

Italian Communists Seem Headed For Split

ITALY

The Italian Communist Party (PCI) is undergoing major internal factionalization which some observers believe may end in either an outright split, or, more likely, the expulsion of the group which until very recently dominated the party's policy. Included among the heads which just might roll is the party's general secretary, Enrico Berlinguer.

The issue of the current heated debate is the proposal extended by Christian Democratic Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti for the entry of the PCI into the government on the basis of a programmatic alliance for industrial development. The faction in the PCI which opposes this is the one currently taking its orders from U.S. Ambassador to Italy Richard Gardner, who also happens to be a member of the Trilateral Commission.

A joint PCI-Andreotti government would institutionalize the already close alliance between the prime minister and pro-development elements in the Communist Party leadership, particularly those with ties to the trade unions and public sector industry. This would define the fundamental political issues around which Italian politics are to be oriented — productive expansion of the economy versus acceding to the austerity demands of the big New York banks — and break through the artificial split between "left" and "right" which has kept pro-development forces in the various political parties divided since the postwar period.

It should be kept in mind that the Trilateral Commission was founded by David Rockefeller as a tri-continental policymaking body just to keep such developments from occurring among the U.S.'s advanced sector allies. Hence, Ambassador Gardner is now personally coordinating a mobilization of the "monetarist" factions in all the parties to ensure that the next Italian government will pay the debt at all costs. And this includes the PCI.

Over the past week Mr. Gardner met with the leading friends of the New York banks in nearly every Italian party. First came Aldo Moro, a former premier who has become Andreotti's main adversary within the Christian Democracy, and who trekked to the U.S. Embassy on the Via Veneto in Rome just before the weekend. Immediately afterwards, Moro stepped up his threats to split the Christian Democracy if Andreotti were allowed to proceed with the Communist Party alliance.

Gardner subsequently met with the head of the Republican party. The very next day, *La Voce Repubblicana*, the Republican party official newspaper, demanded that Andreotti resign.

For reasons of good appearances, Gardner did not

directly call Communist Party General Secretary Berlinguer to the Via Veneto Embassy. Instead, he met with Bettino Craxi, the secretary of the Socialist Party who has longstanding and notorious ties to the New York "think-tank" community of the Rockefellers. Craxi subsequently called Berlinguer out of a meeting of the PCI's main executive body, the Directorate, to convey Gardner's briefing and to "coordinate policies" between the Socialists and the Communists.

Counter-Attack

It is just this brazen manipulation which has sparked the trade-union and industry-based factions in the PCI into a fullscale counter mobilization which threatens to heave Berlinguer and his allies out on their ear.

Over the weekend of May 1, the usually reticent president of the PCI, Luigi Longo, authored an article in the party's official newspaper addressing Moro personally. Longo warned that the Communists would call the workers out into the streets nationally in order to block any attempt to disrupt the negotiations for PCI entry into the government on the basis of an explicitly *political*, and not merely "technical" programmatic alliance with Andreotti. (The Moro faction has adopted "technical" assistance as their formulation for the terms under which they would accept the PCI in the government — meaning giving certain monetarist-leaning PCI "economists" a berth in an austerity regime.)

According to press accounts Longo's article was also addressed to the Moro allies inside the PCI, such as Moro's old friend Giorgio Amendola, the godfather of the Communist Party's "technical" economists. The article appeared at the same time that the party Directorate was meeting to settle the issue of the Andreotti government alliance.

The Directorate's meeting deadlocked in a total factional split, according to a Milan newspaper, *Il Giornale*. Unable to issue a joint document, the 20 Directorate members announced the convening of an emergency session of the much larger party Central Committee May 12, together with a meeting of the PCI's Central Control Commission, the body which decides on such issues as expulsion.

The convening of the Control Commission, a stronghold for such party "Stalinists" as Ambrogio Donini, who in recent months has aired in the press certain longstanding issues of his pro-Soviet faction against the Berlinguer group, tends to corroborate press estimates that heads will roll at the Central Committee plenum.

The day after the Directorate meeting ended, the PCI paper *L'Unità* argued in its lead editorial that whoever attacked the notion of a PCI-Andreotti alliance was attacking the Italian republican state itself. *L'Unità* was echoed that day by the head of the foreign affairs section of the Christian Democracy, Giovanni Granelli, who is

also known as an ally of Andreotti. Writing in the Rome paper *Paese Sera*, which has unofficial ties to both the Socialist and Communist parties, Granelli attacked those who were attempting to sabotage the growing programmatic alliance between the Communists and the prime minister.

Referring to the first postwar government made

possible by collaboration between the PCI-led working class resistance and the Christian Democratic industrialists who had joined them in fighting the fascists, Granelli stated: "If the current crisis cannot be resolved by the forces that came out of the Resistance and formed the Republic and democracy, then we cannot talk about our chances for having any future whatsoever."

IPS Terror Control Exposed In Italy

The following are translated excerpts from an article, "Why There is Terror in Italy — The Blind Terror of IPS," published in the May 5 issue of the widely-read weekly *Giorni—Vie Nuove*, the magazine of the Italian Communist party-linked cooperatives. The article independently corroborates the evidence published beginning over a year ago by this news service, identifying the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies and its "leftist" director Marcus Raskin as the main Rockefeller-financed control center for international terrorism, in collaboration with Rockefeller's Interpol — for both "right-wing" and "left-wing" varieties.

Italy has been subjected to an escalating wave of such terror operations, including in recent weeks the kidnapping and attempted poisoning of two nationally prominent Socialist Party leaders and the murders of several magistrates involved in investigating the terror. Until this time, however, no Italian press outside of direct NSIPS affiliates had identified the real international sources of the terror, and exposés had been limited at best to pointing a finger at the right-wing terror networks operated through Bavarian neo-Nazi Franz Josef Strauss, without indicating the Rockefeller IPS-Interpol hand behind these networks. In the first article of the current five-part series (see *EIR* No. 18), *Giorni Vie Nuove* revealed that there are two, increasingly warring CIAs — a traditionalist one, and a second "left" outfit which trained Italian students through Johns Hopkins University and the National Student Association, and sent them to Italy for terror and destabilization operations against the Communist Party. This week's part two pinpoints Raskin's chief collaborators and *modus operandi*, published for the first time anywhere, including how drugs are used by the Raskin networks to create terrorists.

It is clear from the way the exposé is written that it is based on information made available by Prime Minister Andreotti's allies within the government itself, as part of an urgent effort to free Italy from Interpol control. The information is "leaked" from a report by the office of Emilio Santillo, a close Andreotti ally who heads the national Anti-Terrorism Unit. The report has been submitted to the office of Italian Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga. Cossiga, Italy's top Interpol agent, has been linked in the press already to at least the coverup, if not the deployment, of terrorism.

For the non-Italian reader, a few further identifications are in order. General Vito Miceli was formerly a high-ranking officer of Italian Defense Intelligence (SID) against whom Andreotti instigated an in-

vestigation which led to his indictment for involvement in fascist terrorism. "Affari Riservati" (Secret Affairs) was a special investigative unit directly created by the CIA inside the Interior Ministry, which was officially dissolved recently for "dirty tricks" scandals but reportedly still functions under another guise. The Red Brigades and NAP are the most notorious terror gangs in Italy; Langley of course refers to Langley, Va. — the headquarters of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Why There Is Terrorism In Italy — The Blind Terror Of IPS

On (Interior Minister —ed.) Cossiga's desk there is a document on terrorism written by Russomano, the secretary of Santillo. There is no longer any doubt that Russomano's files contain names and indications which prove that behind terrorism there lies the CIA. But it is not sufficient to just name the CIA. Names have to be mentioned, and we are naming the names.

The man who for over ten years has been directing terrorism in Italy and Western Europe is Marcus Raskin of the Institute for Policy Studies, a private institution financed by Rockefeller, which for more than ten years has financed right and left-wing subversive groups operating in Western Europe. This organization, although not directly linked to the CIA, has received orders from the big brains at Langley to destabilize unwelcome governments, and the Honorable Andreotti is not welcome to the American fascists who have in Rockefeller and Kissinger their undisputed spokesmen.

Marcus Raskin is the man who created the Red Brigades, the NAP and all the other subversive groups. In practical terms this man in his 40s, who comes from the New York underworld, is accused of being the controller behind the blind terrorism of General Yarborough, ex-chief of underground operations of the CIA. IPS is linked to the principal American universities and interconnects with the secret services. It is divided into three sectors:

- (1) official security services
- (2) extremist groups
- (3) destabilization operations