
INTERVIEW: FIORELLA OPERTO

The real 'American party,' the POE, fights for Italy in perilous election

Fiorella Operto heads the Partito Operaio Europeo (POE—European Labor Party), which is fielding 53 candidates in three districts for the June 26 parliamentary elections. This interview was conducted in Rome on May 31.

EIR: Ms. Operto, as secretary of the POE you have opened your electoral campaign as the head of the party ticket in Rome and the Lazio region. Recently a socialist-communist influenced newspaper in Rome, *Paese Sera*, wrote: "Whoever thinks that the 'American party' is the Christian Democracy or the Italian Socialist Party of Lagorio and Craxi feels his convictions waver after a chat with representatives of the POE." Do you share this judgment?

Operto: The POE is the real American party in Italy! No other Italian party or political figure, neither in the Christian Democracy nor in the secular parties like the Liberal Party, Social Democracy, or Republican Party, not to mention the Socialist or Communist Parties, knows or understands the real America, and for this reason they cannot be the allies of the United States in this strategic conjuncture.

The POE's candidates and our party members, on the other hand, are engaged in the same battle on both shores of the Atlantic, as the candidates of the National Democratic Policy Committee, the current of Lyndon LaRouche in the U.S. Democratic Party: We represent the salvation of the integrity of our nations' sovereignty, the technological and industrial development of our economies. We are carrying on the real struggle for peace, which for us means full support for implementing the anti-missile defense system with laser beams announced by President Reagan last March 23.

What are the others doing? Either, as in the case of Berlinguer's Communist Party, they are following step by step the directives and propaganda of Andropov and making this the banner of their electoral campaign in full-scale anti-Americanism, or, like other parties, among them Bettino Craxi's Socialist Party, they are allied with Kissinger and the U.S. State Department under Shultz to split Europe from the United States and thus weaken all Western resistance to An-

dropov's imperial designs. It is enough to analyze the response of *all* the Italian parties to President Reagan's beam weapons proposal: only the POE greeted the President's announcement with enthusiasm.

The POE is the party of economic, industrial, technological, and scientific progress in Italy, progress which must take place through many "Manhattan Projects," crash projects like the one that gave birth to the fission torch, on which Enrico Fermi also worked, which gave nuclear energy to the world. We maintain that we must reinforce collaboration among Italy, Europe, and the United States, with the goal of contributing jointly to the mutual development of our nations and above all of the emerging sector.

EIR: Many in the United States view these elections as more important than those of 1948, when there was a landslide to the right to stop the Communist Party. What do you think?

Operto: I would like to explain first of all how Italy entered this electoral campaign, an election whose outcome many Italians view with fear because they realize what games are being played behind the scenes. Around mid-April there was a meeting in Rome of the Trilateral Commission, the supranational group that masterminds trafficking in weapons and illegal drugs and which is involved in activating terrorism and destabilization against Italy. Among the participants was Henry Kissinger. During his stay in Italy, Kissinger met with Bettino Craxi, the secretary of the Italian Socialist Party. Two days after that meeting, which occurred April 18, Craxi pulled out of the Fanfani government coalition and pulled down the Parliament. Everybody knew that Craxi had gotten his orders from Kissinger to throw Italy into a period of intense upheaval. Moreover, Henry Kissinger, whose hatred of Italy is well known, departed from Rome after a subpoena had been handed down by the magistrates there ordering him to testify in connection with the kidnaping and murder of Aldo Moro by the same Red Brigades that later kidnaped General Dozier of NATO. Despite this, various signals reached Craxi from the State Department and the U.S. am-

bassador in Rome, Maxwell Rabb. The weekly *Il Settimanale* published that high-level State Department figures were supporting the Socialist Party and Craxi in the election campaign.

You must understand that Craxi is the new Benito Mussolini. From Mussolini he copies his economic program of autarky and neocolonialist foreign policy in Somalia, Egypt, and Ethiopia. It was Craxi and his party who supported and cultivated from the outset the rise of terrorism in Italy. Today, at the beginning of the electoral campaign we can say that if nothing intervenes, Craxi will receive the prime ministership from Henry Kissinger. And Craxi as prime minister would mean the end for Italy; the State Department—Shultz and Henry Kissinger—would have weighty crimes on their conscience.

In recent days the Italian media have been pushing another candidacy, that of Christian Democrat Guido Carli as prospective prime minister. Carli, as head of the Bank of Italy, did more than any other European to create the speculative Eurodollar market. Now he is running for Parliament as the “man indicated to be superminister in the next government” and prepare “shock therapy” for the Italian economy: a wage freeze, increased taxes, budget chopping, and skyrocketing public services. In short, an extreme version of the same International Monetary Fund “conditionalities” that have driven the Italian economy to its current state of collapse. Carli is an asset of the same Trilateral-Freemasonic network that runs Craxi.

EIR: What solutions does the POE offer; that is, what is your electoral program?

Operto: The goal of our electoral campaign is to mobilize the Italians, not just in Italy but also those Italians or persons of Italian origin who live and work in the Americas. We appeal to them not to allow this nation to be destroyed. They should help the POE, because we know how to resolve the profound economic and moral crisis in which Italy finds itself. We know how to get the economic forces in motion again, with a monetary and credit reform starting with the “heavy lira” reform (1,000 liras will equal one new lira): the first step toward destroying the black economy, the economy of drugs and speculation which is cannibalizing real production. Our program of 30 new nuclear plants by 1990 (30,000 MW) is the only serious energy plan for this nation, where, since the deaths of Enrico Mattei and Moro no one speaks of energy independence any more. Our program to finance industrial development with a two-tier credit system is the only serious alternative to the IMF’s austerity policy and the Bank of Italy.

EIR: The Partito Operaio Europeo became well known during the kidnaping of NATO Gen. James Lee Dozier (December 1981-January 1982) when you mobilized to secure his liberation. What is the POE doing today to definitively defeat

the threat of terrorism?

Operto: With the liberation of Dozier, to which the POE contributed with precise analyses on the phenomenon of terrorism and our decade-long campaign against the terrorist networks, identified in the Socialist-Communist area around Craxi, terrorism did suffer a severe setback. But as we saw with the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II, there is a supranational center of terrorism. This we have studied in depth. Before the authorities looked into the “Bulgarian track,” we had identified the alliance between the KGB and East bloc secret services, and the traffickers of drugs, arms, and dirty money headed up by London, as the power center of left- and right-wing international terrorism. This is also the network that tried to kill President Reagan. With two famous legal briefs to the magistracy last year which became the basis for official investigations, I presented an analysis of terrorism accusing the Grand Mother Lodge of London and the Soviet KGB.

EIR: Recently, during a heavily attended conference on the figure and work of Leonardo da Vinci in Milan, you opened your speech with a parallel between the studies and accomplishments of Leonardo in the military field and the need to carry out a relativistic-beam defense system. This was four months before President Reagan announced his project.

Operto: There is a great humanist and patriotic tradition in Italy which only the POE embodies today, a tradition in which, as for Leonardo da Vinci, military commitment for national defense was one and the same with the technological development of the productive forces and the intellectual and moral development of the citizenry. This tradition, which we find centuries later in the life and work of the United States’ founding fathers Franklin, Washington, and Hamilton, is the same one by which Italy became the vanguard nation in aircraft construction in the early 20th century. Even today this tradition has been reproduced in some sectors of the Italy military, as the case of Gen. Giulio Macri shows. He is a passionate supporter of the need to realize directed-energy beam defense and an expert on advanced technologies with articles published in all the specialized Italian magazines, who is running for Parliament on the POE slate. Taking up that tradition, I maintained at the time of the Leonardo da Vinci conference, in collaboration with Lyndon LaRouche and his wife, Helga Zepp LaRouche, that Italy must commit itself with the United States to the achievement of an anti-missile defense system—the system that President Reagan announced on March 23 would be launched.

Let’s send the POE to Parliament and we will succeed in reviving the great tradition of the humanists and geniuses of Italy, from Dante to Leonardo and from Raphael to Verdi! Italy will get back to being the bridge to the Mediterranean, for the export of advanced technology, humanistic culture, and great music to the regions of Africa and the Middle East.