

Peter Rodino's Counterinsurgent Career

July 15 (IPS) — At the close of World War II (in which he was one of the first enlisted men to become an officer) during the Allied occupation of Italy, Peter Rodino played a key role in the CIA dirty tricks operation which subverted the 1948 Italian elections. The Communist Party of Italy stood a good chance of winning the election until Rodino and his fellow counterinsurgents sabotaged that possibility — the Ralph Nader Congress Project Report on Rodino mentions “his efforts in Italy to prevent a communist takeover,” and Rodino himself is proud of his postwar activities. The victorious Christian Democrat Party awarded Rodino the highest honors of the Italian government for services rendered in stopping the Communists.

Rodino in Congress

Rodino was first tapped for Congress in 1946 by Eleanor Roosevelt — arch-liberal and anti-communist, godmother of the CIA-created Americans for Democratic Action. Rodino lost his first race in 1946, went to Italy for his election assignment, and returned to New Jersey to be elected to Congress in 1948.

Circumstances surrounding the election point to undue pressure on Rodino's initial opponent, incumbent rightwing Republican Fred Hartley, who had been in Congress for 20 years, was only 44 years old, and abruptly decided to resign in 1948.

1950s Liberal Anti-Communism

In the early 1950s Rodino (by then a judge) adopted the characteristic “State Department liberal” posture on communism. Realizing that Neanderthal McCarthyism was bound to boomerang, Rodino — along with others like the infamous Sidney Hook — proposed **extra-**

judicial methods of witch-hunting: e.g., circulating lists of communist “front” organizations and individuals and letting unofficial blacklisting take care of the rest.

Rodino and NATO

Aside from his work for the Rockefeller/CIA cabal on the House Judiciary Committee, Rodino's most important assignment has been as delegate to the Atlantic Assembly (the parliamentary body of NATO). It is likely that Rodino's postwar work in Italy landed him this post. He is currently chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee. In that capacity he has directed the following operations:

- Organizing the Scientific and Technical Committee's instrumental role in establishing NATO's Committee for the Challenges of Modern Society, primary NATO low-intensity operation (see IPS No. 8).

- Personally recommending that all NATO countries adopt tough drug laws, and proposing “drug rehabilitation,” thereby creating the preconditions for methadone behavior-modification centers, like New York City's Lincoln Hospital Detoxification Unit, which produced the so-called Black Liberation Army CIA countergang. (Rodino began pushing for draconian drug laws in 1971, even before Nelson Rockefeller succeeded in getting his murderous drug law on the books for New York State. Given Rodino's probable Mafia connections, his position on drugs is especially insidious. He also recommends the production of “synthetic heroin.”)

- Involvement with the Scientific and Technical Committee in earthquake studies, weather control, etc. Recently C.L. Sulzberger in the *New York Times* confirmed that NATO has the capability to create earthquakes.

Rodino, Panicked by Exposure of CIA Watergate Role, Subverts Due Process

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 10 (IPS) — Over the past several weeks, U.S. Representative Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) has become increasingly open in his use of his position as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee to further the Rockefeller/CIA conspiracy to Watergate Richard Nixon and destroy bourgeois democratic forms of government. Simultaneous with the campaign in the leading Rockefeller-controlled U.S. press to discredit the just-published Baker Report on the CIA's role in

Watergate and recent statements on the CIA made by former White House aide Charles W. Colson, Rodino is using his position to ensure that Rockefeller/CIA responsibility for the entire Watergate affair doesn't get aired in the impeachment proceedings.

Rodino Railroading

Rodino and Committee Majority Counsel John Doar, Rockefeller agent, have thus stalled Colson from being