

Italian CP Forms Shadow Gov't To Force Austerity On Andreotti

July 18 (NSIPS) Giulio Andreotti, Italy's new anti-Atlanticist Prime Minister-designate, is now under intense pressure to prevent his forming a pro-development government. The leading Atlanticist political force in Italy, the criminal leadership of the Italian Communist Party (PCI), has stepped into the forefront to force Andreotti to adopt the Schachtian economic program put forward by Atlanticist economist Nino Andreatta in the holy name of preserving the integrity of the dollar debt structure.

According to the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's most authoritative (and Atlanticist-controlled) newspaper, the PCI and the countergang "left" wing of Andreotti's Christian Democratic Party (DC) together form a bloc in Parliament which will constitute a "shadow government." The task of this "shadow government" will be to block any anti-austerity, development-oriented policy which Andreotti's government draws up.

Further, the PCI-dominated trade union confederations have issued the most remarkable demands any union has asked of a bourgeois government in working-class political history. In effect, the national trade union leadership has given the Andreotti government 100 days after its formation to introduce bills consonant with the virulently Nazi Andreatta economic looting program. This includes wage freezes, massive cutting of public expenditures, and cuts in consumption items such as meat, gasoline, and other "luxury goods." Other trade-union proposals, presented last week at the meeting of the confederations' directorate, include forced purchases by workers of government bonds — furnishing liquidity to a bankrupt system directly out of the workers' shrunken pockets! No doubt, were Andreotti not to concede to these demands, we would be treated to the unbelievable spectacle of Communist trade unions attempting to pull workers out on strike under the banner of wage cuts!

This debauched role reversal exposes more forcefully than ever before the actual loyalties of the Atlanticist PCI and its trade union whores. Faced with a pro-development prime minister whose publicly stated commitment is to industrial-technological growth and development, the supposed defenders of working-class interests are scuttling out of their holes to insist on workers' blood. That the Atlanticists have chosen to pull the cover off their machine at this time indicates the degree of their fears vis-a-vis the potential for an Echeverria-type development in the heart of the advanced sector.

Battle in PSI

Andreotti's firmest political ally in the factional battle with the internal and international Atlanticist opposition is Giacomo Mancini of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI). Over the course of a lengthy, four-day Central Committee session last week, Mancini enormously strengthened his control over the party by helping to splinter the centrist De Martino faction as the first step in Mancini's own consolidation of this faction, the party's largest single grouping. Such an operation, when concluded, would give Mancini the absolute majority among the PSI's power blocs and consequently firm up the overall anti-Atlanticist forces.

Mancini's next step, after forcing the removal of De Martino from his seat as party general secretary, was to commit a fatal mistake, however. Mancini agreed to the installation of a "com-

promise" candidate to succeed DeMartino, feeling as of yet too weak himself to install his own direct representative on the basis of a pro-development programmatic platform. The compromise candidate — who will hold his post until the next party congress in approximately three months, giving Mancini sufficient time to consolidate his own power base — is Bettino Craxi whom Mancini figures he can manipulate if not control entirely by virtue of Mancini's considerably increased weight in the party. The flaw in the plan is that Craxi is no manipulable party flunkey, but a top-level Atlanticist agent who will consciously attempt to outmaneuver Mancini along the same overall programmatic lines represented by Craxi's fellow operatives in the PCI leadership.

Bettino Craxi is the protégé of the PSI's aged Atlanticist factional leader, Pietro Nenni. Known as the "German" of the PSI for his close ties to Social Democratic terrorists like Willy Brandt of West Germany, Soares of Portugal, and Palme of Sweden, Craxi also heads the European Social Studies Institute, an institution set up to run operations against the East bloc. As part of its overall operations, the Institute publishes a magazine called *Listy* in commemoration of the rag of pluralist stooge Alexander Dubcek, *Literarny Listy*, published in Czechoslovakia before the 1968 Prague Spring and which continues to be run by the identical gaggle of Czech "dissidents."

An Intelligent Tactic

The tactic of allowing Craxi to remain general secretary under the illusion that he can be manipulated in Mancini's favor is potentially disastrous for the anti-Atlanticists and Mancini's own political career. It is also unnecessary for Mancini to accede to such a "compromise" with the agent wing of his party preparatory to his consolidation of power, since a tactic exists for him to short-circuit the entire agent operation in the PSI.

Were Mancini to follow through on preliminary moves his associates initiated this summer and pinpoint the creators of terrorist gangs within the ranks of the PSI itself, he would succeed in one blow in neutralizing Craxi and a key, already vulnerable wing of Atlanticist operations in Italy.

In May-June of this year Mancini's associate and editor of the weekly *Tempo Illustrato*, Lino Jannuzzi, launched an investigation into the origins of the Red Brigades terrorists with the full collaboration of Andreotti. The investigation moved to the point of identifying Trento University as the nexus in the reation of Italian terrorists. Mancini must merely draw the link — already in public domain — between Trento University and PSI member Francesco Alberoni, rector of Trento during the 1968-69 period which spawned the Red Brigades under his expert tutelage.

Were Mancini or Jannuzzi to demand an investigation of PSI member Alberoni's involvement in the creation and deployment of terrorists he would immediately throw a monkey wrench into the major Atlanticist operations within his own party and in their Christian Democratic-interfaced networks. Mancini would then have secured sufficient maneuverability to allow him and Andreotti to propose an anti-austerity government program, having outflanked and neutralized the otherwise inevitable Atlanticist backlash such a program would have to contend with.