

sympathizer in pre-Nazi Germany, he candidly added that it was his American business connections which allowed him to operate as a corporate lawyer after Hitler's takeover. This self-styled liberal also had close connections to Schacht's equally liberal Economics Ministry.

During World War II Kaskell turned up as part of the CIA-run German exile network in the U.S., working for a "democratic" but militantly anti-communist Germany. He was closely connected with the Neues Beginnen (New Beginnings) group, a CIA-linked seedbed for future SPD leaders. In 1946 Kaskell returned to Germany, where he made "many friends" in the Military Government and "helped" many U.S.-supported SPD leaders such as Kurt Schumacher.

Back in the United States in 1948, Kaskell was in on the formation of the American Council on Germany, the U.S. counterpart of the Atlantic Bridge. Kaskell noted that in its early days the Council, a key conduit for the Rockefeller cabal's postwar policy directives, was officially headed up by Mrs. John McCloy, wife of the top Rockefeller operative who left his post as director of Chase Manhattan Bank to direct the U.S. Military Government in Germany. Mrs. McCloy's chairmanship was intended to give credence to the Council's cover function as a glorified German-American friendship club. In fact, Kaskell chuckled, McCloy himself chaired all the major meetings.

ISRAEL: SPECULATION, BLACK MARKET FLOURISH

Dec. 5 (IPS)--Among the most pressing jobs of the Israel Finance Ministry, it seems, is to prevent Israeli capitalists from speculating against their own currency. Israel, discarded by its former backers among the Rockefeller financier group, is declaring bankruptcy by stages, and is faced with the possibility of national annihilation for the first time in its 26-year history.

There is no record of Jewish merchants attempting to collect their accounts receivable during the final hours of the Warsaw Ghetto. But the Israeli bourgeoisie is intent on cheating each other to the last bullet.

According to the financial editor of the Jerusalem Post, David Krivine, Israeli banks withheld \$90 million from the cash-starved Israeli economy in November in anticipation of a forthcoming devaluation of the Israeli lira against the U.S. dollar. Only when the Israeli government re-pegged the lira at 6 to the dollar, compared to the previous 4.60 lira to the dollar, did the Israeli holders of these funds change them into their own currency--to get the better rate.

In retaliation, Krivine adds, the government gave Israeli exporters--who receive precious dollars in exchange for their

goods--a worse rate of exchange than they would receive on the international markets, in order to hinder speculation on the scale mentioned above.

Alone among all of Israel's industries, the black market in currencies and other items continues to flourish. Israeli "humorist" Ephraim Kishon recently captured the country's "keep-the-home-fires-burning" spirit in the following exchange:

"'I'm for equal distribution of the national burden,' said my neighbor Felix Zelig on the staircase. 'Let the low-income classes too get a chance to embezzle public funds.'"

"'Crime is no solution,' I retort. 'I'm for shop-lifting.'"

U.S. IRON ORE MINING EXPANDS TO FEED CANADIAN MILLS

Dec. 5 (IPS)--A representative of Cleveland Cliffs Iron Ore Company told IPS yesterday that Cleveland Cliffs and the Hannah Mining Company are greatly expanding iron ore mining in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, even though thousands of steel workers were laid off this month in the United States and numbers of U.S. steel plants have closed.

Much of this ore is slated for the expanding Canadian steel mills of southeastern Ontario. U.S. workers are now vying for jobs in one of the few industrial development zones on the North American continent--a key sector on Rockefeller's Fourth Reich map. The Canadian economy, long controlled by the Rockefeller interests, is now a more secure investment area than the United States.

Last week, Ontario Treasurer White announced that another "new dormitory town" for 250,000 workers is under construction. Five other modern-day "Dachaus" are already going up, including one at Nanticoke, Ontario which will have a new \$.5 billion steel plant.

Canada's three major steel producers, Algoma, Dofasco and Stelco, plan to double production in the next two years, supplying materials for the resource "development" camps in the north. Their ore will come largely from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Upper Peninsula normally supplies about three-quarters of the iron ore used in U.S. Midwestern steel plants.

The Cleveland Cliffs spokesman also revealed that the CIA-linked Army Corps of Engineers and eight other government agencies have sponsored a four-year experimental program, using air bubbles, to keep at least Lake Superior open throughout the winter--to facilitate a continuous ore flow to the Canadian north shore.