

Fraud mars the Italian elections

European Labor Party demands results be overturned, warns of chaos

The outcome of the June 3-4 Italian national elections is such that the country will be plunged into full-scale destabilization and eventually death as a viable republic if the situation is not reversed immediately. Evidence has been compiled by the European Labor Party, which ran slates in various regions, demonstrating the use of massive vote fraud to achieve this result.

The results of the Italian election portend a similar disaster in the elections to the European Parliament. Running in West Germany for the June 10 elections is Otto von Hapsburg, the heir apparent to the dismembered Austro-Hungarian empire. Hapsburg's explicitly fascist oligarchic network links into Italy's "black nobility," which by all indications engineered the electoral setback of the "historical compromise" factions within the Christian Democracy and the Communist Party.

The European Labor Party has fielded a slate of candidates in West Germany and Belgium for the parliamentary elections. An end of May slander piece printed in *Der Spiegel* against the party and its chairman, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, raises the threat that the party will be defrauded of the seats it is expected to win by the associates of von Hapsburg and of Social Democratic Party Chairman Willy Brandt.

The Executive Committee of the European Labor Party issued an urgent press release on June 5 charging "that the just concluded national elections need to be immediately invalidated, leading to new elections in the shortest possible time. The evidence of fraud so massive as to make the election results as they stand a general disenfranchisement of all voters demands such actions by the government, announced the ELP spokesmen. The declaration and appended evidence is being submitted to the government and parliamentary commission in charge of examining the election results.

"Nationwide evidence indicates massive fraud and preorganized nationwide rigging against both the European Labor Party and the Italian Communist Party, along with selective frauds conducted against Christian Democratic candidates favoring the so-called historical compromise.

Pattern of fraud

"ELP spokesmen pointed out that the ELP vote was made uniform in all regions where the ELP presented candidates, including instances of computerized-like uniform voting patterns in electoral districts in Brescia. In contrast, in areas where the party was less visible in the elections, the ELP gathered significant breaks from the national pattern, receiving substantial votes in noncontrolled areas. Minimal estimates by competent observers of the Christian Democracy, other parties and individuals working with the ELP before the election predicted 2 to 5 Assembly seats for the party in a vote of tens of thousands....

"Nationally, if the results of the elections are not overturned, the ELP stated, the Italian Republic will undergo further destabilization. The losses of the Italian Communist Party, reaching in some regions an unbelievable 14 percent, nationally of 4 percent, and the poor showing of the DC are designed to destroy the 'historical compromise,' the alliance worked out between the Italian Communist Party and the Andreotti wing of the Christian Democracy over the past years. A center-left government with the terrorist Socialist Party would weaken Italy to the point of 'ungovernability'...."

Printout for chaos

Over the past period the country has maintained a measure of stability despite massive terrorist deployments against politicians and the population. This has been achieved through the alliance between factions of the ruling Christian Democracy (DC) associated with Prime Minister Andreotti and the Communist Party (PCI) faction under party General Secretary Enrico Berlinguer.

A game plan was launched in March of 1978 to plunge the country into chaos when the architect of this "historical compromise," former Premier Aldo Moro, was kidnapped by the Red Brigades terrorist gang. The alliance not only managed to survive that experience, but three months ago began to fight back effectively through the launching of an antiterrorist

campaign which targeted the layers of terrorist controllers associated and in many cases created by the Italian Socialist Party (PSI).

PCI member Judge Calogero and DC member General Dalla Chiesa (in charge of antiterrorist operations for the military police, the carabinieri) had adopted the political method of the European Labor Party over the summer. Using this method they had not only rounded up over 60 top terrorist controllers, but were beginning to zero in on the role of Italy's "third party"—the Second International's Italian Socialist Party—as the source of terrorism.

The ELP meanwhile was playing a guiding role in the conduct of the antiterrorist operations and, particularly in the course of the election campaign, had taken the lead in exposing the PSI. This focused political attack was balanced by the party's uncompromising work in behalf of nuclear energy and an international role for Italy which would put it in the forefront of developing not only its own industrial capacity but also that of the Third World.

As a result, the ELP was receiving extensive favorable daily coverage in dozens of newspapers throughout the country, while its candidates appeared daily in major television and radio broadcasts. Predictions by knowledgeable observers were thus that the ELP would gain between 2 to 5 seats in Parliament, with the discredited Socialist Party losing heavily together with its adjunct organizations such as the fascist-liberal Radical Party of Marco Pannella—leader of the antinuclear environmentalist movement, the League of Homosexuals, and similar operations.

PSI General Secretary "Benito" Craxi had, days before the election, voiced his fears in a public debate that his party might "lose as heavily as Pannella's Radical Party."

The returns

Instead, the rigged elections resulted in an unbelievable loss of 4 percent nationally for the PCI, with a 14 percent loss in some regions and a personally humiliating 6 percent vote collapse in the home territory of party chief Berlinguer in Sardinia. The DC lost less than 1 percent, selectively limited to those of its leaders best known for supporting the Moro policy of national growth and stability through cooperation

Every one of the "third" parties gained significantly in votes, completely overturning every knowledgeable prediction, including those of their own leaders. Pannella's fascist Radical Party gained an unbelievable 18 seats in the Parliamentary Assembly, compared to the 4 seats it held previously. Its ally the PSI gained 5 seats; the tiny Liberal Party, which hardly campaigned, gained 5 seats; the Social Democratic Party (a splitoff from the PSI) gained 5 seats; and the so-called Republican Party set up in the post-war period by British intelligence gained 2 seats, overturning all polls.

The European Labor Party received a national total of 7516 votes. There were 0 votes tallied in polling areas where party members themselves had voted. In some regions the vote was nearly identical with the vote received by the party in the 1976 elections, when its visibility was limited, and where the party had this time around received major support from voters who had participated—sometimes 5,000 strong—at rallies after seeing party candidates on television and reading press accounts of the party program.

What will happen now?

If new elections are not called, held through strictly controlled fair voting means, Italy will rapidly become another Chile or Iran, fulfilling the scenario of the Council on Foreign Relations which has "predicted" that Italy will have a Mussolini-style fascist government. With the "historical compromise" labor-industry alliance of PCI chief Berlinguer now "discredited" by the election results, enormous pressure will be exerted by the known British agents within the party to shift into a "hard-line" "non-collaborationist" policy on the left. The DC meanwhile, having been gutted of many of the leading supporters of the historical compromise, will have little political muscle available to oppose the "center-left" alliance between the DC and PSI proposed before the elections by such as former Premier Amintore Fanfani—trumpet of the black nobility Pallavicini family intimately involved in the murder of Aldo Moro and terrorism generally.

Whether or not a Fanfani-PSI government of terrorists comes into power now or not in itself matters little. What is major is that no power or combination of factions opposed to terrorism and supporting economic development will be able to pull together a government. Instead, as the ELP press statement indicated, a fascist movement is being regrouped by the Anglo-American interlopers into Italy's internal affairs who have made clear that they will not tolerate a Communist Party presence inside the government. This is being done by amalgamating the forces of the Socialists, the Mussolini-modeled Radical Party, and sundry other fascist groupings across the political spectrum.

Add to this the fact that the PCI will almost certainly be pushed into a "class warfare" mode, and we have the precise combination feared by Berlinguer and Moro following the September 1973 Chile debacle.

As has happened before in 20th century history, Italy will be used as the base for launching operations against the rest of Europe, particularly France. Foremost in this will be the attempted exportation of the class warfare line of a British-reconverted PCI across the border into the French Communist Party and its allied trade union movement.

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