

Dulles Foments Civil War in Italy

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NEWS DISPATCHES from Italy tell us that the reactionary Scelba government has decided to McCarthyize that country. That is, the government leaders

say they are going to strip the Communists and the Communist Party of their civil rights much as has been done in this country.



Their immediate aim is to cut off the party's revenues and to purge Communists from the government services. It is even said that an attempt is being considered to outlaw the Party.

The general purpose behind all this is to develop a civil war in Italy. The Scelba gangsters know that the Italian Communist Party will never allow itself to be kicked around like this. Backed up by American reac-

tionaries, Scelba is organizing a fight even if this should turn into a civil war. Fascism is on the rise in Italy and the reactionaries' hope evidently is that if enough turmoil can be created in Italy, maybe the current parliamentary crisis can be solved by the emergence there of a fascist government. It is the gamble of reckless adventurers.

IN ALL THIS it is easy to discern the hand of John Foster Dulles, our meddling Secretary of State. The present attempt at kicking up a civil war in Italy, is an application of Dulles' so-called "liberation" policy. We have seen this done elsewhere—in the American efforts to keep the war going in Korea, to continue and spread the Indo-China war, and the effort to develop a civil war through the June 17th uprising in East Germany last year. The present attempt at civil war in Italy is cut from the same cloth.

The Scelba government is a

puppet of the United States. It would never dare to take such drastic steps as those proposed against the Communists unless it had first got a green light from Secretary Dulles. The chief responsibility rests in Washington, not in Rome.

In the recent general election in Italy, Dulles let it be known that under no circumstances would Wall Street, of whom he is the insolent spokesman, permit a progressive government to come into power in Italy. The Communist Party there is now very strong and, in view of the growing rottenness of the present regime, many are prophesying that the party will be in, or even heading, the government in the near future. Hence, the Dulles-inspired attempt to cripple the party, even at the cost of civil war.

THE BIG capitalists who own the United States are now boasting openly that they are the leaders (read "rulers") of

the world. As would-be world dictators, therefore, they are undertaking to run the various countries to suit themselves. This is the meaning of Dulles' recent outrageous attack upon the progressive Guatemalan government; it is the meaning, too, of the constant interference by Ambassador Luce in the internal affairs of Italy; and it is also the meaning of the puppet Scelba government's present threats against the Communist Party.

Both Dulles and his "liberation" (civil war) policy are menaces to the peace of the world, and both should be disconnected from the American government without delay. It is more than enough that we have allowed our own country to become so deeply McCarthyized (fascized); it is highly dangerous for the Eisenhower-Dulles regime to start out to McCarthyize another country.

It just won't work, especially not in Italy, which has a power-



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ful Communist Party. Out with Dulles and his arrogant interference in the life of other nations! Organized labor should put a stop to this dangerous warmongering and insist upon our government following a policy of peace and of minding its own business.