

SPECIAL ITEM

ICLC Moves to Institutionalize European United Front

FLASH! March 9 — The European Labor Committees (ELC) and the European-wide faction Unity for Socialism are now deploying throughout Europe to immediately galvanize all Communist Party and left Social Democratic cadre in support of the Unity for Socialism drive to kick traitor Amendola out of the Italian Communist Party and reclaim that party as a working class force in the battle for Europe. The Unity for Socialism is issuing the following call:

Since yesterday, key elements among the secondary leadership layers in the Partito Comunista Italiano, with the support of approximately 50 per cent of the hard industrial workers base of the party are conducting a courageous struggle to save the party from the treacherous clutches of CIA agent Amendola, Pajetta, Segre and Co.

Our comrades, your comrades in Italy who have announced the formation of the organizing committee to build an actual communist leadership faction inside the PCI are at the forefront of this struggle...It is therefore absolutely incumbent that massive support is shown to their struggle. The issue is not Italian but of the fate of the entire European proletariat.

NEW YORK, March 9 (IPS) — This week the executive committee of the International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC) launched a three-pronged offensive throughout Western Europe to turn the idea of the Unity for Socialism/European Labor Parties into institutional form. The two major thrusts of the drive are designed specifically to win communists within the renegade Italian Communist Party (PCI) to active collaboration with the emerging European movement; and simultaneously to force social democratic and young socialist layers in West Germany (BRD) and Scandinavia to break with the social fascist policies of Leonard Woodcock and the Rockefeller family presently being pushed by the leadership of

the Second International. The third prong of the offensive will be pushed into France as Labor Committee and Unity for Socialism organizers demand that communists and pro-working-class social democrats mobilize in support of factional efforts on their behalf throughout the rest of Europe.

The campaign will be given its major kickoff in Rome on Wednesday, March 12 by Marcello Zoccali, a Labor Committee organizer whose factional efforts within his former organization — the Italian Socialist Party — on behalf of the Unity for Socialism programmatic effort are known internationally. In company with communists from the PCI, Zoccali will announce in a press conference the formation of a provisional organizing committee to catalyze present massive levels of passive support for ELC and Unity for Socialism reconstruction programs into active political expression. That press conference will be given the widest possible international airing to demonstrate to the world that there is a communist movement in Italy which knows what has to be done now, and is prepared to do it.

Already a call for support of such efforts is being circulated within the PCI. Several Communists from Turin and Milan, infuriated by the Amendola faction's open organizing for corporatism and its international challenge to the French Communist Party (PCF), have already signed up. The call will circulate through every section, district and regional organization that organizers can reach to demonstrate to workers the depth of social support for a line of action which all, as individuals, know to be necessary. It will also be circulated in France and Scandinavia, where communists must take up active support for the PCIers who have dared to break free of Amendola's grip.

Such developments are replicated throughout Europe, as workers step forward in search of leadership for their flailing organizations. Following a ruthless course on behalf of our programmatic initiatives, we will consolidate present motion towards us from all layers of the

European working class into the kind of fighting force that has only so far been dreamt about.

In the BRD and Scandinavia our principal factional efforts will be directed to ensure young socialist support for our international drive against the social fascism of Rockefeller's Woodcock-led agents in the Second International. A resolution is being circulated to that effect throughout those northern regions:

"...Woodcock and his corporatist 'final solution' to the depression are actively supported in Europe by the Rockefeller agents of the Second International and its associated trade unions. There is no difference between Woodcock's Fascism with a Human Face and the pact sealed in Great Britain by the Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress (T.U.C.), the Swedish corporate state of Olof Palme, and the 'cogestion of the depression' being organized in Italy by CIA Second International admirer Giorgio Amendola and Benvenuto of the PSI (Italian Socialist Party). Besides Helmut Schmidt, Woodcock's BRD allies include his fellow Rockefeller Trilateral Commission members Vetter of the DGB (German Trade Union Federation), Loderer of IG Metall, and Hauen-schild of IG Chemie, who are setting up German workers' slave labor....

"Anyone who refuses to denounce Leonard Woodcock and his Second International and Trilateral Commission partners worldwide is a renegade to the working class movement. Unity for Socialism, the European United Front of Communists, Social Democrats and trade unionists and the European Labor Committees demand that all working class organizations join their campaign to extirpate Woodcock and Co. as a force within the labor movement, a campaign being led in the U.S.A. by the autoworkers of the U.S. Labor Party."

The ferment generated by such activities will be channelled into European-wide support for the European Labor Party's campaign in the elections to be held this May in the North Rhein Westphalian region of the BRD. That is the electoral region which cir-

cumscribes the Ruhr, the industrial heartland of Western Europe, and in such a fashion programmatic political discussion will be opened up through every layer of the European working class. Such discussion will intersect with presently expanding waves of mass-strike ferment, while channelling such ferment behind a political leadership with a program for East-West trade and expanded production, the only competent program to combat Rockefeller sabotage of the European economy. Developments during the past few days demonstrate that workers are more than ready for such decisive political initiatives.

There are two principal features to present expanding levels of mass ferment. First, workers are beginning to mobilize against austerity; and secondly, the organic leaders of such layers are beginning to move towards the ELC and Unity for Socialism to seek out the "communists" who understand the international programmatic strategy necessary to win strike battles in this political period.

Strike activity this past week in both Copenhagen, Denmark, and the Renault auto plant at Billancourt in Paris show both patterns. In Denmark, workers were called out on strike by the CP-led dockers to protest social democratic plans to set up tripartite institutions along the lines demanded by the Leonard Woodcock-espoused "fascism with a human face." Approximately 5-7000 responded to the overnight call to gather at the Folketing (parliament). Once there, however, such workers besieged Labor Committee organizers with questions about the current situation and how they can move beyond the obvious limitations of such forms of protest activity.

In France, a similar situation prevailed as Renault workers gathered to discuss what they were going to do about the latest round of government-sponsored provocations. "Those are the people who say we should be producing tractors, not tanks. It's good but it's not possible." "You haven't read the paper properly," replied others. "We sell them to the Soviets with transferable Ruble, that's how we're going to do it."