

"PROGRESSIVE" GENERAL TO HEAD ITALIAN DEFENSE

ROME, Dec. 24 (IPS)--The Italian government today announced the designation of General Andrea Viglione, the so-called progressive head of the Italian Army, to Chief of General Staff of the Defense. He replaces Admiral Eugenio Henke who has reached retirement age.

Viglione's appointment follows months of a concerted campaign in the daily La Stampa and the weekly L'Espresso--both directly controlled by Gianni Agnelli, Italy's chief industrial ally of Rockefeller--to hang Henke with the right-wing "coup plots" of the Windrose conspiracy. At the same time, the Agnelli press has promoted Viglione's progressive image, which makes him acceptable to the left.

Like the CIA's controlled self-exposure in the United States, the unveiling of the Windrose conspiracy and its accomplices in the SID--Italy's CIA, formerly headed by Henke--serves only as a distraction. With public attention focused on the Windrose plot, the covert counterinsurgent operations of the SID were extended to takeover and revamp the entire Italian military. Henke's retirement signals that possible opposition by nationalist diehards in the military is now silenced. This, combined with the hoodwinking of the left into targeting the Windrose conspiracy and supporting progressives like Viglione, means that the Rockefeller forces are now free to move rapidly in the direction of total military takeover.

"Restructuring" the Army

Days before his promotion, Viglione hastily convened a press conference in Rome Dec. 15 to announce "restructuring" measures for the Army. This press conference received major feature coverage in La Stampa, with a flattering portrayal of Viglione's background in the anti-fascist Resistance Movement. Viglione announced that for economic reasons the army would be reduced in dimensions but "qualitatively improved." The improvements, according to Viglione, would include special new "units of high efficiency both in terms of training and manpower and availability of modern material and equipment."

In addition to this increased emphasis on professionalized "crack troops" to be used against the domestic population, Viglione announced that draftees would now be assigned close to home in order to institute a self-policing, local control arrangement. Finally, Viglione called for a "loi de programme" for enormously increased investments in military vehicles and electronics equipment which, he hinted, could help out collapsing Italian industries. Viglione's announcements followed immediately on the heels of the NATO conference in Brussels where U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger had pushed a major turn to rearmament and increased defense spending.

Agnelli's "New Lawlessness"

Coincidentally, La Stampa and L'Espresso instituted a major propaganda drive to convince the Italian public that a "new lawlessness" caused by rising unemployment had taken over the cities. In order to curb the terrifying boom of burglaries and kidnappings, the Agnelli press called openly for "debate" on legalizing new police measures, such as preventative detention without a warrant.

During the past year, the stronghold of Agnelli's Fiat, Turin, has been turned into a pilot project for top CIA-trained crime experts in the various police forces. Seal-and-search operations by police and carabinieri (military police) are carried out regularly under the guise of "anti-underworld" dragnets or hunts for terrorists like the infamous "Red Brigades." Now, with more ammunition from the Turin Criminalpol chief Montesano, who compared the "lawless jobless" to "a chimpanzee closed in a cage which is too small," Agnelli's mouthpieces are demanding vast increased police forces.

Falling in behind the CIA's fascist police methods, the Socialist Party deputy Vincenzo Balzamo hinted in a recent issue of L'Espresso that his party might reconsider police detention to prevent crime. Meanwhile, the Socialist Party has suggested the restructuring of the police force so that the police can live right in the neighborhood.

CIA PLANS INTERNATIONAL TERROR CAMPAIGN BY URUGUAYAN RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 24 (IPS)--In an almost exact replica of the assassination of Chilean General Pratts by right-wing terrorists last fall in Argentina, the Uruguayan Military Attache in Paris, Ramon Trabal, was murdered this week in Paris by the "Raul Sendic International Brigade."

As head of Military Intelligence, Trabal allegedly was responsible for the tortures and jailings of scores of Uruguayan leftists. Thus his assassination was posed as an "act of revenge" by "extreme leftists." Uruguayan President Juan Bordaberry immediately placed responsibility for the act with the Tupamaros. Within hours, five members of that organization were found shot to death in Uruguay. A right-wing group known as the "Triple M," which has also appeared in Argentina, took credit for the killings.

The killings of the five Tupamaros is only a small indication of what is scheduled to follow. It is clear that the murder of Trabal is the cue for the immediate activation of the right-wing CIA network, not just in Latin America but in the advanced