

PROGRESSIVE FASCISTS WIN GREEK ELECTIONS

Nov. 21 (IPS)--Running on a campaign slogan of "the tanks or me," Konstantine Caramanlis was elected Nov. 17 as the new Prime Minister of Greece. Caramanlis is a longstanding Rockefeller stooge whom the CIA brought out of Parisian exile in July to replace the outgoing military junta.

The extraordinary 55 per cent of the vote which he mustered is proof of the extent to which the Greek population has been brainwashed. Greek workers and farmers who have suffered political, economic, and psychological terror under a military dictatorship for seven years voted like brainwashed victims--hoping that if they obey and are good, maybe the CIA and Rockefeller will be lenient.

With only eight per cent of the vote, the Communist movement inside Greece is now dead. They received fewer votes than the left garnered in the terror elections after the Civil War in which thousands of its cadres were killed, exiled, and imprisoned.

The blame for this rests squarely with the Soviet Union and the other European Communist Parties who attended the recent Warsaw Conference, where a suicidal "Allende strategy" was formulated for Greece. The Warsaw participants pronounced Rockefeller's "democratized" and NATO-controlled regimes of Greece and Portugal as "great victories for the working class."

Entering the elections as a left borderguard for the CIA, the Greek Communist Party (KKE) warned the working class (whose standard of living has dropped by 50 per cent since last year's oil hoax) not to make "excessive" demands. Refusing to expose Karamanlis as a NATO-CIA stooge, the KKE allied itself with the anti-Soviet faction set up by Italian Communist leader and CIA agent, Giorgio Amendola--all in the "interest of unity."

The "radical" candidate Andreas Papandreou fared slightly better than the dead KKE, only because he provided better entertainment for the crowd. Workers enjoyed his "anti-imperialist" demagoguery and his promises for immediate "socialism," but they wondered how he would enforce all this in light of Caramanlis' statements that if extremists were elected the tanks would roll.

NATO's Southern Flank

With three Mediterranean countries--Greece, Portugal, and Turkey--under the tight control of NATO and the military behind a facade of democracy, Rockefeller is using the Cyprus crisis to keep alive the Greek and Turkish nationalist psychosis and provide a "national defense" cover for outright military control.

The hullabaloo in the CIA press about Greece moving away from NATO is merely psychological warfare against the Soviet Union. The NATO bases and arms on Greece remain intact while the credulous Soviets believe that Europe is being "neutralized."

MORO/LA MALFA FORM TRANSITIONAL FASCIST GOVERNMENT IN ITALY

Nov. 21 (IPS)--Yesterday Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro ended a six-week cabinet crisis by establishing a four-to-five-month transitional government designed to lead to full Rockefeller-orchestrated military takeover.

The Moro government, a coalition between his own Democrazia Cristiana (DC), Italy's largest bourgeois party, and the tiny CIA-controlled banking clique, the Republican Party (PRI) of Ugo La Malfa, was touted in the weekly L'Espresso as a "titanic" achievement of agreement between the most diverse forces. In fact, Moro achieved the consensus of every leading Rockefeller agent in Italy around a full-fledged fascist economic program dictated by Ugo La Malfa, the dean of Italian CIA operatives.

Like the last regimes of the Weimar Republic which led to Hitler's seizure of power in Germany--a historic precedent now widely cited in Italy's bourgeois press--the Moro/La Malfa government is counting on the capitulation of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and the trade union movement dominated by it, in order to achieve its program. A "Superministry" is proposed to draw the unions, flattered as the "only viable counterpart" in this period, into co-managing the Italian economic collapse. If workers permit CIA infiltrator Giorgio Amendola and his cowardly accomplices to continue leading the PCI, this scenario is assured.

War Against Trade Unions

By their own admission, the Moro/La Malfa duo has nothing to offer the trade unions. The Italian economy, ripped to shreds by the Rockefeller oil hoax, is now in the final stages of collapse, as Italian steel and machine tool sectors are going the way of the auto, textile, and chemical industries. L'Espresso located the situation in international terms: "The world economy is entering into a tunnel with no way out. Or rather, there is only one way out, and that is war." (emphasis added) "Others are enacting war economies..."

The La Malfa war economy for Italy calls for heavily indexed government bond issues to finance "special projects." All this means is that, exactly on the model of fascist Brazil, workers' incomes will be looted at an accelerating ("indexed") rate to pay for massive slave-labor projects in infrastructural