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ROCKEFELLER'S FINAL QUARTER:
BANKRUPT IMF: NEW YORK BANKS SELL ROPE FOR THEIR OWN HANGING

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (IPS) -- This week's meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Jamaica has finally sealed the fate of that institution and with it that of Rockefeller's entire dollar-based banking empire. The refusal of Europeans and oil-producing nations to destroy their own currencies to allow the Rockefeller brothers to collect their dollar-denominated debts has strengthened the position of the leading Third World nations who are demanding the immediate implementation of an International Developement Bank-type "New International Credit Institution."

Two definite results came out of the Jamaica meeting. The first and more immediately significant result is that, contrary to outright lies in the Western press, there was in fact no compromise whatsoever on the important issues. While the Third World representatives had asked for a trebling of available loan monies in the relatively condition-free "first tranche" of the IMF, the result was a pathetic increase of 45 per cent in all the tranches combined as IMF leadership effectively told the Group of 77 to "go to hell!" Treasury Secretary William Simon's bluff that an increase in the "first tranche" only would lead to a credit cutoff by the private banking network "which lends on the basis of IMF-imposed conditions," only bared the direct connection of Rockefeller's banking network and the IMF for those credulous enough in the Third World to still maintain the illusion of IMF "independence."

Secondly, the universal rejection of the U.S. position was that other IMF members must "share the burden", i.e. hyperinflate their own economics and currencies in order to bail out the Third World.

This position brought out into the open Rockefeller's concern for the collapse of the dollar should the U.S. be forced to hyperinflate alone in order to postpone a run on the New York banks. Needless to say, the oil-producing nations refused to "share the burden." Meanwhile, West German's Economic Minister Hans Friderichs made it clear in a speech at Mainz University yesterday that the Bundesbank is definitely not adopting an expansionary monetary policy.

Rockefeller's economic policy spokesmen, both in this country and in Europe, have persisted in this effort to get the Europeans and oil producing nations into line on the question of an

integrated hyperinflationary approach, for otherwise the dollar will collapse.

Since the foreign exchanges opened to full trading activity in the new year, the dollar has come under considerable pressure from Europeans and Arabs alike -- only to be bailed out by Swiss and West German central banks. The line coming from Professors Triffin, Tobin, and Cooper -- all of Yale University -- is "Europe must inflate along with the U.S." This time these traditional hyperinflationists have been joined by Chase Manhattan's chief international economist and Leonard Silk of the New York Times. Both advocated the old Citibank line for a "multi-currency reserve system" to support international debt structures. However, judging from the contempt shown by European spokesmen for Belgian Prime Minister and NATO-agent Leo Tindemanns' report this week demanding hyperinflationary conversion of European industry for armaments production, no responsible European politician will go along.

While the IMF meeting, as expected, turned out to be a clown show, the nineteen developing nations meeting in Paris this week to hammer out a common strategy vis-a-vis the industrialized countries for the January 26 reconvening of the North-South Talks (Conference on International Economic Cooperation) agreed to push for a "New International Credit Institution." Ignoring the meeting chairman, planted Rockefeller-agent Perez Guererre of Venezuela, the Iraqis, Algerians and the Mexicans demanded Soviet participation in future deliberations. Mexican representative Carlos Fuentes warned that should these conditions not be acceptable to the industrialized coutries, then the agenda would be taken to the United Nations for immediate action.

West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) parliamentary fraction leader Herbert Wehner's joint-communique with President Gierek of Poland, in which he called for a "nuclear free zone in Central Europe -- including West Germany" is a major indication of European moves away from the dollar and has electrified the French Gaullists, who correctly perceive that it leads to a breakup of NATO and hence the removal of the last obstacle to a European gold-backed currency zone.

This highly significant communique -- is the first major indication that Western Europeans, are ready to move on the IDB. The Soviets and Third World are already fully committed.

ROCKY'S BANKS SPECULATE ON THEIR OWN FUNERAL

Last week's unprecedented \$3.5 billion outflow from New York into the Eurodollar market is as clear an indication as any that there is no way to support the rollover requirements arising out of the \$72 billion of expected Lesser Developed Countries (LDCs) balance of payments deficits on current account in 1976, except a widely hyperinflationary monetary policy in the U.S. This would especially be so if the Arabs and the Western Europeans stick to their guns and refuse to hyperinflate to support the dollar, continuing a pattern that began in mid-December.

At least until late February, loan demand in the U.S. is expected to be flat enough to allow New York banks to concentrate solely on the refinancing of Third World debts on the Eurodollar market via Fed Funds at 4.75 pc. Currently, the differential between Fed Funds and 6-month Eurodollar interbank rates is 1.5 per cent, with the added advantage of greatly reduced reserve requirements in the "free-for-all" Eurodollar market. Come March, the refinancing pressure of U.S. corporations added to the \$45 billion projected financing needs of the U.S. Treasury for the first half of 1976, will turn into a full-fledged hyperinflationary upward spiral.

In the interim, with zero ability to generate operating income domestically, the massive pumping of funds into the highly-risky Eurodollar interbank market to the most illiquid banks in the world, is tantamount to Rockefeller speculating on his own funeral.

Such developments have made it all the more necessary that a Soviet Transfer Ruble-based International Development Bank be established without delay. The alternative is holocaust austerity in the Third World and a chaotic collapse of production, trade, and credit networks in the industrialized sector.