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# POLITICAL ECONOMY

## World Trade Breaks Apart

NEW YORK, April 12 (IPS) — International trade, weakened severely by enormous price inflation and a geometric rate of production collapse, hovers on the brink of complete rupture. In recent weeks preliminary skirmishes, each with the potential to trigger full-scale trade war, have erupted with ominous intensity on three key fronts — steel, agricultural products and textiles — indicating the breadth and depth of the destruction of production worldwide.

The outbreak of trade war — deflationary dumping and chaotic price collapse — would bring Rockefeller's bloated, teetering international looting machine, the dollar empire, crashing to the ground. For the working class, the disintegration of world trade constitutes an intolerable assault on the process of economic reproduction essential to reconstructing the world economy.

The most serious threat to the fragile structure of international trade is centered now in the pivotal steel industry, where, in the first three months of this year, a precipitous collapse in orders has intensified an already severe liquidity squeeze and prompted a scramble internationally to unload inventories, even at a substantial loss. The crisis is most acute in Europe where, according to President of the French Steel Federation Jacques Ferry, sales have dropped by 43 per cent. In France, steel production is plummeting at an annual rate of almost 60 per cent, just slightly faster than in neighboring West Germany. Some steelmakers are said to be quoting prices that do not even cover the cost of raw materials and wages. Japanese steel producers, under similar pressure as the production process is stalled and backed up into heavy industry, are exporting large quantities of steel to Europe. But, it is generally acknowledged that they are by no means leading the price war. Rather, as the London Financial Times put it, they are "simply matching continental prices."

The underlying process is elementary: as final demand collapses under intensified looting of working-class incomes, debt-strapped corporations are caught holding the bag of rapidly depreciating inventory stocks. At first they cut down operating costs by cutting back production and laying off workers. This process of cannibalization shows up in the chaotic disintegration of world trade at the point that corporations rush to liquidate their inventories, even at a loss, in an attempt to satisfy urgent cash needs. The deflationary spiral thus set off further chokes production, accelerating the vicious depression collapse spiral.

Panicked, Jacques Ferry has called for the European Common Market (EEC) Commission to take action on the basis of the provisions of the European Coal and Steel Community, one of the original corporatist frameworks of post-war Europe, authorizing import as well as production controls. Aping the Kissinger "floor price" scheme to protect the worthless dollar from being drowned in the present glut of unsold oil stocks, Ferry has in addition proposed a floor price for European steel.

At the same time, Handelsblatt, house organ of the giant West German steelmakers — Krupp, Thyssen and Mannesmann among the Ruhr Valley industrialists — declared on its front page, "Total Price War Over Every Ton of Steel." Also members of the European Coal and Steel Community, the West German steelmakers have not publicly endorsed the Ferry proposal to flex the muscles of the European-wide cartel. Handelsblatt recommends that German steelmakers "keep steady nerves" and decline to go jumping after every contract despite the fact that "as everyone knows" West German steel has so many inventories "it is dying of thirst."

Handelsblatt views the Ferry proposal with a distinct caution: "here it is seen more clearly than in France that it is easier to call 'controlism' into being than to call it back." With a more exclusively export-based economy, the Ruhr industrialists fear the risk of uncontrollable trade war associated with such a unilateral move. The EEC, for its part, rightly fears that any such move would set a dangerous precedent.

In the U.S., where steelmakers have just begun to come under heavy pressure, imports from Europe and Japan have soared, feeding an inventory accumulation that continued well into March. In that month, with the accumulated effect of a 48 per cent annual rate of overall production collapse, the resale market in the U.S. began to give way and steel started going at an effective discount.

An official of the U.S. Treasury's Trade Office told IPS that the U.S. was pushing for a review of the steel industry "on a priority basis" at the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) talks now going on in Geneva, and the American steel industry is known to be seeking multilateral pacts to reduce imports. "We are also watching our European friends," he told IPS. "So far it seems to be all talk," he said. "And, of course, you can't hang people for talking..." he added, revealing a measure of just what is at stake should Europe move to protect its own steel industry at the expense of the U.S. and Japan.

Down under, Australia is threatening to embargo coking coal exports to Japan's steel industry if Japan does not rescind its import ban on Australian meat. And New Zealand has lodged a formal protest against U.S. "voluntary import restraints" policy against beef imports.

Trade war is already underway across a broad range of key agricultural commodities. An 88 million hectoliter "wine lake" has built up in the hands of the EEC, which now threatens to wash out hundreds of thousands of peasants and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with it. The D'Estaing government has been forced to impose an import ban against Italian wines in flagrant violation of the EEC rules — at the risk of provoking peasant uprisings and losing a key peasant constituency in southern France. Ironically, the French move threatens to bring down the entire CAP, the structure governing European agricultural produc-

tion and trade which was designed by France to protect massive French agricultural debt as a condition for French participation in the EEC from its inception. The French move opens the Pandora's box heretofore contained under the CAP regimentation: there is nothing to prevent an Italian ban on substantial imports of meat and dairy products from France, or a British ban on French eggs, etc.

Meanwhile, the EEC's store of unsaleable meat, the infamous "beef mountain," continues to grow — as do its wheat and cheese mountains as working class consumption hits depression levels. The U.S. has seized upon the EEC's desperation decision to subsidize cheese exports to the United States, threatening to impose retaliatory countervailing duties on these imports. The U.S. — EEC standoff has brought the GATT world trade talks in Geneva to a virtual standstill.

With the textile industry in a rout worldwide and fiber prices nosediving, the cotton trade is on the verge of cessation. Nearly one quarter of this year's total expected shipments of cotton from the U.S. is threatened by the default of textile mills in the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. U.S. diplomats have spent four months scouring for a financial solution, but private bankers have so far refused to extend credit to an industry on the road to extinction. As a last resort, the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation may make credit available at commercial rates to the bankrupt Far Eastern mills — not for the sake of clothing South Asians otherwise slated for triage, but to head off the

wholesale bankruptcy of American cotton exporters.

For Rockefeller, the outbreak of trade war on any significant scale is the beginning of the end. While the actual volume of world trade increased by a mere 5 per cent in 1974, its dollar value leaped 44 per cent — a nine to one ratio of debt to real value. A round of deflationary dumping and chaotic price collapse would instantly render that debt worthless. To prevent the utter demise of the dollar, Rockefeller is compelled to maintain absolute control over the gutting of world trade, enforcing its reduction in volume while making sure that the dollar debt now attached to that trade remains intact — a feat he is now capable of carrying out only with the authority of brutal military might.

For the working class the destruction of world trade is a much more serious matter. For it is international trade which, representing the real surplus value of "free energy" of production, is the highest expression of the worldwide division of labor and consequently the unique measure of genuine social productivity, economic expansion and human development.

Any threat to its further expansion and elaboration — whether it be collapse via trade war or an "organized" shutdown of civilization's lifeline via Rockefeller-controlled supranational cartelization — is a direct and criminal assault on humanity which will make all the more difficult and costly the urgent task of world economic reconstruction.

## Rockefeller Nominates Humphrey to Head Government of National Contempt

by Chris White

New York April 13 (IPS)—Senator Hubert Humphrey has been earmarked by Nelson Rockefeller's Murphy Commission for the reorganization of Congress to head up a "national unity"-style government of national contempt.

This is the real story behind vice-presidential assistant Gerry Ford's speech on "foreign" policy April 10. Ford, has been used, again, to set up Congress for further horrendous domestic developments towards the dictatorial abrogation of constitutional forms of rule by the Rockefeller clique. Congressional rejection of Ford's outrageous demand for nearly \$1 billion worth of aid for Indochina, plus examination of the legality of the use of U.S. troops in kidnapping Vietnamese refugees, by April 19, will signal an escalation of efforts tending towards the development of a "cold coup" in Washington, D.C. This "coup" is intended to back up an explicit rerun of the Truman Doctrine: confrontation with the Soviets, occupation in Western Europe, and red scare armtwisting of the domestic population.

Ford's ultimatum to Congress sets the stage for more exacerbation of the so-called relations between Congress and the Executive. Such steps, in turn, pave the way for the compromise solutions already offered in the form of the Humphrey-Zablocki bill, which would effectively exclude the body of Congress — and hence constituency interests—from the legislative process itself. This bill provides for the establishment of a joint super-committee to preside over international political and economic affairs. It would constitute a Joint Committee on National Security along the lines of the present Joint Economic Committee. It would consist of the Senate Majority leader, Mike Mansfield, Speaker of the House Carl Albert, the heads of Foreign

Affairs and Armed Services Committees, the Senate Appropriations and House Ways and Means Committee, plus the Joint Atomic Energy Committee.

**Humphrey:**

**Best Man for Job**

The motivation for such developments comes straight from the highest levels of the Rockefeller geriatric department. Dr. Bacchus of the Murphy Commission Research Staff told an investigative Long Island journalist "one of the main problems with Congress is that there is no central focal point...so we are proposing that a Joint Committee on Foreign Policy be established. This kind of thing is harder these days—what with all those new representatives—and it would absolutely depend on who the king-pins of such a committee would be. We know that purely organizational procedures are meaningless without the right kind of people...I think Hubert Humphrey would be the best man for this."

In this assessment Bacchus, of course, is in full agreement with his boss, David Abshire, leading CIA operative from the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. Abshire, a leader of the Murphy Commission, led a seminar at the Georgetown School for Foreign Service on April 9 on the subject of "Executive-Congressional Affairs." His presentation was effusive in its praise of Hubert Humphrey, citing "Joyboy" along with Truman and Eisenhower, as being among the most left leaders in the problems of Congressional-Executive relations in U.S. history. Abshire is reported to have said that Humphrey's organizing as a state political leader around the Marshall Plan, after the Second World War, and in support of President Truman's cold war policies are exemplary of the way to forge consensus around policies that require strong executive leadership in an at-

mosphere of high risks of popular disfavor, like the present. For Abshire, according to reliable sources, the paradigm in Congressional-Executive relations was the organizing on behalf of Marshall Plan looting of Europe. According to him, Truman moved vigorously, but only when he had some kind of parallel column moving with him in the U.S. Senate. That is the role that is now earmarked for Hubert Humphrey by Nelson Rockefeller.

**Wilbur Mills and Beyond**

Abshire spotlighted the case of Wilbur Mills, once mighty, now brainwashed wreck as exemplary in regard to the changes he was proposing. "Wilbur Mills was the third most powerful man in the United States," he said, "until he met his girl friend...His influence set the terms and effectively vitiated Presidential input." Bacchus, meanwhile, had essentially admitted who might be next. He had emphasized that there would be resistance to the proposals from some of the current leaderships of the committees and specifically mentioned Wayne Hayes, a Democrat from Ohio. Bacchus added "we can't count on the House Senate Appropriations Committee, since the leadership cannot get the cooperation of the members."

Abshire's view of the functions of the proposed committee is that it would be primarily an advisory body. However, he noted that some of his collaborators are of the opinion that it should be given full legislative powers. Either way the intended purpose of the Committee is to serve as an armtwisting enforcer for Rockefeller policy, sweeping all foci of resistance to the implementation of fascist planning schemes before it. Once established, such a Committee would be pushing for oversight of the re-deployment of U.S. troops from South East Asia into Western Europe — as recommended by Brookings Institute

specialist Jeffrey Record in Congressional testimony this past week — in order to enforce European acquiescence in Rockefeller inspired hyperinflation policies. Simultaneously, they would oversee the exacerbation of existing Cold War tendencies.

The policy outlines that such a committee would be expected to enforce are sufficiently identified by Abshire's repeated references to the Marshall Plan and the Truman era. It was in that period that the Soviet Union and western Communist parties capitulated to capitalist terms for the post-war construction of the dollar empire. The motive for such capitulation was obvious: fear that the U.S. would make use of its nuclear weaponry before

the Soviets could develop theirs.

Now, as we have clearly identified, the Rockefellers and their tired, but insane clique of candidates for geriatric treatment, are attempting to stage similar types of political blackmail against the world's population, as if politics were simply a matter of pulling some grandiose film script from out of the drawers of history and rerunning it. Humphrey, who learned his lines in that period, has been given yet another face lift and coat of pancake make-up to freshen him for his ordeals. Plainly he just does what he is told. His recent television appearance in a debate on the economy leaves no doubt of that. "I believe in letting it percolate up." With such wisdom Joyboy is plainly under the impression that he is back in 1930 debating his

principal opponent Herbert Hoover. He should indeed return to that far off era. He would at least be useful there. We certainly have no use for his type of order-following stooge in this period.

Bacchus himself was honest about the limitations of what he was proposing. "Right now," he said, "it's too late for our remedies...We had hoped to make separate recommendations on different issues over the last few months. But we decided that if you issue something in February, such as a suggestion on economics, and things change and you have to retract it in June, well that doesn't look very good. So we decided to issue all our recommendations on June 30. That's the day we go out of business."

# Debriefing of Kidnapped LALC Leaders Confirms CIA Plot in Mexico

by F. Fuebas

April 13 — The accounts of the kidnappings, the interrogations, the torture plus all other details of the recently released Latin American Labor Committee members Carlos De Hoyos, Carlos Mendez and Hector Apolinar conclusively prove that their abduction and planned assassination by the CIA was intended as an integral part of the destabilization of Mexican President Luis Echeverria's regime. Even though the ICLC handed the Rockefeller-CIA forces a major defeat, by "blowing" the operation and thus forcing the release of the three LALC organizers, the destabilization and CIA-contrived chaos and confusion in Mexico continues. The aim of this continued campaign is the imposition of a civilian-military government or an outright military dictatorship which will make triage — mass murder — to be "acceptable" to the population.

### The Account of the Three LALC Members

Carlos De Hoyos was kidnapped March 24; Carlos Mendez was taken March 25. From the beginning of their ordeal, it was obvious that this was no regular brutal Mexican police, the squad was obviously professional and had acquired the latest U.S. technology in torture and interrogation techniques which are designed to psychologically destroy its victims. From the night of March 24 until April 1 the torturers and interrogators of De Hoyos and Mendez incessantly questioned the two about a picture of the CIA-instigated UNAM riots against Echeverria March 14. In the picture appeared an individual that bore a remarkable resemblance to Patricio Esteves, another Mexican LALC leader. All torture and psychological terror revolved around the attempt of the agents from the Direccion Federal de Seguridad to force the two to

admit that that had indeed been Patricio Esteves taking part in the assault against President Echeverria.

On the night of April 1 the pattern changed abruptly when an agent whom De Hoyos identified as being the one that set him free during his first kidnapping, arrived to take charge. The agent charged De Hoyos and the LALC with being an intelligence agency and then proceeded to order the most brutal beating and electro-shock administering of De Hoyos' ordeal. But significantly the whole interrogating procedure had changed — the UNAM affair was hardly mentioned from then on. After the torture the same agent told De Hoyos that he wanted detailed information concerning membership, contacts etc. of the LALC the next day when he would come back. However, he did not come back until the day that the three LALC members were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's office. From that day on (April 1) De Hoyos and Mendez were no longer tortured and psychological terror was reduced to a minimum.

The kidnapping of Hector Apolinar occurred April 3. Apolinar was immediately subjected to mild beatings and halfhearted questioning about UNAM. From that first day on he was left alone. His kidnapping was obviously a vengeful act and an attempt to totally intimidate and disorient the Mexico City LALC local.

De Hoyos and Mendez correctly assumed that something had happened externally, since nothing within the interrogation process itself could explain the abrupt change in the line of the questioning. "Externally," by April 1, the government of Echeverria had received from its consulates and embassies abroad the "destabilization" analysis of the Mexican and other Third World governments that had first been

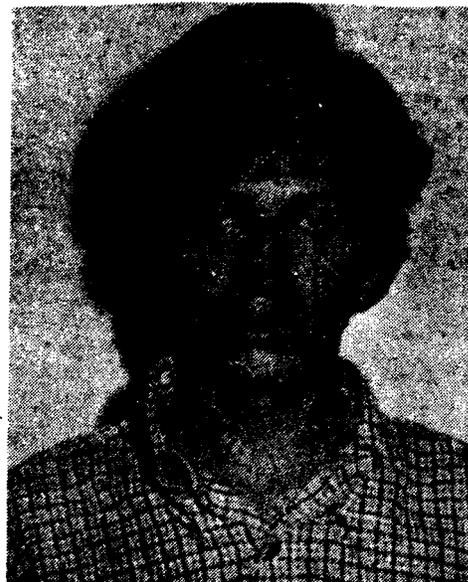
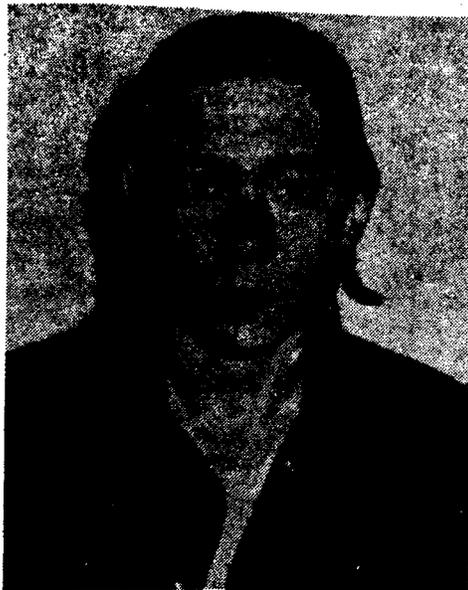
released by the ICLC March 29. More importantly, however, on early April 1, the National Executive Committee of the ICLC sent a telegram to Echeverria explaining the CIA destabilization of his government and the willingness of NCLC Chairman Lyn Marcus (U.S. Labor Party 1976 Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche) to postpone his trip to Iraq in order to personally explain the situation to the Mexican president, despite all previous political differences. It is obvious that Echeverria and or his personal representatives on that day ordered that the safety of the three LALC leaders be guaranteed.

The release of the three LALC members itself provided more corroboration of the ICLC's foiling of one aspect of the CIA's destabilization plot. The Mexican Attorney General's office clearly stated in the communique announcing the release that the Direccion Federal de Seguridad had handed them over to their jurisdiction April 6. In this fashion Ojeda Paullada the Attorney General, and rumored close collaborator of Echeverria, openly attacked the Ministry of the Interior (Gobernacion) under Moya Palencia. Under the Mexican Constitution and by law the Direccion Federal de Seguridad does not have arrest powers and is supposed to be only an investigative body. The Attorney General's communique is thus an accusation of illegality against the Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry of the Interior has always been recognized as the Mexican government agency that mediates the CIA's control over Mexico.

With the planned assassination plot against the LALC foiled, the CIA and its local Mexican henchmen have now seized on the Presidential succession as the means to ram through their destabilization operation. In Mexico whoever becomes the



Police mug shots of Carlos de Hoyos (above), Carlos Mendez (below, left), and Hector Apolinar (below, right) after their CIA torture ordeals.  
(Reprinted from La Prensa, Mexico)



candidate of the PRI (Partido Revolucionario Institucional) becomes the President; there is no primary of any sort, the "tapado" (covered one) or candidate only becomes known to the population when he is chosen! This year with the aid of the CIA press, such as Excelsior, the New York Times of Latin America, the entire procedure has been blown wide open with the "uncovering" of most of the men in Echeverria's cabinet as possible candidates. The process of public uncovering has brought about a situation in which the PRI itself is splintering as local and national factions jockey to try to get their man in.

The backdrop to this political instability is increasing peasant

and working-class unrest; living standards in Mexico have already slid below the level required to maintain the population even minimally. Furthermore, the erosion and splintering of political machines has brought the CIA-trained Army into the foreground of the political landscape. In the state of Guerrero the Army has seized total political control and has in the process rounded up hundreds of dissidents.

In the midst of this the LALC Mexico City local has begun a massive organizing offensive that will begin unifying political forces — around the only programmatic solution to triage. Already high government of-

ficials have agreed that the current situation will lead at least to a civilian/military government and that while our program is drastic it merits discussion at the highest levels. On the streets in the last two days the LALC local has sold over 1,200 papers and distributed over 7,500 leaflets per day.

The smooth transition to triage and holocaust in Mexico has been blocked. Not only has the CIA failed to destabilize Echeverria and eliminate the Labor Committees in one blow, but the LALC has emerged to demonstrate to the entire Latin American left how to fight and to put before the working class the program to fight with.

## I. Vietnam: The Collapse of a Colony

**By Dan Sneider**  
(USLP Nominee for Secretary of State)

In the past weeks, the pages of the newspapers, the television screens, the radio have been dominated by the flows of news, rumors, propaganda and lies about what is being called "the tragedy of Vietnam." Countless empty words have been written in attempts to answer the question: "Why has this happened in Vietnam? The total collapse of the Saigon regime of President Thieu is presented as a great surprise, an event likened to a natural disaster.

There is no "tragedy" in Vietnam—no acts of God, no mysteries, no natural disasters, and—especially—no surprises. What has happened is quite simple—the puppet, with the master no longer able to pull the strings, has collapsed. This has not happened in a day, a few weeks or even the couple of years since the withdrawal of U.S. troops. It has taken 30 years, and has come to culmination through a calculated strategic conjuncture of the thrust of revolutionary forces in Vietnam and the crisis of U.S. imperialism on an international scale.

### **The Modern American Colony**

The Government of South Vietnam (GVN) is—or, more appropriately, was—a paradigm of the postwar American colony: a regime created by the CIA on psychological warfare principles in which the army was the only real power, and politics were merely a clown show, suitable for camouflage. The GVN, from its creation at the hands of the CIA after the 1954 Geneva Accords, never rose above the artificiality that marked its beginnings. It has no economy; no no politics; it doesn't even have a neurotic ideology save the one whipped up for it by CIA think tankers and imposed on the minds of its people after much bloody "experimentation."

It can be confidently said that the only politics, the only economic development or economic planning and the only philosophy and intellectual life that has touched this country in the last thirty years has been transmitted through the Communist cadres of the Provisional Revolutionary Government—the Vietcong. The same PRG now stands foursquare on the principle of immediate reconstruction of the region—not just their own country—and its integration into an expanding world economy. It will take a working class mobilization internationally to overrule the psychotic Rockefeller to insure that this necessary integration takes place.

### **After French, U.S. Colonialists Step In**

In 1954, after a Communist-led strike wave and a brilliant military campaign by the Viet Minh guerrillas had brought down French colonial rule in Indochina, the U.S. stepped in and, under the threat of its own military might, artificially divided the country in two at the peace talks in Geneva. This first colonial regime of President Diem had no more substance than

the "native Governments" set up in India by the British imperialists.

The backbone of all regimes since, their base of support, has never been in the population. It is in Washington and in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), a mercenary force paid for, trained, armed, and directed by the U.S. In front of this army, a farcical play known as Vietnamese politics has been staged complete with a President, a National Assembly and "elections." The cast of characters, always a motley crew of thugs, grafters and opportunists has been determined by Washington through the CIA. This is a totally controlled environment, with the coups and countercoups merely marking the end of one act of the play and the transition to the next. Diem, once paraded as a "George Washington" of Asia by his creators, was bloodily murdered by the CIA in 1963 only to be followed by a trial of characters like generals "Big Minh" and "Playboy" Ky. The last in this line, the relatively long-surviving (for 8 years) Nguyen Van Thieu is perhaps the most obvious puppet of them all. Thieu, once praised by U.S. presidents as a defender of freedom and a "Vietnamese nationalist," started his military career as a soldier in the puppet French colonial army and was captured by the Viet Minh at the battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954.

The GVN colony itself only survived up to this point through the massive military intervention of the U.S. The so-called "Vietnamization" policy was in fact first implemented in 1954 with the creation of the Diem regime and was certified a failure in 1965 when the U.S. was forced to bring in hundreds of thousands of troops to save it. It is not necessary to detail the events that followed, except to note that even 500,000 American troops, backed by the most sophisticated military machine in the world, could not "win" the war. They could only carry out the most barbaric campaign of total destruction of the human and physical ecology of a country known in modern history.

At the point of the forced withdrawal of U.S. troops in 1973, the entire country, north and south, was devastated. The Thieu regime was left with a million-man army armed to the teeth with the U.S.'s most modern weaponry—tanks, artillery, helicopters, and the fourth largest airforce in the world. They formally controlled, admittedly through the force of terror (known as "pacification"), at least 80 percent of the territory and 90 percent of the population of South Vietnam. Thieu felt strong enough, with his masters behind him, to completely ignore the implementation of the political directives of the Paris Peace Agreements and to embark on an aggressive military campaign against the forces and the areas controlled, under the Agreement, by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

Behind this carefully constructed facade however, the actual rotten state of decay was hidden. The basis for this decay was the total collapse of the South Vietnamese "colonial economy" over the past two years. Built around the massive expenditures of U.S. dollars during the period of American troops presence, the levels of employment and living standards in general were based on a huge amount of pure waste and unproductive investment—in short, a bar and whorehouse economy. The population of the country over the period of the 1950s underwent a massive shift into the cities — from a 15 per cent urban population to one of approximately 45 percent.

This shift in population to urban centers was a conscious part of the so-called pacification policy formulated in the early 1960s. Samuel Huntington, one of the architects of this policy, in fact advocated urbanization as a solution to insurgency. The fallacy of this policy is that the population shift has occurred not as a result of industrialization or increased productivity of agriculture but from the forced evacuation policies and the massive bombing in rural areas. The population in the cities is by and large either unemployed (over one million unemployed by conservative estimates) or engaged in various forms of non-productive labor, such as prostitution. Even this fell apart to a large degree when the huge U.S. military machine pulled out.

The families of the soldiers and civil servants remained in these slum cities, living on practically nothing. Under these conditions of near-triage, it is easy to see that the fighting ability of ARVN was totally undermined.

The rotten nature of the "native army" of the colonialists—the core of the regime—was clear. From the top leadership on down, the entire structure of ARVN was riddled with corruption, demoralization and breakdown of morale—in short, a mercenary army with no internal sense of purpose or will. The use of drugs—heroin—was widespread, with the drugs themselves trafficked by the generals who have run the heroin trade for the CIA in the region for years.

Officers regularly received bribes from soldiers in payment for not being sent to the front lines. Soldiers were, in fact, punished by being sent to the front lines and left there until killed. Bribes were received on all levels for various acts, including payments by the sons of the rich and Saigon "middle class" to avoid military service. The average ARVN soldier is a 17 year-old, "drafted" into the army in press-gang style—sometimes literally rounded up off the streets—

and placed in the army for an indefinite period. No two-year draft...it is a draft for life, in every sense of the word.

The entire psychological underpinning of such a regime—like the economic underpinning—is the dependence of the slave on the master. The U.S. and its armed forces are the only source of authority, the only source of psychological coherence to the whole edifice. Even now, Saigon soldiers, in a religious state, wait for the Messiah: they actually believe that any day now the B-52s, the Phantom jets and the U.S. Marines, will return to save them. Various Saigon officials, including Thieu, have expressed this view of the order of the universe, in hysterical statements about "U.S. abandonment." The rising tide of anti-Americanism in Saigon-controlled areas is not unlike the "Harlow's Monkey Phenomenon," in which animals tortured by their experimentors suddenly go viciously berserk.

It should then be apparent "what has happened" in Vietnam. It is important to point out that in the entire offensive of the past few weeks, there has been almost no military action. Since the first minor battle at Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands, the collapse of ARVN and the regime has taken place with hardly a shot fired. This is not a military offensive by the Communists. It is a complete psychological collapse — a massive mental breakdown into psychotic terror — by ARVN and the whole structure of the regime following the economic withdrawal of the U.S.

The refugees, much publicized in the bourgeois press, are not "voting with their feet" or fleeing "Communist terror." They are fleeing the terror of rampaging ARVN troops and fleeing what they expect to follow—the massive bombings and destruction that occurred so often in similar situations in the past. Anyone who has seen the pictures of Quang Tri city after it was "retaken" in 1972 — a completely flattened waste—knows what created this flow of refugees.

The Communist forces of the PRG and North Vietnam have attempted to halt the panic and chaos of the refugees, with partial success. In the newly liberated areas, the PRG's rapid establishment of order and return to productive life stands in stark contrast to the reports of Saigon troops burning, looting and raping their way south.

The forces of the PRG bring the opportunity of a human life once again in Vietnam and their victory is ours—the American working class whose blood was shed by Rockefeller in Vietnam—and the workers and peasants of the entire world.

# II. Draft Program for Indochina Reconstruction

The following material is a draft program prepared by the U.S. Labor Party on reconstruction of war-ravaged Indochina and agricultural development of that region. This draft is one of the working papers U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche is using as the basis for discussion of Third World development with leaders of pro-socialist Iraq during his current trip to Iraq.

## Introduction: Reconstruction

Despite decades of war and mass destruction wrought by U.S. B-52 bomber attacks and chemical warfare, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos can become self-sufficient immediately after hostilities end.

Prior to the Easter offensive in 1972 and the massive U.S. bombings which laid the basis for the withdrawal of U.S. military presence, reported crop yields were up to three tons a hectare in the Delta and five and six tons in the liberated area and North Vietnam. At these yields, peak production in normal periods could be 16 million tons for the four Indochina countries. Obtained with minimal technological inputs, this yield is enough to feed the population at modest levels. To achieve this after the end of hostilities requires a return of refugees to the countryside; repairs of bridges, roads, transport links; dredging of canals; and clearing of the 750,000 hectares that have lain fallow because of the war.

The bulk of the present devastation lies in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, the base areas of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, and eastern Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge areas. Most of this area is not prime agricultural land, and a longer-range program of reforestation is required to prevent further ecological damage. The primary emergency task, however, is to feed, clothe, and provide medical treatment for four million refugees and an additional five to ten million people who have inhabited shanty towns and roadside shacks for years.

Without major dike construction, flood control, and irrigation, appreciable gains cannot be obtained. At this point, only a fraction of the arable land can utilize an increase in fertilizers and tractors. Unlike the River Delta in North Vietnam, which has a dike system and requires simply upgrading, mechanization and fertilizer, the Mekong basin runs completely untamed with only primitive irrigation works and ancient canals in the Delta.

## Currently Arable Land

The Mekong River rises high in the mountains of Southern China, flowing through Laos into bordering regions of Northeast Thailand, down into the enormous flood plain of Cambodia and the Vietnam Delta. It is met by the Tonle River and Great Lake in Cambodia through to the fertile Delta of South Vietnam. This region alone produces eight million tons of rice under normal conditions. On a crash basis it could be developed to produce 32 million tons of rice in double crops by the end of 1976.

There are other arable areas in Laos: the Vientien plain and the alluvials along the banks of the Mekong River, as well as low-lying lands in southern Laos, some of which produce a surplus but in general produce low yields. The small population and inaccessibility of the area do not warrant full-scale development outside of immediate upgrading and initial mechanization.

In Northeast Thailand, there are vast areas of arable land — over five million hectares — but fertility is very low, and, if anything, the land drains too well. The terrain is so flat that there are very few locations where dams can be erected to create reservoirs. Although some studies have been done on the region, more research is necessary, especially in soil fertility, before large-scale agricultural development can take place.

There are also pockets of fertile alluvial soil in small river basins up and down the coast of South Vietnam, about 500,000

in all, that can be readily developed by introducing fertilizers, tractors, and the beginnings of modern irrigation and drainage. This region could then produce an additional four million tons, double-cropped.

## Development of Vietnam Delta and Cambodia's Tonle Sap Region

The above-mentioned Vietnam Delta region and Cambodia could be developed to produce 32 million tons of rice, at the modest cost of only \$1 billion for flood control, levees, dikes, canals, dams, pumping stations, tractors, and fertilizer. Although river control on the upper reaches of the Mekong would be preferred to achieve optimal river control in the Delta, it is not absolutely crucial. The problem that arises for development is controlling the enormous flooding that occurs over wide areas of the upper Vietnam Delta (500,000 hectares) and almost all of the arable land in Cambodia. Here, where the floods reach three to five meters, floating rice is cultivated. The flood conditions make it impossible to use fertilizer and tractors. But this variety of rice is low in productivity and here embankments along the Mekong, Bassac, and Tonle Sap Rivers, as well as around the Great Lake are required. The necessary canals, irrigation, and drainage networks will have to follow.

In the mid-region of the Delta (300,000 hectares) there is, again, very poor drainage with erratic flooding. Here rice is transplanted twice to ensure a safe harvest! Dikes, drainage, and irrigation networks will be necessary, as in the above areas.

The lower Delta (760,000 hectares) is the most productive, but because of its very low elevation, it suffers from salt intrusion from the South China Sea in the dry season after the flood waters recede. A seawall dike is required to surround the entire Delta from the Cambodia border all the way to the end of the basin, just below Saigon. The mouths of the Mekong and Bassac Rivers will have dams fitted with locks to keep out the sea water while allowing ships to pass. This would permit the reclamation of nearly 200,000 hectares.

Now only a small fraction of land is double-cropped. A series of pumping stations along the river as well as a gate barrage across the Tonle Sap at Kompong Chang in Cambodia will turn the Great Lake into a reservoir for the dry season. While there is greater radiation in the dry season, the best crops are grown then. The barrage will also serve to increase the capacity of fisheries and improve navigation during the dry season, once the river bed has been dredged.

The Delta already has 1,600 miles of canals and inland waterways. Most are in a state of disrepair, requiring dredging, upgrading and expansion. A series of pump stations fitted with locks will be located at the ends of the canals which lead to the sea wall, in order to pump water into the sea during the flood season. This network of levees, dikes, and canals will make possible proper maintenance of water levels for the cultivation of higher-yielding grains.

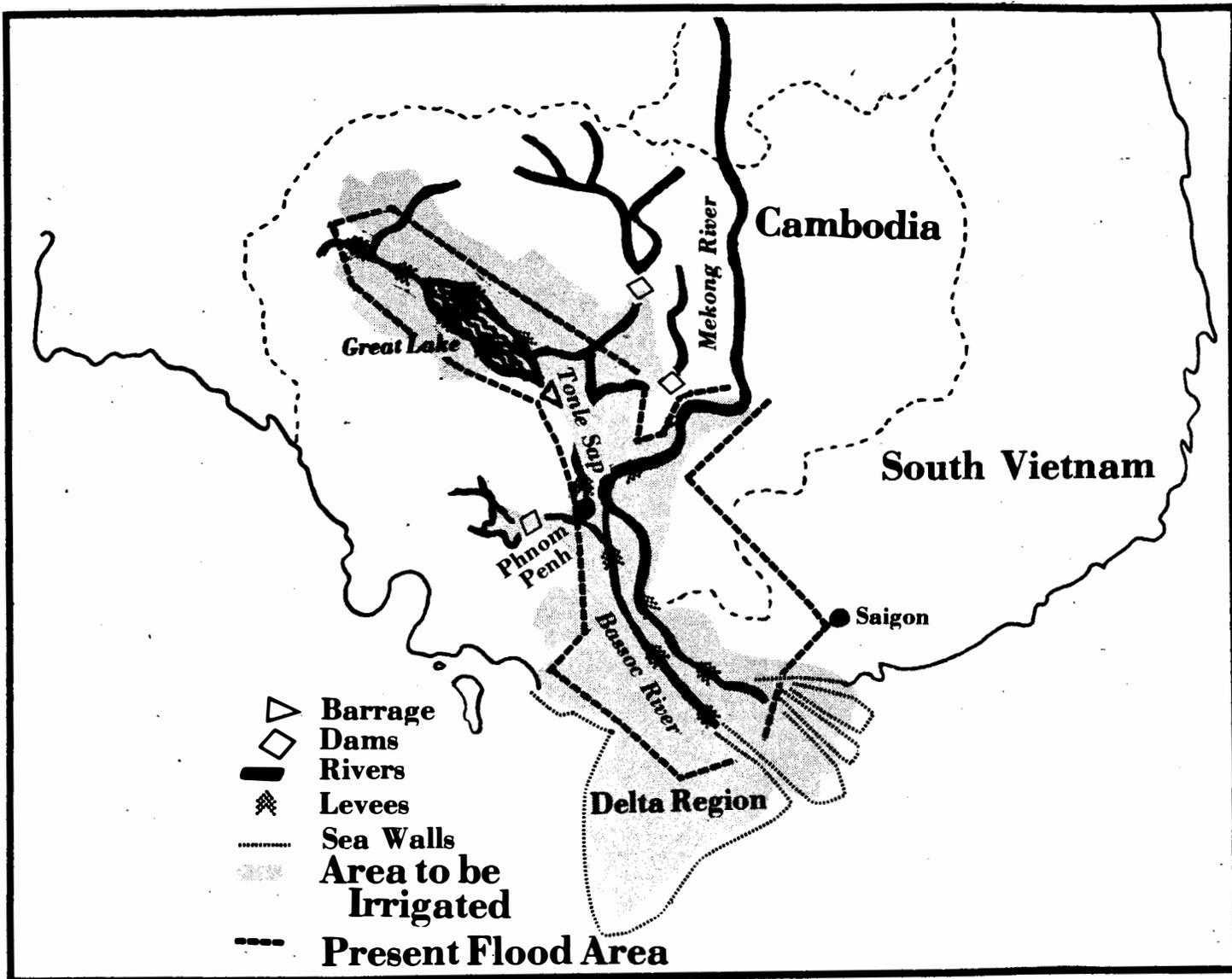
## Costs and Equipment

To build inland levees 1,480 kilometers in length, 10 meters high, and 30 meters wide will require 270 scrapers at a cost of \$42.57 million; 65 bulldozers at a cost of \$2.6 million; and 65 earth graders at a cost of \$5.2 million.

The seawall dike system will total 1,220 kilometers, and require 800 scrapers, at a cost of \$136 million; 200 bulldozers at a cost of \$8 million; and 200 earth graders at a cost of \$16 million.

The primary canals of 4,000 kilometers and secondary canals of 12,000 kilometers require 200 back hoes/front loaders at a total cost of \$30 million and 200 trucks at a cost of \$8 million.

The barrage will cost an estimated \$200 million. The Indian government has conducted studies and engineering for the



project. The canal will not be lined the first year because of other emergency priority requirements in reconstruction and development, but this will be completed in the second year. Drains eventually will have to be laid to prevent salinity.

Twenty-four pumping stations as well as another 63 pumping stations fitted with locks will be required. The estimated cost is nearly \$200,000 per station for a total of \$22.8 million.

These costs may vary once an inventory of usable military equipment is taken to see how many trucks and bulldozers may be salvageable.

#### **Tractors and Fertilizer**

After the water-control infrastructure is installed wide-scale use of large tractors and fertilizers can be introduced. If we calculate the need for 300 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare per crop, we require 1.2 million tons at a cost of \$60 million (at \$50 per ton, the pre-inflation price). Using the current price of \$200 per ton, it will cost \$240 million.

If 100 hectares per tractor is used as a base, 40,000 tractors

at a cost of \$280 million will be necessary. Given conservative estimates of four tons of rice per hectare per crop, 16 to 20 million tons of rice could be grown with one crop, and 40 million tons with double-cropping.

#### **Other Infrastructure**

The incredible war machine built by the United States, although in decay, has substantial quantities of usable materials, trucks, cargo planes, warehouses, etc. Vietnam has excellent port facilities which can handle ocean-going vessels, so there is little problem in getting materials into the country. Cambodia is not in such good shape. Roads are as bad as in other Asian countries, and railroads are nonfunctional. Equipment used in building levees and dikes, however, can also be used for constructing roads and housing.

A full inventory of military equipment as well as personnel is immediately necessary once hostilities are over. The demobilized South Vietnamese Army (ARVN), to the extent rehabilitation is possible, can be deployed as semi-skilled labor for the development projects.

# THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

## ROCKEFELLER CONTINUES BRINKSMANSHIP; NATO REDEPLOYED TO EUROPE; SOVIETS COUNTER

### PENTAGON OFFICIALS POINT TO ROCKEFELLER MOVES IN VIETNAM

April 8 (IPS)--High U.S. government defense officials said today that while the Defense Department, below the level of Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, is not considering taking any "overt" military action in Southeast Asia, suspicions exist in high Pentagon circles that the small group of policy-level decision makers around Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's National Security Council may themselves be considering such drastic and obviously extra-legal actions.

In response to remarks put to these officials by IPS sources, who identified themselves in the discussions as representing the intelligence section of the International Caucus of Labor Committees, one official said he agreed that all major decision-making and selection of a choice of options is in the hands of an "extremely small group" headed by Nelson Rockefeller and that such decisions would not be made by the Pentagon per se but by members of this group around Nelson Rockefeller. The official failed to mention any decision-making role by President Gerald Ford.

### SOVIET COMMANDERS REITERATE COUNTERSTRIKE DOCTRINE

April 8 (IPS)--The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia April 5 featured a front-page interview with General V.F. Tolubko, commander of the Strategic Missile Corps of the Soviet Armed Forces. Speaking on the 30th anniversary of the Soviet victory over fascism, Tolubko discussed the evolution of the Soviet nuclear capacity after the war as a response to imperialist cold war policy.

"Now the missile troops are always prepared to bring down on the aggressor powerful strikes of revenge," Tolubko said in a statement of Soviet counterstrike doctrine. He concluded that the Soviet military is in alliance with "...all progressive humanity in its struggle to avert a new world war."

#### RADIO PRAGUE SCORES NATO SABOTAGE OF VIENNA TALKS

April 8 (IPS)--Radio Prague tonight commented on the Vienna Mutual Balanced Force Reduction talks--troop cuts in Central Europe--that 18 months of the talks have not yielded good results. The reason, said Radio Prague, is Nato's sabotage repeatedly rejecting proposals from Warsaw Pact countries.

#### REAGAN WARNS: EUROPE IS MAIN SOVIET PRIZE

April 9 (IPS)--Leading right wing conservative and former governor of California Ronald Reagan, addressing the Anglo-American Pilgrims Society in London Monday declared that the Soviet Union was now in a position to substantially alter the political map of Europe, thanks to "the communist takeover in Portugal."

Reagan told the society that the Russians had "broken the solid front of western European tradition," and "were now in a position to undermine the entire southern flank of Nato."

#### CIA MOBILIZES FULL PRESS ENTOURAGE TO ORGANIZE FOR ROCKEFELLER'S INSANE SHOW OF FORCE POLICY

April 9 (IPS)--The CIA has mobilized its entire U.S. press retinue today to organize support for Rockefeller's insane policy of show of force against the Soviets. Major articles in the Washington Post, New York Times and Wall Street Journal warn of total despair in Europe as key leaders decry the collapse of U.S. influence just when the Soviets are on the march. The point is clear: the U.S. must take a strong stand somewhere, anywhere, to save western civilization.

#### CARSTENS BACKS LEBER

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 9 (IPS)--Karl Carsten, Christian Democratic parliamentary fraction leader and member of Rockefeller's West German Institute for Foreign Policy today emerged as a major spokesman in support of social democratic Defense Minister Georg Leber's brinkmanship policy toward the Soviet Union. In an interview with Die Welt, Carstens said flatly, "I agree with Leber."

#### SOME GERMANS DISLIKE BRINKSMANSHIP

WEST GERMANY, April 9 (IPS)--The Frankfurter Allgemeine Rundschau today published articles firmly rejecting Rockefeller's brinkmanship confrontation policy toward the Soviet Union. In a major editorial, Hans Kepper warned that "martial sabre-rattling could lead Europe to a confrontation which would be catastrophic...."

#### BROOKINGS STRATEGISTS LOBBY FOR BRINKSMANSHIP ON EUROPEAN FRONT

April 10 (IPS)--Top military strategic analysts from the Brookings

Institution have urged Congress to cut back U.S. forces in Asia and concentrate on the strategically key control of Europe.

According to the April 9 London Daily Telegraph, a group of these Brookings analysts, including Nato nuclear force planner Jeffrey Record, told a House Armed Services Subcommittee yesterday that they favor a "substantial increase in U.S. FORCE levels in order to "deter" Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces in Europe.

#### WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT BACKS ANTI-SOVIET BRINKSMANSHIP

BONN, WEST GERMANY, April 10 (IPS)--At a press conference here yesterday, Klaus Boelling, the official spokesman for the West German government, confirmed that the anti-Soviet speech made by West German Defense Minister Georg Leber last weekend--in which Leber said, "the communists would not spare the fire and the sword if they could get away with it"--"is the common opinion of the Bonn government."

#### EAST GERMANS NOTE BUNDESTAG UNITY FOR ROCKEFELLER POLICIES

April 10 (IPS)--The East German Communist Party daily, Neues Deutschland, today covered the debate in the West German Bundestag under the headline, "BRD (West Germany) Government Stresses Fidelity to Nato and the USA." Neues Deutschland cited the speech of West German Foreign Minister Genscher on importance of the Nato alliance, and that of Christian democrat Carstens, supporting the anti-Soviet warmongering remarks of Defense Minister and Social Democrat Leber, commenting that their speeches "fortify the solidarity between the governing coalition and the opposition."

#### NEW YORK TIMES ESCALATES NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AGAINST SOVIETS

April 10 (IPS)--Warning the Soviets that Rockefeller is prepared to test their reactions to limited nuclear strikes in any of the world's major hot spots, the New York Times today gives extensive coverage to a speech yesterday by Fred Ikle, director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Ikle claimed that "the transfer of peaceful nuclear technology provides not only the means, but also the cover" for a spread of nuclear weapons and he suggested that the intent to make nuclear weapons exist in Argentina, Brazil, Israel, Libya, Taiwan, South Korea, and Pakistan.

#### AVIATION WEEK ADDS VOICE TO RED SCARE

April 10 (IPS)--This week's issue of Aviation Week, a journal widely circulated in military circles, rails about the imminent Soviet threat to western Europe.

#### ROCKY'S "LABOR" BOYCOTT OF SOVIETS SINK AT PIER

NEW YORK, April 11 (IPS)--Last Tuesday, the Rockefeller agents in the U.S. labor movement proposed to a Maritime Trades meeting in Washington, D.C., that a worldwide boycott of Soviet ships be launched, attempting to fuel Rockefeller's drive toward a thermo-nuclear confrontation with the USSR.

## ZUMWALT ORGANIZES FOR NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION

April 11 (IPS)--According to today's New York Times, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt gives dire warnings that "Soviet superiority in military capabilities may become reality," and says that the Soviet Union is taking advantage of U.S. weakness to bring Portugal into its orbit. Zumwalt, a former chief of naval operations, has been organizing for nuclear confrontation on both the left and right of the Rockefeller political spectrum.

## THE ECONOMIST: NATO NOT DESIGNED TO COMBAT NEW COMMUNIST THREAT

April 11 (IPS)--Reflecting the panic felt by pro-Rockefeller capitalists in Western Europe at the complete collapse of the Rockefeller-Ford Administration's foreign and economic policies, this week's London Economist worries that in this political vacuum, "The communist parties in a number of western European countries may be able to climb to power, and then be undislodgable."

## SOVIETS REJECT SCHLESINGER "CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH"

April 11 (IPS)--Writing in the Soviet military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda April 6, commentator L. Semeiko has launched an unprecedented Soviet attack on the Schlesinger doctrine of "tactical nuclear warfare," the psy-war strategy whose purpose was to persuade the Soviets to accept the principle of "limited nuclear strikes, which would be used to wrest from them political and military concessions, with no danger of full Soviet retaliation.

Semeiko charges: "The real goals of the strategy are completely different. From the political point of view they are primarily concerned with legitimizing the use of nuclear weapons in serious situations, turning them into an effective means of political pressure....the strategy has also purely psychological aspects. Its theoretical 'foundation' in many articles in American periodicals has the goal of introducing in world, and especially American, social opinion the notion of the acceptability of limited exchanges of nuclear strikes...."

## U.S. FORCING JAPAN TO REARM

April 11 (IPS)--Japanese Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa met yesterday with State Department officials, including the Secretary of State. The State Department officials, characterized the visit as "routine consultations", but Japanese government and press sources have indicated that the purpose of the visit is to seek U.S. reassurances of security guarantees for Japan. Japanese concern over the outbreak of war in the Middle East is also a major topic on the agenda.

There are numerous indications, received from various sources by IPS, that the State Department is pressuring the Japanese government to carry out a policy of significant re-armament to fill the U.S. vacuum in East and Southeast Asia. Experts from the Brookings Institute, in testimony before the Manpower Subcommittee of the

House Armed Services Committee several days ago, put forward a plan for strategic deployment of U.S. air, naval and ground forces from Asia to Europe and the Middle East theatres. Barry Blechman Brookings defense expert on Asia, told IPS that the "two phase redeployment" would total 132,000 military personnel including 6 air force tactical squadrons, 3 carrier task force groups and at least 2 army divisions.

#### CABAL ORGANIZES BROOKINGS INSTITUTE PROPOSAL SUPPORT

April 12 (IPS)--The Brookings Institute proposal for a major concentration of forces in Europe, as part of a Rockefeller move toward nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union, found support today from Washington Post columnist Clayton Fritchey. Fritchey declared that "a prudent American president would do well to eliminate or sharply reduce the U.S. military presence in South Korea before it gets involved in another war, or possibly worse, another civil war."

#### WEST GERMAN CABALISTS SUPPORT NATO FORTIFICATION OF WESTERN EUROPE

April 12 (IPS)--With a single voice, all of West Germany's pro-Nato press organs today rejected Gerry Ford's proposal for increased "humanitarian" aid to Vietnam and demanded that the U.S. accept that Indochina is lost. The task now before Nato, as seen by these press organs, is increased militarization of Western Europe.

#### SULZBERGER SEES RED; ADVISES NATO ALLIANCE WITH CHINA

April 13 (IPS)--In a commentary in today's New York Times, veteran CIA journalist C.L. Sulzberger calls for an alliance between Nato and China.

Sulzberger fearfully lists pro-Soviet programmatic initiatives by the Portuguese Communist Party, Indira Gandhi of South Asia, and pro-Soviet communists in Indochina, suggesting that Nato take note of China's anti-Sovietism. He then cites recent diplomatic visits between China's Ambassador to Belgium and Belgium's envoy in Nato as a basis for incorporating China into the Rockefeller plans for "maintaining a global strategic balance."

#### NATO PLANS SHOW STRENGTH IN NORTHERN EUROPE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 13 (IPS)--Armed Forces Radio announced this week that Nato plans large naval maneuvers, involving six countries, in the North Sea and Baltic Sea beginning April 17.

At the same time the Swedish newspaper, Pagens Nyheter, reported that Sweden's "neutral" air force will hold massive air operations over Gotland Island in the Baltic Sea, involving three-quarters of Sweden's fighter planes.

#### NEW YORK TIMES IMPLEMENTS ROCKEFELLER RED SCARE LINE

April 14 (IPS)--For the second day in a row, since the New York  
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Times' assistant managing editor Seymour Topping returned from a meeting of top Rockefeller agents at Mt. Kisco, New York. The Times carries a spate of anti-Soviet articles on its editorial page. A revived Alexander Dubcek, former Czechoslovak premier, uses two thirds of the Op-Ed page to rail against the "coerxion" and "use of force and undemocratic means" that the Soviets have ostensibly used in Czechoslovakia.

Directly below the Dubcek article, William Safire, in a column entitled "Ending World War II," declares that "World War II will soon be coming to its official end. The Russians won." Safire warns that the upcoming European Summit Conference will be used to make the "iron cûrtain a permanent division of Europe," and demands that the conference be postponed until the Soviets institute a significant troop reduction in Eastern Europe.

ROCKEFELLER PREPARES COLD WAR COUP;  
TRIES TO CREATE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CONTEMPT:  
PRG THWARTS MOVE

ROCKEFELLER'S MURPHY COMMISSION PLANS "COLD COUP" AGAINST CONGRESS

April 10 (IPS)--Nelson Rockefeller, and his cohorts on the Committee on the Organization of Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy--commonly known as the Murphy Commission--is planning to set up a government of national contempt, headed up by Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.), to clear away all Congressional obstructions to his insane nuclear brinkmanship policies. According to highly placed sources, Rockefeller's Murphy Commission is planning to execute a "cold coup" against Congress, obliterating the House and Senate Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees and certain key Appropriations Subcommittees, replacing these with a "Joint Foreign Affairs Committee." Such a "joint committee" our sources learned from the Murphy Commission itself, would consist of just a few "senior, responsible" men from the targeted committees. On directions from Nelson Rockefeller, it would formulate U.S. foreign policy, bypassing all normal constitutionally-accepted Congressional channels.

STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISOR SAYS KISSINGER WILL BE DUMPED

April 10 (IPS)--A State Department advisor close to the National Security Council revealed in an interview today that Henry Kissinger would soon be removed from his position as U.S. Secretary of State. "Kissinger will be out by August," the source remarked, "if not immediately."

FORD'S CONGRESSIONAL ADDRESS TONIGHT TO DEMOTE KISSINGER

April 10 (IPS)--President Gerald Ford is expected to assert his "own leadership" over foreign policy at the expense of the Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in an important speech tonight before a joint session of Congress, according to major newspaper accounts.

FORD'S SPEECH CALLS FOR MILITARY AID TO THIEU: HINTS AT ATTACK ON CONGRESS; MENACES SOVIETS

April 10 (IPS)--In an effort to reassure the United States' puppet government around the world, to set the stage for Rockefeller's planned violent assault against the U.S. Congress, and to attempt renewed U.S. military moves in South Vietnam, President Ford spoke to a special joint session of Congress tonight and called for an additional emergency \$722 million in military aid for the failing Thieu regime in Saigon. Mr. Ford asked the Congress for this and

other specific measures dealing with Vietnam by April 19.

While trying to appear "conciliatory" toward Congress, Ford not only gave the April 19 deadline, but also referred several times to Congressional actions which, according to him, had hampered and endangered U.S. policy. Referring specifically to Vietnam and Turkey, Ford said that the U.S. was "unable to respond" in Vietnam because of Constitutional Congressional War Powers restrictions. On Turkey, Ford said that the Congressional ban on arms aid was "an unprecedented act against a friend," and warned that unless Congress removes the ban "with dispatch," "forces may be unleashed...which might not be reversed."

#### SPEECH CLAIMS MIDEAST TENSIONS, MENACES SOVIETS

Ford dealt briefly with the Middle East, saying that "tensions" there had created what he called an "intolerable risk" of "confrontation with the nuclear superpowers." Knowledgeable observers confirm that, in fact, no such Arab-Israeli war tension exists, except as U.S. policy.

Ford's speech also menaced the Soviet Union directly: "We cannot expect," he said, "The Soviet Union to show restraint if the U.S. appears weak...we will not permit detente to become a license to fish in troubled waters." In addition, Ford said the U.S. had achieved an "historic opening" with the Peoples' Republic of China, and that U.S. relations with China were "firmly fixed."

#### CABAL PREPARING FOR NEW BRINKSMANSHIP GATHERING

Appearing on Rockefeller's CBS television network in New York following Ford's address, three leading spokesmen for the Rockefeller cabal--George Ball, William Bundy, and Trilateral Commission chairman Zbigniew Brzezinski--sought to disassociate the cabal from the unconvincing bluster and incompetence of the Ford speech. This group is known to be en route to a "secret" retreat in Mt. Kisco, New York where for three days they will meet with other cabal members to gauge Soviet reactions and to push for nuclear brinkmanship.

#### PRG PREFERS POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO BLOODY BATTLE FOR SAIGON

April 10 (IPS)--The foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam (PRG), Madame Nguyen Thi Binh, said yesterday in Paris that the PRG preferred a political settlement in Vietnam to a costly and bloody battle for Saigon. "We do not want our compatriots to die if we can achieve our objective by other means," she emphasized.

#### HUMPHREY, ZABLOCKI CO-SPONSOR ROCKEFELLER-MURPHY COMMISSION "COLD COUP" BILL

April 11 (IPS)--Legislation has already been introduced into Congress which would establish a "government of national contempt" and provide a legal cover for a Rockefeller engineered "cold coup" against

Congress. Long-time fascist sympathizer Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.), together with Representative Clement Zablocki (D.-Wisc.), are co-sponsoring a bill, devised by the commission to organize the government for the conduct of foreign policy (the Murphy Commission), which would establish a "Joint Committee on National Security" comprised of the senior and ranking members of the Ways and Means Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Armed Services Committees.

#### SULZBERGER LAMENTS ANTI-ROCKEFELLER SENTIMENT

April 12 (IPS)--The Rockefeller cabal's fear of its deteriorating position permeates C.L. Sulzberger's New York Times column today. Ostensibly relaying the view of Nato commander General Haig, the aging CIA conduit Sulzberger expresses concern for the growing anti-Rockefeller sentiments among leading West European capitalist factions and within the U.S. population.

#### NEW YORK TIMES JOINS CAMPAIGN TO BLACKMAIL CONGRESS AROUND VIETNAM FUNDS ISSUE

April 12 (IPS)--In a lead editorial today, the New York Times supports the return of U.S. military forces to South Vietnam ostensibly for the purpose of protecting U.S. civilians evacuating Saigon from the forces of puppet dictator Thieu.

Indications to date are that Congress will not buy this self-destruction. Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, the Senate Democratic whip, said yesterday that using U.S. troops in the evacuation would be "impractical and dangerous. If we started that, we would just be getting back into the war." Representative Bob Carr (D.-Mich.) introduced a "sense of Congress" resolution in the House calling on Ford to evacuate all U.S. civilians within the next seven days. Speaking for the House Democratic freshmen, Carr stated, "He (Ford) should get these people out of there and stop playing political games with them."

#### U.S. DESTROYS CAMBODIA, THEN PULLS OUT

April 12 (IPS)--Five years after President Nixon ordered the U.S. marines into Cambodia, overthrowing Prince Sihanouk and installing the puppet regime of Marshall Lon Nol, President Ford has ordered the U.S. marines to execute the final evacuation of the U.S. embassy and Ambassador John Gunther Dean.

#### PRG CALLS FORD'S BLUFF ON EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM SAIGON

April 12 (IPS)--According to several press reports, Nguyen Thi Binh, the foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG), in Dar Es Salaam yesterday, responded to President Ford's concern for the safe evacuation of Americans still within South Vietnam with an offer that her government would help evacuate American personnel from South Vietnam, if asked.

## FINANCIAL

### CIA RELEASES SURVEY OF SOVIET TRADE

April 8 (IPS)--Attempting to reinforce the Soviet neurosis of isolationism and seeking to blame Soviet trade surpluses for the capitalist world economic crisis, the CIA yesterday "leaked" the results of their latest survey on Soviet trade. The detailed 30-page report concludes that the Soviets have had a trade surplus this year due to much higher prices for their exports. Accounts of the report intimate that the trade surplus of one billion dollars is at the expense of the West.

### CHASE MANHATTAN GETS BOOTED OUT OF AFRICAN MARKET

April 9 (IPS)--With Chase Manhattan bank forced to comply with Federal Reserve demands that it divest itself of its 11.9 per cent interest in the old British Standard and Chartered Banking group before June 15 this year, the doors are finally closing on Chase's foot in the African financial market. Standard and Chartered currently operates more than 900 branches on the African continent. It also monitors Pacific interests from its California operations, and Chase has been ordered out so as not to violate federal banking interstate regulations. Standard and Chartered's Pacific interests could be monitored from anywhere in the world, but the British bank has refused to withdraw from increased political influence in Africa.

### WEST GERMAN INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIST CONFIRMS GOVERNMENT SABOTAGE OF EAST-WEST TRADE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 10 (IPS)--In an interview yesterday, the chief economist of the Association of German Manufacturers, Dr. Metzger, told Labor Committee spokesmen: "Our view of the economic situation is absolutely identical to yours. This is not just my opinion, but that of our organization."

### SOVIET TRADE MINISTER AND SIMON BLAME CONGRESS FOR TRADE DIFFICULTIES

April 10 (IPS)--The Soviet Communist Party daily, Pravda yesterday reported that Soviet Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev warned if U.S. restrictions on trade credits to the Soviet Union are not lifted, the Soviets will go elsewhere." Patolichev attributed the problems to Congress: "The actions of the American Congress contravene the basic principles of detente."

### WEST GERMAN AGENT TRIES TO MARKET OLD MIDEAST DEVELOPMENT HOAX TO RAPALLO GROUP

April 11 (IPS)--West Germany's Foreign Minister, Hans Deitrich Genscher, scheduled to arrive in Egypt and Saudi Arabia next week, IPS Weekly 22

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is trying to convince West German industrial circles presently bent on expanding East-West trade that there is still room for expanding relations within Rockefeller's inflationary financial empire, IPS has learned.

On his trip to the Middle East Genscher will be dragging along leading West German industrial and banking representatives from numerous steel and chemical concerns which intersect the pro-Soviet trade circles, including the Mannesmann Pipeline firm, the Hochtief Engineering Corporation, and the huge Deutsche Bank.

#### BRANDT TRIES TO BULLY WEST GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 11 (IPS)--Moving to undercut support for expanded East-West trade among West German Ruhr industrialists, SPD Chairman Willy Brandt, in an interview in the West German financial circles organ Handelsblatt, yesterday warned the smoke-stack barons they must support Rockefeller's fascist attacks on West German workers. In the interview, titled "Co-determination Has a 60/40 Chance," Brandt threatened that if corporatist policies are not implemented immediately, "to be sure, the world will not go under, but next year's election would be complicated."

#### JAPAN GRANTS FIRST EX-IM BANK CREDIT TO SOVIET UNION

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 11 (IPS)--The West German financial daily Handelsblatt reports today that the Japan Export-Import Bank has put a large export contract plus credit at the disposal of the USSR. The agreement was made in connection with the development of a \$235 million ammonia fertilizer factory. This is the first time an agency of the Japanese government has ever made such an extension of credit to the Soviet Union.

#### BIRRENBACH'S DREAM WORLD

April 11 (IPS)--One day after a high official of the West German Federation of Industrialists (BDI) expressed his organization's emphatic agreement with the International Caucus of Labor Committees' proposals for expanded European trade with the Soviet Union, BDI member Kurt Birrenbach, a collaborator of the Rockefeller faction, has hysterically denied that the West German smokestack barons whom he allegedly represents favor expanded East-West trade.

Birrenbach raved to IPS yesterday, "Only the left wing of the Social Democracy and the Free Democratic Party look more to the East, not the Chancellor (the SPD's Helmut Schmidt), not the Christian Democrats...and the Christian Democrats are the majority of the country, and this applies to German industry."

#### TETHER SAYS ROCKY CONTROLS U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

April 11 (IPS)--Financial Times columnist Gordon Tether, a frequent critic of Rockefeller's dollar diplomacy, asserts that America's international role is less motivated by the humanitarian desire

to do the right thing by the world, as Ford makes it seem, than "by other factors of a much more self-oriented kind." In particular, American foreign policy has been tailored to suit the purposes of the American business community's drive "to maintain and enlarge its stake in its economic life of the outside world."

#### ARGENTINE DEBT MORATORIUM IMMINENT AS ECONOMY UNRAVELS

April 12 (IPS)--In the latest issue of the Argentine weekly Panorama, finance minister Gomez Morales asserts that "Argentina is on the verge of stopping all foreign debt payments." This public admission signifies that Argentina has been totally unsuccessful in refinancing its debt with international banks, and that these institutions have slated Argentina for total abandonment.

#### POSSIBLE EAST-WEST TRADE EXPANSION

ROME, April 12 (IPS)--The April 13 issue of L'Espresso, the Rome daily allied with the Fiat empire, reports the satisfaction of the Italian Under-secretary of Foreign Affairs, Francesco Cattanei, with the Italian-USSR trade deals negotiated with USSR Minister of Foreign Commerce, Patolichev.

#### SIMON HAS "CORDIAL" UNSCHEDULED VISIT WITH BREZHNEV

April 13 (IPS)--U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon, on an "official business trip that will take him around the world in the next several weeks," has just met with Soviet Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow. The one hour visit, which had not been on Simon's schedule, was very cordial according to a Washington Post account.

#### SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS RISE BUT "RECOVERY" IS ONLY APPARENT

April 14 (IPS)--The New York Times reports today that mutual savings banks gained \$1 billion in expanded deposits in March. However, the Times admits, savings deposits have risen only because interest rates on other investments have fallen. Moreover, the savings banks are now caught in a dilemma: they are paying higher interest rates to their depositors than they can earn when they reinvest the funds in the money markets. Finally, the demand for housing mortgages--the savings banks' major investment outlet--has totally collapsed, and a huge inventory of unsold units overhangs the market.

#### WALL STREET JOURNAL PUSHES SPRING PLANTING SABOTAGE

April 14 (IPS)--The Wall Street Journal gave coverage today to the movement to cut back the spring planting in the Midwest corn-belt. The article admits that despite a "hard-working cadre of farmers spearheading the cutback movement," most farmers are refusing to go along with the sabotage. As the article itself makes clear, the "hard-working cadre" are actually agents of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Agriculture Departments, and agricultural colleges along with a few duped farmers

## MIDEAST

### SOVIETS CALL FOR "RADICAL SETTLEMENT" IN MIDEAST TO INVOLVE ALL PARTIES

April 8 (IPS)--In a feature article in today's Christian Science Monitor, entitled, "How The Russians View the Middle East," Soviet News agency writer Spartak calls for a "radical settlement" involving all parties, the delaying of which is "inadmissible." Such a settlement, he says, would be a "guarantee to all Middle East states of their security, independence and freedom for development."

### ISRAELI CHIEF, PRESS DRUMMING UP PHONY THREAT OF IRAQI ATTACK ON ISRAEL

April 8 (IPS)--In an attempt to set up Iraq for attack by the Zionist war machine, Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur issued warnings yesterday that Iraq, freed from the Kurdish war, was about to join with the CIA-run regimes of Jordan, Syria, and Saudi Arabia to carry out an "eastern front" attack against Israel.

Calls by IPS correspondents to the U.S. State Department elicited astonishment about possible Iraqi moves against Israel. The source of similar "warnings" of Iraqi aggression yesterday by the New York Times war columnist Drew Middleton derived, by his own admission straight from CIA headquarters.

### KREISKY, SECOND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZES ANTI-IRAQ ARAB COUNTER-GANG

April 9 (IPS)--Syrian press sources this week have reported that Austrian Defense Minister Luetgendorf, of Bruno Kreisky's Social Democratic cabinet, spent five days in Damascus meeting with Syrian Defense Minister Khaddam and others in President Assad's ruling military clique. This unusual visit follows Kreisky's visit to Libya last month, and parallels growing evidence of a Second International-sponsored anti-Iraqi alignment between Syria and Libya.

### SYRIANS LAUNCH WITCH-HUNT AGAINST PRO-IRAQI CITIZENS

April 10 (IPS)--Beirut newspapers reported that the Syrian government has arrested pro-Iraqi senior members of the ruling Syrian Ba'ath Party as well as the director of the Syrian News Agency, and charged them with "spying for Iraq." According to today's Washington Post, nearly 200 journalists, trade unionists, service men, and members of farming cooperatives have been rounded up, in this Second International-coordinated red hunt designed to

force a wedge between Iraq and the Soviet Union.

#### SOVIET SENDS ENVOYS TO ISRAEL

April 11 (IPS)--The Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz reported today that two extraordinary representatives of the Soviet Union visited Israel last week for unannounced consultations with Israeli Deputy Premier Allon and other Israeli officials, according to a UPI release. These reports, as yet unconfirmed, could represent a major initiative by Israel toward breaking the Middle East deadlock by ending the monopoly on Middle East negotiations held until now by war mongering U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

#### CIA TERRORISTS BOMB IRAQI U.N. MISSION

April 11 (IPS)--A firebomb wrecked the ground floor office of the Iraqi mission to the United Nations early this morning, according to a spokesman for the mission.

The bombing of the UN mission was the second criminal attack against Iraqi institutions in the U.S. Last weekend the offices of Iraqi Airlines in Los Angeles were bombed.

A CIA controlled zionist group claimed responsibility for the bombings.

#### PLO, FASCISTS FIGHT IN LEBANON TO PUSH ISRAELIS INTO WAR

April 13 (IPS)--Fighting broke out in Beirut, Lebanon today between Falangist militias and the forces of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. According to various press reports, 14 persons were killed.

#### SADAT SHUFFLES CABINET IN WAR PREPARATION

April 13 (IPS)--Egyptian President Anwar El Sadat reportedly reorganized the Egyptian cabinet today, dumping Prime Minister Hegazi, the representative of the Egyptian bourgeoisie and those factions opposed to war. The cabinet shuffle strengthens Egypt's ties to Libya, Syria, and the Palestine Liberation Organization and other countergangs in preparation for Rockefeller's next Middle East war.

#### SADAT RENEWS MIDEAST WAR MONGERING

April 14 (IPS)--Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi, who leaves on Friday for Moscow, said today that a war in the Middle East is "one hundred per cent certain" unless the U.S. and Soviets work out a settlement at Geneva, according to a UPI report. Otherwise, Fahmi reportedly said, the Middle East conflict would engulf the whole world.

Adding to this war cry, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat told former Premier Hegazi that "temporary solutions are no longer acceptable. They are like giving aspirins to the people," according to today's Baltimore Sun. Sadat is under tremendous internal pressure for economic development that has been sabotaged by Rockefeller's refusal to invest in Egypt and may go for broke in trying to force an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, thus precipitating a sharp escalation of Mideast war crisis.

## PORTUGAL

### MARCHAIS STATES DISAGREEMENT WITH BERLINGUER STAND ON PORTUGUESE CP

April 8 (IPS)--French Communist Party General Secretary Georges Marchais said last night on French National Television that he disagrees with Italian Communist Party (PCI) General Secretary Berlinguer's assessment of the policies of the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). Marchais was referring to Berlinguer's recent condemnation of the resolute anti-austerity program and call for a sweeping agrarian reform pushed by PCP head Alvaro Cunhal.

### KIEP APPEALS TO CABAL TO COUNTER PORTUGUESE CP

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 8 (IPS)--Walter Leisler Kiep, West German Christian Democratic member of the Rockefeller controlled Atlantic Bridge circulated a letter appealing for support of "democratic forces" against the Portuguese Communist Party according to Die Welt.

### WEST GERMAN PUMP ECONOMIC WARFARE AGAINST PORTUGAL

April 8 (IPS)--Recently returned from Portugal, West German Christian Democratic Union leaders Von Hassel and Kiep began pushing for an economic boycott of Portugal, the first stage of a Chilean style operation against the Portuguese Communist Party, and the Portuguese people. Various press reports yesterday detailed the Von Hassel/Kiep threats that foreign investment to Portugal is "unadvisable" because of "lack of security" there as a result of the PCP.

### SOVIETS WARNED TO RESTRAIN THE PORTUGUESE CP

WIESBADEN, April 8 (IPS)--According to unconfirmed reports published by the Agence France Presse (AFP) wire service and circulated in the West German press today by official government news agency West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt along with other European governments, warned the Soviet Union to "restrain the Portuguese Communist Party."

### PORTUGUESE MILITARY DISPENSES WITH DEMOCRACY

April 8 (IPS)--The military dictatorship of the Portuguese Armed Forces Movement (MFA) announced that in their redesigned government, the cabinet will have power to legislate only "on issues not reserved to the Supreme Revolutionary Council," and the MFA's proposals will virtually eliminate civilians from any decision-making role.

#### CARLUCCI SCAPEGOATED FOR SURVIVAL OF PORTUGUESE CP

April 10 (IPS)--The latest victim in the CIA purge charged is U.S. Ambassador to Portugal Frank Carlucci, now being scapegoated for his failure to crush the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). Widely exposed as a CIA agent who was instrumental in arranging the 1973 Chile bloodbath and the 1964 gorilla coup in Brazil, Carlucci, according to today's Washington Post has lost his reputation as a "tough guy."

#### SENATOR BROOKE DEFENDS NATIONAL SOCIALISM IN PORTUGAL

April 10 (IPS)--Senator Edward Brooke, a Massachusetts republican, returned from a fact finding trip to Portugal defending what Brooke aide today termed the "leftward trend toward national socialism there." Because of "the enormous nationalistic feeling" in the Portuguese military and population, the Brooke spokesman said, the Senator was confident that the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) will keep Portugal from "Soviet-style communism" and will proceed with institutionalizing "national socialism."

#### PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES SPOKESMAN CALLS FOR NEW PARTY TO UNDERMINE CP

April 10 (IPS)--Admiral Rosa Coutinho, emerging leader of the Portuguese Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Armed Forces Movement (MFA), called for the creation of a "new socialist party...to stand between the Portuguese Communist Party and the Portuguese Socialist Party," according to yesterday's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

#### SOVIETS ATTACK BRD/SPD SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE BLOODBATH

April 11 (IPS)--Writing in today's Neues Deutschland, organ of the East German Communist Party, Radio Moscow commentator Sakharov attacked in the strongest terms to date the interference of the West German government and the Second "socialist" International in the internal affairs of Portugal. He writes:"The leaders of the so-called Socialist International are playing into the anti-Portuguese hysteria, with the goal of...forcing the country to fit a democracy of the model of international reaction and of the Nato militarists. And no west European state can match the attacks by Bonn on the new Portugal...."

#### ELC TAKES OVER FRENCH SP MEETING ON PORTUGAL; SP LEADER FLEES

April 11 (IPS)--Yesterday in Lille, France, a small handful of organizers from the European Labor Committees (ELC) took over a meeting led by French Socialist Party agent Pierre Mauroy in-

tended as a cover-up job to portray the Second International's "solidarity" with the Portuguese working class. The meeting was attended by 500 French and Portuguese workers, leading Portuguese diplomatic officials, and leaders of the Second International's Portuguese Socialist Party. Within moments after spotting ELC organizers present in the room, Mauroy abruptly got up and fled--right in the middle of a diplomat's speech.

#### PORTUGUESE MFA CALLS FOR FORMATION OF FASCIST PARTY UNDER ITS CONTROL

April 11 (IPS)--Portuguese Minister of Information, Commander Jorge Corria Jesuino has joined Admiral Antonio Rosa Coutinho in calling for the formation of a civilian mass-based party to carry out the program of Portugal's ruling Armed Forces Movement (MFA). according to today's New York Times. "We do not yet have a political party that represents the real interests of the population," the Times quoted Information Minister Jesuino.

#### LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH ENDORSES MFA FASCISM

April 12 (IPS)--Following statements by the Portuguese Minister of Information, Commander Jorge Jesuino, that "it was a mistake" for the Armed Forces Movement to allow the creation of political parties, the London Daily Telegraph endorsed this fascist policy in an editorial yesterday: "It is impossible not to feel sneaking sympathies for Commander Jesuino's comments," the Telegraph wrote. "Political parties are a nuisance to administrators and military people. They waste a lot of time talking and squabbling. The Portuguese people have not tasted democracy for 50 years. The wine now would be too heavy."

#### ROCKEFELLER-CONTROLLED SPANISH DEMOCRATIC JUNTA PREPARES COUP

April 12 (IPS)--Spain's CIA-controlled democratic junta issued an action program today, calling for a one-day nationwide general strike at an unspecified future time in support of "national reconciliation." According to Agence France Presse, the strike call of the junta led by Santiago Carrillo, anti-Soviet agent and head of the Spanish Communist Party and Calvo Serer, head of the ultra-reactionary Opus Dei--undoubtedly signals the likely date for an anti-Franco coup.

#### COUP RUMOR AND "OUR LADY OF FATIMA" CAMPAIGN REVIVED

April 14 (IPS)--Today's New York Times warns of unspecified "reports circulated of a possible new attempt at a military coup" as well as "reports of plotting heard from various civilian and military sectors in Portugal." With this backdrop, the Times also

cites a statement by Portuguese bishops which warned that Catholics are "forbidden" to vote for marxist parties. This statement comes after a meeting between a Vatican envoy and Portuguese clergy, that took place at the shrine of "Our Lady of Fatima," a longtime symbol of anti-communism and pro-nazism.

## SECOND INTERNATIONAL UNDER LABOR COMMITTEE ASSAULT

### WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT ESCALATES ATTACKS ON LABOR COMMITTEES

BONN, April 8 (IPS)--The organizers of the National Press Conference held here for Willy Brandt April 3 have sent a letter to the Foreign Press Association requesting that New Solidarity International Press Service be excluded from the association.

According to a Syrian journalist--who has vowed to fight along with IPS for freedom of the press--the letter accuses IPS of injuring the reputation of Willy Brandt. The accusation refers to Brandt's hysterical outburst during and after the April 3 conference when Brandt shouted at IPS correspondents: "Why don't you say what your friends in Mexico say, that I am involved in a kidnapping and am an agent of Rockefeller's Second International?"

### PCI CALLS ROME CONFERENCE TO CONSOLIDATE SECOND INTERNATIONAL POLICY

April 8 (IPS)--The Italian Communist Party (PCI) newspaper Unita reports today that the PCI is promoting a meeting of all European communist and other workers parties to be held in Rome April 19-20.

The conference will follow the visit of Party General Secretary Enrico Berlinguer to Marshall Tito in Yugoslavia where Berlinguer asserted in a radio-television interview: "Yugoslavia and Italy have a very important function to carry on," based on the cooperation of all European countries in the formation of a military bloc from the U.S. and Soviets."

### ICLC; IPS REFUSE COMPROMISE WITH BRANDT'S NAZI TACTICS AT GERMAN INFORMATION CENTER

April 8 (IPS)--The West German Information Center in New York City, an official agency of the West German government, today offered a "compromise" to New Solidarity International Press Service and the International Caucus of Labor Committees after banning both groups from use of the Center's library facilities yesterday. The Center proposed that IPS correspondents be permitted to use one section of their library but denied access to their public files.

The Center's initial ban was ordered directly by Second International agent Willy Brandt, who presently does not hold any government position. The ICLC decided to go ahead with a counter-attack, a campaign to inform the liberals of New York's Jewish Community of Brandt's Nazi past.

### EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY TAKES OVER SPD RALLY

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 10 (IPS)--European Labor Party organizers took over a Social Democratic (SPD) election rally of

300 workers in Essen last night, turning it into a forum on international economic reconstruction.

Walter Arendt, U.S. agent and West German Labor Minister, opened the rally with a speech detailing the benefits of the German Social Democracy: co-participation, and common sacrifices. Then Arendt tried to warn the audience not to let the ELP speak and encouraged an SPD goon attack against one organizer, shouting: "Throw them out. Don't be human to them."

#### SOVIETS CANCEL MITTERAND'S TRIP TO MOSCOW

April 10 (IPS)--The French radio station RTL reports this morning that the scheduled trip of French Socialist Party leader and leading Second International agent Francois Mitterand to the Soviet Union has been cancelled, at the Soviets' request. No reason was given for the cancellation, but it is evident, from the overall political context, that the Soviets chose to so express their displeasure at the Second International's anti-communist war-mongering in the Mideast and other parts of the world.

#### SECOND INTERNATIONAL AGENTS IN DENMARK MOVE TO DEPORT ELC MEMBERS

COPENHAGEN, April 10 (IPS)--Danish Aliens Police acting on direct orders from Social Democratic Defense Minister Orla Moeller--who doubles as Danish Justice Minister--moved to expell three leading European Labor Committee organizers yesterday from Denmark on the grounds that their three-month residence permit is not being renewed.

This Danish move was precipitated by West German agent Willy Brandt and his Swedish counterpart Olaf Palme, who last month ordered the arrest of New Solidarity International Press Service correspondents at the airport here to prevent their questioning him at a press conference.

## MEXICO: CIA RELEASES LALC

April 10 (IPS)  
LALC LEADERS RELEASED IN MEXICO CITY

April 10 (IPS)--After 15 days of illegal imprisonment, the three kidnapped leaders of the LALC were released by Mexican authorities last night. Carlos de Hoyos Perez, Carlos Mendez Trujillo, and Hector Apolinar Iribe were released by the Mexican Attorney General's office which had taken custody of them on Sunday, following a twelve day ordeal in which de Hoyos and Mendez were brutally beaten and tortured.

During the first 12 days, de Hoyos and Mendez were held at a secluded country house by men in civilian clothes who identified themselves as agents of the Federal Security Police. They were kept bound, constantly beaten, and subjected to electroshock torture in an effort to wrest a "confession" from the LALC leaders. After the international campaign mounted by the International Caucus of Labor Committees prevented the CIA from assassinating the LALC leaders, they were finally handed over to the Mexican Attorney General "like a hot potato."

The Federal Attorney General issued a press release announcing that the three men would be released "with the reservation of law" and that investigations would be continued "into the copious documentation that was collected from them and that they transmitted to the headquarters in New York."

An ICLC spokesman in New York City noted that the release of the three LALC leaders represents a tremendous victory for the international working class which had mobilized in their defense.

The spokesman also stated that responsibility for the brutal torture and illegal imprisonment of the three men lies not only with the CIA, but with the major press outlets such as Associated Press, United Press International and the New York Times, which consistently refused to cover the story of the kidnappings. This deliberate blackout in the news media directly aided the CIA and their local Mexican agents in carrying out their vicious activities, until the international working class mobilization and the actions of a few courageous journalists, lawyers and others forced the release of the imprisoned leaders.

After receiving a medical examination, the three LALC leaders will hold a press conference in Mexico City today, outlining the terms on which the LALC will cooperate with Echeverria to expose the CIA's destabilization operations. They will also detail the conditions of their 15-day illegal imprisonment and ordeal.

### DAILY WORLD COMMENDS ECHEVERRIA

April 12 (IPS)--Today's Daily World, the U.S. Communist Party's newspaper, lauded Mexican President Luis Echeverria for an "anti-imperialist" speech he gave over a month ago and praised the country of Mexico as one which "stood by its principles of self determination and defied the orders of U.S. imperialists."

CUBAN PRESS AGENCY RETAILS OLD CIA LINE

April 13 (IPS)--Prensa Latina, the press agency of the Cuban government, issued a dispatch last week which suggested that the Latin American Labor Committees was sending its intelligence from Mexico to the CIA. The content of the release, published in a Panamanian government newspaper April 8, indicated that the information was funneled directly from the U.S. State Department.

NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS: The next weekly IPS will feature transcripts of the debriefings of LALC leaders de Hoyos, Mendez and Apolinar.

## CONTINENTAL

### COLBY: CIA AND JOURNALISM "VERY SIMILAR"

April 8 (IPS)--Speaking at the annual meeting of Newspaper Owners and Directors yesterday in New Orleans, William Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told his audience: "Modern espionage is very similar to newspaper reporting."

### UPI TO RELY CHIEFLY ON COMPUTERS FOR STRAIGHT CIA NEWS

April 8 (IPS)--At the annual meeting of Newspaper Owners and Directors in New Orleans, United Press International President Rod Beaton announced UPI's new computerization policy.

"For many years, an exaggerated proportion of the human labor resources of UPI were dedicated to the teletype and the human writers' desk. The new technology (computerization) permits us now to automate a great part of this routine and thus find ourselves in a new era in the writing and translation of news," Beaton said.

Beaton's "new era" signals nothing less than Rockefeller's complete takeover of UPI by the CIA.

### FBI CHIEF DENIES COINTELPRO OPERATIONS; INTIMATES INCREASED USLP HARASSMENT

April 8 (IPS)--In an interview aired on New York's educational channel today FBI director Clarence Kelley indicated that the FBI is planning arrests and frame-ups of U.S. Labor Party and other working class organizers similar to the Mexican Federal Police kidnappings of Latin American Labor Committee leaders in Mexico City when questioned about the FBI's request for 250 more agents because of an alleged increase in espionage activity in the U.S. Kelley replied: "We feel that this (espionage activity) must be on the increase knowing that the number of personnel attempting to get this type of information is on the increase."

When questioned on the FBI's continued use of "COINTELPRO" type of harassment of left wing and civil liberties groups, Kelley boldly lied: "COINTELPRO started in 1950 against the Communist Party and culminated in 1971...times have changed; we do not feel that this is a proper activity; we are not engaging in this activity; we are not going to engage in this activity."

### YORK, PA. POLICE SHRED U.S. CONSTITUTION IN ATTACK ON U.S. LABOR PARTY

April 9 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party organizer Karen Finerty was arrested today outside of an unemployment center in New Britain, Conn., as she sold New Solidarity. This latest arrest confirms that a pattern of harassment, designed to keep New Solidarity off the streets

in clear violation of the First Amendment, is being perpetrated against the U.S.L.P. by the FBI and the CIA.

Two Labor Party organizers remain confined in York, Pa. County jail today under an outrageously high bail of \$2,500 each. The U.S. Constitution has been ripped up by the York authorities in this blatantly illegal attempt to prevent working class organizing.

Steven Berg, USLP candidate for York City Council, and USLP organizer Donald Wirtanen were charged with distributing a "lewd lascivious, and obscene" leaflet against AFL-CIO bureaucrats Ed Clinch, Jack Barnhardt, and Earl Kiehl, who had physically assaulted Wirtanen and Berg last month.

Labor Party charges of assault and battery against the AFL-CIO were thrown out of court by York Judge Mildred Becker. Following this, the same judge jailed Beg and Wirtanen on the absurd AFL-CIO charges, purposefully setting bond high enough to keep the organizers locked up.

#### NEWARK COURT SENTENCES USLP ORGANIZER

NEWARK, April 9 (IPS)--Today, U.S. Labor Party organizer Brian Clark was sentenced to an 18-month suspended sentence to the State Correction facility and placed on probation for one year.

The sentence by Judge Stanley bedford steeméd from trumped up charges against several USLP organizers based on the September 1973 police riot at Newark City Hall, staged to prevent the USLP from exposing before the City Council the CIA takeover of Newark. The U.S.L.P. will appeal this sentence.

#### USLP ORGANIZERS FREED IN YORK, PA.

YORK, PA., April 10 (IPS)--In a habeas corpus hearing here today, Judge Elmer Blakey freed U.S. Labor Party organizers Don Wirtanen and Steven Berg, reducing their \$5,000 bail to zero. The organizers were arrested six days ago on bogus charges brought by three AFL-CIO bureaucrats.

The judge ruled that the outrageously jigh bail was inflicted as a "punishment" and that the charges of "harassment by telephone" did not apply to the political leaflets the organizers were distributing.

#### DETROIT FREE PRESS BOYCOTT EXPANDING RAPIDLY

DETROIT, April 10 (IPS)--Two sector presidents of the United Autoworkers Rouge complex here and Tom Cherry, President of the Brotherhood of Rail and Airline clerks in Toledo, Ohio, have formally endorsed the U.S. Labor Party boycott-strike against the Detroit Free Press. The strike, rapidly expanding throughout the Michigan corridor, aims to shut down the Free Press, unless it cancels the CIA press services of United Press International (UPI), and Associated Press (AP), and ceases to publish psywar lies telling class readers that they have no alternatives except wage cuts, short work weeks, and other Rockefeller austerity schemes.

## FEDERAL COURT JUDGE RULES USLP CAN SUE FBI FOR DIRTY TRICKS

DETROIT, April 10 (IPS)--Federal Judge Damon Keith issued a ruling here yesterday dismissing the FBI's attempt to quash the U.S. Labor Party/NCLC suit against the FBI. The judge ruled that the USLP and NCLC had grounds to sue the U.S. Attorney General Saxbe, FBI Director Clarence Kelley, and numerous FBI agents for conducting illegal surveillance and subversion of Labor Party organizing and electoral campaigns.

## DETROIT FREE PRESS BOYCOTT BREAKING CIA-PRESS CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

April 11 (IPS)--As the U.S. Labor Party boycott of the Detroit Free Press grows, an era of truth in reporting is beginning to dawn on sections of the established press. In Baltimore, Spencer Christian, a TV reporter, has proposed a commission to investigate the "blackout conspiracy". Orhwe USLP press contacts, many with their heads over their shoulders viewing the massive working class protest against the Free Press, are pressuring the USLP to keep them up to date on strike developments.

In Detroit area itself, reporters are coming forward endorsing the strike, and media, such as Windsor Radio CKLW, are covering the strike.

## NACHT AND NEBEL IN CHARLOTTE

April 11 (IPS)--Following an escalating national pattern of FBI phone harassment, preemptory illegal arrests and multi-thousand dollar bail fees for misdemeanor charges against the U.S. Labor Party members and supporters. The campaign rally of Labor Party Mayoral Candidate Stan Ezrol last night at a Charlotte housing project was surveilled by four squad cars and a police helicopter with spotlight. Police, who refer to the Law Enforcement Assistance Agency funded helicopter as "snoopy" admitted at the rally that Ezrol's use of a bullhorn was legal. They then followed and arrested the candidate five blocks away after the rally was over. Ezrol was charged with violation of a non-existent statute on bullhorns and released on \$100 bail.

Twenty four hours earlier three USLP organizers in St. Louis were similarly dragged out of their apartment at 7:00 A.M. and arrested for a newspaper distribution the previous night.

## YORK AFL-CIO BUREAUCRAT ATTACKS LABOR PARTY MEMBER

April 12 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party member Jake Douglass was assaulted and beaten by AFL-CIO official Earl Keihl, Jr. during a Labor Party New Solidarity distribution in York, Pa. today. This is the second time in a month that Keihl has assaulted a Labor Party member. Local police have refused to accept charges filed by the Labor Party against Keihl. Yesterday the York District Attorney threatening warned Labor Party members that he feared "violence and bloodshed" if they continued to organize.

## CPUSA LAUNCHES "ROCKY FOR PRESIDENT" CAMPAIGN

April 12 (IPS)--The Communist Party USA today had the dishonor of being the first CIA-controlled group to officially recommend that Vice President Rockefeller become President. Today's Daily World had a front page article written by Gus Hall, the General Secretary of the CPUSA, initiating an impeachment drive against "Ford and Kissinger." There was no mention of Rockefeller, who would become President if such an event took place!

## U.S. LABOR PARTY MEMBER IN DENVER KIDNAPPED, BRAINWASHED, BY THE FBI

DENVER, April 12 (IPS)--A U.S. Labor Party member missing since Monday, April 7, reappeared at the Labor Party office here this morning. Maurice Boyce, Jr., who had been surveilled and harassed by the FBI for several weeks prior to his disappearance, now exhibits loss of memory, dissociative thought patterns, and acute anxiety, the classic symptoms of brainwashing.

Implicated in the kidnapping is a "drug rehabilitation" outfit called Narcanon, which is funded by a title III grant from the CIA's domestic arm, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The Labor Party is investigating Narcanon's likely role in the FBI operation against Boyce.

Attempting to stem the Labor Party's rapid growth in the Denver region over the last months, the FBI has added the kidnapping and brainwashing of USLP member Boyce to its national campaign of harassment against the Labor Party.

When Boyce turned up at the Labor Party's office today, he gave several contradictory explanations for his disappearance, all of which center on the story that he was arrested Monday night by police in Aurora, a suburb outside of Denver, and held for four days without charges. Police departments in Aurora, Denver, and surrounding towns have no arrest record for Boyce.

Indicative of Boyce's current confused mental state is that he now denies being visited by the FBI, which he has earlier reported to the Labor Party. The fact of the FBI visits has been independently corroborated by Boyce's brother. Further, he is unable to give a coherent description of his alleged arrest and detainment. He now states that he "feels like (he's) in prison." A doctor is checking Boyce for evidence that drugs may have been used on him.

## LEAA PRECINCT ILLEGALLY HOLDS USLP CANDIDATE; BANKS ESCALATE HARASSMENT TO STOP DEBT MORATORIUM

April 13 (IPS)--Police in the 34th Precinct here in Manhattan are still holding James Gelvin, U.S. Labor Party candidate for the District 6 School Board, on charges of "disorderly conduct and interference with government administration," 24 hours after his illegal arrest yesterday at a Labor Party rally in Washington Heights.

This unprecedented action against a bona fide candidate for a major party follows an escalation of FBI and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA)-directed harassment in the past two

weeks against Labor Party organizers, especially those in municipal unions who are circulating petitions for a debt moratorium. The illegal arrest and the other attacks--threats of firing and FBI dirty tricks--are directly ordered by the Rockefeller banks who are now cutting New York's working class to the bone. A "liaison committee" representing all major city commercial banks took over direct day-to-day supervision of New York City's financial affairs this week, demanding sharp cuts in employment, and the closure of many schools, firehouses, and sanitation services. The banks called on the domestic CIA gestapo, the LEAA to try to crush the U.S. Labor Party organizing for a debt moratorium -- the only sane alternative to the suicide demanded by Rocky's banks.