

CIA PRESS MOOTS POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MIDEAST REGIMES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan 5 (IPS)--CIA press conduits speculated wildly this week on the highly unstable Mideast situation, reflecting the confusion of high-level Rockefeller strategists as a result of the unexpected Soviet snubbing of Egyptian President Sadat.

Mooting the possibility that Rockefeller may consider replacing some of his current Mideast pawns with a more progressive grouping to resuscitate an anti-Soviet bloc in the region was NATO-connected journalist Dieter Cycon. Writing in the Jan. 3 right-wing West German daily Die Welt, Cycon speculates that Sadat may be destroyed by a new war, and as a result, "a new radical movement will go from Cairo through the entire Arab world, and will also threaten Persia...and the Shah...who actually doesn't sit so firmly in the saddle." Furthermore, Cycon states: "For the moment, there are liberation movements under way especially on the Arabian peninsula which are supported by Baghdad, Moscow, and Peking."

Trilateral Commission member Michel Tatum picked up this line of reasoning in the French newspaper Le Monde, musing, "What would happen if Saudi Arabia and its fabulous riches and Iran with its new military strength were to fall into the hands of a new Qaddafi [the psychotic dictator of Libya] or even into the Soviet orbit?"

Laying the ground for the hardline, military scenario of possible Middle East confrontation with the Soviet Union, outlined earlier this week by Henry Kissinger in Business Week, New York Times hysteric C. L. Sulzberger fantasizes about the Kremlin's dilemma. Conjuring up the image of Russian and Arab demons threatening "the relatively poor industrial West," Sulzberger yelps, "What will the flood engulf next?"

EUROPEAN CP PRESS ATTACKS CIA MIDEAST STOOGES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 5 (IPS)--The West European Communist Party press was filled with articles this week supporting pro-Soviet Iraq and attacking CIA Mideast stooges Egyptian President Sadat and the Shah of Iran, following Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev's cancellation of his scheduled trip to Cairo.

The French Communist Party newspaper L'Humanite led the offensive with two articles blasting the Kurdish rebellion in north-eastern Iraq as being "aided militarily and financially by Iran and the CIA" and identifying it as "feudal revolts" and "intrigues that reaction and imperialism are fomenting against Iraq."

Expanding the attack to Sadat, L'Humanite targeted his attempts to blame recent food riots in Cairo on "communists," charging

that "Anti-communism can only be one of the most pitiful diversions which confront Egypt today."

These sentiments were echoed in the West German Communist Party's paper, *Unsere Zeit*. In an article in the Jan. 2 issue, author Hubert Reichel accused the Shahanshah of being a "despot on the peacock throne" to whom "democratic rights and freedoms are disgusting." Reichel graphically describes the Shah's regime: "the decay of labor, the brutal terror of the secret police, death to the democrats, political spies."

Even the Italian Communist Party newspaper *L'Unita*, which is controlled by the CIA-Amendola faction, carried an ambiguous editorial Jan. 4 on the Mideast. In response to Henry Kissinger's sabre-rattling against the oil-producing countries in an interview with *Business Week* magazine, *L'Unita* writes that, "It has yet to be seen how King Faisal and the Shah can be defined as stranglers, even potentially, of the industrialized world, that is, capitalism," since "the Arab states and the other Mideast countries (Iran) that most count in petroleum affairs are characteristically 'pro-Western,' have growing interest in the industrial banks of the U.S. and Europe, and receive arms and technical assistance from Western Europe and the U.S."

AUTO WORKERS SUE UAW

Jan. 5 (IPS)--Four auto workers from Michigan, Ohio, and New York City just joined the U.S. Labor Party as plaintiffs in the historic lawsuit against United Auto Workers (UAW) President Leonard Woodcock and his associates on charges of fascism, brainwashing, and anti-working class repression. The Labor Party will present its first papers in the case to Judge Pearce of the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York, in New York City, Jan. 14.

Tens of other workers have given information to be used in the case.

Two of the four worker-plaintiffs were present, with Labor Committee members, at thug attacks through which Woodcock attempted to halt the sale of *New Solidarity* at factory gates, while the other two were victims of UAW mendacity programs through which Woodcock agents attempted to reduce their IQ so that they could no longer protest against homicidal speedup and in-plant conditions or understand the program of the Labor Party.

The suit against Woodcock stems from a \$30 million UAW suit against the Labor Party presented Nov. 23, which falsely charged that *New Solidarity* had libeled Woodcock and others, and had attempted to palm itself off as Woodcock's UAW "Solidarity" newspaper. This phony suit was a desperate expedient aimed at somehow halting the Labor Party's growth among auto workers.