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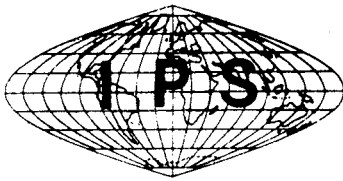
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AGRICULTURAL REPORT

GRAIN EMBARGO TO AID SLAVE LABOR SCHEMES

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (IPS)--The recently maneuvered U.S. embargo of Soviet grain was intended to create a "Red-scare" and publicly terminate the policy of detente; but its broader effect is to establish control over the world food supply as the means for implementing global slave-labor redevelopment projects. As a bonus, it also will refine the machinery for destroying agriculture in the U.S.

With the announcement of export controls last Sunday, the Rockefeller forces positioned themselves politically to determine which countries receive grain and which do not. Any sale exceeding 50,000 tons of corn, wheat, sorghum, soybeans, or soy meal or any sale more than 100,000 tons within a week to any one country now requires prior approval from the Rockefeller Administration. Decisions will be based on the same criteria as those of the World Bank's annual report: Is this country a credit-worthy investment risk for labor-intensive projects, or does it fit the "Fourth World" category--"better left to starve"--like famine-wracked India or Bangladesh?

Export Controls Intensify Looting

While export controls formally were announced only this week, they have been in de facto effect for a number of years--most notably this past year. Yet their formalization increases their strength as a controlling weapon. With many of the developed nations--especially Japan, but also West Germany, the Netherlands, Canada, Italy, and the U.K.--dependent upon the U.S. for foodstuffs, the export controls push them to the edge. Either they go along with Rockefeller's fascist "redevelopment" or they are cut off from U.S. exports. In the same way, third world nations who resist or who do not have lootable natural or human resources quickly will be labeled fourth world and left to starve.

Rockefeller already is well on his way to significantly reshaping the grain trading empire. Working through the multinational grain exporting companies under his controls, Continental Grain, Cargill, Cook and Bugge, he has begun the looting campaign. Grain exports have increased to just about every area where redevelopment schemes are scheduled or have begun. "Special trading preference" has been given to countries like Mexico which he has already begun to loot and to countries like the People's Republic of China which he intends to loot. Just this past year, both China and Mexico have moved into the top ten position of nations receiving U.S. agricultural exports,

replacing both the Soviet Union and France. China's imports of U.S. wheat, for example, rose five times over the previous year's imports, from about 0.6 million metric tons in 1972-73 to 3.2 million in 1973-74. Her purchases accounted for 10.6 percent of the total U.S. exports.

In the Middle East, slated for redevelopment, agricultural purchases have increased from slightly more than \$.5 billion in 1973 to over \$1 billion in 1974.

"Red Scare" and Shortages Sham

While the press led a hysterical smear-job on the Soviet Union as the "cause of the food crisis", they printed nothing about the vast increase in exports to the Chinese. It was never mentioned that Soviet wheat purchases dropped in 1973-74 from their previous high level to about 2.7 million metric tons, 0.3 million more than this year's cancelled purchases. Moreover, the cry of shortages is a sham. While corn and soybean crops have been reduced by drought and frost, the bumper wheat crop harvested earlier in the year nearly compensates for the losses. There is still enough food to feed both the U.S. and the world.

Threat to Domestic Agriculture

The same machinery that has established Rockefeller's control over the world food supply doubles as his control over the domestic market. When he chooses, Rockefeller can wipe out U.S. grain farmers at one stroke simply by holding back exports, glutting the market with grain, and thus driving prices through the floor. International trade is crucial to the stability of the U.S. grain market since two-thirds of the wheat, half of the soybeans, and one-fifth of the corn crops are exported. With farmers possessing large quantities of grain which they had withheld from the market in anticipation of price increases, the American farming community is in a totally vulnerable position.

Such a drastic collapse of feedgrain prices is unlikely to occur right now because the destruction of domestic livestock, poultry, and dairy farmers is incomplete, therefore necessitating the continuation of high feedstuff prices. But the boom can be lowered at will. At that point the speculative grain exporting companies, like Continental and Cargill, will carry out a near total withdrawal from the market. Prices will nosedive, setting off panic selling by farmers and most farmers will be left holding the bag. Agricultural production will then be shifted to the third world.

Butz' Ouster

Using the grain scandal as an excuse, Rockefeller forces are trying to force the ouster of Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz. Senator Henry Jackson charged Butz with being "soft" in dealing with the Soviets and has demanded his resignation.

The Wall Street Journal pointed to the inevitability of Butz' ouster in a front page article Oct. 8. Other Rockefeller lackeys have joined in this campaign. But Butz, as his previously militant anti-control stance demonstrates, agreed to export controls only under Rockefeller-induced duress. The real reason for Butz' removal, however, is that as Secretary of Agriculture, he heads up the U.S. delegation to the World Food Conference. Refusing to go along fully with a fascist starvation program, Butz is not "safe" enough for such a sensitive job. Butz is an obstacle to the implementation of a "world food bank" and the rest of Rockefeller's world food program. Butz' well known position is that "International dialogue. . . centers too much on aid and reserve programs and not enough on opportunities to enhance production."

The Wall Street Journal complained that, as a result of Butz' attitudes, the "world food bank" is not even being considered seriously except in watered-down versions. The Journal also expressed concern that the Administration will not allocate sufficient funds for the proposed "agricultural development fund" which is to build the minimum infrastructure necessary for labor-intensive third world agriculture.

PRESS WATERGATES FARM CO-OPS

Oct. 10 (IPS)--Farmer-owned cooperatives recently have been besieged by a barrage of adverse press publicity led by the New York Times and Washington Post. These exposes of "powerful" coops date back at least to the Watergate investigator's "discovery" that three major milk cooperatives had contributed to Nixon's campaign, allegedly as a bribe to raise milk support prices.

Recently the New York Times revived the month-old milk adulteration case involving the Dairylea coop. The Times' "watergating" of Dairylea is aimed at a thorough housecleaning of the New York Agriculture Department and removal of remaining farmer influence. Although Dairylea already had paid a \$150,000 fine, a Times editorial indignantly demanded a criminal investigation and used the issue to put State Attorney General Lefkowitz on the hot seat as well. The upshot of this concerted press campaign is that Lefkowitz has launched a grand jury investigation, which will include an inquiry into the way the case was originally handled by state agriculture officials. Meanwhile, Lefkowitz' Democratic opponent, Robert Abrams, has jumped into the fray screaming "coverup" and demanding exposure of an "apparent conflict of interest" in the Department of Agriculture and Marketing. State Commissioner of Agriculture Frank Walkley is a former dairy farmer who once belonged to the Dairylea coop.

The Washington Post Oct. 6 blamed the widespread failure of New York dairy farms on the "heavy" payments farmers make to coops for lobbying and mild promotion campaigns. The Post article coincided with investigations by a Republican "Anti-trust Task Force" led by Representative John Hynes of Pittsburgh. The task force recommendations would prevent the merger of cooperatives or the joining of corporations with coops to process food. The Post's insidious article is the latest in an ongoing press campaign to force the liquidation of co-ops by weakening or replacing the Copper-Volstead Act of 1922, which provides co-ops with a special anti-trust exemption.

Historically, farmer coops have represented a minimal defense institution where farmers can band together to protect their prices. The dismantling of coops only would facilitate the wiping out of individual farmers, which already has led to a decline of national milk production to the lowest levels since 1948. Even the Washington Post admits that according to New York State Agriculture Department statistics, dairy farm production costs rose 79% since 1967, while milk prices paid the farmer rose only 53%.

The Rockefeller-directed credit squeeze not only has made it impossible for dairy farmers to stay in business; many farmers cannot find a buyer to take the farm off their hands. Labor Committee organizers recently discovered that Chase Manhattan was buying up dairy herds from cash-strapped farmers near Albany and leasing them out!

Farm coops have not fared any better than their members. For example, Dairylea may lose up to \$900,000 owed to it by the bankrupt Bohack food chain, which was forced out of business when Morgan Guaranty snapped up its deposits. It is also rumored that dairies have not been able to keep up with their payments to Dairylea for raw milk.

NEW SOUTHERN RICE BOWL IN U.S.

Oct. 8 (IPS)--Among President Ford's ten "anti-inflationary" proposals in his speech to Congress today was the elimination of remaining acreage limitations on rice production. This seemingly harmless proposal already exists in the form of legislation in the House of Representatives under the title "Rice Act of 1974". The aim of the bill is to allow the extension of rice production to the more impoverished regions of the U.S. South, such as Arkansas and Mississippi, turning this area into an Asian-style Rice Bowl.

The new rice bill has received the backing of such unlikely allies as the New York Times, Washington Post, Mississippi Congressmen, and Charles Rangel, U.S. Congressman from Harlem, New York City. The New York Times asserts that the coalition formed because the bill will

provide cheap food for the urban poor and employment for the small farmers of Arkansas and Mississippi. On the other hand, rice-growers from the chief rice-growing states of California, Texas, and Louisiana are protesting that increased production will drive their prices down and that the proposed minimum price is too low to protect them.

This apparent expansion of rice production can be properly understood only in the context of the forced-collapse of livestock and other grain-farming throughout the advanced sector. Workers who cannot afford increasingly scarce beef or even wholewheat products will have to substitute the relatively protein-deficient rice. Rice produced on labor-intensive Southern farms will provide a cheap food supply necessary to maintain workers who are resettled into "Project Independence" workcamps on a bare subsistence diet.

THE MIDEAST

ROCKEFELLER PLANS "LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR" IN MIDEAST: PRESSURE GROWS FOR SCHLESINGER PRESS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (IPS)--Lane Kirkland, Secretary Treasurer of the AFL-CIO and a member of David Rockefeller's supranational fascist shadow-government, the Trilateral Commission, briefed a gathering of visiting West German trade unionists from the DGB Trade union confederation on the Middle East situation, Oct. 9 in Washington, D.C.

Kirkland told the closed meeting: "This is the most critical situation since World War II. . . We are returning to the days of the Marshall Plan. . . and our view on the Eastern European (Soviet) bloc must be strong. . . The Arabs are trying to start a Middle East war through blackmail and extortion. . . If there is a Middle East war, it will be for keeps."

Kirkland is also a member of Nelson Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for Americans.

Phone calls to representatives of Iran and Kuwait revealed that, in their opinion, the United States would "not allow" a nuclear attack by Israel on an Arab country.

However, this illusion was blasted yesterday, Oct. 10, when, in a development closely related to Kirkland's speech, CENTO Regional Political Division Head for the Indian Ocean, Mr. Grant, told IPS correspondents in Washington that no protective measures were being taken by the U.S. against an Israeli nuclear weapons attack--"none," declared Mr. Grant.

Briefing calls from members of the International Caucus of Labor Committees to Egyptian and Syrian representatives elicited hysterical reactions when the Kirkland speech was raised. A Jordanian representative indicated that if Israel used atomic weapons, it would be "wiped out".

Trilateral Commission Plans War

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Chairman of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, yesterday told the Labor Committees that: (1) Kirkland was "speaking only for himself"; (2) however, the Trilateral Commission does "brief the State Department--we brief all government departments"; and (3) the Trilateral Commission is currently maintaining a "study group" in the Middle East itself on the situation there.

This information confirms the Labor Committee analysis that Rockefeller is escalating for "limited tactical nuclear war" in the Middle East, along the lines of Defense Secretary Schlesinger's "conceptual breakthrough" against the Soviets on the question of nuclear war earlier this year.

Such a war would: (1) enable the Rockefellers to test nuclear war in what the Central Intelligence Agency has determined to be a relatively "safe" area, before directing it against the Soviet Union; (2) drive the Soviet Union against the wall with a Rockefeller-directed nuclear war on their southern flank; and (3) enforce Rockefeller's Oil Hoax-1974, now underway.

Sommer Confirms Mideast War is Trilateral Commission Policy

Theo Sommer, member of the Trilateral Commission and editor of the West German daily Die Zeit, today confirmed that "limited tactical nuclear war" in the Mideast is the policy of the Trilateral Commission. Today Sommer editorialized in Die Zeit: That last year's oil embargo was the "greatest revolution in history--the October Revolution was not in 1917 but in 1973"--picking up on Nelson Rockefeller's remarks last week to an unpublicized meeting of UPI wire service subscribers and editors in San Francisco. Sommer also stated that "war in the Mideast is definitely not to be excluded".

Kirkland and Sommer are thus laying out Trilateral Commission policy on both sides of the Atlantic.

Pressure for Schlesinger Statement

Late reports indicate that considerable pressure is being exerted by journalists, in the wake of these developments for U.S. Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger to hold a press conference to clarify United States position and policy on the Middle East.

IPS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

**FEA CONFIRMS: SLAVE LABOR "DEVELOPMENT"
TO BE ENFORCED BY MILITARY**

Oct. 9 (IPS)--IPS reporters today uncovered what appears to be the precise action program by which Rockefeller-controlled government agencies and departments intend to implement fascist relocation of unemployed workers into slave labor "energy development" projects. Highly placed and reliable sources at the Federal Energy Administration's "Project Independence" confirmed in interviews this week that the deliberate creation of a "wartime" emergency, including use of the military, will be the primary policy option by which the Rockefeller forces will rationalize their major moves toward dictatorial control over production and employment. This option has been spelled out by CIA-connected "think tanks" like the Hudson Institute and the Ford Foundation.

As IPS has reported previously, the Rockefellers could utilize the authority embodied in the recently-reactivated Defense Production Act of 1950 to divert supplies of "strategic materials" such as coal away from the electric utilities, thereby drastically reducing electrical output for industry and home use. A spokesman for the FEA revealed in an interview that the FEA and the Office of Preparedness, at this moment, are drawing up final plans for the invocation of the Defense Production Act in the event of the planned, CIA-engineered United Mine Workers strike in November.

The FEA spokesman added that the DPA would serve not only as the mechanism for dictatorial control of coal supplies, but as the "most direct and efficient" means of instituting and enforcing the rapid relocation of the unemployed to coal development projects in the Rocky Mountains (slave labor death camps) because it would involve the U.S. military.

This admission by a high energy official followed, by less than 24 hours, a speech by President Ford in which he stated, without reference to specific instances, that he would invoke the Defense Production Act as he saw fit. In the same speech, Ford called for a long-term push for coal development.

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense and the Office of Preparedness have refused to make public their plans to mobilize the Army's Readiness Regions for this military enforcement role. (See below.)

The FEA official also confirmed that this option has been under consideration for some time, and that the decision to push for it was the immediate result of the most recent Rockefeller-rigged oil hoax and the wartime atmosphere now being created around the possible detonation of a new Mideast conflict.

Referring to the policy-planning "energy studies" which have been conducted over the past few years by such Rockefeller-controlled think tanks as the Ford Foundation and the CIA's notorious Hudson Institute, the FEA official admitted that the scenarios outlined in their reports have now become official policy.

A study conducted for the former Interior Secretary Rogers Morton--now Ford's overall energy coordinator--in 1973 by Herman "Megadeath" Kahn's Hudson Institute laid out this policy explicitly. With Rockefeller's first Great Oil Hoax just off the ground, Hudson produced a "Policy Analysis for Coal Development at a Wartime-Urgency Level to Meet the Goals of Project Independence," which now has become policy. In fact, the Hudson Institute not only was contracted for this policy study, but also was instrumental in the formation of the Federal Energy Office and Project Independence itself. Hudson Institute "researcher" Robert Shatz has been serving as the Assistant Administrator for Project Independence during 1974.

"What we are in the process of developing right now is just such a 'wartime-urgency' situation," the official stated. Practically quoting word-for-word from the Hudson scenario he added, "I think that is what is happening, and I think it is the most effective way of getting Project Independence into high gear." Then he outlined the essential features of the first phase of this combined operation: The first section of the U.S. working class targeted for a slave-labor death in the Rocky Mountain "coal development projects" are the already unemployed: "First we will draw from the ranks of the currently unemployed, who have the sufficient skill levels for our needs," he said. As the Rockefeller attack on the employed industrial working class intensifies, resulting in a massive new "supply" of unemployed, these newly unemployed will be relocated to replace the slave laborers from the first "labor pool." Just what will happen to the original workers was the only question which this FEA administrator would not answer.

Rockefeller has begun a massive push for the institution of the essential features of a fascist economy timed to coincide with a new Mideast war, massive layoffs, a new oil hoax, and his own confirmation as Vice President during the immediate weeks ahead. As a result of this increased Rockefeller pressure, the government openly has adopted his think tank "scenario" as present policy for immediate implementation. Within a matter of hours following the IPS interview with the FEA official, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Energy Research and Development Act, the enabling legislation to ensure the first phase of Federal funding for these policies.

SCHLESINGER BLACKS OUT ARMY MOVES

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 10 (IPS)--IPS inquiries about military contingency plans in case of an energy "emergency"--specifically in the event of a United Mine Workers strike next month--have

revealed a cover-up of such contingencies and a total blackout of military activities to the American public.

Under orders from Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger, officials both at U.S. Army Information in the Pentagon and at Forces Command (FORCOM) at Ft. McPherson, Georgia have refused to answer what they term "hypothetical" questions on any matters concerning "policy." Both sources also have refused to give even the phone numbers and locations of the various Readiness Regions headquarters throughout the U.S. which coordinate troop deployment on the regional level.

This blackout comes at a time when reliable sources have informed IPS that contingency plans for military intervention in the event of a coal strike (like those reported for last winter's truckers' strike) do, in fact, exist.

Boston: Troop Blackout

The blackout also is now serving as one more aggravating factor in the CIA's attempt to turn South Boston into another Belfast. Reacting to the hysterical coverage in the New York Times and Boston Globe and the Boston Mayor Kevin White's mootings that troops are needed in Boston, residents are calling the Army and Deputy Mayor Robert Kiley's "War Room" and getting the same blackout

LABOR PARTY CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY FASCIST NERA LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (IPS)--In a frantic move to prove themselves useful to the Rockefeller family, members of the U.S. House of Representatives have decided this week to attempt to pass the fascist National Employment Priorities Act--the Mondale-United Auto Workers "NERA" bill--in secret! Representative John Dent's (D-Penn.) General Subcommittee on Labor of the House Education and Labor Committee has moved to deny the U.S. Labor Party's right to testify at what were supposed to be "public hearings" on the bill in Detroit, Michigan Oct. 18 and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Oct. 19. This move--denying the right of the only political working-class opposition to present testimony against explicitly fascist legislation in these two regions of heavy industrial working class concentration--is a declaration of support by the House of Representatives for the Rockefellers to maintain their paper empire at the expense of workers' lives!

The U.S. Labor Party is mobilizing nationally and internationally to expose this move and to demand the working-class right to testify at these critical hearings.

Intensive Labor Party organizing on Capitol Hill and across the U.S. this summer has already forced Senator Walter Mondale, Democrat from Minnesota and leading social fascist legislator, to back down temporarily from support for his own Bill in the United States Senate! In response, the Rockefeller forces, including

Mondale, have opted first to force this Bill through the House. Six replicas of Mondale's NERA Bill have circulated in the House, drawing more than 40 Democratic co-sponsors. Chief among these House replicas is H.R. 13541, sponsored by Representative William Ford of Michigan.

NERA Fascism

The National Employment Priorities Act would create a National Employment Relocation Administration, an "independent" Federal authority, fully empowered to brainwash and relocate millions of workers and unemployed in slave labor "development" projects (concentration camps). The NERA would be an integral part of Rockefeller's hideous version of Hjalmar Schacht's and Adolf Hitler's Nazi Labor Front: A classic corporatist set-up composed of "representatives" from business, labor, government, and "the public." As the Rockefellers' controlled Depression deepens, NERA would oversee all plant closings. It would then decide whether to grant "technical assistance" to speed up the workforce further; whether to bail out the company with workers' taxes, or simply let the plant close down. Unemployed workers would be "provided" with income maintenance, emergency mortgage and rent payments, food stamps, surplus food commodities--provided they agree to relocation and brainwashing. If workers refuse "testing, counseling or placement services," or if they do not make "satisfactory progress in training or counseling sessions," all benefits will be cut off. Workers must agree to relocation anywhere in the country.

Politicians Fearful of Labor Party Opposition

The Labor Party is widely recognized as the only opposition to this Bill. Numerous Congressmen, Senators, and aides are asking the Labor Party for a full briefing on the NERA Bill. This afternoon on Capitol Hill Robert Vagley, an aide to Representative John Dent, whose subcommittee is in charge of the Detroit and Pittsburgh hearings and has denied the Labor Party's right to testify in those cities, told Labor Party organizers, "We know that you know more about this Bill than anybody." Dent has attempted to divert working class opposition to the Bill by offering the Labor Party token testimony in Washington--removed from masses of industrial workers--next year!

In addition, the Detroit and Pittsburgh "hearings" have been packed with supporters of the Bill. In Detroit, where Trilateral Commission member Mondale will co-chair the hearings, the only people scheduled to testify are LEAA counterinsurgent Mayor Coleman Young and Rockefeller agents from the United Auto Workers and AFL-CIO, under the control of Trilateral Commission members Leonard Woodcock and Lane Kirkland. The Pittsburgh hearings are similarly controlled. Labor Party organizers recently overheard members of Rep. Dent's staff instructing Merle Beven, the Mayor of New Kensington, Penn., on the contents of his upcoming testimony.

The U.S. Labor Party will crush the NERA Bill and its proponents. Having just dealt a massive blow to the Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission forces in Toledo, Ohio, the Labor Party will harness the working class power which led to that victory, expand our power, and focus it against this fascist NERA legislation.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

NATURAL GAS CUTOFF TO ITALY BY EXXON IN LIBYA THREATENS MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT

Oct. 11 (IPS)--The Rockefeller family's Exxon subsidiary in Libya has cut off shipments of liquified natural gas (LNG) to Italy. The move will mean an immediate reduction of Italian natural gas consumption on the order of 10 per cent. (2.5 billion cubic meters of Italy's total LNG consumption of 25 billion cubic meters comes from Exxon in Libya.) The cutoff threatens massive new unemployment in the steel, cement, and metallurgical industries--all heavily dependent on natural gas.

The Exxon Corporation and the Libyan government used a "price dispute" arranged with collaborators in the Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI), the Italian government-owned hydrocarbon concern, as "justification" for the cutoff.

This dispute involves new taxes imposed by Libya on LNG produced by Exxon. The taxes allegedly were increased because of the U.S. support of Israel. Exxon attempted to pass this price increase along to ENI, its major customer, but ENI refused to absorb the cost. This immediately resulted in the shutdown of a huge Italian regasification plant in Panigaglia, Italy, owned by SNAM Progetti S.P.A. Similar shutdowns are expected to occur in Spain, which is also involved in the dispute. SNAM Progetti has stated publicly that this tax-induced price hike violates its 1965 contract with Exxon, which stipulates that the Exxon Corporation will absorb all Libyan taxes.

As a result of ENI's refusal to pay these increases, Exxon invoked a "force majeure"--a contract clause that allows a supplier to reduce or stop deliveries because of reasons "beyond its control"--as reported in the Oct. 11 Wall Street Journal. The Libyan government played its move in this Rockefeller game by ordering the closure of all oil and gas facilities owned by Exxon and Exxon affiliates in Libya.

Exxon: Sabotage "Our Prerogative"

According to a public relations official at Exxon in New York City contacted by IPS today, industrial sabotage of the Italian economy is "our prerogative." In fact, the natural gas cutoff is only one of many fuel shortages which are being introduced to reduce the Italian economy further to a slave-satrapy of the Rockefeller family. For example, the Unione Petrolifera Italiana (the association of Italian oil producers) is threatening to stop marketing crude oil within Italy if the government will not permit price rises. Efforts at such blackmail include a month-long shutdown of refineries in August by Total, a member of the Unione Petrolifera Italiana located in France.

IL MONDO LAUNCHES ATTACKS ON WORKING CLASS

Oct. 10 (IPS)--Key Italian Rockefeller agent Ugo La Malfa's pornographic rag Il Mondo carried a two-pronged attack on the working class this week. First the Oct. 10 Il Mondo paints Rockefeller's fascist planning in "geopolitical dimensions." Recent Italian political events are exposed as a preplanned "scenario" where unwitting players merely perform "the roles that are assigned to them." As in Chile, the outworn carcass of the Christian Democracy is ready to be shed in the "construction of a different world," while the Communists are being groomed European-wide for Allende's ignominious fate.

The diversionary fluff which occupies the major portion of Italian press and political discussion today--such as the heated discussion around the question of NATO bases--"appears a topic of secondary importance." The only topic that matters is the subjugation of the working class.

It is therefore no accident that the same Il Mondo issue which confidently bares its fangs to impotent left leadership carries an editorial attack on Rockefeller's one opponent in the world today: the Labor Committees. The editorial attack, however, only confirms the enormous political influence of the miniscule Italian Labor Committees. Its purpose is to begin setting the stage for a future frameup of the Labor Committees as Red Brigade-style terrorists. Il Mondo writes: "This loss of the sense of reality, united with a continual flight to the left, can only have two outcomes: either fatigue...or a further shift to the left in armed revolt, because the machine gun--finally--is something real."

La Malfa, head of the Republican Party in Italy, is a known CIA agent, as the Labor Committees have documented thoroughly in the past. The European Labor Committees are taking steps to ensure that this terror attempt on the part of La Malfa's employees backfires.

CANNIBALISM IN HONDURAS

Sept. 26 (IPS)--In a report from Mexico City today, it was disclosed that 25,000 Hondurans, stranded in the midst of the ravages left by Hurricane Fifi, "have begun to commit suicide and eat the decaying bodies of their friends and family, because no food or relief is being provided." Thousands are fighting each other with machetes for any edible object they can find.

A further report Sept. 27 stated: "300,000 people are damned to die in the next 24 hours."

Gabriel Restrepo, special representative of the Organization of American States, proclaimed that "from now on, for every minute that passes, three people will die in Honduras for lack of food."

The United States has denied helicopters, food, and medical personnel as one-third of a whole nation is forced into cannibalizing itself out of existence.

A Brief to the U.N. General Assembly

The Palestinian Liberation Organization - Rockefeller's Oil Politics

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the General Assembly is scheduled to consider the question of the Palestinians apart from the more general examination of the entire complex of Middle East politics.

Not coincidentally, as the United Nations prepares to debate the Palestine issue, the clouds of war — some genuine, some mere fictions created by the crisis-mongering bourgeois press — have begun to gather ominously in the Middle East. Quite suddenly, the so-called Arab oil weapon has been linked again publically with the vague issue of a "Middle East settlement" by such an eminent personage as Aramco Oil spokesman and Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani. Amid leaked reports — always officially denied — that the U.S. military is planning a police action aimed at one or another Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries member state, and as the hysterical press implies that the Arab-Israeli conflict is "insoluble," President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger have launched vitriolic and threatening attacks against OPEC price policy. Their coordinated speeches obviously were carefully calculated to provoke maximum paranoia and hysteria throughout the Arab world.

This brief is designed to provide irrefutable evidence for three interrelated propositions:

First, that the current escalation of Middle East tensions is without doubt the product of a CIA-orchestrated campaign to heighten the regional political crisis and to use a staged confrontation, similar to last October's war, as a cover for a second "oil crisis."

Second, that the supposedly anti-imperialist actions by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Arab sub-group OAPEC have been used by the Rockefeller/Standard Oil/Chase Manhattan empire to bankrupt and reorganize the western world and the underdeveloped sector in preparation for the implementation of fascist economic forms. At a stroke, using their vast oil and financial empire and its political counterinsurgent apparatus to manipulate Persian Gulf governments, the Rockefellers virtually have eliminated all bourgeois opposition to Wall Street hegemony. The net effect of last year's 400 per cent increase in the price of oil has been the centralization of nearly \$80 billion looted from the world economy under the administration of Rockefeller-controlled lending institutions.

Third, that the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the hegemonic Palestinian umbrella group composed of numerous groups and political and military factions, does not deserve recognition by the United Nations or by actual liberation forces in the Middle East. In fact, while

incorporating several honest tendencies and numerous individuals committed to the establishment of socialist and proto-socialist economic and political relations, the PLO is **without question currently dominated by the CIA and the immense Middle East political machine that operates to ensure regional stability (via manipulated tension) for the Rockefeller-controlled Standard Oil petroleum cartel.**

The Oil Weapon

The immediate implications of these ideas are obvious. By consciously escalating the tone of rhetoric over both the oil issue and the Palestinians, Rockefeller and the CIA are laying the ground for a reactivation of the "oil weapon." In a world whose economy is wracked by a spreading capitalist depression, the effect of a second "oil crisis" will be to push nervous bourgeois-democratic governments into dropping any remaining hesitation and submitting to the Rockefeller-Kissinger plan to cut energy consumption by a further 15 per cent. In this fashion, "energy conservation" measures, "oil sharing" plans and IMF "petrodollar recycling" are the cutting edge of Rockefeller's drive to enforce worldwide fascism within the immediate period ahead. Should the discredited government bureaucracies in the West fail in their task of convincing workers to reduce their standard of living "for their own good," the well-trained military in NATO are prepared to become the overt enforcers of Zero Growth fascism.

As Middle East politics thus is stirred up to provide the political cover for Rockefeller's new Oil Hoax, the role of the Palestinians must be identified clearly.

As an organized, politically conscious, raw revolutionary force, the widespread Palestinian presence throughout the Middle East and extending into much of the rest of the world represents a serious, potential threat to Rockefeller control in the region. That is, the actual liberation of the Middle East — in concert with an international workers' movement — must have as its focus the mobilization of the Palestinians as the leadership of the Middle East socialist movement.

The counterinsurgent forces at Rockefeller's disposal long have recognized the potential threat represented by the Palestinians. In fact, at times they have resorted to outright massacre and brutal repression of the Palestinian movement, such as the murderous attacks launched by King Hussein in the September 1970 to July 1971 period; or the merciless extermination of the Palestinians by Israeli security in the newly occupied areas after June 1967.

CIA Castration

For the most part, however, the ability of the CIA to

castrate the Palestinian movement has relied on shifting the rage of oppressed Palestinians from the real oppressor — Rockefeller, the oil interests, Arab servants of imperialism like Faisal and Sadat, and the Zionist ruling class in Israel — to an object of impotent hatred: Israel. For 25 years, Israel has served imperialism not so much by launching imperialist wars against the Arabs (which it has), but by providing Arab reactionaries with a means of controlling their populations, by focussing discontent onto the Zionist lightning rod.

For the Palestinians, in particular, such "nationalist" militancy was an especially effective means of control. Squalid UNRWA refugee camps by the mid-1950s had become the breeding ground for a potentially revolutionary Palestinian movement against both Israel and the fascist Arab regimes. Thus while the Arab countries tolerated or quietly suppressed Palestinian movements that used merely anti-Zionist rhetoric, all Arab rulers, led by Nasser, sternly repressed any attempt by Palestinians to transform the movement into one of actual socialist aims.

The primary vehicle used by Arab regimes to pacify the Palestinian movement was the creation and maintenance of an organization which appeared to be independent but in reality which was linked closely to the national regime in power. While this tactic worked well for the various Arab regimes, as these same regimes began to become "troublesome" to the U.S. policy regionally it became necessary for the CIA to intervene directly into the Palestinian movement.

It was at this point — the late 1950s — that the CIA moved to take full control of the leadership of the Palestinians. Their technique was simple: a "countergang," a police-organized "progressive" movement, was set up by the CIA and Arab reactionaries like Saudi Arabia's Royal Family. This movement, from its inception, has remained under CIA control and functioned as police force of the Palestinian resistance and the collaborator of Arab reaction: its name is Fatah, led by Yasser Arafat.

The current moves by Fatah to reveal its counterinsurgent role by openly declaring its intention to create and govern a mini-Palestinian state on occupied Jordan's West Bank have now served as the political focus for the Middle East crisis. The "Arab liberation movement" led by Fatah is only the militant political magnet around which Rockefeller's new OPEC Oil Hoax is to be revived.

Cheap Labor

Within the Middle East itself, the Arafat-controlled PLO has another function as well. Specifically, the PLO must serve as the governmental enforcer of discipline on the mass of Palestinians refugees, the majority of whom are now either unemployed or working at inefficient, part-time jobs, including the 60,000 Palestinians who are shipped daily into Israel to pick fruit or serve as low-paid construction workers. The role of these Palestinians as a mass of cheap, available labor has been remarked upon explicitly by David Rockefeller himself. In early February of 1974, in an interview with the **New York Times**, Rockefeller specifically cited the West Bank of the Jordan River as a viable site for a major development project, involving the investment of several billions of dollars in labor-intensive employment.

The significance of such projects can be understood only when they are contrasted with the fate of the so-

called Fourth World. (The term was coined by a researcher for Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, a supranational planning agency which is overseeing the unfolding of the "new world order.") According to the Fourth World schema, vast areas of the world have been designated as "uncreditworthy"; that is, the bulk of what is commonly referred to as the Third World has been slated for Sahel-type extinction. The area designated as the Fourth World is to include nearly all of Africa, most of south Asia (including the entire Indian subcontinent), and much of Latin America.

Slave-Labor Development

The few areas in the third world which have been singled out as recipients of credit from the Rockefeller-controlled international financial apparatus — which of course, includes the vast amounts of Middle East oil money — have been selected on the basis of whether they can provide a satisfactory return on investment. The criteria used to separate the two "worlds", needless to say, do not take into account in the least the actual requirements of an expanding human economy.

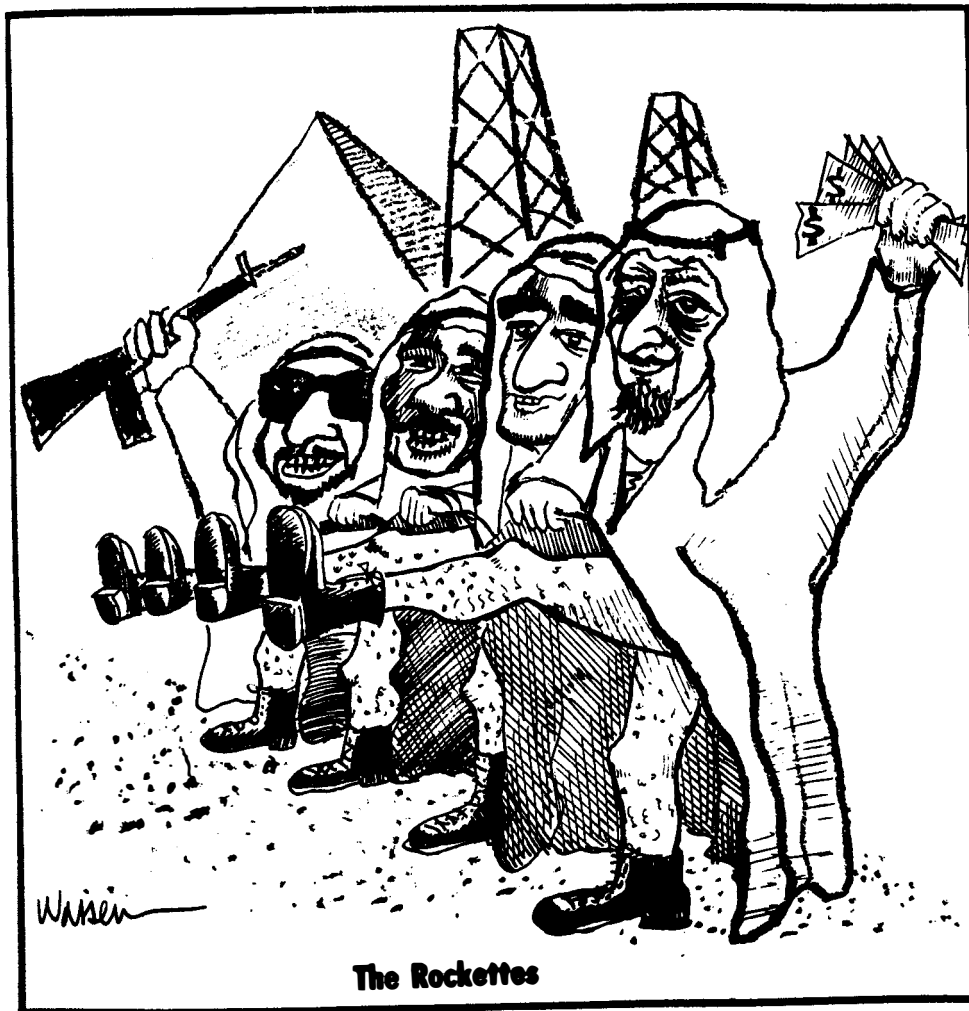
In the Middle East, such "development zones" can be found along the Suez Canal in Egypt, in numerous points in Iran, and in the desert regions of the Persian Gulf. In Egypt, Sadat is reorganizing the entire Egyptian bureaucracy, de-socializing the economy, and openly stating his intention to "open Egypt" to the West. Already, billions of dollars have been committed by large American banks and their allied oil sheikhs to fund slave labor factories, mines, and agricultural projects. This production will support the vast, scheduled construction of oil refineries, petrochemical plants, and even steel and auto assembly plants which will be the real money makers for Chase Manhattan, First National City and Bank of America — all of which have recently opened new Cairo offices.

This Middle East network of linked, labor-intensive investment zones already has been drawn up and is ready to receive input of materials, equipment, and labor. Obviously, the supply of such vast quantities of productive capacity as planned by the various national sectors in these development zones around the third world can be supplied, initially, only by the advanced sector — Europe, Japan, and North America. When looked at in toto, such a massive transfer of capital to the selected areas of the underdeveloped world can be understood only as the **deindustrialization** of the industrialized world.

As stated before, the West Bank region has been identified by David Rockefeller as an optimum area for slave labor redevelopment. The Palestinian mini-state that Arafat has been organizing over the last 12 months will serve as the vehicle for centralizing the investment into Palestinian labor resources. This has been explicitly stated by Claude Chausson of the European Economic Community Committee for Arab-European relations, in a meeting with Palestinian leaders; Chausson declared the willingness of the EEC to extend aid to the Palestinians, especially "after a Palestinian state is set up."

Support For PLO Aids CIA

In essence, then, the following concept is submitted for your consideration: any U.N. delegation which votes to support or speaks in favor of the Palestine Liberation Organization as now constituted is consciously and deliberately aiding the oil and dollar strangulation of their constituent nation, by helping



The Rockettes

Left to Right: Arafat, Sadat, the Shah, Faisal

the CIA and the Rockefeller oil cartel to consolidate "Arab unity" behind the fascist leadership of ex-Nazi Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt and hated King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, and by increasing CIA maneuverability in the region.

Thus, the issue of the Palestinians at the United Nations is not the real issue at all. Again, as in the past, the refugee Palestinians are mere pawns in the orchestration of Middle East political affairs.

Mere silence in the face of such a travesty as the proposed farcical "discussion" of the Palestinian question is thus tantamount to criminal inaction. Instead, the upcoming debate on Palestine must be transformed into a forum for exposing the criminal links between the Oil Hoax, OPEC, and the dominant Arafat PLO faction. Only a thorough discussion of Rockefeller's manipulation of oil politics, coupled with the Labor Committees' proposal for the emergency development of fusion power as the core of a new technology essential for human survival can prevent the hideous Rockefeller plan from becoming reality.

The following material is ammunition for a coordinated attack on the Rockefeller-CIA Middle East strategy and the Oil Hoax.

! What is OPEC ?

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was formed in September 1960 at the urging of Venezuela and Saudi Arabia — both notorious for the massive presence of Rockefeller interests. The organization came into being at a time of falling oil

prices, ostensibly a response by producer governments to declining oil revenues.

In reality, OPEC was developed by the oil companies themselves as a formalization of the growing cartel arrangements that already existed among the so-called Seven Sisters: Exxon, Mobil, Socal, Texaco, Gulf, Shell, and BP. The creation of OPEC was ordered by Rockefeller in order to centralize the regulation of oil supplies and prices in the face of the then-prevailing tendency of oil prices to fall.

This tendency was caused largely by a factor outside the control of the capitalist-based Rockefeller machine. In the mid-1950s, the Soviet Union emerged as a potential major exporter of petroleum. The Soviets were not unaware of the tremendous economic and political power tied to control of energy sources and they initiated a conscious policy of undercutting the artificially high price of Rockefeller oil. By offering cut rates, making barter deals, and accepting "soft" currencies from African, Asian, and Latin American nations, the Soviets quickly began to represent a serious threat to the absolute core of Rockefeller's world empire — the Standard Oil Trust and its affiliates.

In addition, a secondary threat to the Standard Oil cartel came from the Italian newcomer ENI, under the direction of maverick director Enrico Mattei. ENI fought its way into the Middle East oil fields and sought to lower prices as well as to make Italy independent of its reliance on the Seven Sisters. By the late 1950s, coinciding with the Soviet petroleum

offensive, ENI threatened to become a major competitor of the Rockefeller oil group.

The Rockefeller offensive was brutal. Against ENI, Rockefeller activated his covert operatives who apparently sabotaged a plane carrying Mattei. Immediately after Mattei's death, under Eugenio Cefis, ENI reversed its expansionary policy, sold its British holdings to Exxon under mysterious circumstances, and withdrew entirely from its Western Hemisphere (Rockefeller "turf") operations.

Strategic Attack on Soviets

While the Rockefeller moves against ENI were tactical, the attacks upon the broader Soviet threat were strategic. In 1961, Rockefeller's Exxon (the Jersey Standard) submitted a paper to the U.S. State and Interior Departments recommending a "free world" boycott of Soviet oil. In late 1962, NATO embargoed exports of oil pipeline to the Soviet Union in an attempt to reduce Soviet oil shipments to Europe.

It was this background that led to the formation of OPEC — a blatant cartel composed of a nearly unbroken chain of Rockefeller puppet governments. OPEC immediately began moving to create the necessary structures to meet the Soviet and other oil challengers, in addition to paving the way for the activation of OPEC machinery in 1969-70 and during the Great Oil Hoax of 1973. During the 1960s, OPEC's potential power remained largely dormant due to the mid-1960s collapse of Soviet oil exporting capabilities. In fact, during the 1960s, the Soviet bloc itself became increasingly dependent on oil and gas from OPEC members.

II OPEC and Rockefeller

The extent of Rockefeller's control over the international oil cartel is well known. The titanic Standard Oil Trust — including Rockefeller's three powerhouses, Standard Oil of New Jersey (Exxon), Standard Oil of New York (Mobil), and Standard Oil of California (Socal) — is linked closely with the other four majors. With Rockefeller's victory in the "oil war" over Royal Dutch Shell and the Detering group in the 1920s and the Rockefeller domination of the Gulf Oil octopus of the Mellon family, the history of oil company warfare since World War II has been essentially nothing more than a series of mopping up operations by the Rockefeller interests.

In addition, Rockefeller's two major New York banks, Chase Manhattan and First National City — known as the "oil banks" — are deeply involved in financing and controlling the operations of the oil industry.

The Temporary National Economic Committee in the 1930s reported that of the stock of Standard Oil of New Jersey, now Exxon, the Rockefeller family owned 8.7 per cent, their foundations 4.8 per cent, the Harkness family 4.3 percent, and Standard Oil of Indiana 6.7 per cent. The Chase Manhattan Bank, whose energy department is known in financial circles as the most sophisticated in banking, remains the firm's chief bank. Some finance and directors, however, are provided by the Morgan allies.

Mobil Oil (Standard Oil of New York) is more closely allied to the First National City Bank and Bankers Trust in operational terms, although about six per cent of its stock is owned by the Rockefeller family and 0.7 per cent is owned by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. In the case of Standard Oil of California, the Rockefeller family holds five per cent

of the equity. SOCAL, in addition, maintains close links with the First National City Bank of New York. In combination, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund control slightly less than three per cent equity. Apart from its director interlocks with the First National Bank of Chicago and the Harris Bank and Trust, Morgan Stanley is its leading investment bank.

What is less well known is the extent of Rockefeller's control of the various OPEC governments and finance ministries, especially Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Kuwait, in addition to the airtight control by oil cartel companies of the production, transport, refining, and distribution of petroleum and petroleum products, — which in effect reduces the power of the purportedly "independent" oil producing nations to next to nothing.

Iran: Total Control

In Iran, since the 1953 CIA coup d'etat which restored the Shah to power, the forces of Rockefeller and the CIA have exercised unlimited control over virtually all the political, military, and economic institutions of that unfortunate nation. As early as 1954, the Plan Organization was set up on a functioning basis funded by the Ford Foundation and the U.S. embassy and including a select group of Iranian bankers called the Harvard Advisory Committee. Its task was to serve as a government above the nominal state headed by the figurehead Shah. Despite the Shah's "progressive" stance and supposed independence, he is only a brutal, pompous aristocrat who is subordinate in policy making to the real Iranian executive — U.S. Ambassador Richard Helms, ex-Director of the CIA. Three huge military missions and thousands of American "advisors" oversee the vast and growing Iranian war machine under Helms' direct control. Foreign oil interests in Iran are overwhelmingly American and British, and Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank is involved heavily in ownership and management of the financial institutions of Iran — including the Ministry.

Similarly, in Saudi Arabia, Rockefeller interests — and control — reign supreme. Chase Manhattan and First National City are ubiquitous in Saudi Arabi's foreign financial transactions and with their allies are the recipients of the lion's share of King Faisal's petrodollar deposits. The Aramco monolith (Arabian American Oil Company), which controls oil production in Saudi Arabia, has a board of directors which includes representatives of both Exxon, Mobil, Socal, and Texaco as well as the Saudi government, which is part owner. Aramco was founded in 1933 by Caltex (joint company of Socal and Texaco) and later joined in 1948 by Exxon and Mobil. The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency was set up in 1952 on the advice of the American government.

Rockefeller's Oil Hoax

The continuing oil price crisis which resulted from last year's 400 per cent increase in the price of oil, according to the **New York Times**, threatens to touch off a world depression which will "topple governments like saplings in a hurricane." Politically and financially, the major benefactors of such a crisis have been the Rockefeller interests — not the Arab governments.

Aside from the numerous other effects of the Rockefeller-rigged oil crisis, the price rise has had the net result of vastly increasing the power of a select group of the world's largest banks who control the deposits of the OPEC governments.

Mideast Oil and Rockefeller Control

COUNTRY	OPERATING COMPANY	OWNERSHIP per cent	1974 PRODUCTION in million barrels/day
Saudi Arabia	Aramco	Exxon, 25 Mobil, 25 Socal, 25, Texaco, 25	8,100,000
Iran	Iran Oil Participants, Ltd.	BP, 49 Shell, 14 Exxon, 7 Mobil, 7 Socal, 7 Gulf, 7 CFP 6 Iricon, 5	6,500,000
Kuwait	Kuwait Oil Company	Gulf, 50 BP, 50	2,700,000
Bahrain	Bahrain Petroleum Co.	Socal, 50 Texaco, 50	250,000
Union of Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi Petroleum Company	BP, 23.75 Shell, 23.75 CFP 23.75 Mobil, 11.875 Exxon, 11.875 Partex, 5.00	575,000
	Abu Dhabi Marine Areas	BP CFP Japanese Interests	360,000
Qatar	Qatar Petroleum Company	BP, 23.75 Shell, 23.75 CFP 23.75 Exxon 11.875 Mobil 11.875 Partex, 5.00	210,000
	Shell Qatar	Shell, 100	230,000

OPEC Total Production in 1974 = 33,000,000

1972 Production level.

NOTES

(1) While Iran nominally owns 100 per cent of the "nationalized" consortium, this is only a political fiction. Iran's oil is totally controlled by the Anglo-American Cartel.

(2) Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and other Arab Gulf producers currently are seeking 100 per cent "participation" agreements, paying compensation in full to the operating company. As the companies themselves admit, participation agreements are not a threat. Control of distribution remains with the Cartel.

(3) The revolutionary government of Iraq both has

nationalized much of its production and has expropriated the Exxon/Mobil interests in the Basrah Petroleum Company. Iraq is the sole OPEC country outside Rockefeller control.

(4) Exxon, Mobil, Socal, and Texaco (allied with Socal in the Caltex Corporation) are Rockefeller controlled. Gulf is largely Mellon interests with growing Rockefeller control. Shell is allied with Rockefeller and its Board of Directors interlocks with Chase Manhattan Bank and the Standard Oils. BP is owned by the British government, itself a satrapy of Rockefeller.

The intelligence division of the National Caucus of Labor Committees received this report of the oil crisis from the chief economist of Morgan Grenfell's in London, December 1973. According to Morgan Grenfell's, which specializes in Mideast finance, the decision to embargo oil shipments and later to raise oil prices on the part of the member nations of OPEC was motivated in large part by statements made by Treasury Secretary George Schultz during August and September. At the August meetings of the Committee of Twenty on International Monetary Reform, and later at the Nairobi annual conference of the International Monetary Fund, Treasury Secretary Schultz proposed that the "excess" dollar reserves of countries be frozen, i.e., put into unspendable accounts, in order to brake the increase of international liquidity. (The world's money supply doubled between 1970 and 1973, mainly as a result of the increase in U.S. dollars in circulation.)

The Arabs, in turn, had spent years negotiating oil price increases partly because they felt that increases were necessary due to the inflated dollars in which they were paid. According to Morgan Grenfell's, the decision to launch the "oil crisis" was made by Harvard-trained Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Minister for Oil and Natural Resources. King Faisal, whose mind is not well attuned to the twentieth century, confirmed the decision partly out of concern for Saudi dollar reserves, and partly out of sincere commitment to **Jihad** against Israel.

According to numerous press reports, Chase Manhattan Bank is the leading financial advisor to the Saudi Arabian monetary agency, just as First National City Bank is advisor to the Kuwait equivalent.

Who Benefits?

As noted above, the principal beneficiaries of the oil crisis — which drew an amount roughly equal to 2.5 per cent of one year's wage bill of the industrial countries — have not been the Arabs and other oil producers, who, on their own, are literally incapable of spending their oil revenues. The two principal beneficiaries are the large international banks, who have received the use of very large proportion of the total revenues, and the large oil companies. The oil companies increased their profits on at least two accounts: first, through inventory profits during the fourth quarter of 1974, based on purchase of oil at the old price and sale at the quadrupled price; and second, through the huge increase in their turnover resulting from the higher oil prices. In addition, major oil companies are under investigation and in some cases indictment in almost every industrial country for conspiracy to fix prices and other violations of monopoly legislation. The answer to the oft-repeated question, "Who benefits?" can be only the Rockefeller family and related interests.

In passing, it should be added that Mr. George Schultz, the **agent provocateur** of the oil crisis, is now a Vice-President of the Bechtel Corporation, the U.S.A.'s (and perhaps the world's) largest privately-owned corporation, a major contractor for the Central Intelligence Agency in South Vietnam and elsewhere. (Former CIA director John McCone was a founder). Stephen D. Bechtel Sr. is a member of the Board of Directors of Morgan Guaranty Trust.

III The PLO, Fatah, and King Faisal

To show that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as currently constituted is absolutely not — in

any sense — a legitimate liberation movement, it is necessary to review the origins and policies of its overwhelmingly dominant faction, the Fatah group headed by Yasser Arafat. Such a review clearly will show the destructive political influence that Fatah has had on the emerging organized Palestinian movement during the mid-1960s and beyond.

Funded from the start by reactionary King Faisal — himself merely a manipulated, bewildered puppet of Rockefeller's Aramco consortium — Fatah has acted consistently to enforce rigid, anti-socialist regimentation, to the limits of its ability, on all sections of the Palestinian movement including inside the refugee camps and among the student movement.

The means used by Fatah are two seemingly opposed techniques. One the one hand, Fatah has behaved as a classic centrist organization, counseling "moderation" on more radical groups and at times resorting to violence to purge the PLO of socialist and communist-linked Palestinian formations. The vast Saudi funds available to Fatah have allowed it to maintain a large standing "army" and to dominate the PLO by virtue of superior organizational and propaganda resources as well as discreet backing from most Arab regimes, including "reactionary" ones (Saudi, Kuwait) and "conservative" (Egypt, Lebanon).

Terror Tactics

Fatah's second method of control is terror. Fatah second-in-command Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) is widely known unofficially as the leader of the fanatic terrorist Black September aberration, responsible for a series of hideous crimes and slaughter of innocent victims as well as spectacular, headline-grabbing explosions and assassinations. All of this has served to discredit honest, non-terrorist Palestinian organizations by smearing all factions with the wide brush of terrorist activity.

Thus Fatah has developed a typical "hard cop/soft cop" relationship to the Palestinians. Yasser Arafat, the father figure and nationalist par excellence is known throughout the PLO as "the old man;" Abu Iyad, the terrorist, is called the "dangerous man." The Arafat-Iyad combination thus allows Fatah to meet criticism and opposition on several levels and also increases the CIA's options in guiding the Palestinians through the turns and twists of manipulated Middle East politics.

Abu Iyad most recently is known in this context for his statement which indirectly but clearly warned that the vicious Black Septemberists might be reactivated, this time **against Iraq**, to "expose Iraqi schemes" regarding the PLO. In reality, Iraq and the associated Palestinian factions (including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, PFLP) are the sole remaining active points of resistance to the Rockefeller/U.S. CIA plan for the Middle East. The PFLP recently withdrew from the Fatah-controlled Executive Committee of the PLO in a protest against PLO contracts with the CIA at the American embassy in Beirut.

By playing both sides for the CIA, terror and "moderation," Fatah has managed to secure the PLO for King Faisal and the Rockefeller oil interests.

Origins of Fatah

While reports about the origins of Fatah are understandably scanty, it is known that the leadership emerged around 1959, centering on a purely nationalist periodical entitled "Our Palestine."

Politically, the group had no identifiable orientation. Instead, Fatah insisted on a non-

ideological, military policy. Fatah was instrumental in circulating the suicidal notions that: (1) the sole legitimate goal of a Palestinian movement is the liberation of the land, thus focusing the potentially revolutionary Palestinian movement on the narrow mission of anti-Zionist crusading, (This had the neat side-effect of removing the pressure on Saudi Arabia and the other reactionary regimes.); And (2) Fatah insisted that only "military violence" could solve the Palestinian question.

According to **An Nahar Arab Report**, the views of Fatah revolved around the following idea: "The destiny-shaping battle makes it imperative to drop static ideologies and principles to be able to polarize all the revolutionary Palestinian forces. In other words, the Palestinians must not embark on unnecessary dialogue over the shape of the country after liberation."

Indeed, Fatah did oppose "unnecessary" debate over present and future policies of the Palestinian movement. They continue this today, using the popular idea of "Arab unity" to suppress political discussion.

The political impetus for Fatah's rapid emergence, aided by Saudi oil money, was the American-Saudi option to build an "Islamic pact" anchored by Saudi Arabia as a counterweight to the Nasserite drive for hegemony. This was necessary because of Nasser's threatening drift into the Soviet camp and the gravitational pull Egypt had for other Arab nations, in case the U.S. negotiations with Nasser failed.

Saudi Arabia At Vanguard

Said Abu Hisham, Fatah representative in Saudi Arabia, in 1973: "We will not be revealing a secret when we declare that Saudi Arabia has been at the vanguard of the supporters of the Palestinian movement since its inception on January 1, 1965, to help us in liberating all the occupied territories and free its holy places. The meeting at the time between King Faisal and members of our movement drew up the kingdom's inalienable policy toward our movement."

The "kingdom's" policies, however, as is well known, are identical with the policies of Standard Oil. In fact, Fatah — as its spokesman admits — was created by the Saudis and the American oil cartel to act as a conscious agency for purging the Palestinian resistance of anything but Islamic and Arab nationalist tendencies. Furthermore, the suicidal attacks on Israel by Fatah and allied movements provided Israel and U.S. imperialism with the excuse for launching the brutal 1967 war that crippled the Egyptian army and started the process of ending Soviet presence in the Middle East.

IV Who is Yasser Arafat ?

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Originally from Gaza, Arafat went to Cairo in 1951, where he enrolled at Cairo University. At that time, Egypt was ruled by the corrupt regime of King Farouq and the discredited Wafd party nationalists. Only two major political forces were on the ascendant, the Communists and Ikhwan (Moslem Brotherhood), a fascist religious formation.

Arafat opted for the latter, and when the CIA brought President Gamel Abdel Nasser and his Free Officers to power in a military coup in 1952, all parties

were abolished except the Moslem Brotherhood. That year Arafat founded the Union of Palestinian Students (UPS) which retained close ties to the paramilitary Brotherhood. Arafat remained president of UPS until 1957, during which period he forged links with Palestinian students around the world.

In accordance with Rockefeller-CIA policy, which sought to stir up Arab Palestinian nationalism as a counter to Soviet influence, Arafat did much to create a Palestinian identity among refugees and students. A key center for Arafat's UPS was the notorious American University in Beirut (AUB), whose president from 1948 to 1954, Stephen Penrose, had been the chief Cairo officer of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) predecessor of the CIA, during World War II.

In 1957 Arafat left Cairo for Kuwait where he immediately got in touch with wealthy Palestinian emigre circles who saw in him the vehicle to regain Palestine. With substantial funding from these oily characters, Arafat founded Fatah in 1959 and began publishing a journal called **Our Palestine** around 1961. At that time Fatah had no more than 20 active members.

On Faisal's Payroll

Since 1956, Nasser had drifted progressively closer to the Soviets and by the mid-1960s he had begun to overstep what the CIA considered the limits of tolerance. Egyptian involvement in Yemen, where Nasser had sent upwards of 75,000 troops to support the Egyptian-fomented coup in 1962, threatened to provide the Soviets with a foothold on the oil-rich Arabian peninsula. Terrified, Rockefeller dumped vulnerable Saudi King Saud in favor of King Faisal in 1964.



As part of Rockefeller's moves to counter the growing Nasserist influence east of Suez, Faisal began to pour vast sums into Fatah. Apparently, Arafat's performance in establishing Fatah earlier in Kuwait had convinced Rockefeller that Fatah's brand of rightwing nationalism would help greatly in combatting radicalism on the Arabian peninsula.

In 1965, the first rumblings of the coming storm of monetary crisis signalling the present depression spurred Rockefeller to the decision that Nasser would have to be stopped. Given Rockefeller's need for absolute control over Persian Gulf oil supplies to

ensure his hegemony in the coming depression, any Soviet-Egyptian influence in Yemen and other Gulf areas had to be extirpated.

Consequently, the decision was made to prepare to unleash Israel against Nasser. As American arms poured into Israel, the U.S. in 1965 stopped the shipment of wheat to Egypt — shipments that had comprised of half of all Egyptian bread consumption!

Not accidentally, in January 1965, Fatah carried out its first attack on Israel, the beginning of an escalating series of terrorist raids and Israeli retaliation, culminating in the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war. This atmosphere of terror and counter-terror provided by Arafat's Fatah created the conditions for Rockefeller to attack Egypt.

Nasser Attacks Then Supports Arafat

With the beginning of Saudi-funded attacks on Israel in 1965, Nasser realized that it would not be long before fullscale war erupted with Israel, should the provocation continue. Thus, in 1965, Egyptian secret police kept watch on Palestinians with connections to Arafat; and the Cairo press geared up a campaign to discredit him. One Cairo daily called the Fatah leader "an agent of Zionism and imperialism sent to stir up trouble to give Israel an excuse to attack the Arab states." Gradually, however, Nasser was maneuvered under various nationalist pressures into supporting Fatah by 1967.

After the June war, Arafat ordered Fatah to begin terror operations inside Israeli-occupied land. At this time, Arafat was virtually unknown among Palestinians: but the Israelis publicized him widely. In fact, Arafat became the international symbol of terrorism at the insistence of the **New York Times** and the press services. In December 1968, his unshaven face was splashed across the cover of **Time** magazine.

Despite virtually airtight border security and despite the hundreds of terrorists killed or captured by Israeli forces, Arafat became known for his "miraculous" ability to slip in and out of occupied territories unharmed and unnoticed. Only the gullible would imagine that Arafat's comings and goings were without the complicity of Israeli Intelligence.

Fatah And The PLO

The Palestine Liberation Organization was founded in 1964 by Faisal and Nasser. Perhaps recalling Mao's dictum about guerillas being fish who thrive in the sea of the people, Nasser openly referred to the PLO as a "sponge to soak up Palestinians." From all over the Arab world, former Palestinian landowners, merchants, and the Moslem religious elite flocked into the PLO, which was headed by Ahmed Shuquairy, a long-time Palestinian hustler and former Saudi Arabian ambassador to the U.N. Despite the demagogic ravings of Shuquairy, the PLO remained a moribund collection of Palestinian moderates until after the June 1967 war.

With the crushing defeat of the Arab armies in the war, Nasser looked to Arafat and Fatah as a means of regaining lost prestige. Membership in Fatah and other guerilla organizations zoomed; but with consistent Saudi backing, Arafat's Fatah remained by far the largest. With a huge expense account picked up by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, in February 1969, Rockefeller operative Arafat was named chairman of the PLO.

Since then Fatah has played the role of policeman

(and often executioner) within the Palestinian movement. Arafat's band of well-armed thugs has been ruthless in suppressing the development of an international perspective by any of the commando groups, aided of course, by Rockefeller's oil sheikhs. For instance, after the 1970-1971 massacre of the left in Jordan, during which Nayif Hawatmeh's Popular Democratic Front was decimated (and domesticated), Saudi Arabia organized a conference at Jeddah and presented a plan whereby leftist Palestinian organizations would be barred from returning to Jordan. Said Abu Hisham, Fatah Saudi representative: "The Saudi regime was so concerned about the Palestinian revolution that it refused to cooperate with any Palestinian organization other than Fatah so as to preserve the unity of that revolution."

Since 1970, Fatah has dominated the student movement, especially at the CIA's American University in Beirut, where Fatah runs the Student Council. Virtually anything that occurs on the American University is with permission of Fatah, which polices both the left and the non-CIA Lebanese right. This latter function was illustrated when Fatah goons eliminated the fascist Lebanese League, and then proceeded to attack the left, as happened during a 1971-1972 strike at American University.

V The Defense of Iraq

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On the eve of the scheduled Sept. 12 meeting of OPEC, which will certainly ratify the Rockefeller decision to initiate drastic cutbacks of crude oil supplies, the CIA has escalated its terrifying psychological warfare campaign against the independent nationalist government of Iraq. In all of OPEC, Iraq occupies a unique position: the Baath party government in Baghdad, despite a host of shortcomings and internal weaknesses, is essentially beyond the control of the vast Rockefeller-dominated Standard Oil/Shell petroleum cartel. All of the other OPEC member states, from "reactionary" Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to "progressive" Iran and Venezuela, are ruled by employees of the Rockefeller cartel.

Control of the CIA-created puppet regimes within OPEC, combined with absolute domination of the worldwide network of oil shipping, refining and distribution, has provided the prime leverage for the Rockefeller family's fanatical bid to institute a centralized world fascist economic order. The moves by OPEC to slash production of oil and boost prices represent the actual implementation of Zero Growth economics by the Rockefeller cabal. While the production cuts, intersecting with the world economic collapse and mass layoffs, provide the excuse for wholesale rationalization of "useless" productive capacity, the higher prices of oil will provide the necessary funding to finance slave labor "energy redevelopment" projects in coal gasification and offshore oil.

The gaping hole that Iraq represents in the Rockefellers' world oil strategy has led the Rockefeller-CIA forces to unleash a merciless campaign of military, economic, and political warfare aimed at forcing the immediate neutralization and eventual capitulation of the independent Iraqis to the

Standard Oil/Shell cabal. Under present conditions it is absolutely certain that the Iraqi government cannot endure.

The purpose of this article is to outline a strategy for the defense of Iraq, based on the critical necessity of forging an international United Front. The obvious and immediate motivation for such a proposal is the potential but **as yet unrealized** ability of Iraq, as a member of OPEC, to undertake a devastating propaganda campaign exposing the Rockefeller oil hoax and the Zero Growth policies it represents. By linking this anti-Rockefeller campaign with the workers' and farmers' movement in America and Europe — led by the Labor committees and the mass-based Communist and Socialist parties of Western Europe — the Iraqis could deal a crushing blow to the Rockefeller fascist offensive.

Before presenting the details of such a strategy, we must distinguish between the apparent problem faced by Iraq as presented in the Rockefeller-controlled press, and the actual nature of the very real difficulties that confront Iraq, Middle East revolutionaries, and, by extension, the world's working class.

Hostile Neighbors

An initial glance at the current position of beleaguered Iraq would seem to indicate that the situation is hopeless.

Iraq is entirely surrounded by hostile neighbors who are under varying degrees of CIA control or influence. To the east lies Iran, the CIA's Middle East powerhouse, whose huge army and vast military arsenal are periodically brandished menacingly by the Shah who is quite explicit about his intention to purge the oil-rich Arabian (Persian) Gulf of "communist" influence. Six thousand U.S. military "advisors" including three top generals are present in Iran, all directly responsible to U.S. Ambassador Richard Helms, ex-Director of the CIA.

To the north of Iraq lies NATO-controlled Turkey, whose recent war games on Cyprus and new-found Islamic identity have laid the basis for interjecting the 750,000-man Turkish NATO army into the unstable Middle East. Turkey and Iran are linked in the U.S.-British-backed political-military CENTO pact.

To Iraq's south lies Saudi Arabia, a vast desert kingdom which has served as Rockefeller's base of Middle East operations ever since the first Standard Oil expeditionary force landed on its shores in 1933. Over three thousand U.S. military personnel help King Faisal rule Saudi Arabia, which is currently buying billions of dollars worth of American weapons.

Finally, on Iraq's western border, the right-wing Syrian dictatorship — though nominally considered as Iraq's Arab revolutionary "brother" nation — has recently abandoned all pretensions to independence and joined Egyptian Pharaoh Anwar el-Sadat's unholy alliance with Rockefeller whiz kid Henry Kissinger. The June signing of the Israeli disengagement agreement by Syria resoundingly slammed the door on any Iraqi illusions about the possibility of finding allies within the now CIA-controlled Arab East.

Thus completely surrounded and psychologically isolated, the Iraqis have faced since last March a grinding war of attrition with guerrilla rebels from the agent-ridden Kurdish tribes led by feudal leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani. The Kurdish revolt, armed and financed by the Shah of Iran and the CIA, has greatly weakened Iraq's military capabilities to resist periodic border clashes with the Shah's CIA army that

now threatens to involve Iraq in a major showdown with Iran's muscle. In addition, the Western press has used the Kurdish war to mobilize "international opinion" against Iraq for its supposed "brutal" treatment of the Kurdish minority. The Shah — who had described the Iraqi government as a "group of crazy, bloodthirsty savages" — stands ready on CIA orders to send his blitzkrieg rumbling into Baghdad. The Rockefeller mouthpiece *Wall Street Journal* gloated after noting that Iran has purchased \$4 billion in arms from the U.S. in the past 12 months: "All military analysts rate the Shah's forces as vastly superior" to Iraq's.

Economic Sabotage

Added to this military pressure, the Iraqi economy is being sabotaged actively by the Rockefeller-CIA forces. In particular, the Iraqi oil industry, upon which the rest of the economy depends, has been unable to expand production due to the lack of greater pipeline capacity. The distant Iraqi oil fields at Kirkuk could vastly increase oil flows given a pipeline to connect them to the sea, yet Iraq has been unable to find anyone to supply the needed technology and capital imports!

In addition, the state of Iraqi agriculture has been made desperate by the greatly reduced flow of water through Iraq's lifeline — the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. A new World Bank-financed dam upstream on the Euphrates in Turkey has given NATO fingertip control over the vital flow of water to five million Iraqi peasants.

In this context it would seem that the Iraqi cause is lost. Hopelessly outgunned and under attack, and receiving only token support from the terrified Soviet bureaucracy, the Iraqis simply are incapable of defending their political existence — as long as they view their situation from the standpoint of defending the motherland's borders. Under this pressure, the initial resistance to Rockefeller shown by Iraq — the expropriation of Rocky's oil holdings in the Iraq Petroleum Company during last October's Mideast war and interventions into the fascist Washington Energy Coordination Group last February, with full-page ads in the Western press — has been blunted. Instead, the Iraqis recently have been making dangerous concessions to Arab "unity", hoping to keep the CIA monster at bay by feeding it pieces of the working class.

It should be immediately apparent that the real problem faced by Iraq is not how to put together an invincible fighting force that can squash the Kurdish revolt and repel any invading army. Such a task is obviously impossible. Iraq's strategy for defense must be based on the mobilization of outside forces on a world scale in support of Iraq — forces that would have sufficient muscle to deter any intemperate move by the CIA against Iraq.

Thus far the Iraqis' response to the CIA onslaught has remained basically impotent because the Iraqis view the problem according to the ground rules laid down by the CIA! The Iraqi position in the Middle East appears untenable precisely because the Iraqis conceive of their defense within a regional, Middle Eastern context. Viewed in this way, the CIA pressures easily force the essentially nationalist Baathists to accept the realpolitik, bargaining-chip notion of politics in their dealings with the Rockefellers — when Rocky has almost all the chips.

By sweeping away the CIA-imposed rules of Mideast conflict resolution — in essence the parallel of a rat

who is convinced by Skinnerian manipulation that he must plod through the maze in routine fashion even after the walls have been removed! — the Iraqis can free themselves to wage the necessary international struggle.

It is in this arena that the Labor Committees become an indispensable ally.

The United Front Strategy

The current organizing thrust by the European Labor Committees around increased trade into the Soviet bloc has as an essential feature the forging of a supranationalist, global worldview among fragmented national working classes and organizations. This conception is predicated upon the Marxian notion that the existence of every worker in the world depends intrinsically on the rising productivity of every other worker.

In order to convince Italian workers, for example, that they could survive the inevitable Rockefeller attack that would follow a debt moratorium to the Rockefeller empire, it is necessary to show both the necessity for and possibility of mobilizing international support for this potential revolutionary act by Italian workers.

Among many other sources of such support, Iraq and its vast oil production capacity would be absolutely essential to the success of the moratorium strategy. Thus we are provided with a concrete handle

for use in organizing European workers to see the necessity of defending Iraq from the CIA's attack, not on the basis of narrow self-interest but based on the theoretical and practical notion of international working class solidarity.

For their part, the Iraqis must start their counterattack against the CIA by making a counterproposal at the coming OPEC meeting. The inhuman Rockefeller strategy of ramming Zero Growth down the throats of the advanced sector and the Third World alike, using oil as the ramrod, must be exposed in the context of the growing world depression and Rockefeller's fascist plot. They must counterpose Rockefeller's program with the working class program for development and implementation of thermonuclear fusion power and immediate mechanization of agriculture and industrialization of the Third World.

The Iraqi leadership — as most Middle East revolutionaries — are now crippled by their adherence to the magical belief in the "masses." they lack is the courage to present to Iraqi workers the outlines of an international strategy for expanded socialist reproduction instead of slogans about Zionism and Arab reactionaries, what the "masses" want to hear. On this basis, Iraqi workers and peasants will understand the real connection that exists between their activity and that of for instance, Italian workers. The controlled environment in the Middle East will have been shattered permanently.