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BRZEZINSKI CONFIRMS THAT TRILATERAL CONTROLS  
PCI AMENDOLA FACTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (IPS)--In an interview in the current issue of the Italian weekly L'Espresso, Trilateral Commission director Zbigniew Brzezinski confirms the European Labor Committee's contention that he and fellow Rockefeller agents are in direct control of the Amendola faction of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). Besides revealing the content of his recent talks with PCI leaders, Brzezinski's statements to the Rockefeller-aligned magazine constitute marching orders to the PCI for the coming period, in general, and for the meeting of Communist Parties now going on in Budapest, in particular.

L'Espresso, owned by the industrialist Agnelli, describes "State Department expert" Brzezinski's recent talks with the PCI as an "official mission" and says that his prior trip to Italy was made on behalf of the Trilateral Commission. According to Brzezinski, he told the PCI leaders that while he believed they are bona fide revisionists and not revolutionaries, any "Italian citizen" would demand proof of the PCI's "good faith." In fact, says Brzezinski, he has every reason to believe that the PCI is ready to make the workers work harder and, echoing Mussolini's famous pledge, to "make the trains run on time."

What would constitute "good faith," Brzezinski suggests, would be an aggressive intervention by the PCI on behalf of Trilateral policies into their fraternal East bloc parties. Specifically, Brzezinski states, the PCI should push for "free opposition press" in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR and for "free elections" in which the arch-reactionary "liberal" Dubcek, former head of Czechoslovakia, could run against the current Czech leader Husak. True to their CIA "national roads to socialism" line, the PCI supported Dubcek during the 1968 Soviet intervention.

That Brzezinski's marching orders to the PCI were published to coincide with the Budapest conference leaves little doubt as to who organized the PCI delegation to the conference.

After his brazen announcement that he runs the PCI, Brzezinski goes on to say that European leftists' fears of CIA intervention are just "collective paranoia." Not since the CIA's toppling of the Mossadek regime in Iran and the installation of the Shah, Brzezinski says sweetly, has one country manipulated another so substantially.

CIA ESCALATES COUNTER-TERRORIST FORCE IN ISRAEL

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Israeli "crack combat units" are reportedly re-activating the "counter-terrorist" 101 Brigade, according to this week's Village Voice, the CIA's foremost counterculture rag. The

101 Brigade was last used by the Israelis against Gaza Strip terrorism in the 1950s to track down and murder Palestine guerrillas in their own territory using "underground tactics." Israeli Parliament member Haim Landau publicly endorsed the 101 Brigade and warned: "The only way to uproot the terrorist movement is by maintaining a permanent offensive against their headquarters and bases....We should attack all their bases, and not just in Lebanon, and this should be done in various ways."

The unleashing of the 101 Brigade is expected to provoke and consolidate the Arab brotherhood into a "defensive" counter-mobilization. Israeli provocation represents the CIA's bludgeon to lend credibility to the Trilateral Commission's call for a soft policy for a peace-making multinational Geneva conference.

The 101 Brigade reactivation was signalled by the recent departure from Parliament of the October War hero Ariel Sharon to active combat duty. According to the Voice, Sharon and his ilk "aren't going to fiddle while Tel Aviv burns." The Voice notes that the people in Israel, shattered by extreme austerity, "are tired of a war in which nothing decisive seems to happen."

#### CIA JOURNALIST ANNOUNCES MASSIVE CIA DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Nearly 12 months after he revealed to IPS that he had a major story on CIA operations in the United States forthcoming, CIA conduit Seymour Hersh has published a front-page article in the New York Times accusing the CIA of violating their charter by carrying out gigantic domestic operations "under the Nixon Administration." There is no mention of Nelson Rockefeller in the article.

According to this experienced psywarrior, CIA operations were directed primarily against the anti-war movement, led by such noted political theoreticians as Jane Fonda.

The article attacks both ex-CIA director Richard Helms, now overseeing CIA operations in the Mideast from his post as Ambassador to Iran, and Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger. Helms is accused of directly lying on CIA involvement in domestic affairs.

Why, when he has had this "story" for almost a year, has Hersh finally gotten the green light from his CIA masters?

At any time before the Watergate scenario was played out, at any time before Rockefeller's actual confirmation, such an article would have seriously interfered with Rocky's operations. In January or February 1974, when the Labor Committees had just blown the CIA-MI5 Chris White brainwashing and the Rockefeller conspiracy, it would have been devastating.

Now it is merely a cover, as always intended, for the integration of CIA covert operations into the entire Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and worker policing apparatus, while "closing down the cloak and dagger stuff" in the agency itself.

In this fashion, Nelson Rockefeller has announced, with supreme arrogance, who is running the show. He is rubbing it in the face of every worker on this continent.

#### FORD RETIRES, HANDS ROCKY GOVERNMENT

Dec. 22 (IPS)--President Ford retired from active political life today and turned over the following responsibilities to Vice President Rockefeller:

1. Vice Chairmanship of the Domestic and National Security Councils;
2. Use of his wide association in and out of government to help recruit top people for the administration;
3. Membership on the Murphy Commission, a diplomatic group that analyses and makes recommendations on American foreign policy;
4. Help present and explain throughout the United States the President's domestic and international policies, including the U.S. position in strategic arms limitations negotiations.

The Washington Post gleefully reported that Rockefeller will "act as an interpreter between Mr. Ford and the public. Rockefeller is expected to travel throughout the country to promote the Ford policies."

#### VORSTER AND KAUNDA PREPARE WAY FOR ROCKEFELLER "REDEVELOPMENT" IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia announced Dec. 17 that they had formulated a plan for majority rule in Rhodesia and that they had informed black Rhodesia's African National Council and the white government of Prime Minister Ian Smith of their decision. According to their plans, black "majority rule" is to be attained within five years, initially through a limited franchise which will develop into a "one man, one vote" system by the end of that time.

The London Times reported the next day that Smith is expected to have problems selling this directive to his party base, the Rhodesian Front, despite statements from both the party chairman and the chief whip in Parliament that everyone has confidence in the Prime Minister. But it is likely that Smith and his Nearerthal cohorts have probably all agreed to give in already. This is indicated by Smith's recent release of black nationalist detainees, even though the guerrilla ceasefire has not yet taken effect.

Further indications of the necessity for swift action, especially in light of setbacks for the Rockefeller faction in other parts of the world, came with a statement from EEC head Claude Cheysson. Cheysson said that a "truly independent Rhodesia" would be welcomed into the EEC's treaty with African, Caribbean, and Pacific states. This follows recent discussion in the South African press concerning proposals for economic integration of the entire region, in other words, Rockefeller's slave-labor re-development plan.

The British press also hinted that Foreign Secretary James Callaghan's African trip will be used to speed the process, reporting that he will leave maximum flexibility in the scheduling of his upcoming tour of Africa, in case Smith should want to confer with him on the situation.

#### RAILROADS PLEAD BANKRUPTCY, CAN'T PAY WORKERS

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Trustees of the Penn Central Transportation Company went into a federal district court this week claiming that they will face an \$85.8 million cash shortage by the end of February 1975, which makes it impossible to grant wage increases. Further, the western railroads in the Western Railroad Association, representing 49 per cent of freight revenues, announced Dec. 17 that they will demand freight rate increases if they are to meet wage and benefit increases that would be granted under a new rail pact. The 500,000 to 600,000 workers in 17 rail unions, whose contracts expire Dec. 31, are demanding a 20 per cent wage increase the first year and a 15 per cent wage increase the second year during a two-year contract.

Suddenly, a rail contract settlement by January 1, 1975, that seemed a pro forma, perfunctory question earlier this month, is a murky, dangerous uncertainty. The rail companies were willing as of late November to grant wage increases in return for the rail workers' acceptance of early retirement, elimination of job categories, and layoffs. Such a deal would gradually phase out the union, in the same manner as the New York printers accepted their demise months back. The downward slide in the world financial situation forces the railroad companies to decimate their workforce quickly or shut down.

The question is: will rail workers respond to Penn Central's blackmail by taking wage cuts and layoffs to save the companies.

On Dec. 21, in what appears to be a stall to gain now needed bargaining time, contract talks were recessed one week until January 7, without a formally stated reason.

#### UAW "EXPLAINS" SUIT; INCITES WORKERS VS. USLP

DETROIT, Dec. 22 (IPS)--Kapos of United Auto Workers (UAW) President Leonard Woodcock are trying to incite UAW members against the U.S. Labor Party, claiming that it is attempting to destroy "their" union.

The Dec. 12 issue of Flint UAW Local 569 paper contains two articles on the UAW's suit against the USLP: one detailing the UAW's charges and another signed by local vice president Carl Rice accusing the Labor Party of harassment and abuse. Rice threatens that "although we do not advocate violence in any respect, I certainly find it hard for our members to keep their cool."

Meanwhile, Local 12 in Toledo held a special meeting on the suit. Local leaders told union members that the Labor Party was out to get the UAW, "to split it in two."

#### DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO BE REACTIVATED ON ALASKA PIPELINE

Dec. 22 (IPS)--With uncertainty rising over Rockefeller's ability to implement his energy development schemes, many contractors are growing desperate over whether their investments will soon be totally worthless. A Texas newspaper today tried to reassure investors with the announcement that the Defense Production Act will be reactivated to apply to \$2 billion worth of specialized equipment for the Alaska pipeline. The act was used several months ago--in its first peacetime application--to move machinery for the port facilities of Valdez. This second activation, a desperate attempt to get the pipeline construction moving, further acclimatizes the population to military regimentation.

Materials to be moved under the act are specialized equipment which separates crude oil from water and natural gas. The contractors for the equipment are based in Texas. According to George Lowell, Director of Materials and Priorities in the Federal Energy Agency, "We don't dare miss a shipment, because the water will freeze shortly. This pipeline is now a matter of national security and national defense."

CIA REACTIVATES FASCIST TERRORISTS IN ITALY;  
IRA BOMBS HEATH RESIDENCE

ROME, Dec. 22 (IPS)--The CIA reactivated the fascist MSI group today after more than three months of silence. An MSI rally in the working class district New Montaverde here erupted into a pitched fire fight with police and more than 150 armed leftist youth. Three police were shot and 19 others were hurt by fire bombs--two gravely. The police detained 37 youth, including one in possession of a 7.65 caliber pistol.

The rally was addressed by MSI member Pino Rauti, an operative of the Nazi network of Otto Skorzeny who is well known as a traveller among right-wing terror groups. After Rauti had whipped the crowd into a frenzy, the 450 armed youth suddenly appeared and the fight broke out.

The setup for violence was Nelson Rockefeller's psywar message to the Italian Communist Party (PCI) in its current debate over the question of PCI leader and CIA agent Giorgio Amendola: if the PCI decides to make a left turn, the fascist dogs of the MSI will be unleashed on the PCI.

British Terror

In other terrorist activity today, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) bombed the residence of Conservative Party leader Edward Heath, less than one-third of a mile away from Buckingham Palace. Heath was not at home at the time of the blast; reportedly he was on his way to Ireland.

The continuing wave of IRA bombings designed to terrorize the British working class into demanding a police state is directly related to the fascist violence here in Italy. IPS has uncovered solid links between the IRA and the Skorzeny Nazi network.

ETHIOPIA: CIA GETS "SOCIALISM" UNDERWAY

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Twenty-thousand sullen students marched at gunpoint before members of the military government in Addis Ababa Dec. 17 in a development which went nearly unreported in the Anglo-American press until today. The march was a test run for the Mengistu government, which succeeded, according to front-page bourgeois press reports yesterday which announced the government's turn to "socialism" after a period of press black-out on Ethiopia.

The failure of the previous government to coopt and militarize students, trade unionists, and the general population led to the murder of its leader General Aman by his CIA sponsor, Major Mengistu, Nov. 24. Mengistu, who has consistently backed Rockefeller policies, has been openly acknowledged as the actual head

of government since then. Mengistu evidently barely passed the test Dec. 17, since all exits to the stadium were patrolled by guards with submachine guns, while the students themselves were circled by armed cavalry as they marched in dress parade, mostly silent, to an hour of military music. Students are now being mobilized to the countryside to "modernize" backward farming along slave-labor lines, under the cover of such Maoist slogans as "serve the people" and "teach the peasants."

The "socialist program" reported in the press today has the ideological features already familiar as appropriate to CIA slave-labor organizing: encouragement for small-scale industries along with emphasis on hard work, "the right to work and earn," "Ethiopia first means Ethiopian socialism," and the idea that socialism was the original form of government in Ethiopia.

Appropriately, government figurehead General Teferi has identified the new program by holding out the examples of Cuba, Tanzania, and India, countries which, he said, had successfully carried out similar efforts, according to the New York Times. India, however, is now experiencing mass starvation, and the outlook for Tanzania under Rockefeller's Fourth World "redevelopment programs" is similarly grim.

## AGRICULTURAL REPORT

### FARM CREDIT SQUEEZE GUTS PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 22 (IPS)--Rockefeller's farm credit squeeze has already accomplished the liquidation of whole sections of U.S. meat and dairy production. As a direct result, working class protein consumption is rapidly plunging to outright depression levels. According to the conservative projections of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, per capita pork consumption in 1975 will sink to the lowest level in 40 years!

During the first half of 1975, pork production will be slashed 10 per cent from the previous year's level. Broiler output will drop 10 to 15 per cent, and egg production will decline by 4 to 6 per cent. This year, milk production--on the decline since the 1960s--hit the lowest level since 1948!

These declines in food production and consumption reflect the Rockefeller-imposed credit squeeze rapidly reaching the breaking point. In June spokesmen for Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank declared that their intention was the reduction of the U.S. farm population from approximately two million to 300,000.

Caught between skyrocketing production costs and collapsed farm prices, livestock farmers have not merely cut back on current production; they are failing to replace their herds and flocks, a trend which spells more severe meat shortages in the future.

The strangulation of livestock production is the cutting edge of the ratchet-style collapse of U.S. agriculture as a whole. Already wheat and feedgrain prices have begun to tumble--a direct result of the 30 per cent cut in animal feeding. The only thing that stands between the present farm crisis and wholesale collapse of food production in the U.S. is the spreading farmer-worker organizing to impose an emergency moratorium on farm debt, the resolution recently adopted at the annual convention of the National Farmers Organization.

#### Livestock: The Linchpin

The number of cattle in feedlots as of Dec. 1 was down 30 per cent. Due to the prohibitive cost of grain-feeding, feedlot operators have suffered huge losses and sharply cut back their production. Their losses were in turn passed on to the ranchers and farmers who produce the feeder cattle bought by feedlot operators for fattening--feeder cattle prices this year dropped by more than half.

As a result, a greater proportion of the cattle slaughtered in 1975 will be non-fed, having bypassed completely the feedlots,

or will have been fattened to lighter weights. While total beef output may remain about the same in 1975, more of it will be of inferior, tougher grades. Despite record slaughter rates this year, beef cattle numbers are still up, reflecting the longer life-cycle of grass-fed cattle.

Even this "lesser evil" will not last. As cash-strapped farmers step up the heavy slaughtering even further, rushing the animals to market at younger ages, they will accelerate the process of herd liquidation.

The same process is at work in other livestock sectors. Hog producers this fall cut their sow farrowing by 10 per cent, producing the smallest pig crop since 1968. Egg-laying flocks during 1974 averaged 284 million birds, 7.7 million below 1973 and the fewest number since the late 1930s. Hatchery flock supplies for spring broiler placements have been reduced by 12 per cent. In the case of the depressed dairy sector, not only has the number of milk cows declined, but milk output per cow has dropped due to inadequate grain feeding.

Grain farmers rightly view this situation with alarm. Pressed to the limit with exorbitant production costs and impossible credit conditions themselves, many are withholding their 1974 crops from the market until January to delay tax payments and in anticipation of a turn-around in the pattern of steadily declining prices. These farmers are likely to be caught holding the bag as the commodity markets continue to skid under the pressure of the snow-balling livestock collapse. As of this writing, corn futures for March delivery have already fallen 11 per cent from their high in early October.

#### Anatomy of the Crunch

Despite the USDA's rosy predictions of bumper harvest for 1975, the truth is that many farmers are finding it difficult to raise the cash to purchase the necessary seed, fertilizer, fuel, and equipment. Net farm income this year declined almost 20 per cent--from \$32.2 billion in 1973 to \$26 billion. Even this figure tends to mask the actual losses incurred by farmers in particular sectors such as livestock, dairy, and the drought-damaged grain-producing areas of the Midwest.

At the same time, farm production costs continue their upward spiral, kicked off by Rockefeller's Great Oil Hoax early this year. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is predicting another 10 to 15 per cent increase in the price of fertilizer between now and next spring--this comes on top of last year's 80 per cent rise. Fertilizer production is totally dependent on supplies of natural gas and petroleum and could be severely curtailed in the event of another Rockefeller energy hoax.

Farmers have already cut their purchases of farm machinery. Wheel unit tractor sales were off 8 per cent in 1974, and some

other lines of machinery were down as much as 20 per cent. Dealers also report that despite the shortages, fertilizer purchases are slowing as farmers wait until the last possible moment to commit themselves to production expenses for the coming planting season.

One cattle producer summed up the farmers' dilemma this way: "If you spend the amount of money that you must spend to go all out in production, this next year, you are going to have to borrow more money than you have ever borrowed in the history of your life as a farmer. You are going to have to pay the highest interest rate for money you have ever paid, and you are going to be taking the greatest economic risk you have ever taken as a farmer."

### The Key is Credit

The main determinant of farmers' ability to finance new production rests on the availability of cheap farm credit, and it is in this arena that the most serious blows to farm production have been leveled. Farmer indebtedness during 1974 increased at the rate of almost 20 per cent--reaching a whopping \$95 billion. Banking on high farm commodity prices, buoyed throughout 1973 and part of 1974 on the wave of speculation, farmers took on a huge debt burden in 1974. Putting their farms and land in hock to private banks and increasingly to the various banks under the aegis of the government-controlled Farm Credit Administration, farmers managed to continue production through 1974.

But with farm prices falling, gross farm receipts will not be sufficient to meet this heavy loan repayment schedule during the coming months, inevitably forcing large-scale bankruptcies and sharply reduced spring plantings.

The precariousness of this situation is indicated by recent unprecedented moves of the largely farm-owned, government-controlled Farm Credit Administration--the traditional source of funds for farmers when the private banks and dealers turn their backs.

As early as June, the Federal Reserve had demanded that the FCA, which presently accounts for approximately one-quarter of all farm lending, reduce its "inflationary" lending to farmers. Last week the agency announced that it would issue a series of short-term discount notes early next year "to provide interim funds between bond sales." An FCA public relations officer stated in an interview with IPS that the agency will borrow \$23 billion on the bond markets in 1975, but that all except \$4.5 billion will go to payments on past bond issues falling due! With the present gutting of the bond market, where only the top Rockefeller corporations are able to borrow without extraordinary costs, the FCA has in fact little prospect of actually marketing its enormous debt.

## DIARY FARMERS CLASH WITH CITIZEN ACTION GROUPS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 22 (IPS)--At a recent State of California hearing on milk prices, an enraged dairy farmer punched Roy Alper, chief mouthpiece for the California Citizens' Action Group. The farmer, Henry Tavares, attended the hearings as a spokesman for the Western Dairymen's Association, which is asking for a minimum-price hike for fluid milk.

The "consumer advocates" reportedly have been showing up regularly at hearings like these, held largely to give dairy farmers a chance to let off some steam. Dairy farming is being crushed in the vise of exorbitant feedgrain costs and tight credit, and dairy farmers are in a state of desperation and panic. The Ralph Nader-style "citizen action" groups are being rallied against the farmers now in a calculated effort to drive a wedge between them and their potential allies in the working class around the demand for an immediate emergency moratorium on farm debt.

## FARMERS TO LOSE CONTROL OF CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARDS

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 20 (IPS)--A report issued here this week by a Parliamentary committee establishes guidelines for the cabal's total control of agricultural marketing and pricing. The report calls for the reorganization of marketing boards, starting with the Egg Marketing Board, to consist of a five-man executive committee--three to be chosen by the Federal Agricultural Minister and two to be the chairman and vice-chairman of the marketing agency. Under the legislation that established the boards, they are now in the hands of the producers. Under pressure from their farmer constituents, several Progressive Conservative MPs assailed this attack on the farmers, declaring that these changes would effectively put the egg marketing board under trusteeship. "Such action would relegate the egg industry to that of a public utility," they said.

A widely publicized scandal over inept egg marketing controls by a Ralph Nader-type consumer advocate has prepared the stage for this foot-in-the-door to direct governmental control of farm production and marketing.

The Egg Marketing Board, established under the 1972 Farm Marketing Agencies Act, was the first national marketing board and has the authority to control marketing and prices and to set quotas on how much farmers may produce. The reorganization of the Marketing Board's executive will give the Rockefeller forces control over both prices and production, allowing them to rationalize what is to them a highly unprofitable investment--agriculture.

According to the 1970 study on agriculture overseen by Jane Abramson, editor of the Tavistock journal Human Relations, farmers are to be relocated onto giant slave-labor farms under government control or into industrial development zones.

#### FARM CREDIT SYSTEM IN TROUBLE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 18 (IPS)--The latest victim of Rockefeller's agricultural credit squeeze is the largely farmer-owned Farm Credit Administration. The FCA--which accounts for 25 per cent of all farm lending and embraces the Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, and Production Credit Associations--is the traditional source of funds for farmers when the private banks and dealers turn their backs.

Recent indications that the FCA might be experiencing financial difficulties were confirmed when the agency announced it would issue short-term discount notes early next year "to provide interim funds between bond sales"--an unprecedented move. An FCA public relations officer told IPS today that the agency will borrow \$23 billion on the bond markets in 1975, but that all except \$4.5 billion will go to meet payments on past bond issues falling due. Since the bond market is now gutted and only the top Rockefeller corporations are able to borrow without heavy costs, the FCA clearly will be unable to market its heavy debt.

As in the case of the bankrupt New York City government, Rockefeller's bankers have delivered their ultimatum to the floundering Farm Credit System--cut off credit to farmers now! In June, representatives of the Rockefeller-dominated Federal Reserve met with the FCA head and demanded that he reduce the agency's "inflationary" lending to farmers. Last month, the Springfield Bank for Coops, part of the Farm Credit System, refused to bail out the Dairylea Cooperative, forcing the coop to make an \$18 million assessment on its members which will bankrupt many Northeast dairy farmers.

#### NFO HEAD MOVES TO DESTROY HIS ORGANIZATION

Dec. 17 (IPS)--National Farmers Organization President and Rockefeller agent Oren Lee Staley has embarked on a step-by-step strategy designed to destroy his organization and set the farmers up for conflict with workers.

The strategy consists of two interrelated tactics. First, Staley has committed the NFO to a "Think Thirty" organizing drive aimed at giving the organization control of 30 per cent of the nation's food production. At that point, the NFO would begin

major food withholding operations--operations that mainly hurt workers. This is just the tactic recommended to farmers' organizations by Rockefeller labor lieutenant Leonard Woodcock. Secondly, Staley is blocking organizing for a moratorium on all farm debt--illegally, since there was unanimous approval of a resolution calling for a debt moratorium by the delegates to the NFO's last national convention. In face of this open sabotage of debt moratorium organizing by the NFO leadership, the Labor Party will organize planning meetings in the immediate future with NFO members wherever possible.

Over the last several days, Labor Party organizers, NFO members, and Staley himself have reported the following details on this treacherous activity.

An unsuspecting Staley informed an IPS reporter today that the NFO's national leadership has ordered 450 meetings across the country of three to four county districts to get his organizing drive off the ground. Dubbed "Think Thirty" meetings, Staley hopes to get farmers to build the NFO into an organization strong enough to make "people take notice of their demands." To do this, Staley proposes, the NFO must withhold food. Staley told IPS that he has instructed his directors to help the meetings set up 30-man "Think Thirty" committees to conduct the organizing. Staley claims that this pledge to an "aggressive policy" will attract new members to the organization.

Though the "Think Thirty" program was rammed through the convention by the NFO leadership, many farmers have told Labor Party organizers that in their desperate financial situation a withholding action would be suicidal. Rather than build the NFO, they recognized the "Think Thirty" tactic will destroy it--even before the NFO could pull off a major food withholding confrontation.

NFO organizers in upstate New York have informed the Labor Party that Staley has circulated a memo on the national conference proceedings that outlines only the "Think Thirty" tactic and makes no mention whatsoever of the debt moratorium.

Staley clearly wants nothing to do with the debt moratorium. He told IPS today that the resolution passed at the conference was nothing new: "Every now and then we pass something like this; it doesn't mean very much." When pressed on whether the national leadership would organize for the moratorium, Staley, who originally made a name for himself as a pig withholder, refused to comment.

The reason behind Rockefeller's programmed suicide for the NFO is obvious. To the extent that Rockefeller can use the NFO to organize a war between angry workers and farmers over NFO food withholding, then the organization serves him as a useful tool. However, this advantage now must constantly be weighed against the present danger that Labor Party organizing among farmers and

workers can galvanize the necessary support for a programmatic unity among both groups in support of the debt moratorium, expanded food production, and the development of fusion power.

Despite the Staley leadership's claims to the contrary, farmers are tremendously receptive to the debt moratorium proposal. Many have told organizers that their major concern right now is to figure out some way to pay for equipment repairs, seed, and fertilizer to plant April's crops. With the credit being systematically denied them by the Rockefeller interests, they are both angry and desperate.

Staley also refused to comment on the "incompatibility policy" that the NFO directors have reportedly circulated in an attempt to stop members from working with the Labor Party. Off the record, however, he stated: "We wouldn't touch those people [the Labor Party] with a ten-foot pole!"

EAST GERMANS SEND POLITBURO MEMBER TO PORTUGAL;  
CIA STEPS UP ATTACK THERE

Dec. 21 (IPS)--In a probable move to block the coalition of southern European Communist Party forces behind Italian Communist Party leader and CIA agent Giorgio Amendola, the hardline East German party sent Politburo member Hermann Axen to Lisbon this week.

While it is not yet known what Axen's high-level delegation's actual mission is, analysts in Europe and the United States believe that Axen will be supporting the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP) against attacks on the party by the Portuguese Socialist Party (PSP).

Founded and funded by the counterinsurgent and CIA-directed Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the PSP used its first national conference which ended last week to mount a frontal attack on the PCP. The conference's guest of honor was the General Secretary of the Danish Communist Party, Santiago Carrillo, an anti-Soviet Amendola cohort and a long-time enemy of his Portuguese counterpart Alvaro Cunhal. Amid enthusiastic cries of "Unity, unity," Carrillo was paraded around expounding his polycentrist ideology in a direct assault on the Portuguese and Soviet Communist Parties alike.

Axen's visit is expected to further the PCP's left turn initiated recently in response to the stepped-up anti-Communist attacks mounted by social democrat and Maoist forces. Although the PCP emerged as the dominant political party after the overthrow of the Caetano dictatorship last April, over the past few months the CIA has beefed up its counterinsurgent activities to the point where Maoist groups and the PSP garnered enough strength to begin a pincer movement against the PCP.

At their recent national conference, the "Maoist Portuguese Revolutionary Movement of the Proletariat" attacked the PCP as "revisionist" and termed its General Secretary Cunhal "a product of the Portuguese bourgeoisie." Last week, Maoist student countergangs were unleashed against PCP university groups. Their clashes erupted into violence and prompted well planned condemnation of the communists by the PSP.

The lead editorial in the PCP's party organ Avante last weekend attacked these anti-communist slanders and warned against the repetition in Portugal of the Greek model with the introduction of a "Portuguese Karamanlis" who would accommodate to foreign monopolies."

U.S. Keeps Game Going

Significantly, in a major policy reversal this week, the United States government announced that it has promised Portugal between \$20 and \$50 million in initial loans to prop up that

country's collapsed housing sector and that it will encourage international agencies to offer aid. According to the New York Times, the move was motivated by "fear of serious communist inroads and concern about bolstering non-communist forces there," the logic being that impending economic chaos would work to the advantage of Communist Party organizing. Previously, Washington has maintained a wait-and-see attitude in regard to granting aid to Portugal's "leftist" provisional government which includes a Communist minister.

#### HOUSE VOTE ON ROCKY SHOWS LABOR PARTY INFLUENCE

Dec. 21 (IPS)--A considerable portion of the 128 Congressmen who voted against Rockefeller Dec. 19 voted in direct response to the massive working-class hatred of Rocky which boiled up from their districts. Besides the smattering of right-wing ideologues who voted against Rockefeller, the bulk of the opposition came from liberal Democrats representing working-class districts.

The impact of the four-month-long Labor Party mobilization against Rocky's nomination was greatest in Michigan, where almost the entire United Auto Workers-linked Democratic delegation voted against Rockefeller. A similar pattern prevailed in California, where 15 Democrats pondered the Labor Party's statewide strength and came down on the no side of the vote. In Ohio, the Democratic representatives from the heavy steel and rubber districts in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown voted nay, as did the two Democrats representing Pittsburgh. Textile workers in Raleigh and Wilmington, N.C., where Labor Party influence is considerable, forced anti-Rockefeller votes. And a South Dakota Democrat with close ties to farmers came out against Rocky.

Most of these labor-liberals are backing slave-labor relocation legislation or were Labor Party opponents who have felt the impact of an aroused working class either around the slave-labor bills or the November elections. Three Democrats who saw their districts taken over by Labor Party organizing not so surprisingly came out against Rocky--Satterfield in Virginia, Moakley in Boston, and Barrett in Philadelphia!

#### MIDEAST WAR ESCALATION TO FORCE U.S.-SOVIET JOINT MIDEAST POLICING

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Reacting in a rage to the progressive consolidation of the current left turn on the part of the Soviet Union and the European Communist Parties, Rockefeller and the CIA have ordered a dangerous re-escalation of the Middle East war. Rockefeller is openly making use of the "big stick" of nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union in the

Middle East as a counterpoint to the CIA's deceptive carrot of continued detente arrangements.

The immediate objective of the Rockefeller forces in the Middle East is to draw the Soviets into a joint-policing setup along the Arab-Israeli ceasefire lines, an arrangement which by its very nature would fatally undercut the USSR's credibility and virtually prevent the continued evolution of Soviet moves toward international resistance to Rockefeller.

The first step toward the activation of a combined U.S.-Soviet Middle East police force--explicitly called for two weeks ago by Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission--is the reconvening of the Geneva "peace conference"--on Rockefeller's terms. Despite recent blustering by CIA-allied Arabs and Israelis complete with numerous "hardline" positions, the CIA has neatly engineered a consensus that only a return to Geneva can solve the "insoluble" Middle East crisis.

To underline the fact that Rockefeller wants the Soviets to behave at Geneva should the United States and Israel agree to the resumption of talks there, the CIA has staged the latest escalation of the rigged Arab-Israeli conflict. The message is clear: the USSR must choose between an uneasy American-controlled peace and a Cuban missile crisis-style confrontation. Should the Soviets show the slightest wavering in Rockefeller's brinkmanship war of nerves, the resulting Arab-Israeli war and coincidental Second Oil Hoax would immediately follow, most likely accompanied by an Israeli-Iranian strike against pro-socialist, Soviet-allied Iraq.

On cue, Egypt's fascist leader Sadat called for a ceasefire in Lebanon--backed by a joint U.S.-Soviet guarantee. In calling for U.S. and Soviet policing of the area, Sadat explicitly adopted the Trilateral Commission line. As the Baltimore Sun put it last week: "Thus Egypt puts one arm around the U.S. and the other around the Soviet Union, as though Egypt is a linkage in detente." Or, thus Rockefeller uses Egypt to ram detente down the Soviets' throat.

#### EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ARMIES ON ALERT TO BACK LEBANON

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Egyptian and Syrian armies were placed on a state of high alert today following reports that the Israelis were planning a "very heavy blow" against Palestinian guerrilla encampments in southern Lebanon. The circulation of this rumor coincides with increased talk within Israel about striking back at guerrilla bases following a week of intense fighting across the Israeli-Lebanese border. Included in this tactic would be the reactivation of the "underground" Israeli terrorist network headed up by the infamous Brigade 101.

As the tension rose along the Lebanese front, Syrian dictator Hafez al-Assad blustered that, "If a war breaks out, we shall see to it that it is a long war." The "tough" Syrian position followed by days an absurd hardline demand from Egypt that Israel restrict Jewish immigration for 50 years as a condition for peace.

Upon closer examination, however, the macho Syrian and Egyptian stands melt away. A Syrian diplomat revealed the truth behind Assad's tough talk: "Ha, ha, ha," he laughed when told about Assad's remark. "The purpose is to draw everyone into solidarity to get the Geneva talks going."

Behind such obvious instances of Rockefeller-rigged staging of a confrontation, there certainly exists the very real chance of a war if the Soviets should leave an opening. The rumored attack on Lebanon, unlike past situations, would now involve the immediate participation of Soviet-armed Syria after the unprecedented alliance formed this week between Lebanon and Syria. The traditionally neutral Lebanese have now involved themselves in another Mideast war trigger via the embryonic alliance with Syria, thus considerably raising the stakes on an Israeli attack on Lebanon.

#### WEST GERMAN PRESS AND MEDIA COVER OPENING OF ELC CONFERENCE

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Representatives of the official West German press agency, the DPA, attended a press conference immediately preceding the opening of the European Labor Committees' Strategy for Socialism Conference in Wiesbaden, West Germany this morning and filed a story on the conference over the DPA wire. Regional radio and television broadcasters also attended, and a report on the conference has already been carried on radio stations in northern Germany.

In addition, at least two unofficial representatives of the West German Social Democratic and Communist Parties are in attendance at the conference. Both describe themselves as journalists.

According to preliminary estimates, more than 300 European socialist organizers have gathered in Wiesbaden to plan ELC strategy for building the international united front of working class forces--represented in embryonic form by the pro-ELC Unity for Socialism tendency in the European mass working-class parties --into a political strike force capable of putting an end to the Rockefellers' immediate threat to human existence.

## FACTIONAL WARFARE CONTINUES AT BUDAPEST CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CPS

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Although the European Communist Parties have announced that they will issue a single, joint communique at the conclusion of their Budapest meeting, the speech of French Communist Party Politburo member Jean Kanapa, printed in French Communist Party organ Humanite today, has demonstrated that a healthy faction fight is now being waged by pro-Soviet forces in the Communist Parties against the class collaborationist, polycentrist tendencies led by CIA agents Giorgio Amendola and Giancarlo Pajetta of the Italian Communist Party.

After vigorously attacking the NATO military escalation in Europe, Kanapa said that the Budapest conference communique should not be simply a "diplomatic document." Kanapa attacked Social Democratic agents Schmidt and Brandt for "calling the workers to consent to sacrifices" and he asserted the Communist Parties' role as a vanguard party with these words:

"The necessary unity, the indispensable unity of workers and democratic forces...notably with Social Democratic parties, on a series of objectives, must be carried through in full clarity. Their criterion must be the interest of workers. The revolutionary nature of the Communist Parties gives them great responsibilities in the accomplishment of this task of unity, not only within national boundaries, but also in their relation to other forces of an international scale."

At the same time, the French Communist trade union federation, the CGT, is calling for a comprehensive energy policy on a European scale, starting with the implementation of European Economic Community regulations 85 and 86, which forbid the price fixing of oil, against the multinationals.

## IRAQ STRENGTHENS MIDEAST POSITION

Dec. 21 (IPS)--According to the West German daily, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Iraq has sharply attacked Egypt for inviting the chief of staff of the Iranian army, Major Ascharri, to Cairo. The pro-Iraqi newspaper Beirut has stated that the visit means that "Egypt greets Iranian aggression against Iraq."

Although the Shah has been quoted as saying that Iran would participate on the Arab side in a new Mideast war against Israel, actual Iranian fighting on the Arab side is extremely unlikely. Rockefeller merely wants a pretext for non-Arab Iran to join the Arabs in an expanded version of last year's Oil Hoax embargo.

The Iraqis have correctly pointed to the major Rockefeller operatives responsible for conflict in the Middle East--Egypt's ex-Nazi Anwar el-Sadat and the CIA-controlled Shah. Peace in the Middle East is not out of reach providing the Shah, especially, is toppled from his throne. Integrating Iraq into Comecon and the Warsaw Pact would create the preconditions for such a development.

PRODUCTION COLLAPSING;  
TEN MILLION LAYOFFS ESTIMATED BY MARCH

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Without a major policy shift toward military production on the part of the Rockefeller financier faction, there will be 10 million layoffs in the United States before March, according to IPS estimates.

Production in the United States is collapsing at a rate of 25 per cent per year, leaving a time-bomb of \$300 billion worth of inventories spread throughout the chain of production and distribution. At this point, there is absolutely nothing holding back a flood of liquidation of manufacturers' supplies--such as steel, non-ferrous metals, and industrial machinery--as well as consumer goods.

Since September, the leading Rockefeller banks reversed their previous short-term financing of inventories, except in the retail sector. Bank loans to all durable goods manufacturers were cut back by \$.5 billion during the past three months. This forced an immediate wave of shutdowns and layoffs in auto during October, November, and December, with a ripple effect spreading quickly to steel--25 per cent of which goes into auto production--rubber, and related sectors.

All that has been holding back the flood is a large volume of loans to wholesalers and retailers, in anticipation of a Christmas buying spree. But Christmas sales have been low and wholesale and retail suppliers are going broke. The entire capitalist circulation process is backed up from the department store counter to the assembly line.

Spreading from heavy goods and construction into rubber and petrochemicals, and further into consumer goods as laid-off workers tighten their belts, the coming self-aggravating wave of layoffs cannot be stopped by any mealy-mouthed credit expansion. The entire works is shot: new paper off the Treasury printing presses could not hold the line for more than a very few weeks.

To stop the tumble into chaos, the Rockefeller faction will have to step in and direct production on the basis of huge new military orders and related reconversion of plant capacity. (A full analysis of the production and employment picture will be published in a forthcoming IPS).

## HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?

Dec. 21 (IPS)--Since 1971, the United Steelworkers has imposed a joint union-management productivity drive of unbearable speed-up, wage cuts, and self-policed recycling upon American steelworkers. The USW explained to its membership that higher productivity was necessary to compete with "more productive" and lower-paid Japanese workers.

Today, Frank Fernbach, Director of Special Projects for steelworkers' president I.W. Abel, told IPS that "there are now Brazilian workers to compete with whose wages are far lower than the Japanese." Between 1964 and 1971, Brazilian workers suffered a 45 per cent wage cut while productivity rose a corresponding 45 per cent.

## CIA'S SHAH PLEADS ARAB LOYALTY

Dec. 21 (IPS)--In an open endorsement of the CIA-directed Iranian aggression against Iraq, the Egyptian government of Anwar al-Sadat has received the Chief of Staff of the Iranian Army, Major Aschari.

Aschari's visit to Cairo, ostensibly arranged to set up procedures for Iranian participation in a fifth Arab-Israeli war, coincides with a sharp rise in tension between Iran and pro-socialist Iraq. The tension began last weekend when two Iraqi jets were shot down over home territory by American-made Hawk anti-aircraft missiles fired from Iran.

Earlier this week, the Saudi-financed Beirut magazine Al-Hawadess quoted the CIA puppet Shah of Iran as saying that Iran would participate on the Arabs' side in a new war, and yesterday the West German daily Bayern Kurrier--the press mouthpiece of Bavarian neo-Nazi Franz Josef Strauss--claimed that Iran's role in the war would be to plug any gaps on the Jordanian front with Iranian paratroops.

While actual Iranian fighting on the Arab side is extremely unlikely, it is not Iranian military participation that the CIA is interested in. Rockefeller simply wants a pretext for non-Arab Iran to join the Arab bloc in an expanded version of last year's Oil Hoax embargo.

The idea that Iran would participate in an Arab mobilization against Israel is particularly ludicrous in light of the close policy of collaboration that exists between Iran's political police, SAVAK, and the Israeli secret service Shin Bet. Both SAVAK and Shin Bet are heavily involved in the CIA-directed "uprising" of Kurdish tribal nationalists in northern Iraq.

According to the West German daily Frankfurter Allegemeine Zeitung, Iraq has sharply attacked Egypt for inviting the chief of staff of Iraq's enemy neighbor for a friendly trip to Cairo. The pro-Iraqi newspaper Beirut has stated that the visit means that "Egypt greets Iranian aggression against Iraq."

The fact that the CIA would choose to establish such open cooperation between its Teheran and Cario substations comes as no surprise. Relations between the bestial Shah and ex-Nazi Sadat have been growing closer in recent months, and on Dec. 11 Sadat met with the director of Iranian intelligence, in a prelude to the current visit of Aschari to Cairo.

#### WILL CHILE DECLARE A DEBT MORATORIUM?

Dec. 21 (IPS)--In a panic reaction to the collapsing commodity prices, a number of debt-strapped Third World countries have launched what could soon become a wave of competitive currency devaluations. The desperate scramble to improve their export competitiveness resulted in the devaluation of the South Korean Won and the Chilean Escudo, while Hong Kong floated its dollar and Taiwan considered the devaluation of its currency.

The situation is explosive. A Bankers Trust economist told IPS yesterday: "More than half a dozen countries are on the verge of default, including the Central African copper-producing states." International Monetary Fund officials told IPS that the Chilean situation was so serious they would rather not comment. It is widely believed that if one Third World country declared a debt moratorium to relieve its position, a chain reaction would sweep Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Chile is the first economic casualty of the collapse of commodity prices. Of all commodities, the plunge in copper prices has been the most dramatic and Chile, the world's largest exporter of the metal and dependent on it for more than 65 per cent of its total export earnings, is bankrupt. The glut of copper is so severe that the stockpile tonnage in the advanced sector has nearly doubled within a year. The price has plummeted from a high of \$1.40 a pound earlier this year to 54 cents a pound and is expected to go through the floor any day.

Rockefeller's criterion for the massive investment of capital in Chile since the installation of the Pinochet junta in September, 1973 was premised on his ability to pull together a level of control such that he could artificially maintain the metal's price at the desired level. Only in this way could Rockefeller ensure Chile's ability to repay its more than \$4.5 billion in international debt.

Rockefeller has already been forced to bail the country out with the expectation that the necessary financial restructuring

will materialize in the near future. Rockefeller-led New York banks are rescheduling Chile's entire debt-service and amortization due in 1975 (at least \$785 million) plus new loans of at least \$534 million to meet its expected trade deficit for next year.

However, the austerity that David Rockefeller will demand in return from Chile absolutely cannot be enforced either by the present ruling junta or anybody else. With the inflation rate at 600 per cent, and the recent layoff of 20 per cent of government employees, Chile is still disintegrating too quickly to maintain Rocky's debt. The only way out--even for the military dictatorship--would be to declare a debt moratorium.

#### JOB TREK TO IRAN STUDIED OVER PAST YEAR IN BRITAIN

Dec. 21 (IPS)--It has recently been uncovered that test projects in preparation for the wide-scale relocation of European labor to slave-labor "development" areas in Iran have been conducted in Britain for over a year.

In the March 1974 issue of the official bulletin of Britain's Overseas Development Ministry, there are reports of continuing exchanges between British and Iranian youth via various international volunteer agencies. While the British groups visit "voluntary" work sites in northwest Iran "to gain experience in the organization of work camps," Iranian youth get first-hand knowledge of Tavistockian community control and youth programs in Britain's industrialized Midlands.

The idea that Britain, the poor man of Europe, could afford any effective foreign aid program is ludicrous; the Ministry of Overseas Development exists solely as an admissions office for Third and Fourth World leaders to Rockefeller's counterinsurgent training schools in Britain. Seminars and working sessions on subjects like world population control and agricultural development in arid zones (like the Mideast) are taking place continuously.

The most famous of these training centers is the Institute for Development Studies at Sussex University, not coincidentally the home of the former director of the Rockefeller-funded Tavistock Institute, H. V. Dicks. Dr. Dicks, whose psychological profiles for the CIA and the RAND Corporation are the basis of the CIA's psychological warfare program against the Soviet Union, works at Sussex under the aegis of the Columbus Centre. The Centre is currently studying "the psychopathology of persecution and genocide," according to Dicks.

Trustee to Dicks' research at Sussex is Harold Lever, currently "private" economic adviser to Prime Minister Wilson, and

the master-mind behind the British government's current policies to turn Britain into an Iranian-style work camp.

### SHAH'S CRISIS THREAT FIZZLES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 21 (IPS)--A trial balloon attempt by the CIA's Shah of Iran to force a "crisis management" approach across Europe has fizzled out in the mud of European politics.

On Thursday, the Shah threatened to "destroy the international monetary system" should European nations try to revalue their gold stocks at the market price for the metal. Referring to last week's Martinique agreement between U.S. President Ford and French President Giscard, which permits oil-hoaxed European nations to pay off the Arabs with gold at market price, the Shah threatened, "If our purchasing power is lost, everything goes."

European response, however, indicates that this Trilateral trial balloon has already popped, since the threadbare governments of Western Europe could not sustain the appropriate programmed response nor the necessary mobilization against a growingly resistant working class.

#### Threaten Collapse

The Arab oil producers would retaliate against any attempt by Europe to "tinker with the price of gold" by raising the price of oil. He warned, "If they want to strangle us in the nine month freeze [on oil prices set last week by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries], we will be like people who are drowning, having recourse to anything. It is not just a question of a few more percentage points of inflation. It could eventually be the end of the world monetary system."

Banking circles connected to the Rockefeller family told IPS that the object of the Shah's ape act was to compel European governments to subordinate their national policies to a centralized world financial institution, as the Trilateral Commission has proposed.

Higher gold prices would provide Europe's slim treasuries with an additional \$80 billion in foreign exchange--slightly more than the continent's 1975 oil bill--and give Europe a breathing space before bankruptcy. Trilateral banker Robert V. Roosa told IPS, "The Shah is pushing Western countries to shape up. He's a pretty wide-awake fellow. He wants to see the monetary system run well. The Shah's shocking statement was more designed to get people working than to get them to do whatever he said at the time." Roosa, who formulated the Trilateral Commission's proposal for a new centralized institution to control world finance, added that the Martinique meeting represented a "change

in financial diplomacy towards the better," indicating that Western governments were honing in on the Trilateral line.

Last night, however, the oblivious French government announced that it would, indeed, revalue its gold stocks to the market price. And the Shah? There was a "misunderstanding" between France and the Shah, President Giscard told a nationwide television audience. He thought that the Europeans were "organizing" a "gold cartel" to revalue their gold stocks. But France had done this unilaterally! In echo, French Finance Minister Fourcade said that the Shah's remarks were "cute and interesting."

#### No Consensus

Meeting in Brussels the previous day, the European finance ministers fell out on the gold issue, following a French proposal that they all hike the price of their gold reserves. West Germany, which has plenty of dollars, and Britain, which has very little gold, combined in opposition to the French suggestion.

But the Europeans did agree in denouncing the "New Marshall Plan" scheme proposed last month by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Treasury Secretary William Simon in separate speeches last month. Together, Simon and Kissinger have represented the U.S. "hard line" toward Europe: no loans to pay for Arab oil until the Europeans screw an austerity program down on the European working class.

Monitoring the left turn of European Communist Parties, Europe's stooge governments did not feel ready to form themselves as an "airtight group" under U.S. control, in Robert Roosa's words, in fear of presenting the Communist Parties with a target the size of a barn door.

This fear is mirrored in the decision of European newspapers to bury or kill the Shah's threat, which came over Associated Press wires Thursday afternoon. Not a single French newspaper ran the story--if Giscard does not believe His CIA Majesty, why should the financial editor?--and the West German papers buried the story on inside pages.

Britain's "authoritative" business daily, the Financial Times, ran the story without mentioning that the Shah had threatened to destroy the world economy! Only the right-wing Daily Telegraph ran an accurate account, citing the actual dilemma facing the Rockefeller financier faction: "Western experts...believe that if the oil-importing countries are genuinely forced to restrict imports to what they can pay for [after paying \$50 billion a year for oil--Ed.], the world will fall into a slump at least as disastrous as the hyperinflationary collapse which the Shah believes would result from revaluation of gold reserves."

## Heading Off Collapse

Even the Shah has been compelled to avert the bankruptcies of Italy, Britain, France, and other European countries. As long as the Rockefeller "energy development" plan is stalled, the only alternatives for the Rockefeller gang and its Persian Gulf hitmen are an uncontrollable breakdown of the world monetary system--or the issuance of "inflationary" credit by way of gaining breathing space, possibly using European gold reserves.

Reversing gears, the same Shah agreed to pre-pay \$1.2 billion to ailing Italy yesterday, in a contract for Italian technological and industrial aid to Iran's development schemes signed one day after his monumental threat.

## LODERER MAY BE IMPLICATED IN MEXICAN KIDNAP

WIESBADEN, BRD, Dec. 20 (IPS)--Information provided by the office of Eugen Loderer, head of West Germany's largest union, I.G. Metall, opens the possibility that Loderer was implicated in the police kidnapping of a Labor Committee member in Mexico City last week.

Loderer, a member of David Rockefeller's supranational fascist body, the Trilateral Commission, was in Mexico the week of Dec. 14, when Latin American Labor Committee leader Carlos de Hoyos was kidnapped by Echeverria police and held for 59 hours. According to Loderer's office, in the course of his visits with Mexican trade union leaders and the Mexican Minister of Labor, he discussed how to deal with left-wing groups.

A spokesman for I.G. Metall asserted that: "Mr. Loderer spoke on questions such as the danger of left extremists for the free world. For example, the International Metalworkers Federation union members have to deal with such questions as Columbia University in the United States. Columbia is full of Communists and Trotskyists who endanger the freedom of the population and have to be fought against."

It is well known throughout Europe that the Labor Committees were formed at Columbia University and led the Columbia strike in 1968.

When questioned specifically on left-wing activities in Mexico City and Loderer's position on the recent series of terrorist events and robberies there, the I.G. Metall spokesman not only asserted that "We condemn it [left-wing terrorism]," but also volunteered the interesting information that: "But I know that the [Mexican] police have been successful. They arrested the chief of one center of left subversion during the time that Loderer was there."

A subsequent call to the headquarters of the International Metalworkers Federation provoked a thoroughly panicky response. Trilateral Commission member and United Auto Workers head Leonard Woodcock was unavailable for comment on the matter. Over the next few days, the Labor Committees Intelligence staff will attempt to confirm whether or not Loderer was implicated in the kidnapping and whether other Trilateral agents were involved.

## MARCHAIS SPEECH EMPHASIZES LEFT TURN, HITS MITTERRAND

Dec. 20 (IPS)--The French Communist Party (PCF) is dumping its nationalist rhetoric as its left turn gathers momentum. In a Paris speech, the PCF's General Secretary George Marchais redefined nationalism within the framework of working-class interests,

stating, "The Union of the French people...is not just a union with anybody to do anything....It is the union of French men and women around the working class, which is the decisive force."

The speech, carried in yesterday's issue of the party newspaper L'Humanite, repudiated Marchais' anemic call last June for a union of working-class and capitalist forces to "safeguard French independence."

Marchais also called for "cooperation with all countries, notably with the socialist countries," underlining the PCF's ties to the Soviet bloc.

The Socialist Party, headed by CIA agent Francois Mitterrand, came under heavy fire from Marchais for its endorsement of austerity measures against European workers and its refusal to honor the Common Program with the PCF. "As for us, we want the Left to enter the government to carry through the Common Program," Marchais stated, "to satisfy the needs of the working class and of the people."

In a sharp criticism of Mitterrand's Socialist International cronies, Marchais continued that the Common Program must not ask French workers "to tighten their belts a la [West Germany's Social Democratic Chancellor] Schmidt or [Britain's Labour Party Prime Minister] Wilson, or as [West German Social Democratic Party head] Brandt recently demanded in Paris, without provoking any reaction on the part of the Socialist Party."

But Marchais could not yet bring himself to name the "billionaires" he said were responsible for the present crisis.

#### PCI FACTION FIGHT BUILDS AGAINST AMENDOLA

Dec. 20 (IPS)--Italian Senator Napoleone Colajanni published a book review Dec. 18 in Unita, the Italian Communist Party newspaper, which can be viewed only as an open factional document against the party clique headed by confessed CIA agent Giorgio Amendola. This is the latest indication that the tremendous ferment around the Labor Committees' campaign against the anti-Soviet Amendola has already spread deep into the party bureaucracy.

PCI Senator Colajanni, reviewing the book Razza Padrona, attacks as a "warped analysis of the Italian economy" the book's thesis that Italy's working-class parties and trade unions should support Rockefeller's Trilateral pal Agnelli, head of Fiat, as a "good capitalist" against the "bad, corrupt" capitalists running the country's partially state-owned firms. This is precisely the theoretical justification for Amendola's open class collaboration with the Agnelli interests, now spewed forth in book

form by the editors of the Agnelli-controlled magazine L'Espresso.

Colajanni, who a few days ago warmly accepted a Labor Committee briefing on Amendola at a Rome presentation of the book he subsequently reviewed, argues that the real division in the capitalist class is the expansion of finance capital at the expense of industrial capital. He goes on to name the "progressive" bankers who stand behind the more unsavory capitalists-- "progressives" recently praised publicly by Amendola.

Colajanni concludes that it is the working class that is the "source of all economic progress." We must fight against the so-called state bourgeoisie, he says, but then deals a final kick to Amendola by adding, "but not to return to the Agnellis!"

#### WEST GERMAN RIGHT-WING MOVES ON SCHMIDT

WIESBADEN, BRD, Dec. 20 (IPS)--Early this week, the Christian Democratic Union of West Germany and the Christian Social Union of Bavaria, its neo-fascist parliamentary partner, confidently sprinted forward to implement a rapid right-wing, anti-Soviet transformation of the West German political scene. Clicking their heels in response to the anti-detente policy announced by this month's series of NATO meetings, the CDU/CSU sharpened its public attacks on the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) under Rockefeller-puppet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and overtly wooed members of Schmidt's cabinet from the SPD's "liberal" coalition partner, the pro-Rockefeller Free Democratic Party (FDP).

The culmination of the week's campaign was to be today's meeting between neo-fascist Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the CSU, and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, chairman of the FDP, to discuss possible state level coalitions excluding the SPD.

A few hours before the meeting was to begin, Strauss cancelled out, claiming that widespread press publicity had already endangered the talks with an excess of rumor-mongering. Sensitive to the hesitations and disorientation breaking out within the cabal's international forces, the CDU/CSU and the FDP momentarily slowed their forward sprint and started marking time.

#### Winter Offensive

The problem which faces the faithful West German cabalists is how rapidly they can dispose of the transitional government under Helmut Schmidt. Profiled and trained by Henry Kissinger at Harvard and Trilateral Commission member Theo Sommer at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Schmidt was cut out to wreck the West German "export boom" economy under Social Democratic rule.

The second, equally important advantage of a Social Democratic-dominated government in West Germany for the cabal was the soporific effect this had on the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc. With the first task largely accomplished and West European detente in the process of being junked in favor of cold war tendencies, Schmidt's working-class based party apparatus is a burdensome buffer against a 1975 escalation of austerity attacks on the West German working class.

#### No Need for Democratic Face

On Dec. 18, the CDU revealed another angle of its winter offensive in a press conference featuring its General Secretary Kurt Biedenkopf, the main spokesman for the party's "liberal" wing. Biedenkopf sharply attacked the government's package of left countergang reform policies, focusing on a pending bill for the national implementation of factory co-participation councils. The significance of this move was underlined by Biedenkopf's original authorship of this bill in 1971. The removal of Biedenkopf's "liberal capitalist" mask also signals the consolidation of Strauss' forces as the hegemonic influence in the CDU/CSU.



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