Berlusconi e il nuovo scandalo sessuale visti dalla stampa estera

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Silvio pay for sex? No, he could get it for free

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ITALIAN prime minister Silvio Berlusconi has been accused of paying girls £1,700 to spend the night with him at his luxury villas.

Former showgirl girl Patricia D'Addario claims she was offered the cash to spend the night at Mr Berlusconi's official Rome residence Palazzo Grazioli – but took only half because she "did not stay the night".

It was not clear from her interview whether the 42-year-old had sex or was expected to have sex with the PM but she added that she "knew she had made an impression on him because he asked me what I did".

It was also claimed that officials in Bari looking into a prostitution racket had questioned three other women and they too claimed they had been paid to attend parties.

The 72-year-old premier has also been accused of boasting to former French president Jacques Chirac about the number of women he had slept with. But Mr Berlusconi's chief legal adviser, Niccolo Ghedini, said yesterday: "To think that Berlusconi needs to pay a girl €2,000 (£1,700) so they will sleep with him seems to me to be a little too much.

"I think that he could have an enormous amount [of women] for free."

"Berlusconi has great respect for women and would not dream of paying one to have sex with him," Mr Berlusconi – who is being divorced by 52-year-old wife Veronica Lario – faced further embarrassment over claims about his boasts to Mr Chirac.

He is alleged to have told the ex-French leader: "See that fidget – you don't know how many bottom chucks have been on there." He also pointed to women in a pornographic magazine and said: "I've had her, her and her", according to L'Espresso magazine.

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Indecent proposal: Former showgirl Patricia D'Addario claims she was offered cash to spend the night with the PM

Nude bus driver facing the sack

A BOOKIE bus driver is facing the sack after it emerged that she is a porn star. Miss Nude Belgium 2009 was hauled before her bosses and told she had to choose between modelling or driving as a career. The 24-year-old, called Audrey, said: "I'd always wanted to be a bus driver as I'm very sociable. I don't see why an erotic career is incompatible with my day job." A spokeswoman for the TEC bus company said they were afraid her nocturnal commitments would leave her too tired to drive safely.

Friends died in heroin mix-up

TWO 'naive' men died of drug overdoses in a hotel room after thinking the heroin they were snorting was cocaine, an inquest heard yesterday. Mark Gimley, 33, and 36-year-old David Hunt, both of Portswood, Southampton, were killed by lethal 'China White' heroin in Cambodia in February. The mix-up was straight out of the film Pulp Fiction, said Det Con Annie Hodge, a drug intelligence officer. Accidental death verdicts were recorded at the inquest in Southampton.

ROMA, 20 SETTEMBRE- Rimbalza nei media di tutto il mondo la notizia dell'indagine di Bari sulle escort che Gianpaolo Tarantini avrebbe procurato a Silvio Berlusconi. Quasi tutti i giornali stranieri parlano del nuovo sexy-gate, restituendo particolari piccanti o analizzando le conseguenze problematiche per l'Italia.

"Berlusconi sfugge alle incriminazioni in un primo scandalo sessuale" è il titolo di un pezzo di Le Monde. Secondo il quotidiano francese, "un'inchiesta condotta a Bari attorno a uno scandalo sessuale centrato su Silvio Berlusconi si è conclusa il 15 settembre con l'incriminazione di otto persone, accusate di avergli fornito prostitute nella speranza di ottenere contratti, posizioni, o contatti ad alto livello".[MORE]

Il Guardian dà conto dell'ultima tornata di "compromettenti accuse" a Berlusconi con un pezzo del suo corrispondente. John Hooper commenta il rischio di quei "commenti osceni" che – secondo un'intercettazione – Berlusconi avrebbe fatto su Angela Merkel, considerato che se l'Italia venisse trascinata in una crisi "stile Grecia", "la cooperazione del cancelliere sarebbe vitale per risolvere la crisi".

Anche il Telegraph riprende la frase spregiativa di Berlusconi sull'aspetto fisico della Markel e osserva che la capacità del premier di affrontare l'enorme debito e la stagnazione economica dell'Italia "è stata compromessa da una nuova serie di gaffe e scandali".

"Italia in autunno", è il titolo del quotidiano Sueddeutsche Zeitung. "Un capo di Governo, diventato la personificazione della crisi di fiducia, rimane il più grande problema degli italiani. Di nuovo e sempre alle prese con i suoi privati scandali sessuali: miliardi bruciano in borsa, i cittadini devono far fronte a tempi difficili, e il premier sta al telefono con figuri fra il poco raccomandabile e il criminale".

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