## ELC DECLARED "INCOMPATIBLE" BY GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

WEST BERLIN, Nov. 11 (IPS)—The National Party Council of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) passed a resolution today declaring that dual membership or activity in the European Labor Committees (ELC) was "incompatible" with membership in the SPD. This is intended to contain the organizing of a handful of SPD members who have joined with others from Italy, Sweden, and other countries in a "Unity for Socialism" faction within the European Social Democracies.

At the same meeting, the National Party Council refused to consider an alternative resolution presented by the Unity for Socialism group. This explicitly identified West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and trade union leaders Heinz Oskar Vetter and Eugen Loderer, as guilty of political collaboration with the Rockefeller-controlled Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations. The Unity for Socialism counter-resolution, which is presently being mass distributed to the SPD working class base, demands that Schmidt, Vetter, and Loderer be expelled from the SPD because their policies are incompatible with the interests of the European working class.

## Leber Ignores Pickets

The Party Council members were met at the meeting location by an ELC-Unity for Socialism picket line. Defense Minister Georg Leber, an American-trained former trade union bureaucrat who has just recently introduced an extensive reform program in the German army to improve its domestic counterinsurgency capabilities, attempted to ignore the picket line. When personally addressed, he accepted ELC propaganda as well as a briefing on the imminence of war in the Middle East. His response: "You think you're truth-sayers, don't you."

Rudi Arndt, a self-proclaimed sympathizer of the SPD left who is employed as the Mayor of Frankfurt, attempted to engage in jolly interchange with the "protesters" on the picket line. When he recognized the ELC newspaper Neue Solidaritaet, he timidly grumbled and ran away. While the SPD members in the Unity for Socialism group were excluded from the meeting, one representative was able personally to deliver a copy of the counter-resolution to each member of the Council.

Alongside the passage of the anti-ELC resolution, there is one other visible outcome of the Council meeting. In order to quell massive distrust and hatred in the party ranks against Rockefeller-puppet Schmidt, the SPD will be treated to a "Dr. Jeckel-Mr. Hyde" routine performed by Schmidt with the help of the more popular former Chancellor Willy Brandt. A few hours after the proceedings, Brandt addressed a crowd of SPD voters at a West Berlin electoral rally and called for "party unity and

IPS C8 11/11/74

support of the Chancellor's government policies." Brandt's image is being dragged out to smooth over Schmidt's drastic austerity policy and the official government policy of relocating unemployed workers for low-wage development projects.

## STARVATION PLANNERS DEMAND SOVIET CAPITULATION AT FOOD CONFERENCE

MILAN, Nov. 11 (IPS) -- The World Food Conference in Rome has completed the first draft of a plan for an international commodity monitoring system which is explicitly geared to rope the Soviet Union and the rest of the East Bloc into Rockefeller's fascist restructuring of the world economy.

While continuing attacks on the European Labor Committees (ELC) have thus far prevented any focused opposition to the Conference's Rockefeller line, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz followed Henry Kissinger's lead and threatened sanctions against the Soviets if they fail to submit to the proposed Rockefeller regulation of food production.

As a follow-up to the police attacks on ELC pickets outside the Conference earlier this week, the Food Conference's daily newspaper Pan published a clumsy polemic against the ELC's alternative proposal to the Conference, intended to be the definitive rebuttal of the Labor Committees' program for expanded food and industrial production.

This piece of sophomoric drivel, its CIA authorship betrayed by its bottom-rung conceptual level, trotted out a series of dog-eared criticisms of the ELC's fusion power proposal ("impossible") and program to mechanize agriculture in the underdeveloped sector ("where will they get the gasoline?"). The hilarity peaks with the article's implied claim that it is the ELC, and not Rockefeller and his hirelings staging the Food Conference show, that represents the interests of the "major energy companies."

In place of the actual socialist program offered by the Labor Committees, the Food Conference is proposing that the Soviet Union and its allies hand over detailed information on all aspects of their food and related production to a Rockefeller-dominated agency--probably some UN front. Today's New York Times points out that this will "break through the type of secrecy that exacerbated the worldwide impact on supplies and prices of the 1972 Soviet grain deal," which the Times credits with causing the (Rockefeller-rigged) inflation in grain prices.

Agriculture Secretary Butz, like Henry Kissinger, made it clear to the Soviets that Rocky means business. Commenting on discussions in Rome with the head of the Conference's Soviet

11/11/74 IPS C9