

An American spokesman for the Fusion Energy Foundation who recently traveled in France, made available to NSIPS the following remark by an EDF nuclear engineer: "There are two sorts of people in the world,

those who work with their brains or hands and those who collect rent... You Americans are a people who work, but your government has been doing nothing but collecting rent for years..."

Six-Party Accord Signed In Italy

ITALY

Italy's six political parties — including the ruling Christian Democracy — signed an agreement on a limited program of social and economic legislation June 28.

Although the mini-accord does not immediately alter the Italian political composition, it does mark the first time in 30 years that the Italian Communist Party (PCI) has officially participated in negotiations to formulate government initiatives. The PCI, the second major Italian party, has supported the pro-industry Andreotti government since its inception 12 months ago, through its abstention vote on Parliamentary issues.

While the terms of the accord are as yet unpublished, the accord represents the institutionalization of PCI-DC collaboration on an economic growth policy.

The importance of the accord was underlined by vice-president of the PCI's deputies group in the Chamber, Fernando DiGiulio in last week's issue of *Il Mondo*. DiGiulio, who has acted as the official liaison between the PCI and the Andreotti government stated: "Now with the

accord on the programmatic points, the new political situation is represented by the existence, on certain essential political questions, of an unprecedented agreement among all the parties... In fact, while today, there is a necessity for the government to negotiate separately with each party, with the accord reached, the government can count on certain support, and base its action on this common program..."

The negotiations for the accord which began three weeks ago, were under constant attack from their inception by the Atlanticist DC party president Aldo Moro, Rockefeller's inside man in the DC. Yesterday, after the accord was signed, Moro demanded, in addition, a Parliamentary vote. It is expected that the parties will now launch a series of negotiations on how best to present the projects to the Parliament.

Ugo LaMalfa, president of the Italian Republican Party (PRI), signed the accord despite the disruptive role he played throughout the negotiations. According to today's *Journal of Commerce*, LaMalfa, "the fiscal watchdog" signed despite "strong disagreement on the economic package...LaMalfa considered the provisions on labor costs and wages merely cosmetic in attacking Italy's annual 20 percent inflation rate."