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With DeMartino, Lombardi and Nenni firmly in Rockefeller's camp, there only remains the left-wing factions of Giacomo Mancini, Minister for the Mezzogiorno in Rumor's cabinet and long-time advocate of capital-intensive development policies for his native south. In mid-September, Mancini caved in to the threat of economic disaster and the enticement of investments on his turf by the Rockefeller-linked financiers--the Bank of European Investments, FIAT corporation, etc. Mancini began to defend labor-intensive projects in irrigation, forestation and water-works over his former preference for capital-intensive jobs. "As far as the South goes...I have tried to separate myself from the excess of debates I would call ideological and to dedicate myself to concrete action," he said. Since then, Mancini's "concrete actions" have consisted in slave-labor projects with which, he boasts, "Italy can help to solve its monetary crisis."

Mancini himself best summarized the PSI's current program for the European working class, in a letter published Nov. 9 in the PSI daily Avanti. Talking about building a "New Society," a European federation "starting with complete autonomy," Mancini called for a "European Democratic Front" made up of "popular political forces." "The particular European situation...forces [us] to design a model of development which takes into account our direct relations with the Third World. A relationship which would overturn the traditional one of imperialism and would even provide that some of the costs may fall on the backs of the European working class, at least those parts that are better off." (Emphasis added.)

This scenario--a corporativist Europe starvings its workers in return for the privilege of financing slavery in the developing sector--is precisely the program of the Trilateral Commission.

SUB PAY STORY: GOING, GOING, GONE

DETROIT, Nov. 30 (IPS)--As their union Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) pay runs out, auto and steel workers are being herded directly into slave labor jobs.

In Pontiac, Mich., the local welfare office has recently made plans to employ 1,100 Pontiac General Motors workers whose SUB pay is exhausted, on local "public works" jobs. In Flint, laid-off auto workers have already been spotted working in Work Relief Employment programs. Michigan Manpower Director Donahue told IPS that the expected continued high levels of unemployment will require new statewide plans to employ the jobless in similar forced work schemes.

This is only the beginning. Hundreds of thousands of industrial workers will soon join the slave-labor manpower pool.

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Although the companies, the unions and the CIA press have done their best to obscure the SUB pay picture, the facts are clear:

*Twenty-five thousand GM workers have already exhausted their SUB pay, or will exhaust it within the next two weeks. These are mostly workers laid off nearly continuously since last January's First Great Oil Hoax. Before Oil Hoax No. 2 has gotten into high gear, January 1975 layoffs are up to an announced level of 100,000; another 30,000 workers will be off SUB pay by early February. The GM sub fund, drained to \$100 million, cannot last past the end of April. Its collapse will throw at least 40,000-50,000 more workers onto the welfare rolls.

*Chrysler's fund is in even worse shape--only \$80 million in the till. With 60,000 Chrysler workers on layoff, the fund will run out in late February or early March--even earlier if Chrysler is bought by Rocky's Arab sheikhs and shipped to Iran.

*Ford is slightly more solvent--\$150 million in the SUB fund and "only" 40,000 layoffs--a situation which could change rapidly.

*The steel industry is the worst situation of all. Jay Rockefeller's United Mine Workers strike has triggered the cut-off of all steel SUB pay. As the United Steel Workers contract makes clear, since the UMW is striking against the steel companies' own "captive" coal mines, no SUB pay will be forthcoming. Tens of thousands of steelworkers will be practically devoid of income and will be immediate targets for slave labor schemes, if the CIA's UMW strike lasts much longer.

BORDER COPS HARASS LABOR PARTY

WINDSOR, Ontario, Nov. 30 (IPS)--U.W. Labor Party organizers from Buffalo and Detroit successfully crossed into Windsor and Toronto, Ontario, Nov. 29, for a full day's organizing in which they sold several hundred copies of New Solidarity to industrial workers in the Canadian Golden Horseshoe. Extensive press coverage of the North American Labor Party electoral campaign in St. Catherine's and Toronto had forewarned border officials that they would not be able to prevent Labor Party entry into Canada.

In the final days before yesterday's Toronto and St. Catherine's municipal elections, Labor Party organizers had fought a running battle with customs officials and border police seeking to protect Rockefeller's forced slave labor plans in Canada from Labor Party exposure. The border campaign was directed by the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).