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BUMBLING BANKERS DEMAND PRODUCTIVITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (IPS)--America's most useless individuals, Wall Street's top bankers and Washington's leading economic officials, vented their frustrations this week on the "stagnating productivity" of American workers, supposedly in pursuit of an economic policy which would reverse the depression now gutting the U.S. working class.

Arthur Burns, chief of the Federal Reserve System, announced, "People dont work the way they used to". And David Rockefeller, whose record at Chase Manhattan has gained him the reputation of Wall Street's least competent financier, demanded the lowering of "all barriers to efficient production". Both ignored the fact that it is their economic decisions, above all the decline in real production, which have brought the U.S. and world economy to the shambles it's now in.

Between outbursts of infantile rage, these parasites spent their time in the least productive occupation of all: cranking out new attempts to square the circle of economic collapse. Since the capitalists do not currently have the political muscle to make workers pay for their mismanagement, their various schemes provide the sort of black-and-white evidence that, in better times, would land them in a humane institution.

At issue among the bankers is the Ford Administration's proposed \$15 billion tax cut. Taken at face value, this is offered as an antidote to the collapse of individual and corporate spending as a result of the ongoing economic bust, in lieu of increased credit from the shaky, shrinking commercial banks.

But, as a White House insider conceded, the "shocking" thing about this teaspoon-sized tax relief is that it will not impede mass unemployment. No tax cut can draw down the \$300 billion inventory overhang--more than two months' output of U.S. industry and harder to get rid of as more factories shut down and workers lose their jobs.

Chase Wants Big Cut

Damning Ford as incompetent, the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Rockefeller-run Committee for Economic Development and the New York Times are pumping instead for a \$25 billion tax cut. But the Treasury is already short about \$35 billion this fiscal year due to the shrinkage of tax revenues. To finance the resulting \$60 billion deficit--the largest in American history--the Treasury would have to squeeze the banking system dry by

by dumping its IOU's. This, Chase Manhattan, The New York Times, and the professors oppose. Alternately, the Treasury could prevail upon the Federal Reserve to print \$60 billion one-dollar bills and hand them over for current government expenses. The consequence would be at least an additional 25 per cent inflation on the top of the current rate of price increase. Ford's antagonists do not like this either.

While David Rockefeller bears the burden of maintaining high-salaried "experts" who suggest such ridiculous things, he and other leading cabal bankers sound off for a "tough line". They take out expensive advertisements in the Times and the Washington Post for a "tough energy policy", that is, a stiff gasoline tax skimmed off at the pumps, slave labor energy products, and energy rationing. They demand a tough "productivity" policy.

But their friends in politics are not so sure. An aide to Congressman Henry Reuss (D.-Wis.) claimed he could not answer questions about Reuss's tough economic programs until he checked with Trilateral banker Robert V. Roosa!

Ford, an experienced if dull politician, would rather take the role of Herbert Hoover than that of Genghis Khan. To the infinite contempt of the economic wizards at Chase Manhattan, Ford's Jan. 20 State of the Union address will offer nothing but spit and chewing gum to hold the economy together.

De Facto Bank Holiday

A related tussle over the question of monetary expansion--whether the Federal Reserve system should make more loan money available to the commercial banking system--disappeared last week, after the Fed released banking statistics for the week ending Jan. 8. The nation's top banks responded to the threat of mass corporate bankruptcy by locking their doors, boarding up their windows, and balancing their own books at the expense of their customers.

Previously, most financiers--led by First National City Bank, the largest in New York--called for papering over the depression with new bank credit. Objectors to this policy of throwing good money after bad included productivity-pusher Burns and Federal Reserve Board member Henry Wallich, who pointed out that more paper meant more inflation. "Infaation", Wallich said, "undermines first the liquidity and then the solvency of corporations."

This debate in the elevated realm of economic theory ended suddenly however, when easy-money advocates and tight-money advocates in banking circles discovered that they had panicked in common, slashing credit in every direction. It's a fact, however, that an easy way to raise American productivity would be to put such proven incompetents to work--perhaps digging coal with a pick and shovel.

U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY BREATHES ITS LAST

Jan. 12 (IPS)--This week the Ford Motor Company shut down 22 of its car, truck, and component plants, ending its bulk of production. 85,000 layoffs result.

Although Chrysler has pulled psywar maneuvers in reopening several of its plants at one-week shots, auto, the flagship of U.S. industry, is dead. With purchasing power shrinking, the rest of the U.S. economy is cascading into oblivion. Auto plants will open again for full-scale, full-time production only under the direction of the working class which will reconvert auto into tractor production.

By Monday, Jan. 13, there will be 280,000 unemployed auto workers whose jobs will have permanently disappeared. By February, there will be many more. Chrysler, with most of its plants closed and threatened with bankruptcy, cut car prices by \$200 in a desperate attempt to liquidate its huge inventory of unsaleable cars for cash. An additional \$200 rebate is offered to workers in auto-related industry if they buy a Chrysler to save their job.

The steel industry is presently hanging by a thread. Most workers temporarily laid off by the Jay Rockefeller-directed coal strike in November have not been rehired. Steel production has fallen by 15 per cent. A U.S. Steel public relations director contended that production was continuing in anticipation of huge orders from energy redevelopment projects. However, the inability of the cabal to negotiate a centralized financing scheme and the lack of a disciplined, maleable workforce has stalled these slave labor projects indefinitely.

Mass layoffs continue in the appliance industry because workers no longer have money or credit for bit purchases. This week General Electric, Westinghouse, Stellar Industries, Zenith, Kodak, and Xerox cut workers from their appliance divisions.

Unemployment centers are also filling with teamsters and

railroad workers laid off because freight shipments have declined 25 per cent from last year. Greyhound and United Airlines cut their workforce this week because of reduced passenger fares.

And in an even more impressive indicator of the collapse of the economy, the previously strong electronics industry is beginning to crumble. This week Texas Instruments laid off 9,000 and Honeywell dismissed 500.

LABOR PARTY ORGANIZES TO STOP "OPERATION EARTHQUAKE"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (IPS)--The United States Labor Party (USLP) is mobilizing members and workers around it to prevent a simulated disaster, "Operation Earthquake," from taking place here Jan. 28. Sponsored and paid for by the University of California's Moffit Hospital, with the Army's full cooperation, the disaster exercise is aimed at getting the area's population used to the idea of triage--cold-blooded mass murder--and to police rule.

It's no coincidence that triage pioneer, CIA agent William Paddock, is currently teaching at another University of California campus--Santa Barbara.

Labor Party investigations reveal that many city authorities are not aware that this hideous spectacle is on the agenda, raising serious questions as to its legality--the question of its morality being clearly decided already.

Information on "Operation Earthquake" pieced together by Labor Party organizers here over the last few days reveals a scenario that could come only from worm-eaten minds. It involves innocent children, unsuspecting bystanders, duped city workers, and the Red Cross, under the leadership of University of California and Army triage experts "practicing" what Rockefeller and his associates at the Defense Civil Preparedness Administration (DCPA) intend to become normal, everyday routine. Every aspect of it has been shaped to produce maximum psychological disorientation--"soft" brainwashing--explicitly designed to insure that the city's working class will accept triage as a necessary, if unfortunate method.

The Labor Party is urging IPS and New Solidarity readers to get the word out to co-workers and friends: bombard the San Francisco city authorities, the Army, the Red Cross, the DCPA and the University of California's Moffit Hospital to demand that this criminal "Operation Earthquake" be called off at once.

The Scenario

First named "Operation Triage," (the name was changed recently supposedly because, as Moffit Hospital officials explained, earthquakes were the disaster San Franciscans worry about most and triage wasn't such a big part of the operation anyway) the mock disaster is supposed to look like this:

On Jan. 28, Moffit Hospital will receive a phone call saying that an earthquake is taking place. The hospital administration will then activate its emergency plan. Coordinating emergency services here will be Dr. John F. Conte, Jr. director of Moffit's emergency services division.

Triage teams consisting of a physician, a nurse and a clerical staffer will be dispatched to the heart of the disaster. Operating on the insane assumption that in an emergency, the worst-injured must be deprived of medical attention because of a shortage of medical facilities, they will decide which victims will be sent to surgery, which to x-ray, and which directly to the morgue.

Although the Army is offering 200 of its men as "victims," indications are that 25 school children from a nearby public school may be used as victims as well. The school's acting principal admitted that these pupils would be involved in the rehearsal, but did not know what role the children would play or who would supervise them. When asked if he wasn't worried about the emotional effects this would have on his pupils, he giggled nervously.

Unlike earlier emergency rehearsals at the San Francisco airport, "Operation Earthquake" will take place in a busy business and residential area near the university. It will disrupt bus and streetcar lines, creating major traffic jams.

Casualties will include 50 seriously injured persons and 200 with minor injuries. The Army Disaster Corps, specialists in plastic guts and ketchup blood, will supply the make-up. Two hundred bystanders will be involved in the mock disaster.

Pointing up one of the primary reasons for "Operation Earthquake," Dr. Conte Jr. emphasized that in a disaster, not only must medical services be provided, but crowd control must be maintained as well.

A spokesman for Moffit told the Labor Party that "the media will be encouraged to participate straight, that is, not covering it as a rehearsal, but getting involved in it, getting in the way, as in a real disaster."

Someone, however, doesn't want news of "Operation Earthquake" to get out before it happens. The only public notice so far was

a short article in a local paper. Contacted by the Labor Party, Major Holland, chief of planning and operations for the Army in the area, claimed that "Operation Earthquake" was planned and paid for completely by the hospital, and that the Army was only cooperating.

Lou Cambou, medical coordinator of the mayor's office of emergency services, claimed that he'd never heard of "Operation Earthquake," and began to question the Labor Party caller on what he knew about it. As to the legality of the operation, Cambou stated that any legal questions about the exercise were supposed to cross his desk.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party has discovered that rehearsals similar to "Operation Earthquake" will be held every six months, presumably on a larger and larger scale; but the Labor Party intends to close down "Operation Earthquake" before it gets off the ground.

FBI STALLS IN U.S. LABOR PARTY SUIT

DETROIT, Jan. 12 (IPS)--In a Jan. 7 court hearing in court here, the FBI asked Federal District Judge Damon Keith for further time to compile arguments for preventing the U.S. Labor Party from proceeding with its suit against FBI interference in its election campaigns. Keith granted the FBI one week's continuance to allow it to write an additional brief arguing for dismissal of the U.S. Labor Party suit.

If the court rules against the FBI's motion to dismiss, the U.S. Labor Party will be able to proceed to subpoena and take depositions from FBI agents gathering evidence on illegal surveillance, disruption, and sabotage of Labor Party election campaigns, and on illegal search and seizure of materials from the Labor Party office in Detroit. This discovery of evidence will be particularly interesting because of strong indications that the FBI operations in the Detroit area involving infiltrator Vernon Higgins utilized well-known CIA operating procedures. At a time when CIA "self-exposures" are threatening to get out of hand, evidence of joint FBI-CIA operations would be especially significant.

At the Jan. 7 hearings, U.S. Attorney William Ivershoff was unable to refute a Labor Party brief giving legal arguments for the suit. His plea for more time to prepare further arguments suggests that the FBI will fight all the way to the Supreme Court to prevent Labor Party evidence on illegal FBI activities from becoming public.

A background brief on illegal FBI and CIA domestic activities will be prepared and circulated to Congressmen and other interested parties.

LABOR PARTY IN COURT AGAINST UAW, WOODCOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (IPS)--The U.S. Labor Party and the National Caucus of Labor Committees will be in Federal Court, Southern District of New York on Jan. 14, to file a countersuit against UAW President Leonard Woodcock's \$30 million suit against the Labor Party, the National Caucus of Labor Committees and New Solidarity.

The papers which the Labor Party will file on Tuesday before Judge Pearce include a "Motion to Dismiss" the United Auto Workers' fraudulent suit and the "Complaint" (initial statement of charges) of the Labor Party countersuit against Woodcock and the UAW bureaucracy.

The "Motion to Dismiss" demonstrates that the UAW's claim of trademark rights to the word "solidarity" is ridiculous -- legally, politically, historically, and journalistically -- and that New Solidarity is not equivalent to, and cannot be confused with, the UAW's "Solidarity." The Labor Party will answer Woodcock's libel charges with the "defense of truth": The Labor Party is prepared to prove in court the truth of our charges that Woodcock is a fascist, a Rockefeller agent, and a brainwasher.

The Labor Party countersuit charges that Woodcock, on orders from the Trilateral Commission, conspires with his associates (Mazey, Bluestone, Greathouse and lesser officials) to:

- *Hamper, stop, and destroy the Labor Committees, Labor Party and NUWRO;
- *Abridge the rights of members and supporters -- including UAW members;
- *Order physical assaults endangering the lives of members, supporters, and others;
- *Work with national and local police forces, plant security guards, etc. to these ends;
- *Commit illegal acts--goon assaults, illegal arrests, firings, threats, and brainwashing at Black Lake and elsewhere--against the Labor Party, supporters, and other auto workers.

Legal Weapons Against Brainwashers

A judicial hearing on the "Motion to Dismiss" is expected about a week after the papers are filed. This hearing puts in our hands the legal weapon of "disclosure." Under "disclosure" the Labor Party will have the right to question under oath anyone with knowledge relevant to the case -- including UAW officials, goons, and Nazi doctors. Woodcock and others will be forced, under pain of perjury, to fill in the details of the crimes and conspiracies from their own mouths!

ROCKEFELLER PUTS EX-MARINE IN CHARGE
OF ANTI-ALIEN TERROR CAMPAIGN

Jan. 12 (IPS)--Sources in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Congress confirmed last week that the Rockefeller Administration is planning a massive "anti-alien" terror campaign against the North American working class. The purpose of the campaign is to get U.S workers to fight foreign born workers for jobs and services--to get U.S. workers to cripple their own productivity by carrying out Rockefeller's genocidal policies against their own class brothers. In charge of the operation is Immigration Service Commissioner Leonard F. Chapman, former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968-1972 and the man responsible for directing the Marines border-policing operation in the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Vietnam.

William Paddock, a Latin American counterinsurgency specialist had told IPS earlier this week that "We're going to clamp the borders down..(using) a new kind of border patrol along the lines we had to keep the North Vietnamese out of South Vietnam." Paddock said that 25-30 million Mexicans trapped in Mexico by this operation would have to be "cut" from the Mexican population.

In addition, the Immigration Service is targeting what it estimates as four to twelve million illegal aliens already in the U.S. In what Immigration Service officials described as an "educational campaign" government agencies will visit employers all over the U.S. with booklets and instruction kits on how to catch illegal immigrants.

In addition, under the terms of Congressman Peter Rodino's anti-alien bill, to be re-introduced in Congress this month, employers virtually would be required to act as anti-alien police. Rodino's bill would fine employers hiring illegal immigrants \$500 per illegal employee.

But Immigration Service officials admitted that "rounding up four to twelve million illegal aliens in this country would require tens of thousands of additional men" and that this was "impractical at the present time."

To make these police state measures politically practical, Rockefeller's psywar specialists in the press, radio and television have launched a propaganda drive to whip up anti-alien hysteria. Staff members of U.S. Assistant Attorney General Jim Hutchins, special liason to the Domestic Council's Cabinet level committee appointed by the President to recommend "solutions to the alien problem," admitted, "we are getting a whole lot of press calls on this."

Hard on the heels of the New York Times front page series on the "alien menace," Jim Bishop, secretary-treasurer of the New

York Painters Union, revealed that he is supplying information to the New York Daily News for similar articles.

Earlier this month, Bishop's union fingered four Greek "aliens" for immigration officials. The union claimed it had no choice, since the Greeks were non-union labor who underbid union painters on city contracts.

Congressional sources have emphasized that Rockefeller requires exactly that kind of gutless collaboration from the working class to make the anti-alien campaign a success.

LEAA JUDGE PRESIDES OVER NCLC CASE IN NEW JERSEY

MORRISTOWN, N.J., Jan. 12(IPS)--In frame-up court proceedings here Jan.9, County Court Judge Bertram Polow demonstrated that he is acting as a willing agent of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) in the case against National Caucus of Labor Committee members Elijah Boyd, Daniel Wasserman, and National Executive Committee member Costas Axios. The defendants, all of whom acted as leaders of the Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), were arrested in December 1973 on phony weapons charges in an attempt to stem RYM exposure of LEAA-gunrunning to CIA-controlled ghetto youth gangs.

Throughout the proceedings, Judge Polow ignored evidence presented by the county prosecutor which demonstrated that the arrest of the defendants constituted illegal search and seal operations. Instead, Judge Polow interjected a tirade against the NCLC case brief which cites the takeover of all Morris County law enforcement agencies, including the courts, by the LEAA, thereby precluding the possibility of a fair trial in that county. Polow loudly proclaimed his own participation in that takeover and his role in establishing the model pre-trial diversion (brainwashing-slave labor program) for youth. "I helped set up the model pre-trial diversion program in New Jersey, not only for the state; it's a model for the nation,"he said.

This outburst, coupled with his uncourtly domination of the proceedings testify to Polow's role as an explicit agent of the LEAA. His presiding over the NCLC case provides startling proof that there can be no fair trial in Morris County.

Polow began his practicing career under unusual circumstances. Quitting law school during World War II to join the intelligence branch of the armed services, he was immediately made a county deputy district attorney for a New Jersey County upon his graduation from law school. In 1962, he was appointed county judge in Morris County and placed in charge of revamping the Juvenile Court system. This he did according to exact CIA specifications, providing the model now used by the CIA illegal domestic agency, the LEAA.

PSP FALLS FOR CIA TERRORISM IN PUERTO RICO

Jan. 12(IPS)--A bomb placed in a Mayaguez restaurant filled with Puerto Rican Socialist (PSP) supporters and other independents killed two people in Puerto Rico yesterday afternoon, shortly before a PSP rally was scheduled in that city. The island police subsequently issued a statement warning that a "war of terrorism" was building between right and left groups.

The island PSP, which has shown increasing support for terrorist activity, is in danger of being taken over by CIA-agent and pro-terrorist Ramon Arbona. It has continued to move into the CIA trap of Argentina-style "right" and "left" terrorism, exposed by New Solidarity in early December.

The Latin American Labor Committees have written an open letter to Puerto Rican Socialist leaders Pedro Grant and Juan Mari Bras demanding that they disassociate themselves from this suicidal policy and initiate a pro-working class united front for expanded production on an international basis.

CANADIAN TROOPS PRACTICE FOR STRIKE-BREAKING

Jan. 12(IPS)--During the first week of December, the Canadian militia concluded an exercise at Camp Debert in Nova Scotia to give the troops practice in busting strikes and crushing any ferment in the working class.

The domestic war games pitted "military" troops of militia members from the Prince Edward Island regiment, the Nova Scotia Highlanders and the Prince Louise Fusiliers, against "striking or dissident workers" simulated by two field squadrons from Camp Gagetown.

The "workers" were depicted as violent terrorists, the actual scenario which the CIA hopes to create.

As psychological warfare against the Canadian working class, the CIA news conduit, United Press International (UPI), released this information. It was picked up by the Montreal Gazette in January as a direct warning to the Quebec working class that the military is prepared to quell any ferment.

LABOR PARTY DEBT MORATORIUM SHAKES UP N.Y.C. POLS

NEW YORK, Jan.12-- The U.S. Labor Party (USLP) kicked off its school board campaign here Jan.7 with candidates Paul Arnest and Jennette Washington delivering to the City Council Labor Party petitions signed by more than 1,000 workers demanding a moratorium on the city's debt.

The inauguration of the LP campaign comes smack in the middle of a significant upturn in workers' interest in the LP program-

especially the auto-to-tractor reconversion and debt moratoria demands-- on the one hand and a renewed assault on the city's workers, on the other. Local politicians, especially those with a trade-union or liberal base, are being caught in the middle.

Yesterday, radio station WCBS reported that a municipal bond dealer was urging New York City to file for bankruptcy under Title IX of the bankruptcy laws. Such a move would give David Rockefeller's banks first lien on the city's income. All city agreements on employment, wages, services, etc. could be legally abrogated in order to keep money flowing to the banks. The Labor Committee Intelligence Staff is investigating exactly who is behind the bond dealer's proposal.

The change in City Council president Paul O'Dwyer's response to the Labor Party petitions shows how the city's political mood is shifting. The day Arnest and Washington delivered the LP petitions, O'Dwyer's secretary called the Labor Party office, screaming: "Mr. O'Dwyer does not want to see them! Take them away." Just three days later, O'Dwyer's aide called the Labor Party back, hastening to assure them that the secretary's remarks were ill-considered. The LP petitions, the aide said, were being most carefully copied, and would be nicely bound and presented to the City Council for careful study.

Why the Change?

O'Dwyer's new-found interest in the LP debt moratorium came just a few days after 200 angry tunnel construction workers, thrown out of work when the city halted construction on their project, jammed a Board of Estimates meeting, demanding that O'Dwyer and others get them their jobs back. A nervous O'Dwyer had to recess the meeting.

O'Dwyer was doubly frightened by this outpouring of rage since it's among construction workers especially that Labor Party influence has soared in the past weeks. The response which Labor Party organizers met at a Long Island City construction site last week is becoming more and more typical of employed and unemployed construction workers alike. At the site, older white workers discussed the problems of "mobilizing forces on a world scale" to implement the LP program.

This kind of ferment among his former supporters is what's behind O'Dwyer's apparent "change of heart." But workers who once voted for O'Dwyer have little use for him now. Many workers commented to LP organizers, "I figured as much," when told of O'Dwyer's first response to the petitions. One woman said, "I'm going to call O'Dwyer right now about this debt moratorium. He may take my job away next."

EDITORIAL:
CONGRESS MUST ENACT FOOD AND TRACTOR CREDITS NOW!

Jan. 12 (IPS)--Over the next one hundred days, Congress must enact the emergency measures necessary to ensure food production and re-start collapsed industrial production. An appropriation of \$32 billion must be effected to meet three basic requirements.

*This year's spring plantings must be saved from the imminent threat of disaster provoked by credit cut-offs.

*Tractor production must be expanded on the basis of already existing, off-the-shelf technologies and parts.

*The conversion of idled auto capacity to full tractor production capability must begin.

These three interrelated efforts define Phase One of the reconstruction job that will be necessary to turn capitalism's worst depression around. As of this weekend, Labor Committee and U.S. Labor Party organizers around the country will begin to direct workers and supporting layers to contact all elected officials, trade union officials, press, etc. to agitate for the immediate necessity of these measures. Additionally, such proposals will be drafted in legislative form for expeditious action by Congress itself.

Congress must also move immediately to guarantee full unemployment and Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) pay for workers until they can be hired for useful production. Those workers who cannot be reemployed as part of the emergency tractor and food program will be targetted for employment in later phases of the program to reconvert the U.S. economy as a capital goods and consumer goods supplier for the entire world. Phase Two and Three of this program will involve industrial areas such as housing, transportation, etc.

Save the Spring Planting!

The proposed \$32 billion appropriation will be divided into two parts to finance Phase One reconstruction efforts. The major allocation will be directed to alleviate the potential global

disaster that is looming as delays, uncertainties, and material shortages, such as fertilizer production cutbacks, threaten this spring's planting season in the United States. Full agricultural output by the United States will provide more than sufficient grain to prevent the inevitable famines in the Third and Fourth Worlds.

Corollary legislative measures will be designed to ensure the expansion of fertilizer output by preventing Federal Power Commission and company sabotage of natural gas supplies and processing operations. The Congress must also take action to ensure cheap, abundant oil supplies--now fully available at the cost of breaking up, and nationalizing if necessary, the Seven Sister oil companies under control of the Rockefeller family.

Congress must enact the appropriation of \$25 billion to safeguard the spring crop.

The incompetence and disarray of the U.S. banking sector forces such a high order of assessment on this appropriation. Surveys conducted show that bankers around the country, whether in major New York operations, or regional and local outfits, simply do not know, even at this late date, how much credit will be available to finance farmers' production requirements. Similarly surveys have also revealed that bankers do not know what proportion of total costs farmers themselves will be able to defray. That chaotic financial situation forces us to adopt the safest course and budget the entire cost of the operation, as opposed to the margin that would be left uncovered by bankers' extensions of credit, and farmers' current ability to pay.

Calculations are based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Income Situation Report of July 1974 (USDA FIS-224) and are adjusted for inflation.

Costs

Seed	\$3 billion
Fertilizer	\$6 billion
Constant Capital	\$8 billion (new equipment
Labor	<u>\$7 billion</u> and repairs)
Total Cost	\$25 billion

To meet current expenses of the entire year an additional \$30 billion will be necessary, thereby forcing a commitment to provide for \$55 billion total cost over the year.

The existing administrative machinery of the Farm Credit Administration (including the Cooperative Credit Corporation, Intermediate Credit Banks, and Federal Land Banks) can be used to direct funding into the appropriate channels. A two per cent interest rate on credit extended will be levied to meet such administrative costs.

The necessary fund will be levied by opening the following sources of new taxation, which will provide the required \$55 billion.

*A tax of one per cent on the total loans and investments of large commercial banks. To yield \$40 billion.

*A tax of 0.6 per cent on the total assets of life insurance companies. To yield \$15 billion.

*A tax of one per cent on the turnover of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. To yield \$2 billion.

To ensure that such funds are used for the production of food, and related real production, such as fertilizer, it will be necessary to postpone payments on the \$19 billion of Farm Credit Administration notes coming due during 1975. It will also be necessary to remove the burden of the \$85 billion of farm debt outstanding in 1974, pending re-evaluation of the real-production related component of that debt, and its transference to the Farm Credit Administration.

Expand Tractor Production

The second major component of the necessary appropriation will be allocated for the immediate full utilization of existing tractor production facilities and the institution of a crash program to convert idle auto capacity to tractor production. Seven billion dollars will be necessary in the first instance, to finance both elements of the needed program over the first three-month period.

Such conversion not only will immediately employ over 200,000 workers now out of work, but will provide the basis for full utilization of all arable land in the United States and for beginning the export of tractors to Soviet and other agricultural areas. On the basis of this mechanization and expanded fertilizer production, the food crisis could be resolved in a year and a real foundation for detente laid.

Specifically, under conditions of full utilization of capacity, the tractor industry as presently constituted can produce minimally 750,000 tractors a year. At current operating costs, the cost of production of one tractor is \$20,000 or \$15 billion annual total. Therefore, on a quarterly basis, beginning January 1, 1975, Congress will take powers to appropriate \$4 billion. These funds could come from the military procurement budget of the Department of Defense, crediting the necessary payments and ordering schedules for tractor production to be implemented under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, or from other non-working-class income.

Second, cost estimates for the initial retooling of auto capacity for tractor production are \$3 billion. Estimates of leading

production engineers in the field give a ratio of one tractor and accessories for each two-and-one-half autos of present capacity. Conversion of the idle five million per annum rate of auto capacity, therefore, will yield capacity for two million tractors.

At present costs of production, the two million tractors to be produced through initial conversion will cost \$40 billion. Congress will therefore make reappropriations, on a quarterly basis, from such sources as the Defense Department or the non-working-class tax base, of \$10 billion for the credit of the Department of Agriculture to defray current production costs of tractors.

These initial Phase One measures, by saving the spring planting, and getting the U.S. workers back on the job, will immediately lay the basis for turning around the widespread famine situations that prevail throughout the so-called developing countries, areas which have been earmarked by the Rockefeller brothers as bases for the genocidal policies of triage, as in the plague-ravaged Indian subcontinent. Congress must be forced to act now while we can still get the crops into the ground for the spring.

HOW TO BUILD FIVE MILLION TRACTORS A YEAR

Jan. 11 (IPS)--The National Caucus of Labor Committees Research and Development section has estimated, on the basis of information supplied by several engineers inside and outside the tractor industry itself, that the current rate of U.S. tractor production can be increased 20 times over--from 250,000 to five million units per year--within three to six months after auto plants begin to be converted to tractor production.

Tractor production can be immediately tripled without auto plant conversion, merely by using existing tractor production facilities to full capacity, the engineers said. By using existing unconverted auto-parts production facilities to "feed into" tractor production instead of auto production, tractor production can be increased by another 33 per cent.

Full conversion of auto plants themselves will take from three to six months, according to engineers who based their estimates on the length of time required to convert auto to tank production during World War II. Based on a capacity of 10 million autos produced in 1973, Labor Committee researchers estimate that conversion will produce some four million tractors per year.

Tools for the Working Class

Engineers from tractor companies and university agricultural engineering departments supplied this information to persons working

with the Fusion Energy Foundation and the Labor Committees as soon as they were shown the real dimensions of the ecological crisis and the basic competence of the working-class solution. Although almost all of them had been previously bludgeoned by Rockefeller propaganda into accepting one version or another of a "finite resources" world view, their social identity is clearly tied up with expanding production.

For example, in the majority of the discussions they asked such questions as "How do you expect to get around the ideology and backwardness of Third World populations?" When they were told that large numbers of such workers and their families were necessary labor power who will be imported to the advanced sector to become more rapidly educated and assimilated into an industrial society, the engineers did not object; they just gulped.

In one instance, an engineer whose solution to humanity's predicament was "back to the small farm" was briefed on the feasibility of fusion power production; he immediately understood that he was no longer condemned to a world of band-aid solutions to impossible problems and started talking. Another engineer, who responded to a fusion power briefing by sneering "What do you want to do, build an atomic tractor?", began discussing tractor production seriously when he was told "Well, we might want to consider hydrogen tractors like those used in North Africa during World War II."

One of the few tractor experts who questioned the rapid feasibility of auto-tractor conversion was Fred Lamp, director of marketing for the Ford Tractor Division. "The U.S. and Europe are already up to full agricultural production, and Ford is producing all the tractors we can," he claimed. "It would take a year and a half to two years to convert auto engine production to tractor engine production."

To prove it, Lamp called in an expert on "timing," who promptly told him a new tractor assembly plant could be built from the ground up in only 14 months. He added that existing engine production could be doubled just by adding a second shift to the workforce.

Isolating the Bottlenecks

In discussions like these, Labor Committee Research and Development also began to isolate the real bottlenecks in the conversion process and to find solutions. The possible problem with engines, for instance, should be solved by the military, which is planning to increase tank engine production. All that is required is that the working class demand this production capacity be used for tractors instead.

Another problem is directly caused by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has collaborated with U.S. Steel to shut

down plants in Gary, Ind. supposedly for violating pollution standards. According to one engineer, this has put grey iron casting required for tractor production six months behind schedule. Workers must also organize to stop this sabotage.

An essential problem arises from the different requirements of auto and tractor production. Autos use light-weight engines, a light-pressed frame, and an intricately-pressed body. Tractors require cast iron and heavier sheets of steel; the additional weight is necessary for increased traction and durability. Because the equipment in auto assembly plants cannot handle the heavier tractor components, auto assembly plant production lines will probably have to be totally rebuilt.

Additionally, some portion of the steel industry will have to be converted, in what initial reports indicate is a relatively minor operation, to the production of the heavier metal. Unconverted light-duty steel production facilities can be used to produce agricultural implements; for example, plastic trim plants can be converted to produce plastic tubing for agricultural irrigation.

Other important "shortages" which must be remedied are those of heavy-duty tires and of bearings.

These initial estimates are predicated on current basic tractor design. Tractor quality can be improved according to such specifications simply and immediately by upgrading the quality of the materials and engineering that goes into production.

How far and how soon fundamental innovations in the production process are made depends on such factors as delay in production time and the availability of the capital requirements. For example, an alternative gear manufacturing process is already available which would vastly increase tractor durability, but its large capital cost and the additional retooling time may render it unsuitable right now.

As soon as the Research and Development unit in New York City gets a more detailed picture of tractor production requirements, it will be circulated in the working class--so that workers can help to "marry" them with existing auto plant design.

USDA COVERS UP AGRICULTURAL DISASTER IN LAKE STATES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11 (IPS)--After serving as the bankers' hatchetman in eliminating the bulk of low-interest loans, disaster assistance, and other farm production support programs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has launched one of the most criminal coverup operations in history.

At the point that dairy farming across the country is going under, the U.S. Department of Agriculture proclaims in a one-page review of 1974 Financial Conditions and Outlook for 1975 for the Lake States in their December "Agricultural Finance Outlook": "Prospects for farm income are better for 1975." "Dairy enterprises are the most important in the region, providing about one-fourth of agricultural income," they continue and "dairy producers' net incomes should be up a bit with receipts rising more than costs."

As for 1974 the USDA comments: "Cash grain farmers were in good financial condition, except for some weather stricken areas. ...incomes of dairy producers were hurt in the summer by the sharp drop in milk prices but prices began to improve in the third quarter."

The Lake States--Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan--are major producers of dairy products and among the top ten in grain production.

The Real Story

The real story is otherwise. First-hand descriptions of the farming situation in Minnesota from authoritative sources who live and work in agriculture there give a good indication of the crisis at hand.

*For years Minnesota's dairy unit numbers have been stable at about 118,000. Minnesota is the nation's major source of manufactured dairy products. Between June 30, 1973 and June 30, 1974, by official census, 3,188 of those operations were lost. The State Agricultural Commissioner's office anticipates that the January census count will show a drastic absolute decline in dairy operations for the first time in 35 years.

Witnesses describe the reality behind those figures as a "totally unprecedented phenomenon--the state is covered with auction posters!"

*As of Dec. 1, the volume of crop loss in Minnesota was "re-evaluated" to show that losses were double what had been assumed. Farmers lost \$1.5 billion in field crops alone! In August it had been estimated that 160 million bushels of corn had been lost; by December corn losses were "readjusted" to 190 million bushels, or \$545 million at mid-November prices.

*At the same time, emergency disaster assistance--the singular means by which grain farmers would recoup their losses enough to be able to continue with this year's planting--is non-existent.

*Sources in the State Agriculture Department report a large and rising volume daily of frantic calls, pleas, and appeals from absolutely desperate farmers who can get no credit.

These same sources asserted that it was impossible to make any firm prediction on the spring planting and equated such predictions with a gambling game. "We won't know until we get there," one source concluded. "Unless something is done we will see a wholesale exodus of farmers from the land."

So much for the USDA's deadly game of blind-man's bluff.

FERTILIZER SABOTAGE THREATENS SPRING PLANTING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 12 (IPS)--The natural gas hoax currently orchestrated by the Federal Power Commission immediately threatens the supply of fertilizer upon which the next crop depends. Natural gas is the key feedstock in the production of nitrogen fertilizer.

Calling for emergency mandatory conservation measures, as a direct result of the deliberate three per cent reduction in natural gas production in 1974, the FPC is unilaterally cutting natural gas supplies to industrial users--especially fertilizer producers.

At the U.S. Steel's Agri-Chemicals plant in Cherokee, Ala., production of nitrogen fertilizer has been cut by 70 per cent, according to recent reports in the agribusiness weekly Feedstuffs. The cut stems from an FPC ruling which issued a final order cutting the plant's supply of natural gas.

According to spokesmen for Agri-Chemicals, the potential loss in grain production is more than 500,000 bushels of corn for each day the curtailment continues.

CIA ADMINISTRATION LEADS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Jan. 11 (IPS)--CIA agent John A. Hannah has been chosen acting chief of staff for the World Food Council. The Council was set up by the Rockefellers at the UN World Food Conference in Rome last November to create mechanisms for world food control.

Hannah's qualifications for the post include a stint as head of the Agency for International Development (AID), the 1960s CIA operation in Latin America responsible for establishing the political and social infrastructure required for the Rockefellers to carry out advanced looting of the Latin American working class in the 1970s.

His new job will be to establish a similar international operation enabling the Rockefellers to use food as a weapon of class war--starving out those sectors of the working class who refuse to comply with the Rockefellers' orders.

The political content of Hannah's appointment was laid out bluntly last fall by zero-growth professor Garrett Hardin before a Congressional subcommittee on Environment chaired by Rep. John Dingell (D.-Mich.). Hardin testified as follows:

"As a guide to action, I suggest no truth about population is more basic than what I call Gregg's Law:

"'You can't cure a cancer by feeding it.'

"Experience shows that extra food will be converted into more babies.

"Is it not possible to create a Federal Food Reserve System in such a way that its governors are immune to political pressures? The strongest pressure...would be...sentimental. Starvation any place in the world would be used as an excuse for a raid on the bank. But there has always been starvation someplace in the world....since food makes the cancer of overpopulation worse, food should never be used for this purpose. Let us not forget Gregg's Law.

"Progress in lowering the rate of population increase should be the essential condition for receiving food. Eviction of three-child families...polygamy...abortion...infanticide...these are only a few of the possibilities."

According to the subcommittee's counsel, Frank Potter, Hardin's testimony was light compared to the heavy discussions among the witnesses and staff--over lunch.

WEST GERMANS DEMAND UPGRADED MILITARY

WEISBADEN, WEST GERMANY, Jan. 11 (IPS)--Right-wing and formerly liberal members of West Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Parliamentary opposition party opened up a campaign this week to force a massive increase in West German military spending.

CDU propaganda on this issue reached a new level of hysteria today when the ultra-conservative capitalist daily, Die Welt, laid out in black and white the international political consequences of a West German move in this direction. Die Welt writes: "As long as the present government keeps up billions worth of credits to the Eastern bloc, it cannot sell us the argument that there is no more money available for defense."

The cold war escalation coincides with a diplomatic venture by neo-fascist Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, intended to intensify panic in the Soviet Union. Today, Strauss departed for consultations with the hysterically anti-Russian Red Chinese, demanding that "the East Policy must be extended beyond Moscow." At the last moment, Strauss also let it be known that he will make a stop-over in the CIA's fortification in the Middle East, Iran.

Change of Government

The CDU's military spending propaganda has been coupled with increasingly brazen claims by its leadership that it will soon be entering the national government, now controlled by a paralyzed coalition of Social Democrats and Free Democrats.

The CDU military spokesman Woerner, generally reputed to be a party moderate, announced in a widely publicized speech Jan. 8, "If the CDU were to take responsibility for governing, it would strengthen the military and increase its financial expenditures."

The next day, the once-liberal CDU chairman, Helmut Kohl, made the campaign official at a party conference on the theme of "security policy," attended by small industrialists. In an atmosphere of intense anti-communism, Kohl demanded a "continually increasing" military budget, and the allocation of a "key roll" to West Germany in military affairs.

West German diplomatic circles in the U.S. have expressed dismay at the CDU's endorsement of military spending as their solution to the depression, explicitly defining this as wasteful and provocative to the Soviet Union. The same circles have pinpointed CDU'ers Carl Carstens and Gerhard Schroeder as the key manipulators behind the sudden policy initiatives. Carstens, in his capacity as a member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Auswaertige Politik, the German equivalent to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, has long-term connections to the American CIA and NATO.

Schroeder was Defense Minister under the emergency Grand Coalition government of all political parties during the recession and political crisis of the late 1960s.

U.S. and West German government officials similarly recognize that in order to implement military expansion in Europe, the CDU must lead or at least participate in the West German government. Speculations on how this will happen range from a complete collapse of the present coalition, to an invitation to the CDU to join in a new Grand Coalition after state elections in the industrial heartland this May in the Ruhr region. A spokesman for the U.S. military greeted this growing possibility for the CDU to assume governmental power: "From our point of view, we need all the help we can get... When we see we can get it, then fine."

FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY GUTS SP AND LAUNCHES ORGANIZING DRIVE

Jan. 11 (IPS)--Spearheading the West European Communist Parties drive leftward, the French Communist Party (PCF) has declared all out warfare against the CIA-controlled Socialist Party (SP). The PCF has launched a three-pronged attack to halt the SP's pro-Rockefeller austerity drive and gut its internal organization. In addition to continuing its polemic against the figure of SP leader and CIA agent Francois Mitterand, The PCF is consolidating its working class base and preparing its cadre for hand-to-hand combat on the regional and local level.

Symptomatic of the determination behind the PCF's offensive is that right-wing PCF General Secretary Georges Marchais has been forced, under pressure, to become the most militant spokesman for the left-wing tendency of Politburo members Rolland Leroy and Jean Kanapa. The fact that Marchais is now attacking SP leader Mitterand--an unheard of tactic in recent French left politics, by name, has sent Mitterand scurrying into the shadows, pitifully declaring that he can't understand what the PCF is making such a fuss about.

Marchais in a Jan. 7 radio broadcast was equally firm. "Mitterand is still acting as though there were no problems... And I say, he's covering them up, that's all." Mitterand is vainly trying to cover up his Rockefeller script as the most vocal spokesman for Rockefeller's austerity policies. He has not hesitated to allow the SP to ally with local right wingers against PCF candidates on the local level, in an outright breach of the Union of the Left agreement which was signed years ago and which until recently had guaranteed the PCF's submission to the SP.

Marchais has retorted that the PCF is responsible for breaking the Union because of its aggressive attitude: "Unity in itself doesn't mean a thing... What is in question today is precisely: unity to do what?"

Pulling Off Cover

Marchais' broadside attacks on the now discredited Mitterrand are being carried out militarily on the local level of party machine politics in France. In upwards of ten areas the PCF has, as the right-wing daily *Le Nouveau Journal* recently put it, shoved the SP "up against the wall" for its practice of alliances with the right and especially its attempts to pass austerity budgets in regional councils where the left is hegemonic. As part of its overall cost-cutting drive, the government has been trying to "decentralize" expenses through progressive regionalization policies which simply amount to increasing taxes on workers on the regional level. The SP has been pushing the same policy and running into heavy PCF resistance.

In Nancy, in the northeast, the Meurthe-et-Moselle federation of the SP was pressured by the PCF to demand that its members resign from the centrist-run municipal council. In a display of complete impotence, two of the SP'ers decided to drop out of their party in order to keep their seats in those warm leather armchairs in the council. In Chauvigny where the right-wing majority of the municipal council supported a SP candidate instead of presenting its own, the PCF demanded that the Socialist resign from the race. As a result of the latter's refusal, the PCF candidate's vote increased by 8 per cent between the two rounds.

In Lille, SP Mayor Pierre Mauroy is refusing to give the PCF representation in the socialist-dominated municipal council despite the 1972 agreement. While this feud has been simmering for years, the PCF demanded a few days ago in no uncertain terms that "as of this week" it be included in the council. Gustave Ansart, head of the PCF's powerful North Federation recently blasted the SP for being "dominated by its electoral alliance with the right."

Working Class Consolidation

The PCF's moves to pull the rug out from under this agent-ridden party are accompanied by an aggressive campaign to consolidate its base in the working class. Central Committee member Laurent Salini, hammering the point home in the Jan. 7 issue of the PCF daily, *L'Humanité*, stressed that the PCF is the "class party, the revolutionary party, the vanguard party" while the PCF weekly, *France Nouvelle*, launched a drive to recruit trade union members who recognize that "a more influential CP is truly the security of the working class."

The turn of events has not gone unnoticed by the capitalist press. Pro-Rockefeller editorialist in *Le Figaro*, Xavier Marchetti, noted with concern Jan.6 that the only area of political uncertainty in France has become the left, where "local tensions" between the PCF and SP could lead to a complete rupture. All hell can be expected to break loose at the SP Congress at the end of the month as pressure continues to build.

LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN STALLS CIA/MURPHY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 11 (IPS)-- When the 94th Congress convenes on Jan. 13, the U.S. Labor Party will greet it with a "Brief to Congress on the Commission on the Organization of Government for Conduct of Foreign Policy (the Murphy Commission)," released today by IPS. The Murphy Commission Brief details Nelson Rockefeller's attempt to use the current contrived scandal around the CIA as a pretext to consolidate the U.S. government into a satrapy for his supranational Trilateral Commission.

Agressive Labor Party exposure of this long-in-the-making Rockefeller move has broken the CIA's hold on the press and the controlled environment which was prepared for Congress. Labor Party organizers informed their local Congressmen that Congress itself was the immediate target of the CIA exposure and the Murphy operation. The response indicated that Congress may yet be alive as a forum and a tool for the working class.

Several Congressmen have arranged for personal meetings with the LP, either in Washington, D.C. or when they next return to their districts, and almost every Congressman or district office contacted agreed to purchase the Murphy Commission brief. Aides in the offices of several Chicago representatives (where the LP is currently campaigning for municipal offices) and in the office of Rep. Ron Dellums (D.-Calif.) immediately called their Washington offices to pass the information on to the Congressmen. Representatives Thomas Railsback (R.-Ill.) and Mario Biaggi (R.-N.Y.) asked to meet with U.S. Labor Party representatives. Every Congressman contacted, aware of the deep Labor Party penetration in his or her district, had a similarly agitated, yet interested response.

For over a week, press circles have been equally agitated around the LP's information on the Murphy Commission. By Jan. 8, the furor created around the Murphy story, forced CIA-gutter columnist Jack Anderson to "leak" a portion of the Murphy Commission document ("The Future World Environment") which had been handed to him by the Labor Party several days previously. Anderson, who did not name his source, printed one section of the document, totally meaningless in itself, and ignored the quotes which outlined the Commission's demand that the United States "cede national sovereignty to international entities which alone will be able to make and monitor the necessary decisions..." The Anderson "analysis" was picked up internationally by the major wire services and given significant coverage throughout the country.

ICLC STALLS WAR OF THE PACIFIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (IPS)--International Caucus of Labor Committees' exposure of the Rockefeller plan to concoct a Mideast-type war between Peru and Chile has forced Rockefeller strategists to postpone their war-mongering. Extensive briefings to all sides of the pre-fabricated conflict and to the press have seriously

altered the odds against Rockefeller's rigged game, causing him to back down.

Peru's foreign minister Angel de la Flor reflected the impact of these briefings when, according to today's Washington Post, he told the press that the rumors of war all seemed to originate from newspaper stories in Washington which cited U.S. intelligence sources. "There were clear intentions at work there," he said, adding that the tensions were instigated "from the outside."

The Washington Post notes: "The tensions have eased." Peruvian officials returning to their offices after vacation report that the yellow-journalism war hysteria "suddenly" died down after mid-December, which was precisely the period the Labor Committees began the propaganda barrage as well as a flood of calls to top Rockefeller operatives themselves to let them know that the working class is not about to be fooled by a War of the Pacific hoax.

Rocky needs the cover of a war to make necessary internal and regional political and military shufflings to facilitate petrodollar recycling into labor-intensive "development" projects in the Southern Cone of South America.

SHAH BOLSTERS SADAT TO SAVE CIA'S MIDEAST ALLIANCE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11 (IPS)--The CIA's Shah of Iran today completed a salvage mission to the beleaguered regime of Egypt's President Sadat. Amid much press fanfare the Shah offered \$850 million in economic contracts to bolster the devastated Egyptian economy. Following his transfer of 20 American-made warplanes to Jordan earlier this week, the Shah reportedly discussed large-scale arms aid to Egypt and enhanced military coordination between the two countries.

This advancement of the CIA's rapidly progressing rightward turn in the Middle East represents a frantic attempt to recoup the losses incurred by the cancellation of the Brezhnev visit to Cairo. According to the NATO-connected West German newspaper Die Welt, the Shah's intention of constructing a Mideast-wide, anti-Soviet "federation of moderates" based on Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt, and also involving Lebanon, Kuwait, and Israel, is totally dependent upon the situation in Cairo. Curtly emphasizing this point, Die Welt continued: "If Sadat makes the breakthrough to a peace solution [in bilateral peace negotiations with Israel--ed.], then the path is free; if he fails, and thereby is toppled, a wave of radicalization would flood the Arabian world, before which Iran also would not be secure."

Extending his generosity into other quarters, the Shah suddenly announced an offer to supply Israel with all its oil needs if it returns the disputed Abu Rodeis oil fields in Sinai to Egypt,

as part of an overall "peace settlement" in the Middle East. This offer was made through U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, according to the Beirut newspaper, Al-Hawadess. Hailing the Shah's Middle East organizing initiatives, the Israeli newspaper Al Hamishmar commented hopefully that they "should have a moderating effect on Soviet influence and strengthen the political option in the region."

What particularly agitates the CIA's scribes is that offensive rumblings within the Soviet bloc presage a complete upset of the carefully prepared Middle East controlled environment. The growing possibility of the integration of pro-socialist Iraq into the Warsaw Pact military alliance by itself throws a chink into the CIA's bold-faced extension of NATO and CENTO into the Arab Middle East. Two contending military blocs represent a stand-off, opening up the whole area for socialist political organizing. The CIA has thus reduced the strategy to timing and bluff: a rapid military consolidation is intended to intimidate the Soviets into tactically disastrous hesitation.

East Bloc Hits Iran, Kurds

The international Communist press has shown signs that Moscow may be ready to call the CIA's bluff in the Middle East. The West German Communist daily, *Unsere Zeit*, today issued a scathing attack on the CIA-backed revolt of Kurdish tribesmen in Soviet-allied, pro-socialist Iraq. At the same time, the Danish Communist Party's newspaper, *Land Og Folk*, published an expose of the Shah's political police, SAVAK, linking them to the Kurdish rebellion and to the CIA and the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence operation.

In a lame attempt to counterorganize against a possible Soviet Middle East political offensive based from Iraq, the CIA's regional stooges are soft peddling their usually strong anti-Iraq propaganda from Cairo and Teheran. Before leaving for Cairo, the Shah magnanimously renounced any intention to set up a Kurdish state, a meaningless gesture that was hailed in the bourgeois press as a conciliatory move toward Iraq. And Sadat, for his part, is rumored to be visiting Baghdad at the end of the month to "mediate" the Iran-Iraq dispute! Such hypocritical friendliness by the agent regimes in Iran and Egypt toward Iraq can be seen only as an attempt to drive a wedge between Baghdad and Moscow.

Sadat's Insecurity to Spread?

From this standpoint, the wobbly Sadat regime is a major liability for the Rockefeller forces. Temporarily stripped of its left cover and increasingly the target of internal unrest as the Egyptian economy deteriorates, Egypt hardly makes a strong "moderate" ally of the Shah. For now, Rockefeller strategists hope that simple transfusions of money will bolster the situation. The alternative is to replace Sadat with a "liberal" regime, a plan whose shockwaves would extend throughout the CIA regimes of the Middle East, not excluding the Shahanshah's domain itself.

As emphasized in recent issues of IPS, the Shah's bastion is by no means secure. There is growing internal restlessness as Middle East development projects stall. And the firmed-up Soviet alliance with Iraq has helped intensify international working-class perception of the Shah as a brutal fascist tyrant. By saving Sadat, the Shah is really protecting his own hide.

Arms Deals, Fighting Escalates

While the Shah met with Sadat, his armies significantly increased the level of fighting against the pro-Iraq rebel forces in the medieval kingdom of Oman. A communique from the Popular Liberation Front of Oman reported that 10,000 Iranian troops have launched a "wide-scale offensive," a "brutal operation of vengeance that surpassed all previous operations in ferocity."

The Shah's prestige as an anti-Soviet policeman is intimately tied up with this savage war, itself largely a combat training operation for the Iranian army. To underscore this morale-boosting effort, Nelson Rockefeller and Defense madman James Schlesinger personally entertained the Sultan of Oman at a Jan. 10 Washington dinner.

To underscore the CIA's Middle East NATO/CENTO consolidation, the United States completed earlier this week a \$750 million arms deal for "several squadrons" of F-5E warplanes with the violently anti-communist King Faisal of Saudi Arabia. London's Daily Express reported Jan. 8 that Cairo and London are soon to announce a huge arms deal involving offensive weapons and assistance for Egypt to substitute for the Soviet refusal to arm the Egyptians. The deal will be financed by Faisal. In addition, the Swedish firm Saab-Scania, manufacturers of the Viggen supersonic fighter plane, were forced to deny reports circulated in a Middle East monthly magazine that a major deal had been arranged with the Saudis.

FASCIST STEP-UP IN MEXICO: ECHEVERRIA TRIES TO CLEAR HIMSELF

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11 (IPS)--In an escalation of right-wing terror, gangs of fascist thugs, commonly known as "porras," assaulted and robbed students and leftists this week at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and a nearby high school. An environment of terror is beginning to be created at the UNAM which has already driven most of the organized left into temporary hiding--with the exception of the Latin American Labor Committees. The Labor Committees are organizing to expose the Mexican President Luis Echeverria, who effectively controls the porras.

In mid-December, a leftist university professor was shot by unidentified "porristas," for no apparent reason. Two days ago a

gang of 12 such armed thugs held up and robbed a bus within the UNAM campus. Since then there have been at least two assaults by porras at the "Vocacional 5" high school--while police who were present simply looked the other way. Furthermore, rumors are flying around the university that it was the gangs who opened fire on a group of assembled leftists three days ago.

Earlier in the week, Latin American Labor Committee members learned of Echeverria's real intentions in activating the porras --from a leader of one such porra. After informing us that beginning in January 1975 a counterinsurgency campaign directed by the government would be intensified, the porrista said that the goal of this escalation would be "to create the chaos...that the government needs."

The reign of terror is being built up further directly by the military, which has planned an all-out offensive against the drug traffic--much of which the military itself runs. In Guadalajara, the second largest city in the country, the army rounded up 100 people Dec. 30 and charged them with "vagrancy." The reason given for this unprovoked roundup was that it was a measure "to protect tourists."

And the Left?

Aside from the International Caucus of Labor Committees' international campaign to expose Echeverria's police state, there has been virtually no organized response from the Mexican left. The Communist Party (PCM), in particular, has by and large backed off from exposing the real authors of this increasing Chileanization of Mexico: fascist Echeverria and the CIA-directed military/police apparatus that he is currently administering. The highest point of the PCM's polemic came in an uncharacteristically strong speech given by PCM Central Committee member Gerardo Unzueta at the funeral of assassinated Communist Party member Hilario Moreno. He correctly called the situation in Mexico a "provocation," and stated that "political liberty [and] the future of the Mexican people and of democracy in Mexico [depend on] our ability to stop the provocation."

Echeverria's Cover

In the wake of the assassination of Moreno and the orchestrated upturn in porra activity, Echeverria has attempted to maintain his "democratic face" by trying to blame the Moreno murder on his political opponents and scapegoat lower police officials. The Mexican Attorney General, Echeverria man Pedro Ojeda Paullada, announced today that Echeverria has ordered an "intensive investigation" of the Moreno case. This investigation could readily be used to watergate Echeverria's opponents--as he did with his June 10, 1971 massacre of students by similar military-trained porras.

All of this is occurring during the extremely heated political maneuvering around the issue of the presidential succession. While

one magazine, Sucesos, has run four consecutive issues calling for the changing of the Mexican Constitution to allow for Echeverria's reelection, a number of polls on the potential candidates have been taken--for the first time in recent political history--in order to heighten the political tension.

The "democratic" speculation and squabbling around the nomination can go only so far. It is the Mexican military-police machine, in the final analysis, which is the linchpin of the CIA's control of Mexico. It is they who will play the deciding role in the appointment of the next Rockefeller puppet for Mexico.

GREEK NATO REGIME ATTEMPTS 'ALIGNMENT' WITH EAST BLOC

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11 (IPS)--Post-junta Greece, the CIA's prime example of Rockefeller's fascism with a democratic face, is polishing up its tarnished image as an "independent" regime in preparation for playing a part in the Rockefeller assault on Eastern Europe. Setting the stage for this Cold War offensive, the international CIA press has given wide publicity to the Greek regime's foreign policy of "minimal alignment with the West," which according to the French daily Le Monde "assures greater collaboration with the Balkan and Arab countries."

Along with praise for Konstantin Karamanlis for his phony break with NATO after the Cyprus crisis of last summer, the press is also exalting the new "democratic freedoms" graciously bestowed by Athens onto the Greek working class, politically brainwashed after seven tortuous years under the junta. Both the so-called liberalization and the left turn are a sham, however, designed to facilitate the CIA's use of Greece as a vehicle for subverting Eastern Europe, thus forcing Soviet acceptance of the new NATO order in the Mediterranean.

Phony Soviet Ally on Cyprus

Using the NATO-rigged "Cyprus crisis" as a lever, the Karamanlis government has made a series of overtures to the Balkan and European Soviet bloc countries. In a meeting with the Greek Foreign Minister, Yugoslav President Tito extended his personal invitation to Karamanlis. In addition, the Turkish occupation of Cyprus has provided the setting for Karamanlis to appear as the spokesman for "self-determination" on the island--a policy which just happens to coincide with official Soviet policy in the eastern Mediterranean.

To this effect rumors were circulated in the Greek and Cypriot press that Archbishop Makarios, the former Cypriot President, was planning to go to the Soviet Union to receive support and backing for the common policies established between himself and the Greek Premier.

The credibility of these maneuvers however depend on Karamanlis' ability to convince the Soviets that Greece is indeed abandoning NATO. The Greek withdrawal from NATO has turned out to be such a hoax that it cannot even be hidden from the average reader of the bourgeois press, let alone Soviet military intelligence. The U.S. military bases and the nuclear weaponry aimed at the socialist countries all remain intact under NATO command. Absolutely nothing has been withdrawn. To cover up for these facts Karamanlis has stated that at least "Greece will be neutral in case of war in the Mideast."

Verbiage of this sort seemed to be fooling the Soviets several months ago, when they too were praising the progressive character of the Karamanlis regime, but does not seem to be working any longer. Though several exchanges have taken place with Soviet countries, almost all have been limited to trade cooperation. The "big breakthrough" of winning uncritical Soviet support for the "progressive" anti-NATO charades in Athens has not been accomplished.

Despite the meager results, Rockefeller has not yet given up on his Mediterranean experiment. Loans have poured into Greece during the last few months to prevent the economy from collapsing altogether. The EEC, the IMF, the Oil Facility Fund have all come to the aid of Karamanlis to keep the decrepit Athens regime alive --at least temporarily.

Democrat Karamanlis Wants Fascist Laws

Rockefeller's plastic surgery on Karamanlis, which transformed the old fascist to a rejuvenated democrat, has already been shrivelled by the scandalous constitution which Karamanlis has proposed for adoption. Under the new constitution the President will have full emergency powers to disband by decree any political party whose activities "subvert the constitution." All strikes "with political motivation" are forbidden. These two clauses are aimed directly at the pro-Soviet Communist Party (KKE), which now has the choice of remaining a loyal, gagged opposition party, or of facing persecution if it dares to organize mass political strikes.

Keeping the Communist Party in this controlled situation is essential for maintaining a democratic facade. Till now, the small KKE has refrained from exposing the CIA-NATO. While Karamanlis keeps the KKE on a political leash, he is at the same time offering a few concessions, including a new willingness to discuss the repatriation of tens of thousands of Greek civil war exiles who live in the East bloc.

POLICE PROVOCATEURS ATTEMPT DISRUPTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT LINES

Jan. 11 (IPS)--The police-controlled Maoist Revolutionary Union (RU) was resurrected this week to disrupt Labor Party organizing at unemployment centers and to provoke incidents on the lines which could be used as excuses for police attacks on the unemployed.

The RU, a collection of gutter trash already destroyed by a series of articles in New Solidarity last summer exposing its CIA origins and activities, managed to scrape together enough goons to attempt provocations at unemployment centers in Buffalo and Trenton. The CIA's attempt to revive the RU now, when tens of thousands of U.S. workers are being laid off daily, shows how nervous Rockefeller operatives are about the explosive political potential of unemployed workers armed with the Labor Party program.

Yesterday when Labor Party organizers arrived at the Trenton Unemployment Center, the manager told them he had received a phone call indicating that the RU was planning a physical assault against Labor Party members that day. When ten RUsers showed up with brass knuckles and spikes, USLP organizers left the scene. One angry unemployed worker immediately followed the RUsers into a nearby restaurant where they boasted to him how they planned to "get the Labor Party." The worker took this information to the Trenton Police and demanded that they lock the RUsers up.

Similar provocations by RU thugs occurred every day last week at the Buffalo Unemployment Center. In Buffalo, the RU is made up largely of brainwashed zombies from the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier under the control of Tom Buchanan, whose activities as a police agent date back to the mid-1960s.

In response to demands from workers around the country, the Labor Committees are preparing the necessary intelligence to complete the process of turning these psychotics into vegetables whose activities can no longer interfere with the building of a working class political machine.

CESAR CHAVEZ RUNS BORDER GESTAPO IN ARIZONA

NEW YORK, Jan. 11-- Under the leadership of racist Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers (UFW) union has been for at least the last three months - running its own border patrol gestapo along a 125-mile stretch of southwestern Arizona border to "keep out illegal aliens." The official UFW cover for this operation is the protection of striking UFW lemon pickers in Yuma, Arizona

from scabs from south of the border.

UFW sources claim that the group has set up an "educationally oriented" tent city in Yuma to process illegal Mexicans. If Mexican workers crossing the border are going to scab, says the UFW, they are promptly chased back into Mexico; if they can be "educated" not to scab, they are helped with papers and deployed to jobs at nonstriking UFW locals.

An article titled "Guards Stop Illegal Entry" published in the Washington Post early in October, indicates the full extent of this supposedly innocent "educational" operation to "dissuade potential scabs."

The border patrol, formed on express orders from Chavez, includes car patrols criss-crossing the area to "intercept alien traffic," with rented helicopters and light aircraft circling overhead to pinpoint any "suspicious movements." In all, more than 500 UFW personnel and supporters were reported to be deployed for this operation.

A similar UFW border patrol has been deployed in California to help the U.S. Immigration Service find and deport Mexicans crossing the border, under the slogan "a scab is a scab."

Once these desperate, unemployed Mexican workers are herded back over the border by Chavez's border guards, they face slave labor jobs in the new development project of Rockefeller's puppet ruler, Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

JOBERT TO FORM MOVEMENT FOR DEINDUSTRIALIZATION, FASCIST AUSTERITY

Jan. 10 (IPS)-- Signalling the formation of a grass roots fascist movement, one thousand delegates from local support committees will meet in France March 15 for the founding of the Movement of Democrats around former Foreign Affairs Minister Michel Jobert.

Jobert, a potential opponent to the beginning stages of the Rockefeller cabal's onslaught against Europe, has been quietly touring France in the last few months picking up handfuls of supporters from Gaullist party (UDR) circles. Jobert is directly appealing to increasingly impoverished small businessmen, and Gaullists who have been attracted to Jobert's emerging movement on the basis of his self-righteous stand against "foreign domination."

The untarnished, "pure French" reputation which Jobert has acquired goes only skin deep. While Jobert can always be counted on to be the first to let out a howl when the government makes an overt move towards alignment with U.S. agencies, he openly advocates the full gamut of Rockefeller's austerity policies!

Last November in the pages of the daily, Le Monde, Jobert called for rigorous cut-backs in energy consumption, reconversion of industry towards exports to Third World slave-labor projects, and "industrial decentralization down to the smallest towns"- all wrapped up in a nationalist package.

The core of Jobert's recycling program was made explicit four days ago with the release of a study commissioned by Jobert's associate Jean Charbonnel while he was Minister of Industry. The study, "Factories in the Country," is a version of the policies laid out by Rockefeller's think-tank, the Hudson Institute, for deindustrializing France into a vast farmland with small labor-intensive sweatshops scattered across the country.

The report argues that the maintenance of industrial urban centers creates the conditions for working class self-defense organizing. On the contrary, rural manpower is "socially more calm" and characterized by "a more robust health, a professional conscience and an ardor at work" which make them capable of withstanding the brutal rates of speedup now being imposed.

EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY KICKS OFF UNITED FRONT RECONVERSION DRIVE

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, Jan. 10 (IPS) -- The European Labor Party's electoral campaign for federal state legislature in West Germany's industrial heartland state of North Rhine-Westphalia was kicked

off yesterday with well-attended press conferences in Dusseldorf and in Bonn, the West German capital. European Labor Party (EAP) candidates, Ortrun Hoefinghoff and Wolfgang Lemmen, laid out their proposal for a united front Europe-wide to implement a reconstruction program of immediate fusion power development and the conversion of Europe's depression wracked auto and machinery industries to desperately needed production of agricultural machinery.

Because of the European Labor Committee's snowballing influence across the continent, every major West German news service and network came to the Bonn press conference. Present were reporters from the right-wing Springer press empire, the Social Democratic Party's press service, (PPP), Radio Bremen, the country's leading wire service, DPA, and a number of other news outlets. Indicating the international as well as national significance of the European Labour Party's campaign, both the Soviet news service, and Associated Press attended.

Rocky's Alternative

Unemployment in West Germany is now approximately 950,000 according to official figures. In the coming weeks numerous major automobile plants are expected to close down totally, pushing the unemployment figure well over one million. There are already strong indications, however, that large sectors of this idle capacity are slated to be converted into profitable but socially useless military production.

EAP candidates laid out the only sane alternative to mass unemployment and military waste in West Germany and across Europe: all idle capacity must be rapidly converted for the production of tractors, trucks, and other essentials instead of tanks. Using the state of North Rhine-Westphalia as an example, they stated: "The implementation of new models in the auto industry within a short time, as well as the example of Krupp in the 1930's, shows that this conversion is feasible."

Underlining the grim future of European auto workers if mass based organizations do not immediately organize around the EAP program, Volkswagen announced yesterday the appointment of Toni Schmuecker to the chairmanship of the firm's supervisory board. Schmuecker's previous assignment was the rationalization of the workforce of the Thyssen-Rheinstahl steel works, where 1,000 jobs were erased.

Earlier, while working at the Hanomag works in Hannover, Schmuecker reduced the workforce by 10,000 workers under the motto "blood and tears." Even before "shrinkage expert" Schmuecker appeared on the scene, 100,000 of VW's 115,000 employers were forced to take a one-week "vacation" at the beginning of this year.

Commenting on his appointment at VW, Schmuecker said, "You know my qualifications, so you can draw the conclusions for yourself."

East-West Cooperation

The second major programmatic point for the EAP's election campaign is a crash program for the development of nuclear fusion power, through close cooperation between the Western countries and the Soviet bloc. Together with the reconversion program, this would give the working class the necessary ammunition to overcome world starvation and ecological holocaust.

Such a program, the EAP candidates emphasized can be implemented only by an international united front of all mass-based workers organizations in Europe, including Communist and Socialist Parties as well as trade unions. The EAP, therefore, is not organizing in competition with the existing workers' organizations but rather as a catalytic factor in the formation of the united front. In the North Rhine-Westphalia elections, the EAP will support selected pro-working class Communist and Social Democratic candidates, while intensifying its campaign against the CIA-controlled "sewer faction" heading the worker-based Social Democratic Party.

LABOR PARTY DISRUPTS LEAA PROFILING

Jan. 10 (IPS) -- The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's planned psychological profile of at least 125,000 U.S. households, scheduled for next week, has already been disrupted by the Labor Party exposure of this domestic CIA operation.

Meanwhile the official responsible for the "integrity" of the survey has further fueled the disruption of the mass-scale profiling operation by publicly admitting his role in previous illegal CIA profiling of U.S. citizens.

As reported last week, the U.S. Census Bureau is sending trained interviewers to tens of thousands of U.S. households to determine the psychological weaknesses and fears of residents around the question of crime. The results of this "National Crime Survey" will be turned over directly to the LEAA, the CIA's domestic police arm. The U.S. Labor Party advises that no one should submit to this "voluntary" preparation for brainwashing.

IPS visited a training session being held for the LEAA's psychological profilers at New York's Pace University earlier this week. Most of the survey's employees, hired on a temporary basis, stated that they were desperate for jobs and would other-

wise not accept what they knew to be "illegal," "fascist," and "unethical" work, as they called it, indicating the initial effects of the Labor Party expose. The survey employees had been cautioned not to mention the LEAA during the interviews, for fear of angry working-class response.

True Confessions

Supposedly the LEAA is to receive only statistical information from the survey, without the names and addresses of respondents. But should the LEAA illegally receive such information, or otherwise utilize the survey in an unauthorized manner, the official in charge of investigating such malfeasance is LEAA Acting Inspector General James Divine.

Unfortunately for his own credibility, Divine confessed to the New York Times yesterday that he personally turned over to the CIA the names of over 10,000 U.S. citizens who had been spied on by the secret Domestic Intelligence unit Divine headed up inside the Justice Department, prior to his reassignment to the LEAA.

In a telephone interview this morning, LEAA spokesman Stuart Smith screamed, "We have no secrets here, do you understand? No secrets!" Cracking under the pressure of working-class hostility to the LEAA, he agreed to allow a Labor Party representative to enter LEAA headquarters next Monday to interview all officials connected with the survey, and to review methods being used and reports to be issued.

SUNNY AUSCHWITZ BY THE SEA



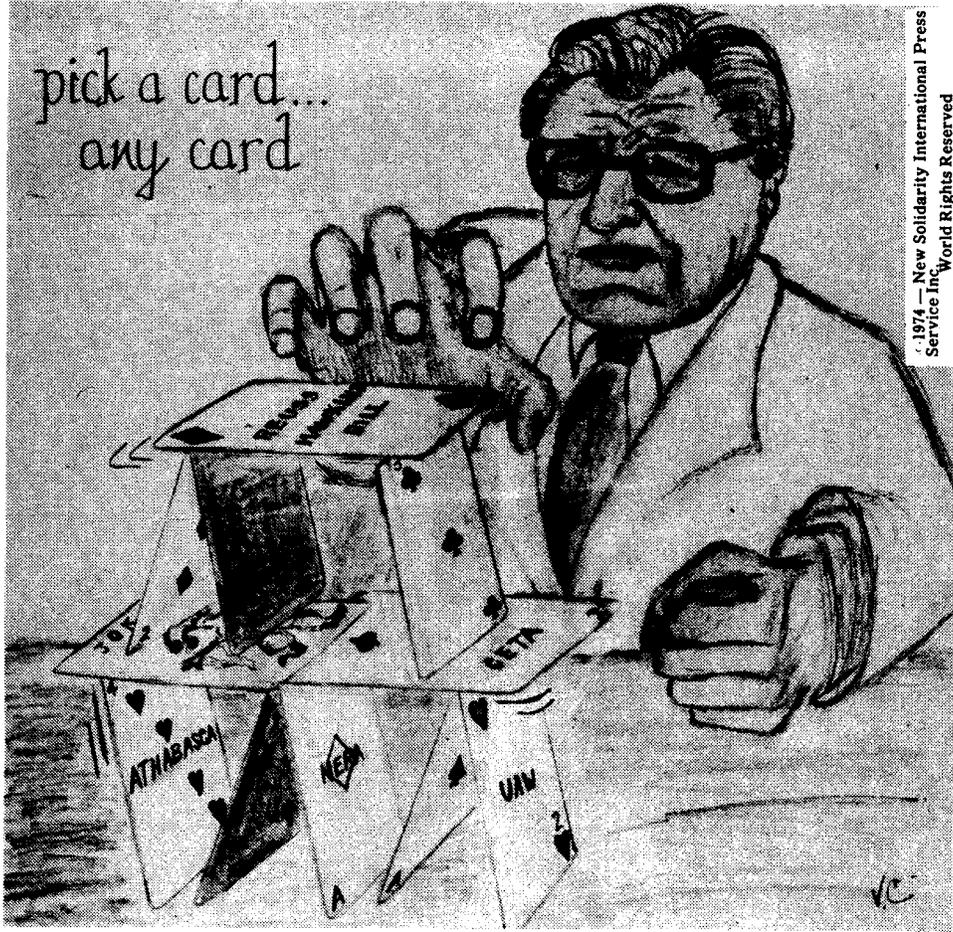
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