

SCHMIDT BACKS TRILATERAL MIDEAST LINE

Dec. 23 (IPS)--West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has announced that joint intervention by the United States and the Soviet Union is "possible in case the Middle East should again present a difficult, world-endangering crisis."

In an interview yesterday with the West German economic newspaper Handelsblatt, Schmidt declared that "the 1956 Suez crisis...and other world-endangering crises since then were resolved through partly hidden, concerted action of both powers."

Euro-traitor Schmidt obviously was briefed by the West German Trilateral Commission Middle East "expert" Gerhard Schroeder. Schroeder recently returned from an extended stay in Cairo where his diplomatic work for David Rockefeller's fascist supranational body, the Trilateral Commission, centered on developing a military-political axis between Teheran, Iran, and Cairo--Middle East CIA headquarters and sub-headquarters respectively. The Trilateral scenario is to entrap the Soviet Union in the intricacies of an escalated Arab-Israeli war, leading to co-policing arrangements based on a new Geneva Conference, as a weapon to enforce "detente."

Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, extensively briefed by Schroeder and by twice-daily meetings with United States Ambassador Hermann Eilts, had presaged Schmidt's remarks last week with a call for the Americans and Soviets to act as "joint guarantors" of a Middle East peace, words taken straight out of the mouth of Trilateral Commission director Zbigniew Brzezinski in a Trilateral Executive Committee meeting two weeks ago.

HEALEY ANNOUNCES PHASE II OF SOCIAL CONTRACT

Dec. 23 (IPS)--British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey announced last week the implementation of Phase Two of the Social Contract: deliberate cuts in working class living standards, and the destruction of the British trade union movement. Phase One was declared officially over when moderate officials in the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) successfully blocked left-wing proposals for wage increases that would have kept wages steady with current and expected rates of inflation.

This escalation of attacks on the British working class follows the christening of the social contract as a policy for European workers, heralded by West German Trilateral agent Heinz-Oskar Vetter.

Labour Party minister Healey has been the object of much praise in traditionally conservative British papers like the

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Financial Times and the Daily Telegraph because of his "realistic" (i.e., austerity) policies. Announcing the next phase of the social contract (the Labour Government's policy to guarantee trade union adherence to the Rockefeller line), Healey said: "we must accept a period in which living standards cannot rise and could even fall. We shall have a leaner, but I hope more efficient economy."

Wage Cuts or Unemployment

Healey's recipe for a more "efficient economy" calls for increased government participation in industrial development, but with a show of faith for his investment policies: "I must be assured of some return in terms of investment and exports," he said. Acknowledging that investment in the midst of a depression is a joke, Labour Minister Healey turned on the trade unions: "A reduction in the number of industrial stoppages would do more for output in the immediate future than any conceivable increase in investment."

Bluntly, Healey is telling British workers: accept my conditions for industrial development, or take your place on the dole.

Officials of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) like Vetter-confidants Len Murraby and Jack Jones have been doing their best to support Healey's strategy. Backing the social contract as a "realistic" approach to labor relations in a depression, they have refused to sanction any wage demand which is in violation of the (non-existent) conditions of the contract.

As the press mounts a hysterical campaign against the inflationary wage increases over the past year, TUC leaders will ensure that individual unions stay in line. In fact, the bulk of these increases are only the result of a provision "won" last year by the unions to trigger wage increases as the retail price index rose. Now, with inflation rates estimated at near 30 per cent in the next year, social contract rises will remain in the area of 15 to 20 per cent.

CLUB OF ROME CANNIBAL BACKS ECHEVERRIA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (IPS)--Aurelio Peccei, President of the Club of Rome Zero Growth planning body, in a three-day visit to Mexico last week enthusiastically endorsed President Echeverria's "influence in international forums that have allowed the planning of a new world order." This fall, Peccei proposed the consumption of human flesh--cannibalism--as the solution to the Rockefeller-contrived food crisis. Peccei met with Echeverria and other leading cabinet members and in his public declarations lavished praise on Echeverria's person.