

SPD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WARNS PARLIAMENTARY FACTION TO STAY AWAY FROM IPS

WIESBADEN, Feb. 20 (IPS) -- In an effort to prevent representatives of the New Solidarity International Press Service from attending this weekend's meeting of the Socialist Second International in West Berlin, the Executive Committee of the West German Social Democratic Party transmitted a letter to the members of its Parliamentary Fraction earlier this week warning them not to have any contact with IPS. The SPD was backed up by the AFL-CIO in the United States, which sent a letter last week to trade union bureaucrats warning about the disruptive activities of the "so-called" U.S. Labor Party and maligning the International Press Service.

BERLINGUER ATTACKS SOVIET INTERNATIONALISM

Feb. 22 (IPS) -- Enrico Berlinguer, General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party (PCI), today attacked the Soviet Union outright and placed himself outside the international communist movement. The news is carried by the Party's daily, *Unita*, in reporting Berlinguer's Italian television interview of last night.

PCF'S KANAPA: "MUST WE DIE FOR ROCKEFELLER?"

PARIS, FRANCE, Feb. 24 (IPS) -- In a speech carried in today's *L'Humanite*, French Communist Party Central Committee member Jean Kanapa accuses the French President Giscard D'Estaing of subordinating French foreign policy to U.S. demands following his meetings with President Ford earlier this year. Kanapa goes on to reveal that French military bases are presently being used as training ground for American Marines, and calls instead for "dissolving the military blocs." In a highly pointed question, Kanapa concludes: "Tomorrow will Mr. Giscard D'Estaing say to us: 'Frenchmen, you must die for Rockefeller?'"

EURO-RUBLE DEVELOPMENTS

BRITAIN TO EXTEND \$2 BILLION CREDIT TO USSR

Feb. 18 (IPS) -- Britain's decision to extend to the Soviet Union \$2 billion in low-interest trade credits for the purchase of British technology over the next five years made the front page in all major U.S. press.

CONGRESS SAYS "OH MY GOD!" TO EURO-RUBLE

Feb. 19 (IPS) -- Briefings to several congressional aides today on the growing motion in the European banking community towards

discarding the dollar in favor of the Euro-Ruble as the currency for world trade elicited groans and "Oh my god." Paul Nelson, staff director to the House Banking Committee, could only yell out "My god!" when an IPS reporter informed him that the Euro-Ruble is the only solution to the widespread unemployment which his committee thinks it can end by increasing the U.S. money supply, a vastly inflationary measure. Mr. Nelson seemed especially upset that the Euro-Ruble discussion has reached Capitol Hill.

SWEDISH TRADE UNION SUPPORT GROW FOR FINNISH PROPOSAL FOR EAST BLOC TRADE

GOTHENBURG, Feb. 20 (IPS) -- Discussions here in the last two days with leading social democratic trade union leaders and workers indicate sizeable support for the Finnish Social Democratic Party proposal now being heatedly discussed at the Nordic Council meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.

FINANCIAL TIMES WORRIED ABOUT STABILITY OF POUND AFTER SOVIET TRADE DEAL

Feb. 20 (IPS) -- The London Financial Times expressed their worry yesterday that Prime Minister Harold Wilson sold Britain's future to the Soviets, cheap, in the recently concluded trade deal. The British agreed to make available \$2 billion to the Soviets at low interest rates over the next five years to finance trade between the United Kingdom and the USSR. The Financial Times fears, however, (and rightly) that the pound may be bankrupted in the meantime.

BRITISH FINANCIAL CIRCLES PANIC AS INDUSTRY FLOCKS TOWARDS SOVIET DEAL

Feb. 21 (IPS) -- British industry is reportedly clamoring to take advantage of the trade accord signed by the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom recently -- in the hope that trade deals based on real production will alleviate the horrors of skyrocketing unemployment and collapsing profits.

CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFERS TRANSFER-RUBLE FOR TRADE

Feb. 23 (IPS) -- Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, the economic weekly of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, has published the strongest argument for using the COMECON Transfer-Ruble as an instrument of international trade, yet to come out of the Eastern European countries. IPS also learned today that earlier this month another high COMECON official, IBEC managing director K. Miroshnichenko, informed the official Press Service of India (PTI) that the COMECON Transfer-Ruble is open to use by India and other third world countries as a means of trade settlement.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TRIES TO BURY EAST-WEST TRADE TALK

WEST BERLIN, Feb. 24 (IPS) -- Outside a closed conference of representatives of 18 member-ties of the "socialist" Second International Feb. 22, right-wing leaders of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) of Germany and the Swedish Socialist Workers Party (SAP) tried to shield all discussion of a real policy of detente with the Soviet Union.

THE PUSH FOR WAR:

INDOCHINA

CAMBODIAN REBELS DEFEAT ATTEMPT TO REOPEN MEKONG; MASSIVE AIRLIFT MOOTED

Feb. 18 (IPS) -- Hundreds of troops of the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia were forced to retreat from positions on the lower Mekong River as an offensive by the regime to reopen the Mekong to supplies convoys failed completely in face of vigorous defense of Khmer Rouge forces, the miserable failure of this attack prompted U.S. sources to declare, according to UPI, that if the Mekong is not reopened, "there is not another choice" but to launch a huge American airlift of up to 100 aircraft a day to supply the capital of Phnom Penh.

FAZ: KISSINGER WANTS TO CHANGE U.S. CONGRESS "OPINION"

WIESBADEN, Feb. 18 (IPS) -- In an editorial commentary on the meetings between Henry Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, today's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung asserts that a major factor in Kissinger's strategy is his effort to "change opinions" in the American Congress. "Behind the spectacle, we can see American domestic policy." The Frankfurter Allgemeine explains this concern with the American Congress as being hinged on Kissinger's push to implement his own policy of intervention into Vietnam.

NORTH VIETNAM ARMY PAPER ATTACKS FORD-ROCKEFELLER MILITARIZATION OF THE ECONOMY

Feb. 19 (IPS) -- Quan Doi Nhan Dan, the North Vietnamese army paper, accused the Ford Administration of using record levels of military spending and aid to the Thieu regime as a means to maintain the collapsing U.S. economy.

CONGRESSIONAL FACT-FINDING TRIP TO VIETNAM ON THE SKIDS

Feb. 19 (IPS) -- Indications are that Vice-President Rockefeller