

of the great imperialist war came the Bolshevik Revolution and a series of European proletarian insurrections. The Great Depression and another imperialist world war spread the example of proletarian revolution to new corners of the earth.

If the bourgeoisie thinks, as a large section of them undoubtedly do, that the cooptation of the Eurocommunists will solve the general crisis of capitalism, they have only to look at the preceding half-century to see how well they have done. One-third of the earth's surface is now in the hands of the workers.

The Italian CP and neo-ministerialism

A note on the 'historic compromise'

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A flurry was recently created in Washington when it was discovered that the Council on Foreign Relations, a prestigious Rockefeller dominion, had invited a representative of the Communist Party of Italy (PCI) to address it.

However, word was soon let out that the State Department was not yet ready to grant the PCI representative a visa. To avoid embarrassment both to itself and to Washington, the PCI delayed making the necessary application for the visa.

RULING CLASS CONSIDERING A COALITION

This incident highlights the fact that a considerable section of the Italian ruling class, as well as some in the U.S., have long held under consideration the advisability of promoting a coalition government in Italy between the Christian Democrats and the PCI. The PCI leadership, on its part, has been pushing most vigorously and energetically to get such a coalition going, which it says would be a great "historic compromise."