

IRAQ'S DEFENSE: INTEGRATION INTO COMECON AND WARSAW PACT

Dec. 15 (IPS)--Mideast political specialists here are currently airing the view that Iraq can defend itself against CIA penetration and imminent Rockefeller takeover only through formal integration into Comecon and the Warsaw Pact. At minimum such a formal alliance with the economic and military communities of the USSR and the East bloc would destroy the present Rockefeller strategy to induce the Soviets to abandon Iraq.

In recent weeks, the CIA steadily has amassed its forces in preparation for a full scale war against the pro-socialist, independent Iraq. At the same time, Rockefeller forces have offered the Soviets a phony new base of operations--the so-called Teheran-Cairo axis--and they have built up an atmosphere of Soviet American guaranteed Mideast detente.

This maneuver was laid out explicitly by the Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission in its meeting in Washington this week. In a public posture of opposition to the Kissinger policy of excluding Soviet cooperation in a Mideast settlement, Trilateral Executive Director Zbigniew Brzezinski called for a "joint guarantee" of Mideast peace. First, the Soviet Union must give up Iraq.

"The Soviets must have to understand that Iraq is relatively unimportant in a global context," a highly placed Mideast intelligence source told IPS. He explained that Iraqi-Soviet cooperation in the face of stepped-up Iran-CIA attacks "would create a difficult situation," a Cuban Missile-type confrontation between the Soviet Union and the United States. Under such a threat, no Soviet government could abandon Iraq without an appearance of growing Soviet-Arab ties in the Mideast. Hence, the Cairo-Teheran axis. In recent weeks the Shah of Iran whose country houses CIA Mideast headquarters, has begun to create a dubious reputation as an anti-imperialist militant, while drawing closer to Egypt. Together, the Shah and ex-Nazi Anwar el-Sadat turned towards the Soviet Union, offering it "new tactical possibilities" in the Mideast theater.

The mooted integration of Iraq into Comecon and the Warsaw Pact would effectively shatter Rockefeller's continued escalation against Iraq--the only barrier now in the way of full CIA takeover of the Mideast. Economically, full Iraqi membership in the Comecon, would subsidize and foster the Iraqi economy with secure markets for Iraqi oil and agricultural products in the socialist bloc countries. In addition, economic integration would provide guarantees against Rockefeller-coordinated boycotts and economic war measures, short of outright sabotage.

The effect of Iraqi entrance into Comecon on the controlled environment established by Rockefeller's OPEC countries would be devastating.

But more significantly, the incorporation of Iraq into the Warsaw Pact would give Iraq the assurance of Soviet security and military muscle against CIA provocations into a Persian Gulf war. An attack against any Warsaw Pact member is considered to be a direct military attack on the Soviet Union and is met with the appropriate response.

In combination with the political offensive now being initiated in the European Communist movement, the integration of Iraq into Comecon and the Warsaw Pact would qualitatively transform socialist organizing potential in the Mideast as a whole. Such a move would broadcast Soviet rejection of the CIA's Mideast tactic to pose its Arabian puppets as the "Pan-Islamic Movement."

As long as the Soviet Union remains ambivalent in its relation to Iraq, this obvious psywar game will continue.

CHIRAC TAKES POWER IN GAULLIST PARTY

Dec. 15 (IPS)--In a farcical replica of Napoleon's Eighteenth Brumaire coup, French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac "convinced" the UDR Gaullist Party's national council to elect him General Secretary yesterday morning. Chirac delivered this pre-emptive strike to prevent the final dislocation of the party and the emergence of hardline nationalist "barons" Debre, Jobert and Chaban Delmas, as undisputed leaders of the UDR's depression-crazed petit-bourgeois base.

Chirac will now endeavor to consolidate the remnants of the party's organizational network into a full-fledged fascist force committed to supporting Rockefeller's worldwide de-industrialization and worker relocation program, which the Giscard government is presently implementing for France. To pump life back into the moribund UDR machine, which has been compared to "a tortoise with brakes on each of its four legs," Chirac will rely on the advice of top Rockefeller men, such as Edmund Stillman and C. Pfaff, members of the Paris Branch of the Hudson Institute, and infamous Tavistock brainwasher, Michel Crozier. These three henchmen are expected to attend the UDR's national convention in February 1975.

Crozier's announced participation makes explicit what Chirac is determined to accomplish, namely the immediate implementation of autogestion-type, local corporatist labor-management committees designed to police the French working class. Crozier's past role as policymaker and "intellectual" leader for the Socialist Party (SP) clearly reveals that Chirac and his lackys aim to consolidate a UDR-Centrist-SP alliance to provide Giscard with a sturdier political backbone. As the farcical scenario of his takeover of the UDR indicates, Chirac is willing to sweep the Neanderthal Gaullist "hards" to the sidelines to accomplish just that goal.