

MOSCOW EXTENDS WELCOME TO THE CIA'S SHAH

NEW YORK, Nov. 7 (IPS)--As the Rockefeller-CIA forces move to set off another Middle East war and a brutal new "oil crisis," the Soviet Union has opened its arms wide to the most preposterous CIA stooge of them all: the bestial Shah of Iran. His Imperial Majesty will pay a "friendly business" visit to Moscow later this month, according to a Nov. 3 release from Tass, the official Soviet press agency. The Tass report was issued as the Shah, high on an imperial perch, watched with approval the "largest Iranian naval maneuvers in 42 years" in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. The Shah was accompanied by several high-ranking U.S. Navy personnel.

By inviting the Shah for a sojourn in Moscow at this juncture, the Soviets are actually providing a convenient and credible left-radical cover for the CIA's rerun of last year's Oil Hoax.

Moscow's endorsement of the Shah was echoed by Unsere Zeit, the newspaper of the West German Communist Party. The astute editor of Unsere Zeit discerned that Saudi Arabian King Faisal and his coterie of perverted little sheikhs were lackeys of Rockefeller's oil cartel. In the same breath, however, Unsere Zeit praised the "anti-imperialist" policies of the non-Arab Shah, citing his intention to raise taxes on oil.

Meanwhile, Arab Gulf oil-producing countries including Saudi Arabia are meeting in Abu Dhabi Nov. 9 in the wake of CIA director William Colby's visit to the Gulf area last month. To create the notion of an "independent" Shah, former top spook and CIA Director Richard Helms, now U.S. Ambassador to Iran, apparently has instructed the Shah to stay away from the Abu Dhabi meeting; Iran has imperial announced that it will not attend. The CIA is using the absurd idea of a "split" within the Organization of Petroleum Export Countries (OPEC) between Iran and Saudi Arabia to enhance the Shah's credibility as something other than a pompous puppet.

SED CONTINUES INTERNAL CP RESISTANCE TO POLYCENTRISM

Nov. 7 (IPS)--This week's issue of Horizont, the weekly journal of the Communist Party of East Germany (SED), continues the SED-led internal Communist Party resistance to the suicidal "National Roads to Socialism" line pushed by Giorgio Amendola, CIA operative in the Italian Communist Party.

In place of its regular editorial, Horizont printed an interview with SED Politburo member Herman Axen, on the October meeting of the European Communist Parties in Warsaw. Axen underplays the Warsaw meeting, where the Amendola capitulationist line came to the fore, in order to recall the significance of the 1963 Communist Party conference in Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia. Karlovy Vary was the last international meeting before the setbacks Moscow suffered in 1964 with traitor Palmiro Togliatti's enunciation of the doctrine

of "polycentrism," and the departure of Czechoslovakia and Romania from strictly pro-Moscow government.

Axen also remarked slightly on the "exchange of opinions" that had taken place in Warsaw, saying that "it is the habit of the Communist Parties not merely to exchange opinions but to make concrete resolutions."

The only concrete resolution made in Warsaw was the decision to have the next conference in East Berlin.

NATIONALIST CP FACTION ATTACKED IN PRAVDA

Nov. 7 (IPS)--A direct attack on the suicidal policy of autonomy for Communist Party national groupings has appeared in a guest article written by Hungarian Communist Party Central Committee member Geza Reves in the Nov. 3 issue of Pravda.

Reves writes: "The Hungarian Communists consider that it is especially important to repulse chauvinist, nationalist, and anti-Soviet views, the most dangerous from the standpoint of unity of the socialist countries and the international communist movement..... The authoritative word on all these problems will be spoken by the upcoming (E.Berlin) conference of European communists."

On the same day, a Pravda commentator quoted the Czechoslovak party paper Rude Pravo: "The very decision to convene [the Berlin] conference shows how European communists care about the unity of their ranks."

ITALIAN PRESS PUSHES REORGANIZATION OF ARMY AMID RUMORS OF COUP

Nov. 7 (IPS)--This week, under the guise of Armed Forces Day Nov. 4, the Italian press mounted a propaganda campaign casting the army as a friend of the people. The campaign follows constant threats and rumors of right-wing coups and police terror.

Leading the assault was the major bourgeois daily Corriere Della Sera, which featured an article by Italian parliament member Guglielmo Negri calling for a reorganization of the army and closer ties between the army and civilians.

After all, said Negri, the army produces thousands of specialists each year who could be used more efficiently "on a massive scale," doing good works which range from the elimination of illiteracy to helping in natural calamities and epidemics. The Defense Minister for this new arrangement, Negri said, should be a man with many years of experience in military matters and international politics, since he would be the moving force behind the many "very