## **IPS Interview**

## **Osman Olcay on Cyprus**

IPS interviewed Osman Olcay, Turkish Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, August 8 in New York City. Mr. Olcay began by affirming that "the whole operation [on Cyprus] has not a single aspect concerning NATO."

When the IPS correspondent detailed to Mr. Olcay exactly how NATO and the CIA have choreographed the whole Cyprus affair as part of Rockefeller's plot to sew up the Middle East, consolidate the southeastern flank of NATO, and transform the Turkish military into the police force for the area to ensure that the Soviet Union keeps out, Mr. Olcay thoughtfully re-examined his position.

Stating at first that "I am a great believer in [Prime

Minister] Ecevit and the role that he plays in my country, "Mr. Olcay, in the course of the one-and-one-half hour discussion, acknowledged that Ecevit had had no choice but to invade Cyprus due to the anti-Greek nationalist hysteria fomented by the CIA-controlled Turkish media. "If what you [IPS] say is true, if Ecevit indeed had no alternative but to attack," Mr. Olcay asked, "What is your alternative? What is your solution?" Struck by items such as IPS evidence that Nikos Sampson had been brainwashed [see IPS No. 12] and intrigued by the IPS analysis of the Cyprus crisis — as well as of the international situation — Mr. Olcay agreed to consider seriously the Labor Committee proposal for the World Population Conference to be held later this month in Bucharest.

