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Cyprus Coup Consolidates NATO's Southern Flank

July 18 (IPS) — The military coup d'etat in Cyprus four days ago, orchestrated with bloody ruthlessness from London, Washington and their Athens regional headquarters, completes the consolidation of the southern flank of NATO. The takeover of this Mediterranean island by NATO's gangster armies coincides with the opening up of Egypt for U.S. banks, arranged by Secretary of the Treasury and Rockefeller hireling William Simon in Cairo yesterday.

At this point, the political and economic takeover of the Middle East — a process started when Nazi collaborator Anwar el Sadat expelled Soviet military personnel from Egypt about a year ago — has been more or less completed. Iran, controlled by the CIA, has further locked itself into Rockefeller's venture by joining with the Krupp Konzern in what promises to be a major European slave-labor enterprise. At the same time Iran invited Guido Carli, the Eurotraitor heading up the Banca d'Italia, to lead an Arab-dollar world bank — expected to finance slave-labor programs throughout Europe.

Simultaneously Egypt's Sadat has been meeting with King Hussein of Jordan to pin down the last details of the Jordan Valley Development Project — David Rockefeller's second largest slave-labor camp in the area after the Suez Corridor Development Project, the biggest moneymaker for the soon-to-open Chase Manhattan Bank offices in Cairo.

Securing the Mideast

The military coup in the strategically important island of Cyprus completes the military side of this consolidation of NATO's southeastern underbelly. Cyprus, long known as the "unsinkable aircraft carrier" of the Mediterranean, is, according to Britain's Secretary of State for Defense, a key piece in the strategic deployment of NATO's striking force as it provides a nuclear umbrella as far as the Soviet-Iranian borders.

With the toppling of Archbishop Makarios' non-aligned government, Cyprus has been transformed into a war camp. According to reports, over 1,000 Greek-Cypriots have been killed by the CIA-directed NATO forces there. This massive slaughter of one out of every 500 Greek inhabitants for the most part represents cold-blooded assassinations of Communist working-class cadre. This cadre force backed Makarios' government: AKEL (the Progressive Party of Working People). The Cypriot CP represented the largest per capita concen-

tration of Communist Party members anywhere in the world — 120,000 Greek-Cypriot Communists out of a population of 500,000. It is this force that NATO is now destroying in order to secure its military objectives in the region.

As a result of the NATO coup, the overall military tightening-up is not confined merely to the island of Cyprus. Both Greece and Turkey, with heavy nationalist prestige stakes invested in the island, are now armed camps with their forces mobilized to an "advanced state of preparedness."

Turkish Military Marches Forward

As a response to the "threat facing the Turkish minority in Cyprus," the Turkish military, which commands one of the most ruthless collections of NATO ruffians in the world, is now at the forefront of national life — virtually dictating policy to the elected government of Social Democratic Premier Ecevit.

Because of the entangled nationalist currents that flow out of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot minorities — always carefully nourished and manipulated by the thick network of secret services in the area — every political crisis in Cyprus over the last 15 years has proven to be an initial trigger for major transformations of the regimes in Greece and Turkey. This was the case in the 1965 crisis that led to the Greek coup d'etat in 1967. It is the case now — this time involving the shaky regime of Premier Ecevit in Ankara.

The wave of nationalist demonstrations that is now sweeping Turkey is the culmination of a hysterical climate that had been seeded by the Turkish army and NATO-allied "nationalist" politicians like former Premier Demirel since the beginning of the year. Since the Monday coup in Cyprus, the Ecevit government has not been toppled only because it proved spineless enough to agree to do the army's bidding with no questions. This captive government will not last long. Every minute of its existence is bought by showing the country how completely it bows to the new hegemony of the armed forces.

At this point, the decision to install the Turkish military in political power is only a matter of convenience — no longer involving any difficult political problems. The army is already the only visible center of national life. The situation in Cyprus gives it the golden opportunity to start exercising its military hegemony over the entire Middle East region.

Rockefeller Rope Around the USSR

The Turkish armed forces, which represent the largest and most tightly run land force in all of NATO, are about to become the imperialist policeman in the Middle East which, in coordination with Iran's fledgling war machine (put together by former CIA director Richard Helms in the last two years), will replace Israel in this role. The activation of this war machine, as a result of the Cyprus coup, could not have come at a more opportune time, now that the exacerbated internal strains in Israel prevent that country from effectively policing the area for Rockefeller.

In broader strategic terms, this consolidation of NATO's east Mediterranean flank is pregnant with new threats for the international working class. A solid chunk of contiguous countries — Greece, Turkey and Cyprus — are directly run by NATO generals and colonels. These countries are foul with a military atmosphere of repression and anticommunism. An effective, solid "cordon sanitaire" has been thrown around the Soviet Union in this region — a further step toward the eventual thermonuclear confrontation that Secretary of Defense Schlesinger is organizing. Soviet naval and commercial access to the Mediterranean are now under heightened pressure. The old non-aligned axis of Tito-Makarios-Nasser is now in shambles.

CIA's Zombie in Cyprus

(IPS) — The leader of the Greek Cypriot rebels, Nikos Sampson, was called "sadistic" by an outraged *New York Times*, who recalled his years as a thug and a terrorist on Cyprus. What the *New York Times* did not say is just where Sampson learned his sadism. The answer is revealed in the July 18 issue of the *Washington Star News*: "In recent weeks Sampson literally lived on tranquilizers, became furtive, and avoided his closest friends. Years ago Sampson possessed intensive anti-American views, but after a medical treatment at the Bethesda Maryland Hospital and a tour of the United States last year he became a different man. 'Americans are the most hospitable people in the world'"

This evidence strongly suggests that the "sadistic" Mr. Sampson is nothing more than a behavior-modified zombie without a will of his own.

Italian CP Prepares to Join LaMalfa in "Radical Reform"

July 19 (IPS) — As the parliamentary fraction of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) continues to filibuster with moral outrage against the government austerity program, the trade union directorate called for a four-hour wake to be held July 24 to protest the dismantling of the economy.

The real political decisions on the future of the Italian working class are going on elsewhere. Behind the facade of militant resistance the PCI is preparing to come to terms with the "radical reform" program of FIAT magnate Agnelli and CIA agent Ugo La Malfa. The Democrazia Cristiana (DC) itself is gearing up for this, with Defense Minister Andreotti moving this week further to isolate DC party secretary Fanfani.

At the same time the real militants within the working class are struggling against the PCI's fraud and vigorously debating the only possible solution to the Italian crisis — the European Labor Committees' (ELC) draft proposal for an Italian debt moratorium. The choice for the working class is clear: either the debt moratorium or total devastation at the hands of Rocke-

feller and the CIA.

In tandem, Transport Minister Preti of the CIA-backed Social Democratic Party (PSDI) threatened to turn the PCI filibuster into a vote of confidence which could end the center-left governmental formula. PCI hack Lama responded: "If the center-left is not capable of making the reforms, it has exhausted its function. I am sure that if we look beyond the center-left, we will find something else."

What Radical Reform Means

What does this "radical reform" represent? While unemployment, food shortages, collapse of services destroy the working class, the PCI in *L'Unita* tells them: you must struggle for a "rigorous line which strikes parasitism, waste, clientelism, corruption, and speculative profits." You must fight for "radical changes in the governmental decision." You must march in the streets for "a new development of the national economy."

PCI member Luciano Lama and Central Committee member Renato Zangheri clarify the meaning of "radical