

time by the British General Kitson — and to guarantee the functioning of ports and railroads, and finally the participation of military units in the “mass transfer” of the civilian population.

It would have been only odd, if after all this the participants at the last session of the Atlantic Alliance had

not declared in their public communiqué that the NATO organization has as its real goal “defending the ideals of democracy and respects for the rights of man.” This type of rhetoric jibes perfectly with the phraseology of the new administration in Washington, which has dressed itself up as the “guardian of international morality.”

Italian Union Leader Calls For Global Anti-War Drive

ITALY

The secretary general of Italy's largest trade union confederation, Luciano Lama, made an unprecedented intervention into world politics in his address June 6 to the union's quadrennial congress at Rimini, Italy. Lama's speech to the four million-member CGIL confederation constitutes a magnificent example for the international working class on how to deal with the monetarists' threat to plunge the world into a general thermonuclear war.

Dropping all traces of traditional “clean unionism” impotence, Communist Party member Lama identified the volatile Mideast and Africa situations as the potential triggers of general war and called for an *international* united front of pro-development industrialists and trade unions to avert such a danger. The upcoming Belgrade conference on European collective security, Lama noted, is the forum where “resolute” steps must be taken in that direction. Furthermore, Lama located the source of both left and right terrorism internationally in the “vital centers of power” and the “uncontrolled financial centers” who pull the strings.

Lama opened a sharp attack on the anarchosyndicalist, local-control approaches which have long been used to manipulate Italian labor. “A profound and self-critical reflection on the conduct of the trade union is needed...It would be completely inconceivable and vain to raise demands, to develop a struggle and even reach some results on a factory-level program. (But) if these results are coordinated with more general programs of economic development, the clever and gifted entrepreneurs committed to a development policy can find support and directions for pursuing the advance of their activities...”

Broadening the polemic, Lama continued: “It is desirable that in Belgrade the most incisive policies be

formulated to freeze the armaments race and to create instruments of collective security...All unions, internationally, must support this initiative so that the governments of all countries be prompted to reduce military spending and use the savings thus obtained for economic and social development...guaranteeing a flow of capital, of technology and know-how toward the Third World....”

Lama concluded by warning the Lower Manhattan banking interests that the kind of terror recently unleashed on Italy would not stop the fight for a new international economic order. “The subversive forces and their controllers anywhere they are — in the vital centers of power and the uncontrolled financial centers — must know that they are faced with a working class which is not surrendering to their criminal enterprises....”

Cleaning Out the Anarchists

Lama's speech — which followed weeks of intense pre-congress organizing by the European Labor Party under the slogan “from Rimini to Belgrade” — is the culmination of a successful operation within the CGIL to clean up the regional and local union leadership of agents from “New Left” anarchist countergangs. Over the last month, two-thirds of the regional leadership has been replaced with worker cadres, while Lama is moving fast to take hegemony over the national leadership by installing pro-development leaders in the key secretary positions of the CGIL's industrial category unions. Most notably, the Maoist-oriented head of the powerful metalworkers' category, Bruno Trentin, has been kicked upstairs to a figurehead post in the CGIL and replaced by a staunch pro-Soviet labor leader.

These developments in the CGIL prepare the unions to implement the proposals outlined at the last Central Committee plenum of the Communist Party, calling for an education program to prepare worker cadres as leaders at all levels of Communist Party and trade union organization.