

LaRouche Warns Against Italy Bloodbath

WIESBADEN, April 24 (IPS) — U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche today issued the following warning of an increasing probable general bloodbath in Italy:

"A gridding of both various pieces of confidential and public information I have received from sources in several countries leaves no margin for reasonable doubt but that international forces aligned with Italy's Gianni Agnelli are now in count-down for a mooted 'military solution' to the current crisis in Italy.

"On the side of the included publication information, during this past mid-week certain leading newspapers of Europe mooted such phrases as 'state crisis' and 'NATO code' in connection with the current situation in Italy. To anyone from informed circles, such terminology has only one interpretation. The last time such formulations were implemented was during the Greek coup d'etat by the Papadopoulos' forces using the USA-NATO 'Prometheus' scenario.

"Such phrases signify that under special circumstances, such as those termed a 'state crisis,' CIA-linked and related political intelligence agencies activate a military takeover within the cited NATO country and that NATO forces, especially those based in the Federal Republic of Germany, are placed on various degrees of alert, according to the estimated resistance to the NATO-coordinated military coup d'etat.

"The recent Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) meeting on Italy exemplifies the behind-the-scenes discussions in CIA and related circles which have convinced some Lower Manhattan financial circles to proceed toward a military dictatorship in Italy.

"The central working point of this thinking, as at Ray Cline's recent CSIS affair, is the calculation by Henry Kissinger and others that the CIA-controlled leadership of the Communist Party of Italy (PCI) would be unable to 'deliver' the working-class base of the PCI to support of a Schachtian austerity government! For this reason, despite continued support for the CIA-controlled PCI leadership within certain layers of the international social-democracy, Henry Kissinger and others have decided that the PCI leadership can not maintain its left-credibility and usefulness to them unless it is kept in the flexible position of remaining out of the government.

"Without the PCI in the government, without the 'historical compromise' tactic of a combined Agnelli-LaMalfa-Berlinguer Schachtian austerity government, it is impossible to constitute a legal government in Italy capable of carrying out the Nazi-modelled economic austerity which Kissinger and others are demanding. The decision by Kissinger and others to keep the PCI out of the government of Italy means that both Kissinger's backers and sections of the Democratic Party side of the Lower Manhattan political intelligence establishment have committed themselves to the illegal military option.

"The danger is immediate. According to highly-placed sources within Italy, Italy at present has an estimated week's

reserves at current rates of monetary run-out from that nation. Although the fall of the Moro government might be postponed for a very short additional period by USA and West German floating of hyperinflationary dubious short-term paper, these resorts to embezzlers' bookkeeping tricks could not prop up the situation past into May or early June. Before mid-June, only three alternatives exist for Italy: financial debt moratorium, disorderly general financial default, or a military-fascist coup d'etat.

"One should look at the realities of the situation for a moment through the eyes of Lower Manhattan Atlanticists. In competent political intelligence work, it is always necessary to look at the situation from the enemy's standpoint, which of course does not mean to recommend sympathy with the enemy's viewpoint.

"Even from their standpoint, such a 'military solution' would be raving idiocy in terms of its inevitable consequences.

"Such a development would conclusively demonstrate to most developing sector and some other governments that it is suicidal not to follow the strategic policy recommendations of the International Caucus of Labor Committees. I do not desire to obtain such qualitatively enhanced world authority at the price of the people in Italy, but if Lower Manhattan's forces are foolish enough to proceed with their mooted 'military solution,' that is one of the signal penalties they will have to pay for such foul work.

"If I must gain such enhanced authority at such a price, those Lower Manhattan and allied forces who have closely studied me and my organization can predict with certainty the general lines of what will follow on a global scale.

"I warn Rockefeller, George Ball, Gianni Agnelli and their associates: 'If you give to me the enhanced global authority of influence which would result from a military or similar Schachtian adventure in Italy, you ought to know exactly what I among others will be able to recommend and what the immediate consequences of that recommendation will be for you. To be specific: your nasty irregular Euro-dollar market and key Manhattan banks will have a most unpleasant experience.

"I warn such persons: 'You wretched cretins, do you not know that the business of a "credible exercise of force" cuts two ways — as Hitler learned with his London terror-bombing? You overestimate the impotence among your various developing-sector and other opponents.'

"If the Lower Manhattan crowd had not begun to lose its sense under the pressures of monetary collapse, the consequences of an Italian adventure would have already been clear to them and they would have never mooted it. This is not the middle 1960s and Italy is not tiny Greece.

They Are Insane

"A small incident in Italy itself illustrates the breakdown of coordination within the Agnelli-controlled section of the Atlanticist political intelligence apparatus.

"A brief time earlier, known Agnelli-coordinated dirty tricks agencies attempted to field a small countergang as part of a special little political containment operation against the European Labor Committee section in Italy. They

formed a tiny groupuscule on the spot, parodying the name of the European Labor Committees in Italy, and attempting thus to link the Labor Committees to a terrorist caper. The entire operation — including a murder — was run solely to create a fraudulent basis for a CIA-coordinated press slander run through the pages of the newspaper.

“That was a fairly stupid effort in itself, although the blunder becomes understandable in light of the fact that Agnelli’s people were acting on orders from a coordinated international effort along that line. The action was directed from Ray Cline and Marcus Raskin’s crew in the USA and also involved identical modus operandi operations conducted simultaneously in Mexico, Peru and other nations. Only an idiot in Italy could take such a slander in such good faith, since our Labor Committees activities there are well known in the highest circles of the Christian Democracy, Socialist Party and the trade unions.

“Now, more recently, known Agnelli-controlled conduits have reused the same tiny counter-gang — in explicit and foolish reaction to my personal warning to Agnelli earlier — this time issuing a statement of support for the Agnelli-linked ‘Red Brigades’ terrorists which has been co-signed by the notorious fascist gang calling itself Stella Rossa. This has been done in face of the fact that the link between Agnelli and the CIA-controlled PCI leadership has been documented most recently in the Italian press. Such clumsy blundering by the Agnelli-controlled dirty tricks machine illustrates the point that significant sections of the Lower Manhattan-based political intelligence establishment are now floundering in a state of bungling hysteria.

“From the standpoint of self-interested rationality by Lower Manhattan forces, they would have already permitted Italy to enjoy the relief of financial debt moratoria — merely to avoid the consequences of the other alternatives.

What makes the situation in Italy so dangerous is the evidence that Lower Manhattan, or at least a significant part of it, has lost the mental balance which would cause it to govern its behavior by considerations of self-interested tactical rationality.

“The principal reason the threat of an immediate illegal NATO military adventure in Italy is so grave is that the Lower Manhattan-based forces behind this are rapidly going insane, such that rational considerations no longer deter them from potentially suicidal behavior.

The Soviet Parallel

“Lower Manhattan’s behavior toward the Soviet leadership is a critical bit of parallel evidence to be considered in assessing the threatened adventure in Italy.

“To make short of that point, Lower Manhattan-based political forces are currently attempting to drive the Soviet leadership insane, with the aid of a complex mass of obvious ‘Mutt and Jeff’ games on a global scale. Imagine! An effort to drive (what leading strategists identify as) the most potent military force on earth insane!

“KGB chief Andropov’s recent, published address in honor of Party Secretary L. Brezhnev fortunately asserts the voice of sanity within the Soviet leadership. The circumstantial ironies of Andropov’s address — which will probably bemuse Sovietologists in this coming week’s press to no end — may, one hopes, prompt Lower Manhattan to stop the attempted implementation of the Schlesinger doctrine, and open the way for constructive negotiations to end the danger of Middle East holocaust and to begin pulling the world out of the current depression.

“Until that occurs, we must regard a majority of Lower Manhattan forces as certifiably insane. A wild fascist-austerity adventure in Italy, Middle East war, and even triggering thermonuclear holocaust are for the moment still very much on the agenda.”

NATO Network Exposed In Italy As Force Behind Arson And Terror Wave

MILAN, April 20 (IPS) — Italy’s pro-development forces today moved strongly to defuse the Atlanticist “Argentina Plan” for a period of terror and chaos in Italy leading to a fascist military takeover, by exposing a direct NATO role in the creation of terrorist units in Italy. A major exposé in this week’s *Tempo Illustrato* names two generals linked to the top Atlanticist president of the *Confindustria* Gianni Agnelli who are already under investigation for their role in 1971 coup attempts as having helped direct the formation of the terror squads, and further points to the involvement of leaders of the NATO-controlled Italian Communist Party (PCI) and Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga. *cresco Cossiga*.

The Italian press’ charge of Agnelli’s involvement in the wave of terror and arson now sweeping Italy striking even his own factories, immediately throws into sharp relief the necessity of a parallel investigation of the role of Nelson Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger in similar terrorist activities in the U.S. and internationally. Agnelli’s close political association with the Rockefellers has been thoroughly docu-

mented in the Italian press and this newspaper; that the Italian press has now documented terrorism as one of his key political methods makes it incumbent on U.S. journalists in particular to root out the Rockefeller-Kissinger connections to such terrorist groups as the Symbionese Liberation Army, the Weather Underground, and Black September.

Since the “Argentina Plan” was unveiled at a closed Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies meeting on April 3, Italy has been struck by a wave of terrorist and arson incidents. The *Tempo Illustrato* exposé appears on the eve of a conference to detail the plan by major Atlanticist agents scheduled for April 24 at the CIA-controlled Istituto per gli Affari Internazionali (IAI) in Rome. Among those reportedly planning to attend are FIAT boss Agnelli, Republican Party president Ugo La Malfa, and Italian Communist Party leader Giorgio Amendola.

“Who Throws the Molotovs?”

In its exposé, *Tempo*, which is connected to pro-development Socialist Party faction leader Giacomo Mancini, asks, “Who shoots, who burns, and who throws the Molotov