

## 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

has decided to cancel the upcoming congressional "fact-finding tour" of Southeast Asia because of widespread opposition to increased military aid which the U.S. Labor Party has focused sharply in support of a Southeast Asia Reconstruction Program.

#### GISCARD LINES UP BEHIND SCHLESINGER

PARIS, Feb. 21 (IPS) -- Le Monde dated Feb. 20 reports that U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger's testimony calling for a U.S. military build-up before the House of Representatives Armed Forces Commission on Feb. 18 was attended by none other than a delegation from the French National Assembly Armed Forces Commission.

#### WORKING CLASS OPPOSITION STALLS CONGRESSIONAL TRIP TO VIETNAM

Feb. 21 (IPS) -- The Washington Post reports today that "plans have crumbled for a congressional delegation trip to South Vietnam and Cambodia." While the Post claims that the reason for the postponement is that congressmen have suddenly decided they must stay in Washington, D.C. to vote on energy legislation, many congressmen have had second thoughts about associating themselves with an obvious effort by the Rockefeller/Ford Administration to strong-arm Congress into escalating the war in Southeast Asia. Reports from U.S. Labor Party organizers throughout the country indicate unanimous working class opposition to U.S. reinvolvement in Indochina.

#### CONGRESSMEN SNEAKING OUT THE BACK DOOR TO INDOCHINA

Feb. 23 (IPS) -- A small piece in today's Washington Post reveals that Rep. Paul McCloskey of Calif. and Sen. Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma, both Republicans, sneaked off to Vietnam and Cambodia yesterday. This comes as a similar tour for some 20 members of Congress was "postponed" after the legislators returned from the Lincoln Birthday recess, having faced constituents' outrage at Administration mootings of a new Vietnam war.

#### SCHLESINGER "JUSTIFIES" U.S. MILITARY AID TO CAMBODIA

Feb. 23 (IPS) -- U.S. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, appearing before ABC's Issues and Answers today said that Cambodia would "absolutely" fall if Congress did not yield to the Rockefeller/Ford Administrations "request" for \$222 million in military aid to that country.

#### U.S. ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN; SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS TO INDIA

Feb. 23 (IPS) -- Raising the Cold War spectre of Soviet arms

sales to India, U.S. Under-Secretary Joseph Sisco announced today that the United States is resuming its arms sales to Pakistan, following a ten-year ban.

#### U.S. WORKING CLASS DEVELOPMENTS

##### USLP PREPARES TO COMBAT ELECTION FRAUD IN CHICAGO; RELEASES PROJECTED VOTE BREAKDOWN

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (IPS) -- Chicago U.S. Labor Party (USLP) spokesman Richard Leebove, warned today that massive stealing of USLP votes has been scheduled to take place by the CIA and Mayor Daly's crumbling machine in next week's aldermanic elections. Leebove said "We are determined to make the CIA-counterinsurgents who have been wormed into U.S. politics by Rockefeller pay dearly for any vote stealing this Tuesday." He singled out Hanley, a "self-confessed special agent in Europe" as well as Richard Daley himself, as political figures who would benefit from vote stealing against the USLP.

The following projections are based on USLP straw polls and other indicators:

| DISTRICT        | PROJECTED TOTAL<br>VOTES CAST | PROJECTED USLP<br>TOTAL | PROJECTED USLP<br>PER CENT |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Seventh<br>Ward | 13,800                        | 6,800                   | 49 per cent                |
| Third<br>Ward   | 9,200                         | 5,280                   | 57 per cent                |

##### WORKERS TO SET UP HEARINGS ON EAPA

DETROIT, Feb. 18 (IPS) -- Spokesmen for the U.S. Labor Party (USLP) announced today the setting up of a "Provisional Organizing Committee" (POC) to coordinate planning for hearings on the USLP's Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA). The POC is made up of Labor Party members in major Detroit, Flint and Pontiac, Michigan auto plants. Farmers, professors, engineers and workers will be invited to take part in the hearings which will be a forum on planning for the socialist reconstructions policies outlined in the EAPA bill. The Labor Party spokesman added that the steps toward worker-organized public hearings come in the wake of the failure of area congressmen to respond to demands for such hearings by their constituencies.

##### UAW FORMALIZES STRIKE-BREAKING

Feb. 23 (IPS) -- Leonard Woodcock's moribund United Auto Workers