

For the real masters of the press pyramid, the pharaohs of the U.S. conspiracy and NATO, detente was a necessary phase in lulling the Soviets to sleep in preparation for the more significant hard-line no-compromise demands already in the works for the 1970s. The SPD was well located as the singularly qualified political force to court the somnolent Russian bear. In 1965, in a book describing his personal visit to East Germany, Sommer announced the inevitability of a period of detente. One year later, Helmut Schmidt also took his vacation on the other side of the wall, gaining much coverage and praise from the CIA's own New York Times.

By 1974, however, the courtship was over and the phase of deception and abuse of the Russian bear was scheduled to begin. Willy Brandt, a consciously created symbol of detente, long associated by European workers with their fervent desire for peace and trade with the Soviet Bloc, had to be removed --fast. Suddenly, Gunter Guillaume, a member of Brandt's staff for no less than three years, was discovered to be an "East German spy." (See IPS No. 5, "Double Agent: IPS Cracks CIA's Network in Europe," for full exposure of this CIA operation.)

Theo Sommer aptly described his own conception of the role he has to play from the top of the pyramid in a lead Die Zeit editorial soon after the CIA's removal of Poor Richard Nixon. Sommer, bating his eyes at close associates in the U.S. press cabal, specifically praised the New York Times and Washington Post as "the defenders of democracy in the U.S." Reflected Sommer, "If it hadn't been for the New York Times and the Washington Post, Nixon might still be in power."

FUSION REPORT

AEC TO MAKE NOMINAL FUSION DECLASSIFICATION IN RESPONSE TO NCLC CAMPAIGN

Sept. 26 (IPS)--IPS has just learned from informed sources that the Atomic Energy Commission plans to declassify some aspects of laser and electrical beam fusion research. Scientific papers submitted to the American Physical Society Plasma Physics Division for their upcoming conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico October 28-31 contain the information to be declassified. Previously, the AEC had classified as "top secret" the most essential data on laser and electrical beam fusion under the Sigma Weapons Rules. While the AEC's move has political significance, the scientific data to be released is of nominal value. The only "secret" of laser and electrical beam fusion research is that no meaningful research was being done; the Sigma top secret classification was simply to cover up the AEC policy of suppressing research and development of controlled fusion. The AEC's planned liberalization is an obvious attempt to stem the successful Labor Committee campaign--creating ferment among scientists and engineers--for the crash development of controlled fusion.

Controlled thermonuclear fusion would furnish humanity with a virtually inexhaustible source of safe, clean energy together with a revolutionary new technology capable of producing abundant supplies of essential raw materials and industrial chemicals--all at a fraction of their present social cost. By making readily available a cheap, abundant supply of

energy, thermonuclear power would provide the material basis for rapidly accelerating the standard of living of the world's population beyond that currently experienced only among the most skilled layers of capitalist society.

Initial expenditures on the order of 15 to 20 billions of dollars will be necessary in order to maximize the rate of progress during the primary five year research and development phase. Based on the knowledge of leading physicists and other specialists collaborating with the Labor Committees, there is no reasonable doubt that with the mobilization of industrial and scientific resources on a world-wide scale, pilot fusion power plants will become operational by the end of this decade and find significant application to the world economy throughout the 1980s. The mere co-mitment to such a development program removes the need to restrict current consumption of existing energy resources.

The same Rockefeller-led multinational interests, who have imposed a Malthusian crisis of shortages and de facto technological stagnation on the peoples of the world in order to insure their continued dominance of the world economy, systematically have sabotaged the development of controlled thermonuclear fusion.

Fusion Suppressed Since 1952

Ever since the first hydrogen fusion device was exploded at Eniwetok Atol in 1952, scientists have known that energy could be produced with fusion. The only method to produce net energy, high density inertial confinement--the same system used in the H-bomb--has been totally suppressed with respect to its peaceful applications. To produce controlled fusion with this approach, the atom bomb (which is used to spark the fusion process in H-bombs) would be replaced by an electrical spark or burst of laser light. Since the largest conceivable spark or light burst could "burn" only less than a milligram of fusion fuel (enough to create the equivalent impact of a fire cracker), such a system does not have weapons applications.

Three areas of scientific information important to developing laser or electrical beam fusion have been kept classified: (1) The computer program used at Lawrence Livermore Lab to simulate hydrogen bombs and based on the Monte Carlo method; (2) The actual data from H-bomb explosions and the theoretical implications of the results; (3) Target design of the pellet of fusion fuel which would be compressed and then ignited by the spark or burst of laser light. The minute amount of research on target design is what will be declassified at the Albuquerque meeting.

NORTH AMERICA

UAW GOONS ATTACK LABOR PARTY; WORKERS RESPOND NATIONALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (IPS)--Yesterday 18 United Auto Workers goons led by the president of UAW local 1435 attacked a Labor Party electoral rally outside the Toledo Chrysler plant in Perrysburg, Ohio. One Labor Party member is in the hospital with a broken nose and three broken teeth.