

one finds in production of atomic devices are such that they must be confronted by a group of skilled workers under the guidance of two or three specialists.

Already today, energy consumption per unit of national production is greatly inferior in France, Germany, Japan and Italy compared to the U.S., which has placed as its own objective the attainment in the year 2000 of consumption levels equal to the current Italian level.

Why doesn't the U.S. note well that Carter's proposal to

ban peaceful uses of plutonium sounds to European ears as a proposal to ban carbohydrates from their diet would to famished nations of the 4th world?

## France

Le Matin de Paris, April 20:

The Carter plan for reducing energy and oil consumption in the U.S. will incite business men to reduce

### Il Fiorino Asks:

## Are Oil Multinationals Behind The Attempts To Stop Nuclear Progress?

*The Rome financial newspaper Il Fiorino 4-19 reported on "The European Crusade of Dr. Steven Bardwell for Plasma Physics and Nuclear Fusion" in a prominent feature article, excerpted in translation below. Italia Nostra is the leading Naderite environmentalist organization in Italy; the self-styled Indians are left-fascist drugged youth who have been pitted in riots against the Communist Party and unions. Frascati, near Rome, is the site of Italy's major nuclear fission and fusion research projects.*

...A young American scientist, Dr. Bardwell, came to visit our editorial offices... He is touring Europe to combat President Carter's theories tending to abruptly cut off the development of peaceful applications of the atom. Two weeks ago he was in Stockholm for a conference organized by the Fusion Energy Foundation where he spoke to about 30 industrialists and 40 researchers from the Royal Swedish Institute and to trade unionists...

The FEF in Stockholm is supported by Bo Lehnert, a physics professor engaged in polemics with his colleague Hannes Alfvén, the scientific advisor of ex-Premier Olof Palme who, in line with the more recent ecological fashions, upholds the development of solar energy...

Now Bardwell has set up relations with a group of young researchers at Frascati. In Frascati, too, in the past few years there has been a considerable struggle carried out by the researchers to be able to further their studies, against blocking tendencies which amount to nuclear self-castration. (The research) gets stopped at one point with the excuse of disarmament, at another point waving the banners of preserving the landscape and the ecology craze.

In the USA Dr. Bardwell and his friends support the small U.S. Labor Party, and they have relations with the Soviets and also some links to the Republicans which go as far as the extreme right of Barry Goldwater. Above all, they are in a fight with

the anti-development forces of Ralph Nader, Barry Commoner, Forrester, Meadow and the various Zero Growth groups etc. "These circles are fostered by the CIA" and they follow "the directives of the Trilateral Commission" inspired by the Rockefeller brothers, and even Carter with his energy line would express the line of the Trilateral Commission and not that of the Democratic Party.

They see everything in an extreme way as a conspiracy, a conspiracy which goes so far as to make President Carter, in addition to being an enemy of nuclear development, a sort of incendiary already disposed to unleash World War III to save the tottering banks of Manhattan from the disaster which threatens them... (In effect) Carter's policy is assuming gravely provocative points, above all in relation to Germany and France...

### *Even in Italy*

Even in Italy, the ever-more organized and aggressive movement is causing the loss of precious and irreplaceable years to the country's nuclear progress, from the phony salon progressivism of Italia Nostra and the World Wildlife Fund to the provocations of the urban Indians, the exploitation of disinformation and collective hysteria appears in effect ever more massive and less genuine...

How much are we to believe researchers like Steve Bardwell, Jon Gilbertson and Moe Levitt, who go around denouncing as a well-articulated plot which is exploited by various rich foundations — Ford Foundation, Kaplan Foundation, and Rockefeller Brothers Fund — what might be only the spread of misoneism, the hatred of the new?... We are obviously not willing to swear on their revelations, just as we have never been convinced by the suicidal theories of zero growth, but the hypothesis that certain delaying battles might be fed by the oil multinationals themselves... and hence by the Manhattan banking establishment, of which the Rockefeller family is the major expression, must at least be reported from the standpoint of curiosity and journalism...