANON IN SILVESTRINI'S HANDS

Today, by the shameful silence of the Church and the complicity of Vatican officials, we are witnessing the sell out of Lebanon to Syria. In this particular instance, **Silvestrini** shoulders a grave responsibility. He personally negotiated the agreement whereby **Cardinal Claudio Celli**, **Andrea Cordero de Montezemolo**, **Marco Broggi**, **Luigi Gatti**. It is easy to foresee that this will all end, as it did in the case of the Concordat with Italy, by treachery and disaster.

From now on, what can the Christian Lebanese hope to get from **Silvestrini**, seeing that he was mainly responsible for the defeat of their country? Little or nothing at all! In the end, the Christians of Lebanon will be left with nothing but the ruins of their homeland. Nowhere in the East is Christianity as powerful as in Lebanon, and should the Catholic Church be driven out of that country, then Christianity will disappear completely from the Near East. We already see this happening in Israel, where the number of Christians continues to drop day by day.

SILVESTRINI AND ISRAEL

One of the latest initiatives of **Silvestrini** is the setting up of a permanent bilateral work commission between Israel and the Holy See (L'Osservatore Romano July 31, 1992). Who do we find in this commission, but all the friends of **Silvestrini**: **Claudio Celli**, **Andrea Cordero de Montezemolo**, **Marco Broggi**, **Luigi Gatti**. It is easy to foresee that this will all end, as it did in the case of the Concordat with Italy, by treachery and disaster.

OFFICIAL POWER AND REAL POWER

Silvestrini's influence goes beyond the powers he officially received as Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches. He is also the pivot of the power group that we described earlier. Therefore to fully understand the significance of his "return," we must also take into consideration the far-reaching extension of **Silvestrini's** hidden, but nevertheless real power (cf. previously quoted press sources).

CASAROLI RETIRED?

If **Silvestrini** was able to celebrate his return, **Casaroli** did not even consider himself to be retired. At this point, let us digress for a moment.

For years, without the slightest concern or consideration for others **Casaroli** and **Silvestrini** appointed, replaced and dismissed numerous prelates - all in the name of holy obedience to the Church. Yet today, both of them stand guilty of an inordinate attachment to their former posts!

Despite being promoted to the Prefecture of the Apostolic Signature, **Silvestrini** became so downcast at having to leave the post of Secretary of State, that John Paul II had to dine at **Silvestrini's** place in order to try to console him through this "painful passage" of his ecclesiastical career! Moreover, against all former practice, **Silvestrini** managed to hold on to the apartment he used as Secretary of State Relations, in order to dull the "pain" of this "trauma!"

As regards **Casaroli**, two years have passed since his retirement, yet he still "hangs on" to the Secretary of State's apartment while awaiting the availability of a worthy apartment within Vatican City. After having tried, in vain, to expel the Abyssinians from the seminary given to them by Pius XI - **Casaroli** has had an apartment built for himself on the terrace of Palazzo San Carlo.

Even though he bemoans the fact that he is no longer consulted or invited out, practically being forgotten - he still continues to play a far from edifying role.

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Fatima, **Casaroli** sought to take over as president of both the festivities and the International Congress, having the theme of "Fatima and Peace." This made the pope, at the last minute, send Cardinal Sordani as Cardinal Legate - in order to minimize the self-appointed role of the ex-Secretary of State.

On this occasion, **Casaroli** was surrounded by his friends, such as the notorious "red" Bishop Don **Helder Camara** and the famous Belgian Marxist "liberationist" **Joseph Comblin**, who now lives in Chile and Brazil.

His unedifying role continued on July 6, 1991 with the consecration of Msgr. **Felix del Blanco Prieto**, his personal secretary, as bishop - in spite of well-motivated opposition from the Spanish Episcopate. Then flying with his new bishop to Guatemala, a country wherein he evidently enjoys special privileges, to inaugurate a home for retired priests - a home dedicated to none other than His Most Eminent Cardinal **Aguinaldo Casaroli**!

"*Striving to understand the reasons for which his name was chosen*" (writes L'Osservatore Romano July 11, 1991) "*for this commendable work on behalf of aged priests, Cardinal Casaroli gave the name to the home where I now live this day...*" unless it be to pay tribute to the pope, with whom my name, although unworthy, has been linked for many years as a collaborator. Yet utterly faithful and willing to serve him to the best of my abilities, for the good of the Church and for the good of humanity, particularly in the cause of peace amongst peoples; as well as international cooperation for the progress of every man and of all mankind!" A speech more worthy of a Trilateral member or a Freemason, than of a cardinal of the Holy Roman Church!

Finally **Casaroli** is known to travel without cease, as he goes about giving his recommendations. March 17th of last year found him in Lavarone and Sienna - the theme of his conference: his personal experience as creator of Ostpolitik.

VIRGLIO NOE - "PROMOVEATUR, SED NON AMOVEATUR"

Under Paul VI, word went round in the Curia to the effect that wherever the Pope was, altar, office or private quarters, he was always surrounded by the so-called three "brothers of the same parish" - **Villot**, **Macchi** and **Noe**.

We know that Cardinal **Villot's** father and grandfather were both Freemasons and that **Villot** had personal friends belonging to Freemasonry.

The name of Msgr. **Macchi** showed up on the famous list of Church officials accused of affiliation to the Masonic Order. Also, people within the Vatican were stunned by the speed with which **Macchi**, on the very night of Pope Paul VI's death, made off with the personal effects of the deceased Pope.

As regards **Noe**, who regards himself as the true heir to Pius VI, on August 3, 1975 the Italian newspaper *L'Espresso* called **Noe**: "*The most deceitful of Bugnini's former collaborators*...for many years, that 'dolloped-up' master of ceremonies has been following Paul VI like a shadow at each of his public ceremonies" (quoted by 30 Giorni May 1992) - and everyone knows the reason why **Bugnini** was banished from Rome: "*the accusation of belonging to Freemasonry*" (cf. 30 Giorni May and June 1992).

Be that as it may, we are justified in wondering about the true causes behind **Noe's** rapid rise to power. A few years ago, the Holy See sought to remove him from Rome by appointing him bishop in Northern Italy - but determined to remain at the Vatican, he refused to go. It is hard to imagine what could have merited his promotion as cardinal, since he has often been obnoxious to both bishops and cardinals who would come to the Congregation of Divine Liturgy.

Over the years, many wondered how it was that so much power had been given this man - to the point where John Paul II, in reply to those questioning him on liturgical matters, used to say, "*See Virgilio Noe about that*" as if to say - I am not the one who has the power to settle questions in this domain.

Besides being Cardinal Archpriest of St. Peter's and Vicar General of His Holiness for Vatican City, **Noe** has laid his hands on all other Offices within his grasp: Presidency for the Fabric of St. Peter and its administrative committee; and Presidency of the Permanent Commission for the Supervision and Protection of Historical and Artistic Monuments of the Holy See (whose secretary is Msgr. **Marchisano** - well known for his role in the destruction of seminaries, when he was Under Secretary for Catholic Education).

How can someone with such an unworthy record be given so much power and responsibility in the liturgical domain? At least in his case his "*promoveatur*" (promotion), was not an "*amoveatur*" (removal) from the Vatican.

PIO LAGHI - THE PROTECTOR

Pio Laghi, another pre-eminent member of the **Brisighella (Faenza)** group, was born on May 21, 1922 and was ordained in 1946. His intense diplomatic career began in Nicaragua, led to Washington and finally India. Consecrated bishop in 1969, he was sent to Jerusalem as Apostolic Delegate. He has successively been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Cyprus, Greece and Argentina.

While in Buenos Aires, he was already longing for the Nunciature in the U.S.A., and that is why he mostly left to Cardinal Primatesta the role of appointing bishops. However he did take it upon himself to promote to the episcopacy some friends of **Raoul Alfonsini**, the liberal, anti-clerical leader of the Argentine Radical Party.

Amongst these new bishops note the name of his well-known friend Msgr. **Justo Oscar Laguno**, Bishop of Moron; also, **Acides Jorge Pedro Cavarero**, Bishop of San Isidro; and Msgr. **Nicola Bianchi** di Casano, Bishop of Azzul. Helped by his **Brisighella** backers and Msgr. **Giovanni Coppa**, **Pio Laghi** finally won the very much coveted Washington Nunciature following a titanic struggle - after which he became the "prudent" yet efficacious protector of bishops wishing to destroy the Church in America. Each time Rome asked **Pio Laghi** to resolve some thorny problems, the inquiry inevitably ended up "dead and buried."

This is exactly what happened in the case of Msgr. **R. George Weikland**, former Abbot-General of the Benedictine Order, who was named Archbishop of Milwaukee in 1977 - thanks to **Virgilio Noe** and the support of his friends, **Baggio**, **Marchisano** and **Macchi**. It is to be noted that **Noe** and **Weikland** had both taught at Sant' Anselmo. Their continued good relations are proved by the fact that **Noe** spent his holidays with **Weikland** in Milwaukee.

Msgr. **Weikland** officially supports movements favouring abortion and is convinced that "*today, sexuality is a meeting ground for the Church, just as science used to be in past centuries.*"

Priestly ordination for women; entry into the Church for homosexuals, divorcees or people living together; women fighting in favour of abortion and contraception: this is the "*Via Crucis*" (Way of the Cross) that this Benedictine monk, now Archbishop, says he encounters every time he steps out of his office. This leads him to lament: "*The pope should listen to us. Yet whenever we get a rare chance to see him, he just gives us His blessings and back home we go!*" (cf. *Il Corriere della Sera* March 30, 1992).

In the New Yorker magazine, he [Weikland] openly confessed, "*I have been in love many times!*" and in the *Corriere della Sera* he explains: "*It is true: I said I had been in love. Celibacy does not transform us into sexless beings [what a discovery!]. True celibacy --- and so many young priests would be saved if they could only understand this --- is one way of affirming our human nature, not repressing it. True chastity means falling in love, being careful while in love and renewing one's oath of celibacy.*" (Sic.) Yet **Laghi** and **Noe** are his [Weikland's] friends and know how to protect this scandalous pastor (cf. *si si no* September 30, 1987).

Letters were repeatedly sent to the Nuncio, **Pio Laghi**, informing him of the scandalous conduct of **Joseph Ferrario**, Bishop of Honolulu. What action did he take? Absolutely none!

Eugene Marino is the former Archbishop of Atlanta, who abandoned everything for the sake of a woman. The newspaper *La Repubblica* wrote: "*Msgr. Laghi knows the former Archbishop of Atlanta very well. I do not know (Laghi), in the capacity of diplomat and personal representative of the pope in the U.S.A., who informed the head of the Diocese of Atlanta [Marino] of his recall. It was he [Laghi], if this adventure was born of love, but when one is vulnerable and in the face of certain situations which can also open up the road to eroticism, it is difficult to turn back. This is one of the dangers confronting pastors, when in the exercise of their mission helping those in need, they must make contact, listen to and establish relations with many people. But when the heart enters the sphere of vulnerability, everything becomes more difficult --- even, for bishops. It is only human.*" (cf. *La Repubblica* August 28, 1990)"

Thus do we see everything and everyone shamefully and publicly excused by **Pio Laghi**, who heaps up scandal upon scandal.

Another famous case is that of His Exc. Msgr. **Raymond Gearhardt Hunthausen**, Archbishop of Seattle until August 21, 1991. In his official capacity as Archbishop, he advocated the "*Mass for homosexuals*." The Holy See, in dealing with his case, sent him an auxiliary in the person of Msgr. Donald William Wuerl - but **Hunthausen** dug in his heels and **Laghi**, the Nuncio, dismissed and sent... the new auxiliary back to his own diocese (cf. *si si no*, September 30, 1987).

Another one of **Laghi's** protégés is His Exc. **Kenneth Edward Untener**, Rector of Detroit Diocese, where he entertained his seminarians with pornographic films. He holds that the pope is not the Vicar of Christ, but simply St. Peter's successor - a *primus inter pares*. For all these "merits," Msgr. **Untener** is now Bishop of Saginaw.

After 10 years in the Nuncio in the United States, **Laghi** began to conduct an electoral campaign in Rome. He practically announced that he was now ready to take on important responsibilities as the Roman Curia - and was supported in this by "**Casaroliani**" and "**Belleriani**" followers in the Vatican.

All this, however, turned out badly for him: Casaroli's long awaited and yearned-for post went up in smoke and today, **Laghi** is reluctantly Prefect of Seminaries.

THE NETWORK

To the names of **Silvestrini**, **Casaroli**, **Noe** and **Laghi**, other important names have to be added - names to which we have alluded to here and there, as well as names forming a network of friends. These names and the extension of the network will now be briefly examined.

1. AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SIDE

The current Secretary of State, Cardinal Sodano, has as his personal secretary, **Silvestrini's** ex-secretary - Msgr. **Ricardo Fontana**. This means that there is no audience, no telephone call, no important file, even of the most confidential nature, which does not pass through the hands of **Silvestrini's** former secretary.

2. WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE

His Exc. Msgr. **Jean-Louis Taurani**, Secretary for State Relations (a known collaborator of **Silvestrini**) has two other intimate friends of **Silvestrini** as his colleagues - **Claudio Maria Celli**, Under-Secretary for State Relations and **Alain Lebaupain**.

Celli obtained the consecration and nomination as Apostolic Nuncio to Angola of **Casaroli's** private secretary, Msgr. **Felix del Blanco Prieto** - an appointment to which the Bishop of Spain had been justly opposed.

3. WITHIN THE NUNCIATURE IN ROME

Casaroli and **Silvestrini** had a very faithful friend in the Nuncio to the Italian State, His Exc. Msgr. **Luigi Poggi**. He would help them in appointing bishops of their own ilk in Italy. We need only look of the current Bishop of Vincenzo, **Pietro Nonis**, who periodically came to Rome to meet **Silvestrini**. Even though **Silvestrini** rarely left Rome for any reason whatsoever, he made an exception in order to assist at the episcopal consecration of **Pietro Nonis**.

The same thing occurred in the case of the Vicar-General of Ivrea, **Arrigo Miglio** - who is at least the third man, from the ranks of the "Red" Bishop **Bettazi**, to be raised to the episcopacy.

Poggi, with his appointment as Prefect of the Apostolic Library and Vatican Archives, is well on his way to becoming a cardinal - and therefore future elector at the next Conclave.

His successor at the Italian Nunciature is **Carlo Furno**, one of **Silvestrini's** ex-colleagues at the *Apollinario*, who after having brought ruin to Peru for many years, ruin to the Lebanon throughout 7 years and Brazil for 9 years - has now returned in Rome and will proceed to do the same to Italy!

4. WITHIN THE VATICAN

In the Vatican itself, we find all the old friends.

Dino Monduzzi of **Brisighella**, who set many tongues wagging (cf. *si si no*; Nov. 15, 1985; Dec. 31, 1986; Feb. 15, 1987), and is still Prefect of the Papal Residence and Prefect of Papal Audiences. Consequently he is always at John Paul II's side during audiences, and at his Private Secretary's side during ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica.

However, the most significant fact is that all requests for a papal audience are passed through the **Monduzzi** "filter." Since he is responsible for the smooth running and orderliness of these audiences, it is up to him to "screen" candidates wishing to speak to the pope at special or private audiences. During public audiences he also monitors the pope's movements amongst the crowds - and also over those wishing to approach the pope.

Then there is **Belleri** (whose name appears in the University of Lateran yearbook). Msgr. **Gino Belleri** is the proprietor and director of the Leonine Library, whilst also running the University of Lateran Library. He is implicated through his coordination of the clergy, the media and power group members.

The Leonine Library, which is in the very shadow of the Basilica, is situated in premises belonging to the Holy See. Apart from the fact that it sells the latest secular publications, the library also doubles as a press conference room, a meeting place and a source of "reliable information" (cf. *si si no*, May 31, 1987).

Msgr. **Renato Dardozzi** of **Biella**, described as an "engineer" in the Pontifical yearbook, continues his ascent to power. His present positions embrace that of Vice-Postulator for acts of beatification of Pius IX