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'Neue Ostpolitik' in Europe

NEW YORK, May 26 - In a development which creates the basis for finishing off Rockefeller in Western Europe within weeks, a significant faction of the French Communist Party (PCF), the leading Communist Party in Western Europe, has espoused expanded East-West trade and Third World development platforms, with first priority to meeting world food needs, patterned after the programs of socialist Iraq. The PCF faction is putting this forward as the necessary international programmatic alternative to the Party's present Program Commun. These PCF programmatic statements, made. May 24 in an address by Central Committee member and Party economist Jean Fabre to 1300 leading Party cadres at the PCF cadre school in Nanterre, constitute de facto acceptance of the call for an International Development Bank initiated by the European Labor Committees at the April 24 Bonn press conference given by U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The next, vital step must be official PCF endorsement of the IDB alternative. This will serve as the working-class pressure needed to push to successful conclusion the methodical efforts of the anti-Rockefeller bourgeois forces, centered around the Gaullists in France and Gerhard Stoltenberg's CDU faction in West Germany, to rid Europe of Rockefeller. The power of a working-class organization around a PCF official endorsement of the IDB will enable the anti-Rockefeller bourgeois faction to conduct fruitful diplomatic-political talks with the Soviet Bloc and Third World governments.

The endorsement by a sizable section of the PCF of the major aspects of the IDB call is exemplary of the expanding process whereby the concepts embodied in ICLC strategic perspectives and programmatic initiatives are assimilated by IPS Weekly 5/27/75

strategically key massed-based working-class forces. This process effects rapid transformations in favor of the world's working class in the global correlation of forces. It is precisely in the immediate potential for just such a rapid transformation in Europe that the significance of Fabre's speech is located.

Fabre's speech stressed, in the context of "exchanges which mean real mutual advantages' between Western Europe, the Soviet Bloc and the Third World, "a new superior technology, new employment and utilization of national resources for mutual advantage." Fabre concluded with a flat statement that only a unified fight of the world working class can achieve such programmatic goals. The immediate potential now exists for an IDB development perspective to become official PCF policy the crucial precondition for Third World governmental endorsements of the IDB alternative to the bankrupt IMF-World Bank.

PCF official adoption would also transform the present unfocussed character of the massive yet semi-amorphous European bourgeois factional opposition to Rockefeller into a necessary synchronized component in the drive for a "new Ostpolitik." European bourgeois politicians, industrialists, and military figures, are fighting for economic and physical survival against the collapse of the dollar-based world monetary system and the Schlesinger Doctrine, which if implemented will turn Europe into a nuclear rubble heap. These bourgeois elements continue to mount increasingly successful "spoiling attacks" which are considerably delaying and sabotaging Rockefeller. But the French Gaullists and West German and Italian Christian Democrats centered around Stoltenberg and Amintore Fanfani, respectively, have not had the political clout on their own to kick Rockefeller out of Europe.

IDB: Key to Neue Ostpolitik

Bourgeois opposition to the Schlesinger Doctrine is swelling, particularly in France, where most of the Gaullist Party (UDR) has joined forces in Parliament with the PCF in a debate on the defense question and in West Germany around Stoltenberg's CDU faction, which is groping in a pro-IDB direction. The ELC's thorough penetration of the ranks of leading Gaullists with material on Rockefeller-Schlesinger plans to obliterate Europe was decisive in the coalescing of the PCF-Gaullist bloc in Parliament, which publicly demanded that French President Giscard d'Estaing execute an immediate 180 degree turn from support of Schlesinger. The PCF-Gaullist bloc was able to force Giscard to back down, publicly, from his prior commitment on a secret agreement involving the stationing of French nuclear weapons on West German soil and Franco-German sharing of nuclear weapons. Thus, the blatant moves by Giscard and West Germany's radioactive Grand Coalition duo, Bavarian NATO-Maoist Franz-Josef Strauss and RAND-Social Democratic Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, to provoke immediate nuclear war through arming West Germany with nuclear weapons, are stalled, for the time being.

The short breathing space offerred by the PCF-Gaullist rearguard action in France has allowed factional opposition to consolidate in West Germany and Italy with the beginning of international cross-organizing between the various anti-Rockefeller groupings. The shaping of such international factional opposition through those factions' increasing assimilation of the ICLC-initiated IDB concept is pronounced. For example:

* A leading spokesman from the West German war production firm Krauss-Maffei last week addressed a gathering of topflight industrialists from the CDU Economics Council with a plea in NA 5 support of Iraqi development proposals.

* The CDU, through CDU member of Parliament Todenhoefer, today delivered a full-scale blast at the Schmidt government's refusal to commit funds or resources to development, and — in a major tactical initiative — Todenhoefer demanded a full discussion in the Federal Parliament within 30 days on the question of development.

* The series of open statements from Italian Conservative opposition to Rockefeller, centered around the Fanfani wing of the Christian Democracy and the Cefis-Montedison industrialist group, in favor of expanded East-West trade. The assimilation of the ELC analysis of the Italian factional situation has been joined by a spokesman for the Fanfani group who blasted Europe's Maoists as criminals

trying to sabotage East-West relations.

Tentative moves are being taken to consolidate an all-European factional opposition, whose core of necessity would have to be a Franco-German bloc—a fact distinctly recognized by the enemy as well.

The potential programmatic bloc on the working-class side, between combined PCF, ELC, West German Communist Party and pro-IDB Social Democrats in France and West Germany and, on the bourgeois side, a Gaullist-CDU anti-Rockefeller consolidation around a new Ostpolitik, would guarantee Rockefeller's elimination from

It is also of urgent tactical importance that the French Gaullists spearhead a pro-IDB sane capitalist faction. Unless the West German CDU has the framework of a Franco-German alliance within which to pose a

Europe within weeks at most.

development-Neue Ostpolitik movement, the CDU is seriously hamstrung in launching any such initiative publicly on its own. It was expressly for that reason that Stoltenberg visited Paris last week to consult with Gaullists, including left-Gaullists with extensive ties to the PCF. The Stoltenberg visit is now being counterorganized by a Rockefeller-ordered Bonn-Paris shuttle of the agents that nominally occupy most of the key posts in the CDU - led by CIA agent Karl Carstens, who will lead a delegation to Paris on Wednesday.

Rockefeller will throw whatever he has left into the breach to keep Western Europe. His weakness precludes that such counterorganizing by itself will save his position. He has only one significant weapon: the danger that his strategically-placed opponents will succumb to inertial the property of the strategically succumb to inertial the property of the strategical strategically because the strategical strategically placed opponents.