

Aurelio Peccei, head of Rockefeller's top European Zero Growth think-tank, the Club of Rome, is quoted in the French newspaper *Le Monde* this week as saying that "from a strictly European point of view, **our Communists** are without a doubt better than our Christian Democrats." [emphasis added]

Pointing directly to the PCI, Peccei noted that "a man like Berlinguer can much more easily than any non-socialist leader in the country define for Europe objectives sufficiently wide, modern, and long-termed." [Berlinguer is the head of the PCI.] Presumably, the "objectives" that Peccei believes the PCI can implement are similar to his own and the Club of Rome's — such as their publicly avowed goal of reducing the world's population by one billion.

The PCI's terrified willingness to "offer our cover" to even more bloody NATO plans to "stabilize" the world

situation have been noted enthusiastically by a high NATO official in the United States, who has been part of the propaganda effort for the "progressive coup" technique that NATO has used so effectively against the working class in Peru and Portugal.

Interviewed in Washington this week by IPS, this official claimed that "Communist participation in the Italian government is inevitable." He noted, however, that a PCI Popular Front government would not "disrupt NATO," and, indeed, that "the Italians would still have a security problem," and would still need NATO. This official, who welcomes Social Democratic governments and Communist Party participation in all NATO countries, believes that the current "independence" of Western European Communist Parties from the Soviet Union should be exploited and increased in order to strengthen NATO.

Italian CP Beggars Rockefeller Agent Carli to Keep Job at Bank of Italy

August 12 (IPS) — The Italian Communist Party (PCI) has joined banker and ex-OSS agent Ugo La Malfa (secretary of the Italian Republican Party) in lamenting the decision of Guido Carli to leave the governorship of the Bank of Italy and go to work for the Shah of Iran. In the July 28 issue of *l'Espresso*, PCI economist Luciano Barca commented: "We are of the opinion that Carli must stay where he is. In a moment like this there is no room for changes. Even though we are of a different position than that of the governor, we recognize his technical capacities and his independence of judgment....The governor must be a highly competent technician to whom the government must give political

direction."

The same note was sounded by La Malfa in an interview in *Corriere della Sera* emphasizing the "technical" and "non-ideological" character of Carli's job. La Malfa, who like Carli emerged from the line of enlightened pro-Roosevelt bankers under the Mussolini regime, is being perfectly consistent. However, since PCI Senator Colajanni launched a parliamentary inquiry into Carli's connections to U.S. Senator Javits, Rockefeller and NATO only a month ago, one must ask if Italy's Communist Party suffers from amnesia or schizophrenia!

Il Tempo Supports 'Liberal Coup D'Etat' in Italy

August 12 (IPS) — During the June 28 National Council of the (ultraconservative) Liberal Party, Edgardo Sogno, leader of its right wing, called for a "liberal coup d'etat" in Italy. Flabbergasted, the party's "left" faction demanded that Sogno be thrown out of the party. But *Il Tempo*, a Roman paper closely aligned with NATO, printed Sogno's letter defending himself against these protests. In the letter Sogno warned of a "silent Communist coup d'etat being prepared for a long time, and the crowning touch would be the insertion of the PCI

[Italian Communist Party] into power."

A few days later, *Il Tempo* editor Enrico Mattei personally defended Sogno's position: the crisis of the Christian Democratic Party in Italy, explained Mattei, might be impossible to stop. Therefore, it is no crime to query if the armed forces could do something. After all, there are the examples of Peru, Egypt, Greece, and even pre-coup Chile where military men collaborated with the left and defended democracy!