

PSI LEADER ANNOUNCES LABOR-INTENSIVE "DEVELOPMENT" PROJECTS

Nov. 11 (IPS)--Italian Socialist Party (PSI) faction leader Giacomo Mancini, acting as spokesman for the Interministerial Committee for Economic Programming, announced yesterday the creation of four new "development" projects for the exploited and half-starved Italian Mezzogiorno (southern region). Mainly for reforestation and irrigation, the projects also will include the mining of hydrogen resources.

As Mancini stressed earlier, these will be labor-intensive projects along the lines of the fascist New Deal programs currently being touted in the latest issue of the weekly L'Espresso. L'Espresso is published by FIAT owner and Trilateral Commission member Gianni Agnelli, Rockefeller's top ally on the Italian scene.

The mass labor-intensive projects are being announced at the same time that Agnelli--through both FIAT and the large employers association Confindustria, of which he is president--is creating massive layoffs in the industrial north. Left without employment, these laid-off workers will be forced to accept jobs at miserable wages in the southern slave-labor projects now being introduced.

The machinery to handle the worker relocation is being set up now through the restructuring of the Cassa Integrazione or Unemployment Fund, a plan designed two months ago by Umberto Agnelli, Gianni's younger brother.

PSI'S MANCINI BACKS TRILATERAL COMMISSION POLICY

Nov. 11 (IPS)--A leading member of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) has come out in public support of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission strategy. The Nov. 9 issue of Avanti, the party's daily, published a letter from PSI faction leader Mancini to Professor Mario Albertini, president of the European Federalist Movement.

Mancini's letter "very willingly" subscribes to the petition that the European Parliament be charged with the new political statute of a United Europe. Adhering strictly to the line laid out at the Trilateral Commission's recent secret meeting in Bellagio, Italy, Mancini's letter calls for an "autonomous" European federation--that is, an independent block between the Soviet Union and the U.S.--based on the unity of "popular progressive forces," a polite term for the left's capitulation to the Rockefeller cabal. The European Federalist Movement is strongly supported by Altiero Spinelli, Italian member of the European Economic Commission and a fellow traveler of Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission.

Mancini's "New Society" is based on the immiseration of the industrialized countries in order to finance the redevelopment camps in the underdeveloped sector, a plan the Rockefellers developed from the study of the Third Reich's policy of "economic cooperation" in Eastern Europe. Mancini makes this explicit with his blunt call for "a relationship [with the Third World] which would...provide that some of the costs may fall on the backs of the European working class, at least on those sections which are best off."

UAW BUREAUCRATS DEMAND SHORT WEEKS AS "ANSWER" TO LAYOFFS

DETROIT, Nov. 11 (IPS)--More than 22,500 additional layoffs hit the auto industry today. Though timed to coincide with the beginning of the nationwide coal strike, the layoffs had in most cases been announced at least two weeks earlier.

UAW General Motors Division Vice President Irving Bluestone promptly announced that the UAW was organizing its workers to write their Congressmen and President Ford to "demand" increased unemployment benefits and public works jobs. "It is the best thing we can do to fight this unemployment," Bluestone stated.

Bluestone had told a press conference in Flint, Mich. on Saturday that the UAW Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) fund is at a "dangerously low level." Half of the GM workers have already exhausted their benefits, Bluestone stated. "The fund just can't absorb any more layoffs," he concluded. The UAW local 599 in Flint recently herded laid off members who had exhausted their SUB benefits into slave-labor public works jobs under the WREP program.

UAW President Leonard Woodcock and his lackey, Secretary Treasurer Emile Mazey, had previously denied Labor Party charges that the UAW SUB funds would run dry. As late as last month, Woodcock had publicly reassured local presidents that there was absolutely nothing to worry about.

In an effort to further demoralize auto workers, Dennis McDermott, the head of Canadian United Auto Workers (UAW), announced that he was in favor of "short work weeks" to deal with layoffs in the auto industry. "If there are further mass layoffs," McDermott told the press, "it sometimes makes sense to spread the misery around." McDermott was speaking at a "UAW Canadian Leadership Session" at the UAW's Black Lake brainwashing center.