Zoccali Launches Europeanwide Call
for Debt Moratorium, United Front

August 8 (IPS) — "The attack of the multinationals, led by Chase Manhattan Bank, is breaking the back of the European working class and trying to destroy traditional working-class parties. The historical parties of the European working class, the Social Democracy and the European Communist movement, must immediately respond by launching a new socialist internationalism on the basis of a United Front to develop a program for socialist reconstruction of Europe."

With these words, Marcello Zoccali of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and its youth federation (FGSI) launched an international call last week to rally the organized peasants and workers of Europe and their allies to the support of the Italian debt moratorium. Expelled from the Central Committee of the FGSI July 21 for advocating the moratorium proposal, Zoccali is now pushing ahead against vigorous PSI opposition to win broad support for the moratorium and European United Front.

The Zoccali call, issued on behalf of his faction "Unity for Socialism" in the PSI, specifically requests that "the European Communist, Socialist and Social Democratic parties and the trade unions [meet] to prepare and develop a program of common action."

Zoccali is initiating a tour of Italy, West Germany and France to rally support for an Italian debt moratorium and expanded European-Soviet bloc trade among the growing masses of politically conscious workers, farmers and leftists.

In his call, Zoccali reminded the European left that: "For many years a virus has been making the rounds in Europe, a virus much more virulent than the cholera germ — the virus of recession and depression. There is only one way to defeat this terrible disease which in the past period has weakened the European working class: to identify this virus — the multinational corporations controlled by Rockefeller. This virus must then be fought with a massive therapy — a moratorium on paper debts. Every working-class militant must recognize these facts and face the alternative: run away from this dramatic situation or face it with the necessary courage, mobilizing the working class as the historical agent of the abolition of capitalism and of the construction of Socialist society in Europe and the world."

Zoccali further warned: "Every party or organized group within the European working class is now at a crossroads: either organize for socialism or be destroyed by fascist barbarism, dragging the working class towards a terrible end — a genocide more disastrous than the genocide of the Nazis and Fascists during the Second World War."

Announce PCI as Left Borderguard for NATO Government

August 4 (IPS) — Top NATO and Rockefeller sources have made it known that if the Italian Communist Party (PCI) maintains its present course, then it will be welcome in Rockefeller's fascist, military government of Italy as a left borderguard for NATO.

The immediate cause for rejoicing in these circles has been the PCI's hysterical petitioning to enter into a "historic compromise" government with the Christian Democratic Party (DC). The conditions for PCI participation are minimal, according to PCI chief Amendola, interviewed this week in the magazine Epoca. "We are not at all available to offer our cover to the continuation of the old political directions and the old mode of governing. We are only available to participate in a turn which changes the mode of governing." [emphasis added] In the Italian Parliament, PCI deputies are meeting with the shards of the DC in preparation for the new government.

"Our Communists"

In response, the Rockefeller forces have made it clear that they are perfectly willing to sacrifice the rightwing of their fragmented DC, thus giving the PCI leadership the opportunity to show their credulous membership that they successfully have "turned" the DC to the left.
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 Begs 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!