

# Oil crisis is unnecessary

"Americans will never accept (austerity) voluntarily. It must be imposed from the outside." This remark, delivered on ABC television by U.S. Secretary of Energy James R. Schlesinger, is the clue to an extraordinary series of events that unfolded this week around the meeting of the International Energy Agency in Paris.

As Schlesinger admitted, most Americans don't buy the story that global oil shortages now mandate a shift backwards into drastically lower energy consumption levels and more primitive energy technologies. Yet, the energy shortage must be made to come true if the United States is to be made to give up its economic sovereignty and buckle under to the murderous "conditionalities" of the International Monetary Fund.

As our ECONOMICS report details, a group of high-ranking, British-influenced cabinet officials led by Treasury Secretary Blumenthal is currently conspiring to surreptitiously bring the United States under the IMF jackboot, and make the June 25 Tokyo summit of the advanced capitalist industrial nations a meeting to rubber-stamp IMF surveillance for the entire world.

The opposition to this plot centers on an emerging alliance among European Monetary System co-founder President Giscard of France, the Saudi government, Moscow, and José López Portillo, President of Mexico—the world's new "oil giant." López Portillo's proposal for a United Nations conference of producers and consumers to *rationaly* determine a world program of expanding energy has just received the endorsement of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in Mexico for a

surprise summit with the Mexican President this past week.

It was to stem the momentum toward such a solution, which would be based on the full use of petroleum resources in transition to the more energy-dense technologies of nuclear fission and fusion power, that the economics and energy ministers of the advanced-sector nations which make up the International Energy Agency met in Paris May 21-22. The ministers, under Schlesinger's orchestration, conducted a ferocious round of "American bashing," led off on May 21 by Guido Brunner, the Energy Commissioner of the British-dominated European Community staff.

The principal proposals that came out of the Paris meeting were for a "renaissance of coal"—thus consigning the advanced sector to an energy mode which is both highly pollutant and labor-intensive under the preferred technology levels—and, from Count Otto von Lambsdorff, the West German economics minister, a bid for a "producer-consumer

conference" between the IEA and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Lambsdorff's ploy should fool no one (it has already been rejected by OPEC, which doesn't consider the Henry Kissinger-created IEA a legitimate interlocutor). It is part of the past week's frantic efforts by the Thatcher government of Britain to protect the speculative Rotterdam spot market from a political assault led by France in close coordination with Saudi Arabia. Not accidentally, since the IEA confab, the U.S. financial press reports that Rotterdam now controls a whopping one-third of Europe's oil supplies, and predicts \$40 per barrel prices within the next month.

The "IEA-OPEC" proposal is also transparently intended to divert energy concern away from the López Portillo-proposed U.N. conference, which among other targets will aim to shut down the Rotterdam operation.

—Nora Hamerman

## The Week in Brief

It's no secret that U.S. Secretary of State's May 22 visit to his new British counterpart, **Lord Carrington**, has acquired for the Carter White House a new—and considerably shorter—**British leash**. In London with **Cyrus Vance** was Israel's Premier **Menachem Begin**. On the agenda was U.S. support for the two "internal solutions" cooked up by London: the bogus "majority rule" regime of Smith-Muzorewa in Rhodesian, and Begin's unworkable autonomy plan

for a Palestinian "bantustan" on the West Bank.

The **New York Times** May 22 confirmed that **Washington has deferred** to the Thatcher regime on strategic issues. "United States officials said that Mr. Vance was unable to tell the British **what action Mr. Carter would take** on Rhodesia, if any. They said Mr. Carter was awaiting a report from Vance on his talks here **before deciding what to do.**"

A New York-based British bank-

er was blunter to this news service: "The Americans can't negotiate anything at all now—they're too stupid. We're saying to you Americans: now you have to listen to us on the Middle East and Africa. Things have changed. Now, Thatcher says, NATO is important. And **the President will have to come to her for policy.**"

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Two columns of **South African** armored cars and infantry, with air support, **invaded southern Angola** beginning May 19. The military pressure against Angola, one of the five "frontline" black African states bordering Rhodesia, is stepping up at the same time the **British Thatcher government** is laying the groundwork for U.S. and U.K. **recognition** of the South-African-supported government of Bishop Abel Muzorewa in Rhodesia.

Since the invasion, the antigovernment Angolan tribal grouping UNITA has claimed the **capture of two southern Angolan towns**. UNITA, which is run by South Africa from neighboring Namibia, announced earlier this month through a Lisbon spokesman that it has formed a front with another tribal outfit, the FNLA, to **topple** the Angolan government.

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Energy Secretary **Schlesinger** stunned the international press corps May 22 in Paris with an indirect **admission** that a U.S. military **invasion of Mexico** is under consideration, but not considered feasible. The packed press room fell silent when a reporter asked the Secretary, in town for **IEA meetings**, if it was true that he and Defense Secretary Brown planned **military action to grab the Mexican oil**. Schlesinger's response: "You have an overactive imagination. The balance of power makes an intervention into Latin America **impossible at this time.**"

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The **Senator from Chappaquiddick** has put it on the record—in **France**, anyway. In an interview headlined "Ted Kennedy: 'I will be a candidate for the White House, if...'" appearing in the May 7 edition of **Le Nouvel Economiste**, Ted Kennedy said that "if President Carter doesn't seek a new mandate, **it can't be ruled out** that I'll be a candidate."

The plan, according to one Kennedy organizer, is to force **Carter to "pull a Johnson."** That means hitting the President with a string of programmatic and primary **defeats** so that he will be "lame ducked" into announcing he will **not seek reelection**.

Stepping into the shoes of Jimmy "Il Doofus" Carter so early in the game **could hurt Teddy**, though. The more he appears to **be the President** from his Senate power position, his role in pushing through policies that destroy the economy—**trucking deregulation**, the antitrust campaign, and his **environmentalist roadblocks** to industry—will make him less and less appealing when voters go to the polls in November 1980.

As this review predicted several months back, the **New York Council on Foreign Relations** crowd that picked Kennedy for the Democratic presidential nomination plans to hand over the election to his pre-rigged GOP rival—Gen. **Alexander Haig**.

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Meeting under the banner of "Bridging the Gap for Human Development," **600** representatives from **labor, community organizations and religious, political and law enforcement** associations gathered in **Detroit** May 20 to map plans to stop the epidemic spread of mind-destroying drugs. The meeting was sponsored by the **Michigan Anti-Drug Coalition**, a fast-growing organization that has already midwived antidrug coalitions in New York-New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut and is currently leading the **fight against marijuana decriminalization** in Michigan.

The speakers were Dr. William

Banks, president of Detroit Television station WGPR and Supreme President of the International Masons; Mayor Jesse P. Miller of Highland Park, Mich.; Imam Talib Karim, resident Imam of Highland Park's Masjid John Hassan; U.S. Labor Party chairman and 1980 presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.; and featured speaker, the Hon. Dr. Frederick Wills, former foreign minister of Guyana.

Coalition vice-chairman Salahuddin Muhammad pointed out for special mention the role played by **Lyndon LaRouche** and the **U.S. Labor Party**. "If it had not been for LaRouche's concern with stopping drugs, and the work he did to reveal who runs the drug traffic, we couldn't have succeeded in our effort."

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Are the Soviets launching a campaign to "**free Israeli Jewry**"? A **May 17 article in Pravda** suggests that. The Communist Party daily attack prominent North American Zionist Edgar **Bronfman's** call for a **Middle East Treaty Organization**, calling it a straight-forward effort to create a pro-American bloc in the Middle East around the Camp David accord.

Pravda's Y. Glukhov characterized world **Zionism** as a **conspiracy** aimed against peace and **against the interests of Jewish workers** themselves, including Israeli workers. "Playing on the difficult and frequently tragic fate of Jewish workers, deceiving them with nationalistic slogans, with the Zionist bigwigs frequently resort to **blackmail**, accusing everyone who **opposes Tel Aviv's expansionism** of being **anti-Semitic**..."

"But the chauvinism and racism cultivated by the Zionists are ultimately turned against the working masses of Israel, who are viewed as objects of exploitation and as **'cannon fodder'** for continued expansion." More and more Israelis are emigrating to escape these "garrison state" conditions, Pravda said.