

Rockefeller Rope Around the USSR

The Turkish armed forces, which represent the largest and most tightly run land force in all of NATO, are about to become the imperialist policeman in the Middle East which, in coordination with Iran's fledgling war machine (put together by former CIA director Richard Helms in the last two years), will replace Israel in this role. The activation of this war machine, as a result of the Cyprus coup, could not have come at a more opportune time, now that the exacerbated internal strains in Israel prevent that country from effectively policing the area for Rockefeller.

In broader strategic terms, this consolidation of NATO's east Mediterranean flank is pregnant with new threats for the international working class. A solid chunk of contiguous countries — Greece, Turkey and Cyprus — are directly run by NATO generals and colonels. These countries are foul with a military atmosphere of repression and anticommunism. An effective, solid "cordon sanitaire" has been thrown around the Soviet Union in this region — a further step toward the eventual thermonuclear confrontation that Secretary of Defense Schlesinger is organizing. Soviet naval and commercial access to the Mediterranean are now under heightened pressure. The old non-aligned axis of Tito-Makarios-Nasser is now in shambles.

CIA's Zombie in Cyprus

(IPS) — The leader of the Greek Cypriot rebels, Nikos Sampson, was called "sadistic" by an outraged *New York Times*, who recalled his years as a thug and a terrorist on Cyprus. What the *New York Times* did not say is just where Sampson learned his sadism. The answer is revealed in the July 18 issue of the *Washington Star News*: "In recent weeks Sampson literally lived on tranquilizers, became furtive, and avoided his closest friends. Years ago Sampson possessed intensive anti-American views, but after a medical treatment at the Bethesda Maryland Hospital and a tour of the United States last year he became a different man. 'Americans are the most hospitable people in the world'"

This evidence strongly suggests that the "sadistic" Mr. Sampson is nothing more than a behavior-modified zombie without a will of his own.

Italian CP Prepares to Join LaMalfa in "Radical Reform"

July 19 (IPS) — As the parliamentary fraction of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) continues to filibuster with moral outrage against the government austerity program, the trade union directorate called for a four-hour wake to be held July 24 to protest the dismantling of the economy.

The real political decisions on the future of the Italian working class are going on elsewhere. Behind the facade of militant resistance the PCI is preparing to come to terms with the "radical reform" program of FIAT magnate Agnelli and CIA agent Ugo La Malfa. The Democrazia Cristiana (DC) itself is gearing up for this, with Defense Minister Andreotti moving this week further to isolate DC party secretary Fanfani.

At the same time the real militants within the working class are struggling against the PCI's fraud and vigorously debating the only possible solution to the Italian crisis — the European Labor Committees' (ELC) draft proposal for an Italian debt moratorium. The choice for the working class is clear: either the debt moratorium or total devastation at the hands of Rocke-

feller and the CIA.

In tandem, Transport Minister Preti of the CIA-backed Social Democratic Party (PSDI) threatened to turn the PCI filibuster into a vote of confidence which could end the center-left governmental formula. PCI hack Lama responded: "If the center-left is not capable of making the reforms, it has exhausted its function. I am sure that if we look beyond the center-left, we will find something else."

What Radical Reform Means

What does this "radical reform" represent? While unemployment, food shortages, collapse of services destroy the working class, the PCI in *L'Unita* tells them: you must struggle for a "rigorous line which strikes parasitism, waste, clientelism, corruption, and speculative profits." You must fight for "radical changes in the governmental decision." You must march in the streets for "a new development of the national economy."

PCI member Luciano Lama and Central Committee member Renato Zangheri clarify the meaning of "radical

reform." Lama has led the fight against white collar workers, 60,000 of whom have already been sacked. Zangheri, a "professor of economics," writes that "the only way is to somewhat diminish our demand for petroleum, meat and other primary materials." When one adds the comments of Politburo member Ugo Pecchiolo that "at certain times, there can be a convergence between workers and some economic groups..." it is clear that the PCI thinkers have turned for inspiration in economic matters to Agnelli!

June 11 the newly politicized Gianni Agnelli (president of FIAT corporations and of the Confederation of Industry) said: "We can say to our union counterparts that the companies and the free-enterprise system are surely not their enemy...and that there exists a necessary link, as recent events have shown, between the industrial system and the development of democracy." The following week Agnelli explicitly spoke of the "convergence of interests" between the industrial unions and the private productive sector against the common enemy — the parasitical public sector.

Providentially, FIAT and Italy's other giant corporations happen to have extensive plans for recycling labor, both within their northern factories and in new construction boondoggles planned for the Mezzogiorno. These projects, whose first task will be to grind up the bones of ex-public employees to pay off Italy's debts to Rockefeller, only await the PCI's "reforms" to get underway.

The Real Author: CIA La Malfa

Agnelli, an ex-playboy, did not think up all these reforms alone. Back in the 1968-69 period, banker Ugo La Malfa, secretary of the tiny Republican Party, launched the slogans which the deputies of the PCI are now carrying forward in Parliament. Declared La Malfa in 1969, the year of the "hot autumn" when a mass strike swept workers out of the grip of the unions and parties: "A highly skilled industrial worker earns less, and has less job security, than the least qualified employee of any public agency. To believe that this is the product of the capitalist system and not the product of the demagoguery and lightmindedness of the unions, is an error which workers cannot continue to commit in the name of so-called working-class unity, because concretely it has served the swindlers and not those who work the most and produce the most."

La Malfa's strategy was explicit. He foresaw, with his international Rockefeller banking connections, the end of Italy's center-left coalition under the conditions of world depression developing in the 1970s. No doubt armed with a psychological profile of the Communist leaders, La Malfa laid the trap for the PCI to undergo the kind of "internal transformation" which would enable them to co-administer a "new left" policy: recycling human beings in a fascist economy. The rhetoric was selected to appeal to a vicious anarcho-

syndicalist current in Italian left ideology: setting industrial workers against public employees, instead of against capitalism.

Workers too are looking beyond the center-left government, but not to the posture of La Malfa's unwitting Communist dupes. Strikers in Milan and Turin jeered their union leaders (Scheda and Carniti) last week, demanding an immediate national general strike against the government. Led by the militant 1.2 million-member Metalworkers' Federation (FLM), northern industrial workers are determined to fight to defend the standard of living which is being slashed by the Rumor measures. In Milan, the CGIL regional secretary called for a political and not just economic fight by workers, demanding an immediate end to pyramid-building. The Turin regional congresses of the CGIL and the CISL (Catholic union federation) voted up the national strike last weekend; more importantly, after an intervention of the European Labor Committees, the Turin CGIL laid the blame for Italy's economic crisis where it belongs: not on any local "parasites," but on Rockefeller's international financiers.

In Florence, the PCI federation is confident it can force an "historic compromise" with the Christian Democrats (DC) in the local government, but workers in the region are talking about making a revolution. A PCI Central Committee member in Naples recently remarked: "Communism is a pure romantic ideal, but we are a reformist party," and announced the intention of the leadership to campaign in the next elections on local corruption issues! The members, however, are seeking a left alternative. Well they might — with 25 per cent of the members of the transit union in the Communist Party, transit strikes last winter were led by the much smaller group of **fascists!**

Wherever workers want to fight in Italy, they are turning **against** the **pappagallo** antics of the PCI leadership. The proposal of the European Labor Committees for a moratorium on debt service payments to Rockefeller, together with a concrete program for implementing it under a PCI-PSI working-class government, is having a significant effect in directing this ferment. Vincenzo Mattina, second-in-command of the UIL-FLM, read a resolution drafted by the ELC to the International Metalworkers congress in Stockholm, proposing the Italian debt moratorium and "Golden Snake" monetary and trade agreements between Europe and the Eastern Bloc, against the Rockefeller multinationals' attack on Europe. This week, a United Front meeting in Milan around the moratorium proposal brought together two CISL secretaries, a journalist from the Socialist party paper *Avanti*, an official of the UIL (Socialist-Republican-Social Democratic union federation), and a PSI regional secretary.

This motion towards the European Labor Committees is the only threat to Rockefeller's strategy for Italy.