

stating, "The Union of the French people...is not just a union with anybody to do anything....It is the union of French men and women around the working class, which is the decisive force."

The speech, carried in yesterday's issue of the party newspaper L'Humanite, repudiated Marchais' anemic call last June for a union of working-class and capitalist forces to "safeguard French independence."

Marchais also called for "cooperation with all countries, notably with the socialist countries," underlining the PCF's ties to the Soviet bloc.

The Socialist Party, headed by CIA agent Francois Mitterrand, came under heavy fire from Marchais for its endorsement of austerity measures against European workers and its refusal to honor the Common Program with the PCF. "As for us, we want the Left to enter the government to carry through the Common Program," Marchais stated, "to satisfy the needs of the working class and of the people."

In a sharp criticism of Mitterrand's Socialist International cronies, Marchais continued that the Common Program must not ask French workers "to tighten their belts a la [West Germany's Social Democratic Chancellor] Schmidt or [Britain's Labour Party Prime Minister] Wilson, or as [West German Social Democratic Party head] Brandt recently demanded in Paris, without provoking any reaction on the part of the Socialist Party."

But Marchais could not yet bring himself to name the "billionaires" he said were responsible for the present crisis.

PCI FACTION FIGHT BUILDS AGAINST AMENDOLA

Dec. 20 (IPS)--Italian Senator Napoleone Colajanni published a book review Dec. 18 in Unita, the Italian Communist Party newspaper, which can be viewed only as an open factional document against the party clique headed by confessed CIA agent Giorgio Amendola. This is the latest indication that the tremendous ferment around the Labor Committees' campaign against the anti-Soviet Amendola has already spread deep into the party bureaucracy.

PCI Senator Colajanni, reviewing the book Razza Padrona, attacks as a "warped analysis of the Italian economy" the book's thesis that Italy's working-class parties and trade unions should support Rockefeller's Trilateral pal Agnelli, head of Fiat, as a "good capitalist" against the "bad, corrupt" capitalists running the country's partially state-owned firms. This is precisely the theoretical justification for Amendola's open class collaboration with the Agnelli interests, now spewed forth in book

form by the editors of the Agnelli-controlled magazine L'Espresso.

Colajanni, who a few days ago warmly accepted a Labor Committee briefing on Amendola at a Rome presentation of the book he subsequently reviewed, argues that the real division in the capitalist class is the expansion of finance capital at the expense of industrial capital. He goes on to name the "progressive" bankers who stand behind the more unsavory capitalists--"progressives" recently praised publicly by Amendola.

Colajanni concludes that it is the working class that is the "source of all economic progress." We must fight against the so-called state bourgeoisie, he says, but then deals a final kick to Amendola by adding, "but not to return to the Agnellis!"

WEST GERMAN RIGHT-WING MOVES ON SCHMIDT

WIESBADEN, BRD, Dec. 20 (IPS)--Early this week, the Christian Democratic Union of West Germany and the Christian Social Union of Bavaria, its neo-fascist parliamentary partner, confidently sprinted forward to implement a rapid right-wing, anti-Soviet transformation of the West German political scene. Clicking their heels in response to the anti-detente policy announced by this month's series of NATO meetings, the CDU/CSU sharpened its public attacks on the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) under Rockefeller-puppet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and overtly wooed members of Schmidt's cabinet from the SPD's "liberal" coalition partner, the pro-Rockefeller Free Democratic Party (FDP).

The culmination of the week's campaign was to be today's meeting between neo-fascist Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the CSU, and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, chairman of the FDP, to discuss possible state level coalitions excluding the SPD.

A few hours before the meeting was to begin, Strauss cancelled out, claiming that widespread press publicity had already endangered the talks with an excess of rumor-mongering. Sensitive to the hesitations and disorientation breaking out within the cabal's international forces, the CDU/CSU and the FDP momentarily slowed their forward sprint and started marking time.

Winter Offensive

The problem which faces the faithful West German cabalists is how rapidly they can dispose of the transitional government under Helmut Schmidt. Profiled and trained by Henry Kissinger at Harvard and Trilateral Commission member Theo Sommer at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Schmidt was cut out to wreck the West German "export boom" economy under Social Democratic rule.