

# " Elections, Earthquake, State Of Seige, Stop Everyone! The Amerikan Has Arrived! "

*May 22 (IPS) — The following are excerpts from a series of articles appearing in this week's major Italian weekly, Il Tempo on the Friuli earthquake disaster and related political developments. The lead article for Tempo's exposé on NATO and U.S. involvement in the "disaster" was written by Lino Jannuzzi, for more than a decade Italy's most highly respected investigative journalist. In the late 1960s, Jannuzzi created a national scandal with his exposure of Italian military intelligence spying on Italian citizens.*

by **Lino Jannuzzi**

Rome — In the evening of Saturday, May 1, the President of the Republic signed the decree that dissolved Parliament, and set June 20, 1976 as the date for elections. Next Saturday, May 8, in the middle of the night and 24 hours after the Friuli earthquake, the Prime Minister Aldo Moro signed the "Natural Disaster" Decree, triggering the so-called law of "Civil Protection" that confers extraordinary powers to the Interior Minister, giving him the power to use "organic units of the armed forces." Simultaneously that same day the body called "Save Europe" got into action at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, setting in motion the mobilization of not only the front line troops but also the emergency troops reserves, the cancellation of all leaves, etc.

Meanwhile, along the Mediterranean, three different NATO maneuvers were taking place: the one called "Dawn Patrol," started on May 3 and ending May 16 and "passing through the port of Naples on May 6; the one called "Dynasty Form" for the front line naval forces, from May 5 to May 16; and finally, "Dashing Impact," land and air maneuvers from May 10 to May 14.

On Monday, May 10 the political commission of the European Defense Community (of which the 'Nine' are members, except Denmark and Ireland) met in Brussels to discuss a report of the British representative F. Bennet on "Detente and Security in Europe." The report affirms that a discrete seizure of power by the Communist Party is underway in Italy. The Commission voted (13 to 1) up a motion that says in part: "Taking account of the uneasiness created in some countries of the Atlantic Alliance as being the product of an internal subversion, inspired and supported abroad, it is recommended that to this eventuality be extended automatic assistance, as per the UDC Treaty in case of aggression to one of its members."

On Thursday, May 13, after a week in which the military personnel of the Aviano American base, with the collaboration of the (West) German Bundeswehr and the Canadians of the Baaden-Baaden base were moving around the atomic "nests" in the Friuli region, from the skies of the earthquake dropped the Vice President of the U.S. Nelson Rockefeller bringing from America two presents: the promise of help in the amount of \$25 million and Mr. Daniel Parker, Director of AID. AID is the U.S. agency that depends on the State Department and oversees the "Assistance" to foreign countries hit by disasters, and also has the task of "promoting the political stability and the internal and external security" of the assisted nations. Rockefeller departed

after few hours towards West Berlin and Frankfurt, but left behind Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker was opened an office immediately inside the Aviano military base; he calls it, "The Command Post for Disaster Relief." Simultaneously, the U.S. Ambassador has put one of the Embassy's wings to host the offices of the "Conference for Disaster Relief." This office to be headed by Mr. Walter Silva, has the task of coordinating the assistance and is the link between the command of the NATO Air Forces in the Mediterranean and Mr. Parker's "Command Post" in Aviano.

It is not necessary to recall here the scientific documentation around the discoveries of meteorological warfare, geophysical warfare, etc. — documentation that we include, however Tempo published an article on this which is not translated here. It is also necessary to recall here the rich literature in existence of the role played in Vietnam or in Latin America of agencies such as AID — even though, we are in the position to confirm that Mr. Parker and his offices both in Aviano and Rome, are organically linked to the U.S. Intelligence Services. It is only necessary to point to the facts of these last two weeks. And the facts are that the June 20 electoral campaign is developing in the shadows of a state of siege and the mobilization of all NATO forces....

Meanwhile, nobody speaks about these laws (the law of vil Protection, etc.), in action since May 8, that give those extraordinary powers to the Interior Minister.... This resort to extraordinary laws wasn't only decided in order to exploit the earthquake for the electoral purposes of the Christian Democracy, but also to tranquilize the commanders of the Atlantic Alliance about the full control that the Italian authorities have of the military complex installed during these last years in Friuli. It is a well known fact that NATO has long range missile installations and cave "nests" for nuclear weapons — one of the most sophisticated systems of NATO defense — in Friuli. Confidential military information referred to **Tempo** by accredited American diplomats in Brussels, shows that the calling of the emergency legislation was a demand of NATO to the Italian authorities....

As far as the NATO deployments are concerned, (in conjunction with the expected visit of Rockefeller and the happy arrival in Italy of Mr. Parker) it seems that the so-called "revolutionary vigilance" couldn't even cope with it. The truth is that in the middle of all this is NATO, and when NATO is involved, our left, the historical and traditional components of the Italian left, socialist and communists, but above all the Communist Party, looks like it is being hamstrung by embarrassment and impotence...

...Is there a NATO? Italy is in the Atlantic Alliance. How can one rationalize the presence of Italy in NATO, and the inclusion of the left in the government? The answer of the Communists, Berlinguer, Amendola, or Napolitano is apodictic: it can be reconciled. The Communists could go into the government tomorrow morning, even May 21, and NATO can stay as it is now. Let's not talk about it: whoever does it is a provocateur — don't touch NATO...

Friuli isn't a region with limited sovereignty? Isn't a piece of Italy, a piece of the national territory and the people,

martyrs of 30 years of military slavery?... But Friuli is a frontier, a border region of NATO. And if NATO cannot be discussed, cannot be touched, one cannot really discuss the conditions in Friuli.... This type of argument has its corollary of aberrant consequences, yet rigorously coherent. If an accident — a damned accident — a "natural" disaster hits Friuli one cannot talk only of 'civil protection', as euphemistically the emergency laws say. One cannot only think in terms of assistance to the dead, and the wounded, of the dangers of epidemics, of the people buried under the rubble. One has to think, first of all, on the military problems, the barracks, the subterranean atomic "nests," and why not, the cache of weapons prepared by the parallel SID (the Italian Internal Security Forces — an oblique reference to a coup threat — ed.)... The youth that come to help are rejected and hunted... It is tolerated and silenced, this beginning of the emergency, of the state of siege, of the mobilization of the Alliance in Italy.

And if Rockefeller arrives, and if Mr. Parker is installed to oversee and guarantee the "political stability" and "security" not only of the region but the whole country, then there is no sense in protesting and denouncing it. And what about if at that moment, in that region, in that country, the people are asked to vote, to choose? Well, would you be surprised, would you protest if Rockefeller, Mr. Parker, NATO, the CIA, the SID will do everything in their power to

avoid that people with their vote would endanger that frontier?

### Parker: A Man of Proven Experience

NEW YORK — Daniel Parker served in the Marines from 1942 to 1946, deployed in Italy. From 1950 to 1973 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Parker Pen Corporation, of which he was also president from 1966-73. In that same period, he also served in some very important posts: he was a member of the Council for Economic Development Abroad, and senior member of the Council of Directors, the very influential association of leaders of big industry that include as members the IBM managers, Bank of America, Gulf Oil, Allied Chemical and Dupont — the biggest manufacturer of chemical and bacteriological weapons in the world. From 1973 on he has headed AID. In March of 1975, he was the coordinator for the Assistance to Disaster Areas and in this capacity he directed AID operations in Guatemala and Uruguay. He was the inspiration for movie director Costas Garvas' famous film "The Amerikan." The Committee for Assistance to Italy that sent Parker to Italy was created by the same individuals that created the Citizens Alliance for Mediterranean Freedom (CAMF) of which members were Henry Tasca, ex-Ambassador to Athens, John Connally, (Sen.) John Pastore in addition to the Italian builder Federici and Roberto Memmo....