



Giovanna Terranova, founder of WAM, a group of women who've lost loved ones to mob violence, stands beside a memorial to the Mafia's victims.

WOMEN AGAINST THE MAFIA

Sicily's mothers, wives, sisters and daughters have had enough of murder and bloodshed. For the first time, they are standing up to the Mob. By Virginia Westbury.

September 25, 1979, the day Sicilian magistrate Cesare Terranova was gunned down on the streets of Palermo, marked a grim turning point in Italian history — it was the first time the Mafia had shot a judge. For Giovanna Terranova, it was the day that changed her life.

The events are still vivid in her

memory. Around 8.30am, having said goodbye to her husband, 56-year-old magistrate and anti-Mafia campaigner Cesare, she had just opened the morning paper when shots rang out in the street below their apartment.

"My heart went numb with fear," she recalls. "I ran downstairs but people pushed me back, they wouldn't let me see▷

