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POLITICAL ECONOMY

Wide Impact for LaRouche Plan

by Dave Goldman

NEW YORK, April 25 (IPS) — Despite brazen sabotage by the U.S. State Department and a blackout in the Western press, U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's proposal for a new, production-based world monetary system reverberated this week through key political and industrial circles internationally, and through the advanced sector working class.

LaRouche made his proposal for the creation of an International Development Bank to replace the bankrupt dollar-based international monetary system and its present institutions at a press conference attended by 20 reporters for the international media in Bonn, West Germany, on Thursday.

Early indications show that the International Development Bank plan (see page 11) had become a leading agenda item for French and West German industrialists in advance of the Bonn annoucement through the wide circulation of preview copies of the LaRouche plan. In addition, several Third World governments are understood to be highly sympathetic to the International Development Bank concept, an alternative to the Rockefeller-World Bank plan to repay the underdeveloped sector's \$140 billion debt with approximately 1 billion human lives by 1980.

Stateside. New York bankers contacted by IPS complained that the Bonn press conference, which proposed that European nations freeze their dollar debts while the United States begins an orderly process of debt moratoria, had become an "unsettling factor on the markets." According to Manufacturers Hanover Trust, "Reports from Europe about dissolving the International Monetary Fund," one of the planks of the International Development Bank plan, motivated European dumping of dollars on the international currency markets last week.

Press Arm-Twisting

In response to the public announcement of the LaRouche plan, IPS has learned, the United States embassy in Bonn initiated a slander campaign against LaRouche and the U.S. Labor Party in an unsuccessful effort to muzzle public discussion of the program. One Bonn-based reporter for a leading international daily claimed, "LaRouche isn't chairman of the U.S. Labor Party - only of the National Caucus of Labor Committees. That they told me at the American Embassy!" This reporter apologized after hearing the facts, however, and the press conference drew representatives from Reuters, the New York Times, CBS, United Press International, Agence-France Presse, Corriere della Sera, and other leading international media.

Officials at the State Department and United States Information Agency Western Europe desks denied knowledge of the anti-Labor Party campaign in Bonn, claiming that no instructions went through their channels to West Germany on this subject. Asked whether such covertoperations orders might have passed instead through CIA channels. USIA West Germany desk chief Irving Sobolsky stated, "I have never heard of the U.S. government harassing journalists or anyone else abroad!" Sobolsky further claimed that this was a "credible" statement.

Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, officials of the U.S. Embassy in Bonn denied knowledge of their arm-twisting campaign.

Nonetheless, an IPS survey indicates, the State Department's attempts to suppress discussion of the LaRouche proposals have backfired among political and business leaders on both sides of the Atlantic — who are extremely interested to learn what it is that prompted the hysterics at Foggy Bottom.

Similar methods were in evidence among the international press corps, not one of whose dispatches from Bonn has yet appeared in print. Reporters from the French national news agency, Agence-France Press, admitted they had suppressed reports of the Bonn press conference in order to hinder the circulation of the LaRouche plan among members of the French Communist Party!

European Response

In discussions with IPS, however, a high official of the French employers' association, the CNPF, expressed sympathy with the International Development Bank, and damning criticism of the NATO-linked government of Valerie Giscard

d'Estaing. The official, international policy specialist Mancini, said, "From the standpoint of the proposal, things are changing, I agree. Unfortunately, the policies of the European governments are not making things any easier."

Adding their weight to the that of the West German industrialist faction heavily based on East-West trade, the French industrialists' association is aware that the immediate consequence of continued support for the dollar-based monetary system is the razing of European industry. March trade figures issued this week by the U.S. Department of Commerce pressed the urgency of the International Development Bank plan home to these circles. During the first quarter of 1975, U.S. imports declined by 10 per cent in real terms, or an annual rate of 40 per cent, corresponding to the rate of collapse of U.S. industrial production.

Although two-fifths of the shrinkage in U.S. imports reflected a drop in oil shipments due to the recession, the remainder represents an across-the-board cut in the trade of European and Japanese manufacturers and raw material exporters of the underdeveloped

Not too paradoxically, the announcement of this disastrous decline in international trade momentarily stopped the fall of the dollar on international money markets. After the figures came out on Friday morning, European and Arab sellers of the U.S. currency withdrew from the market, since U.S. exports had not collapsed as quickly as imports — indicating that the collapse would hit Europe and Japan even harder.

Like a fungus, the dollar owes its usefulness as a looting instrument entirely to the process of economic decay. At each stage of collapse since November, the dollar has been "stabilized" at progressively lower levels through the destruction of industrial capacity. In both Britain and Italy (see article this issue), the value of these countries' combined \$18 billion external debt is underwritten through a collapse of industrial production. Money that might have been spent for "wasteful" imports, such as food and industrial raw materials, can be freed for debt service.

Even rational financier layers are aghast at the inevitable result of the Rockefeller looting policy, the utter collapse of international monetary relations which candidate LaRouche warned of in Bonn. Several leading Swiss financial institutions are now engaged in discussions with

representatives of the International Caucus of Labor Committees' headquarters in West Germany, and are evaluating the International Development Bank plan.

Nonetheless, certain key financial layers in Europe are still on the fence, primarily the West German big commercial banks. Spokesmen for these institutions are privately known to be in an hysterical state over the LaRouche press conference in Bonn: for the moment, they are balancing demands from their branch networks abroad and industrial contacts for further information on the International Development Bank, and a political fear of making the final break with Rockefeller.

Working-Class Program

But the decision on these matters is already slipping out of the grasp of the traditional masters of world finance, as workers throughout the advanced sector take responsibility for rebuilding the international monetary system to satisfy the demands of production. American workers, already engaged in heated discussion about the International Development bank, are demanding to

know, "What has the French Communist Party done on this so far?"

In organizing throughout the U.S. sector, the IDB plan has cut through populist "Stop the Depression" rhetoric and fascist "full employment" proposals of swine like Hubert Humphrey. At a candidates' night in San Francisco, the U.S. Labor Party mayoral candidate clarified his opponent's "full employment" alternative to the International Development Bank by pointing out how Jews were fully employed in Nazi Germany. Hysterical, the opponent candidate had to be led away by his staff. In Seattle and Baltimore, USLP organizers held heated discussions with workers on whether the Labor Party had the muscle to create the International Development Bank.

But David Rockefeller and his friends at the International Monetary Fund will be aghast at one of the support telegrams received by New York City fire-fighters' president Vizzini. While the capitalists rely on the police as the final means of debt collection, the president of the Chicago Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has endorsed both municipal debt moratoria and the International Development Bank.

Call for an International Development Bank

New Solidarity publishes here excerpts from USLP 1976 Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's call for an International Development Bank to replace the bankrupt International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

We propose the immediate establishment of an International Development Bank as a three-way agreement among the three principal world sectors, the industrialized capitalist sector, the so-called development sector, and the socialist countries. The Bank would discount letters of credit and bills of exchange authorized by treaty agreement among nations and self-constituted groups of nations, and would thus act as a rediscount bank for those other letters of credit and bills of exchange generated in the course of supplying needs of final commodities producers producing for bookings issued under relevant international development bank treaty agreements.

For example, several key developing sector nations have demanded that the industrialized sector negotiate interlocking agreements concerning three items: energy, raw materials, and food. Our essential criticism of this agenda is that is included only three principal items, instead of the necessary four. The fourth item should be "development." Our remarks concerning this example are not conjectural, provided that suitable initiative proposals are generated by significant forces of the industrialized sector, key forces within the so-called "Third World" will be prepared to immediately begin working negotiations along the lines of such a four-point form of general treaty agreement with the industrialized sector.

On the basis of our own organization's studies, and our discussions of these studies with governments and leading political forces within the "Third World," we have determined to the point of certainty that the activities of an iInternational Development Bank in connection with present wishes and consumption capabilities of the developing sector would be sufficient to generate a higher rate of industrial expansion in the advanced sector than has been seen during the most prosperous intervals of the past quarter century.

The feasibility of this proposed program demands understanding of certain often neglected ABC's of Political Economy. Without understanding those principles, we should all be hopelessly caught in the worst disaster of human history.

The basic fact on which all political economy depends is the characteristic feature of economy. That is, that a proper consumption of means of production and means of personal consumption generates levels of output in excess of the prime costs incurred. The second basic fact, essential to this solution, is that all general development, including industrial development, depends upon creating a basis for growth in an abundant supply of adequate nutrition at relatively low social cost. To the extent that these two principles are observed in practice, and advancing technology emphasized to that end, it is feasible to generate very large

amounts of long-term credit without inflationary effects.

We emphasize that a combined concentration on both industrial development and expanded food production are the absolute imperatives for this period. To the extent that long-term development credit to the developing sector places priority emphasis on rapidly increasing the amount and social productivity of world food production, any amount of credit can be issued over a 10 to 15 year term ultimately payable in expanded food, in increased masses of productive labor, and in the social productivity of human labor generally.

The immediate problem the new bank will face is this. In addition to the immediate potential for substantially increasing agricultural output and productivity generally, there are three regions of the developing sector which represent massive opportunities for increases in agricultural output. One of these, the Rio de la Plata region of South America, offers short-term major benefits for development as an agro-industrial region. The other two, the Sahel, and the India-Bangladesh-Pakistan region, represent potentially major world foodproducing regions, but will require 10 to 15 years of massive engineering efforts and development to approach their enormous surplus potentials. Therefore, our problem is to provide a level of development equivalent to approximately a quarter trillion current transferable rubles annually, concentrated on low-interest loans and grants with a typical maturity in the order of ten to 15 years required for loans.

The apparent difficulty of conducting such programs is only apparent and not actual. To the extent that the industrialized sectors can generate large surpluses in excess of immediate reinvestment requirements within that sector, that portion of surplus can be issued as credits and grants without adverse economic effects. The only real problem involved is that of raising the gross level of industrial outputs to the scale the indicated undertaking requires. To give some measures of feasibility, the following comment should be considered.

Provided that Rockefeller and company do not take police-state measures to prevent this, the U.S. Labor Party will become the U.S. Government by a plurality of 33-35 per cent of the total vote cast in 1976. Under a Labor Party government, the U.S. can rapidly generate a 25 per cent annual growth in the rate of its sectoral contribution to the world economy, and can therefore readily contribute in the order of 200 billions of dollars in 1976 to world development. For example, our present pending legislation proposing an increase of U.S. tractor output capacity from one to five millions annually — through conversion of auto capacity — is eminently and immediately feasible over a two year period.

To grasp the political feasibility of this proposal, the following points may be considered.

Firstly, within a very short period — barring thermonuclear war provoked by groups around Rockefeller — the world will experience a financial catastrophe without precedent. Since — as all informed observers now recognize — the Rockefeller and allied forces are organically incapable of developing competent programs to deal with the present economic situation, the proposal identified here today will be the only practicable alternative on the table for use by billions of people in desperate need of immediate and effective actions.

Secondly, the type of included "Third World" agreements we have cited are either presently desired by major forces of that sector or are otherwise readily acceptable to the overwhelming majority of other forces in that sector. Furthermore, there is nothing in the proposal which is objectively unacceptable to the governments of the socialist sector.

In short, as we have emphasized earlier, the alternative is practically and politically feasible in terms of a majority of the world's population and leading institutions.

It might be noted that the Labor Committees and their immediate allies are socialists. Consequently, it would be assumed that capitalists generally will not only reject but strongly oppose recommendations from such a source. This overlooks the not unimportant fact that the present situation facing the capitalists leaves them no alternative but to either accept the gist of our proposition or to jump from the nearest tall building. There is no practicable alternative.

The fundamental issue between us and the

rational capitalists will center on the issue of future repayment of the categories of debt put into a moratorium "deep freeze." This is an intriguing issue. First, without a debt moratorium the capitalist system will collapse into chaos within a short time anyway. However, if the moratorium is prolonged for several years, that continuation represents a de facto expropriation of major financial holdings. The solution to this paradox lies within the realm of democracy! Let us see how the majority of the population votes on the question of repayment of suspended debt two years ahead. We are confident of the results of that vote. We permit rational capitalists to offer their own speculations on that same issue.

In practice, whether or not rational forces among capitalists accept this proposal or not, the implementation will be forced by working people and farmers throughout the capitalist sector. The key to that at this moment lies with two political labor organizations of the industrialized capitalist sector, the Labor Committees and the Communist Party of France (PCF). Provided that the Labor Committees and the PCF publicly concur in a policyresolution to this end, the majority of the working people's and farmers' organizations will rapidly form united organizations around such proposals. Secondly, public agreement between the Labor Committees and PCF on this matter will be sufficient to prompt early supporting action by a majority of "Third World" forces. This proposal is therefore no mere speculation on possible alternatives, but the most important economic and political topic on the world's agenda at this moment.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Stockholm Raid Cover for Crisis Government in West Germany

by M. Minnicino

WIESBADEN, April 26 - Agents within West Germany's political parties have moved to supercede that country's elected government with a Bonapartist, "crisis staff" regime. Using the almostarbitrary excuse of the armed takeover of the West German embassy in Stockholm on April 24 by members of the NATO-brainwashed Baader-Meinhof terrorist group, Rockefeller agents in Germany, led by SPD Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, have formed a "Grand Crisis Staff" made up of the chairmen of Germany's political parties and its parliamentary factions to deal with what Schmidt told a cheering Bundestag was a "war" against "international terrorism."

The Baader-Meinhof terrorists, who killed the embassy's military attache as they shot their way into the Stockholm compound, blew up the embassy killing another employee and severely wounding one of their own members when the Schmidt government refused their demands that such limits be immediately crossed. The "liberal" Frankfurter Rund-schau demanded that "There would be greater security if citizens would only give up a little bit of their freedom." The Sueddeutsche Zeitung fell back into openly Nazi rhetoric, claiming that it would not simply be police that curbed terrorism, but 'rather...a spiritual condition and inner force of this society.'

The CIA's Stockholm raid also represents a major escalation in the Rockefeller drive to militarize the rest of Western Europe against the growing ferment of the working class and as a provocation against the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. As of this time, the "neutral" Swedish Army is on alert around the raid. Massive police operatio s are still being carried out against working-class areas in Northern Italy and in the industrial sections of Germany all over equally CIA-controlled "terrorist" activity. As part of his Bonapartist push, Schmidt has declared that the war against terror is "a worldwide

demand that he release 26 of their members held in West German iails. The gang, named after their two leaders, were exposed in New Solidarity over a year ago as a CIA-controlled group, having been held and brainwashed in a NATO-funded "behavior modification" center in Germany. This was corroborated this week by the West German daily Frankfurter Algemeine Zeitung which noted that two of the terrorists involved in the Stockholm raid had just come from a "socialist patients collective" at a Heidelberg mental asylum!

Chancellor Schmidt abruptly branded the attack "the gravest political crisis" in his political career, and convened the illegal "crisis staff" of party leaders that had been originally tested last month around the Baader-Meinhof kidnapping of Berlin mayoral candidate Peter Lorenz. The crisis for Schmidt is indeed "grave," though it has nothing to do with the blatantly-phony CIA terrorist raid. Mass-strike ferment, rapidly catalyzed by ICLC organizing for the International Workingmen's Association, in Germany's industrial heartland, in addition to strong programmatic pressure from the left wing of Europe's Communist Parties, especially that of East Germany, immediately threaten Schmidt's role as top mercenary for Rockefeller's Occupation Army.

Hammering away on the theme of a "long war" against terrorism, Schmidt told Bundestag that this staff "must be prepared to go to the limits of what a constitutional state allows." Schmidt did not say - yet - what the Rockefeller-controlled press organs in Germany were ordered to say for him: that the phony situation undertaking deman-ding "international coopera-tion." West German Foreign Minister Genscher, one of the chief organizers of the current European terror wave, has been redeployed to Sweden along with a contingent of special counterinsurgency forces, the Bundesgrenzschutz, to confer with Sweden's Prime Minister, Second International agent Olof Palme, on further coordination of police actions.

SPECIAL REPORT

Nuclear War Development: High Sources Confirm Rockefeller Searching for Immediate Confrontation

On the basis of cumulative intelligence of the past 72 hours, the Executive Committee of the International Caucus of Labor Committees has arrived at the following evaluation of the international political and military strategic situation: the supranational Rockefeller group, thrown off balance by the rapidity of the deterioration of the international financial situation, encountering increasing factional opposition from significant bourgeois forces in Western Europe, and hurt severely by the worldwide strategic offensive of the Soviet Union, allied Communist Parties, and ICLC forces - is now moving to launch a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union at the first opportunity. The ICLC Executive has therefore declared a propagandistic and agitational alert for the entire international organization, stressing the need for full immediate exposure of such insane nuclear brinksmanship policies and for

enactment of the ICLC's International Development Bank proposal as the only realistic world-political alternative.

"MC 14/4"

The ICLC has developed in detail and on several occasions since early 1974 when U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger first announced his "counterforce" and "limited strategic warfare" conceptions in public, that the notion of a "limited nuclear exchange" or of a c o m b i n a t i o n c o nventional/tactical nuclear weapons confrontation in Europe is significant only from a psychological warfare standpoint. If the Soviet Union acceded to such notions, this would amount to the de facto surrender of Soviet forces in Eastern Europe without, however, acquiring at any point the status of a real military option. A step-by-step escalation in actual combat between NATO and Warsaw Pact forces from "local conventional"

to "full-scale conventional" to "conventional/tactical nuclear" "strategic nuclear" with various additional steps in between and attempts at "limiting negotiations" every step of the way is pure fantasy. It defines no real "war-fighting" options at all and will be regarded as utterly amateurish by anyone who is at all conversant in military strategy. In reality, any incursion into Soviet or WarsawPact territory or any area representing the vital strategic interest of the Soviet Union will lead to rapid expotential escalation and the assured destruction of both combatants. The specifics of this were developed by us in the "end game scenario" three weeks ago. Since then both the Soviet Union (in an article in the army paper Red Star April 8, 1975 by L. Semeiko of the Marxist-Leninist Institute) and East Germany (Heinz Kessler, Deputy Defense Minister and Chairman of the "Hauptstab" of the National

Army, in Einheit, April 5, 1975) have directly attacked all such "limited strategic warfare" conceptions and emphasized the international character of the Soviet Union's military efforts and the high degree of preparedness of the Warsaw Pact forces — a clear warning to anyone contemplating military provocation of the Soviet Union and her allies. Simultaneously, as will be detailed below, Soviet military deployments and maneuvers over the past few weeks serve as a forceful reminder of Soviet ability to launch a devastating pre-emptive strike against Western Europe (involving both conventional and tactical nuclear forces) which would annihilate NATO forces stationed in West Germany, the Low Countries and northern Italy.

Under these circumstances, information just received by ICLC intelligence from highly-placed West German sources is of the greatest immediate significance. According to these sources, at NATO headquarters in Brussels, under heavy pressure from the United States, a new strategic doctrine, "MC 14/4," redefining NATO strategy on the basis of the Schlesinger Doctrine, is now "taking on shape." ("MC" stands for "Military Committee," the highest military body of NATO, made up of the Chiefs of Staff of the membership countries; "MC" followed by a number code refers to basic strategy documents comparable to the National Security Council documents in the United States.) As our source correctly perceived, adoption of the Schlesinger Doctrine as basic NATO strategy would amount to the abandonment of "Mutual and Assured Destruction" (MAD), and of

necessity turn Western Europe — West Germany in particular — into a battlefield, and significantly increase the overall "crisis probability." Twenty years after the 1955 "Carte Blanche" NATO air exercise, when 350 tactical nuclear warheads were "dropped" on West Germany, "killing" 1.5 million people and "wounding" millions more, the impact of conceiving of densely populated Western Europe as a nuclear battlefield is still the same as it was at that time when it seriously endangered the political feasibility of stationing nuclear warheads in West Germany. Our source's report of almost daily embittered confrontations between U.S. and West German NATO officers is ample testimony to that effect.

More directly, in light of our above remarks on "limited war" and the overall political strategic situation, U.S. heavy-handedness in pushing its NATO allies to develop a wide range of "war-fighting options" admits of only one interpretation: that behind such amateurish nonsense the desperate Rockefeller group, through their agents Alexander Haig (former Kissinger aide) and Luns, is rapidly moving toward full-scale nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union. This confrontation policy is guided by the insane belief that the Soviets, despite their repeated and entirely unequivocal statements, will ultimately back down when directly confronted with force.

We received first indications of this in a brief IPS interview on April 4, 1975 with Eugene Rostow (brother of former National Security Advisor Walt Rostow), who tried to give an historical proof of how the Soviets have always backed down in situations involving high risk. Our above cited West German source now has broadly confirmed this analysis. Agreeing that the United States had "lost the strategic initiative worldwide" and consequently was now "ready to take greater risks," our source stated that 'the crisis probability had increased significantly over the past months," even though "certain people in Bonn didn't want to believe that." He fully and explicitly confirmed that the line of a "wider range of war-fighting options" and "increased readiness to take risks" was pushed by individuals such as George Ball, Cyrus Vance, and Rockefeller, stating simultaneously that "the Pentagon is much more careful in these matters" seeing that "a limited war easily gets out of control."

Summary of World Military Situation

Aside from the evidence developed so far, Soviet military maneuvers and deployments on the one hand and proposed U.S. strategic redeployments on the other provide further direct evidence that the Rockefeller group has now definitely embarked upon a nuclear confrontation course, which, if not stopped, will lead to an early doomsday exchange with the Soviet Union. We first cite the Brookings Institution proposal, delivered recently before the Senate Armed Services Committee under the sponsorship of Kentucky Senator Sam Nunn by Jeffrey Record, whose October 1974 study, U.S. Weapons in Europe — Issues and Alternatives, identifies him as an enthusiastic proponent of "limited nuclear warfare" and as a serious competitor, along with Herman Kahn of the Hudson Institute and James R. Schlesinger, formerly of RAND, for the award of most amateurish and simple-minded of "great U.S. strategic theorists." Record's proposal amounts to transferring 130,000 U.S. military personnel (both tactical air force and ground units) from Southeast Asia to Western Europe - north Germany in particular — where they would be deployed to counter a Soviet thrust across the north German plain, which would otherwise outflank U.S. troops in south Germany and cut them off from their main supply base at Bremerhaven. While presumably aimed at establishing conventional parity in Central Europe, the move, in light of tremendous Soviet superiority in • armored divisions and tactical air force units, would, of course, achieve nothing of the sort. It would, however, amount to further serious provocation of the Soviet Union, which demonstratively — in the context of their largest worldwide naval exercises since World War II - conducted (along with East German units) massive combined naval and landing maneuvers in the Luebeck Bay right under the nose of NATO forces and at one of their strategically most sensitive points.

We reiterate here our warning, developed more explicitly in the endgame scenario, that the Soviet Union, on the basis of its crushing conventional superiority in Central Europe, has the strategic option — and must be assumed to be ready to exercise it — of delivering a debilitating first strike against NATO forces; continued deliberate provocation will bring about precisely that consequence.

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Political Context and Implications

Leaving aside here the implications, developed elsewhere, for the immediate establishment of Bonapartist rule in West Germany in the aftermath of the staged terrorist attack upon the West German embassy in Stockholm, there can be no doubt that in face of the most serious bourgeois factional opposition (and simultaneous Soviet political offensive) they have encountered since the end of World War II, the Rockefeller forces will now directly and brutally force their agents in the Social Democracy and PCI leadership into service in their nuclear confrontation strategy. Aside from certain collateral issues, this constitutes the agenda of the Izmir Bilderberg-Rockefeller brain trust conference. It is only fitting that the host for the conference should be Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and Royal Dutch Shell. The Dutch — the Dutch Social Democrats in particular — have been the most long-standing and loyal supporters of the Rockefeller group, going back to World War II days when the Dutch intelligence service (neither then nor now really distinguishable from the Dutch Social Democracy) was run by Rockefeller's late chief strategist John Rees of the British Tavistock Institute. Luns, Secretary General of NATO, and Sicco Mansholt, chief proponent of zero growth policies in the European Social Democracy, are worthy contemporary successors of a long line of U.S./Rockefeller agents. This should go a long way to explain the above cited West German source his bewilderment over explicit and strong Dutch support for suicidal U.S. "limited war" schemes. Thisd latter support is further immediate ground for indictment of the entire Western European Social Democracy who, through their toleration of or complicity in such insane policies, are directly implicated in Rockefeller's nuclear confrontation madness.

The same, but on a different basis, holds for the PCI agent leadership. On April 21 and 22, 1975, a day after the conclusion of the PCI Congress and in the same Rome hotel, the Institute of International Affairs (employer of PCI "leaders" Segre and Amendola) sponsored a strategy conference jointly with the London-based David Rockefeller think tank, the Institute for Strategic Studies. Addressed by PCIer Pecchioli, the conference further worked out and discussed the possibilities for establishing a Mediterranean Security Pact, involving Italy, Yugoslavia, and Romania among others, and first proposed by the PCI leadership during their recent visit to Yugoslavia. There are stong indications that Romania's Ceausescu, in particular, would be greatly interested in such an arrangement. In this scheme, Italy, a NATO member, would become a connecting link between NATO and Romania, thus seriously undermining Soviet influence there and encroaching upon vital Soviet strategic interest given the fact that Romania is a Warsaw Pact member. The PCI leadership under these circumstances, as specified for the Social Democracy above, becomes complicit in Rockefeller brinksmanship policy.

Some final considerations: the present situation in West Germany, converging upon Bonapartist rule there, must not be seen only in terms of that threat as such. Equally significant (from the standpoint of nuclear confrontation) is the fact that in various post-war treaties involving West Germany the Soviet Union explicitly reserved the right to intervene there in case of a renewed fasicst threat. It is clear that the potential undermining of democratic rule in West Germany at this point must be interpreted as a step precisely in that direction.

While, therefore, there remains no doubt that we have at this point entered into the most dangerous phase of post World War II politics with the extinction of the human race in a nuclear holocaust a near imminent possibility, we must be equally clear in our minds that a nuclear confrontation cannot be won (by the Soviet Union or anyone else) on the military battlefield, but only in the political arena. We will pose in absolutely clear and certain terms to the working class in the advanced and developing sectors, much as to Rockefeller's bourgeois factional opponents, that there exists only one realizable alternative to nuclear holocaust — moratoria on all debt payments and the resumption of full capacity production in the advanced sector, based upon the massive expansion of East-West trade and the reorganization of international finance on the basis of an International Development Bank, linking the capacity and skills of the advanced sector to the resources and desperate needs of the developing countries.

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Pentagon, CIA Confirm MC 14/4 Plan for Nuclear Confrontation

WASHINGTON, DC, April 30(IPS)—A two-day barrage of IPS briefings and debriefings of topranking military officers and CIA infiltrators at the U.S. Pentagon has established beyond doubt that Rockefeller's Anglo-American intelligence establishment has prepared and activated a plan for nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union under the NATO designation, "MC 14/4,"—while much of the armed forces hierarchy was utterly unaware of the fact! As legitimate military circles expressed ignorance or differing degrees of confusion over the status of "MC 14/4," CIA "Colonels" and related subversive layers inadvertently confirmed the nuclear end-game's activation as they unsuccessfully attempted to deny the existence of the plan itself!

An intelligence aide connected to the Joint Chiefs of Staff told IPS that a NATO document labelled "MC 14/4" absolutely did exist; however, he had believed it to be a mere "planning document." Later Colonel Lachman, associated with the CIA's International Security Affairs (ISA) section at the Department of Defense and on assignment to the Stanford Research Institute in Arlington, stated that not only did "MC 14/4" exist, but it has been the subject of wide discussion and factionalization in European circles of NATO.

IPS reporters in Western Europe had originally learned of the MC 14/4 from a high-ranking NATO representative of the West German Bundeswehr, who expressed his own bitter opposition to the nuclear confrontation plan. According to that source, "MC 14/4" was aimed at a "limited nuclear exchange" with the Warsaw Pact, calculated to leave the United States intact while destroying much of the East Bloc and Western Europe as espoused in U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger's "Limited nuclear warfare" insanity doctrine. The unimpeachable source also stated that "General" Alexander Haig, a CIA protege of Nelson A. Rockefeller, was ruthlessly espousing "MC 14/4" as operational policy for European NATO.

That Bundeswehr informant was corroborated yesterday by both the Joint Chiefs Aide and CIA Colonel Lachman. At the same time, other IPS calls to Pentagon offices established that MC14/4 has indeed been activated.

General Seidle told IPS that he would not confirm the plan's existence—but he was confident that such a plan "will work!"

Colonel Crockett of the "Strategy Division" of the Joint Chiefs of Staff also refused to confirm MC 14/4's existence—and then proceeded to detail its operational characteristics!

Both Seidle and Crockett declared that the Soviets might wreck the entire operation by "talking MAD" (Mutually Assured Destruction). But "that depends on how to organize the Soviets to accept this as their major problem."

General Seidle limited himself to insisting that everyone would have to "accept it"—limited nuclear warfare is the "coming thing."

Other CIA Colonels at the ISA branch engaged in wild denials of "MC 14/4." Colonel Libbernash of the ISA's NATO Policy Branch was "absolutely certain" there was no such plan—"doesn't correspond to my world." Colonel Palmer also knew "for sure" it did not exist. They were proven bald-faced liars by their own Colonel Lachman.

Indicative of Rockefeller methods for controlling the Pentagon, IPS had been referred to the ISA "Colonels" as the "best informed" source on nuclear strategy by middle level functionaries associated with the Joint Chiefs. One such officer told IPS he was "going by MC 14/4" which he had heard was going to be "revised"—he had never heard of MC 14/4—which would require a briefing from the "experts" at the ISA! Other officers of equal rank at the Joint Chiefs level were equally vague, had heard of "preliminary" documents, and so forth.

Simply by informing these traditional military layers of the Rockefeller/CIA plan for which they were to be kept "in the dark," the IPS calls to the Pentagon and Department of Defense have already had a powerful effect. At the critical Joint Chiefs of Staff level, all offices have been buzzing on the NATO "MC14/4" end-game.

When one ranking officer— who believed it only a "planning" document—was told of MC 14/4's activation, he queried and pried for as much information as possible, indicated his opposition, and assured the IPS caller that "questions are being asked," taking the names of Congressmen who argualso opposed to annihilation (see article p. 13).

In a similar reaction, the top intelligence assistant to a member of the Joint Chiefe of Seaff shot detailed questions—"How would you actually counter Rockefeller? and "How would you get him out in time?—during a thirty minute meeting this morning with a U.S. Labor Party spokesman in Washington. The assistant also requested and received detailed information on Lyndon H. LaRouche's proposal for an International Development Bank—the primary working class weapon for destroying Rockefeller power.

The office of another top-ranking officer indicated intense interest in the Labor Committees' strategy for destroying "MC 14/4" and Rockefeller power. They had already received a full briefing from other Pentagon officers before IPS called. "We've been checking on You," they told the reporter. The spokesman gave the IPS reporter a list of phone numbers for other critical Pentagon offices to be called and informed.

As the efforts mounts, the Labor Committees are "cross-firing" briefings and de-briefings from the Pentagon to Congress in preparation for the formation of a joint military-Congressional coalition aimed at "getting Rockefeller out in time." As the Joint Chiefs and other military layers are pried free of their CIA "briefing officers," and civilian legislators confront the working class groundswell against the nuclear conspirators in the few weeks just ahead, this drive to impeach Rockefeller can and must succeed.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Rockefellers' Nuclear Brinksmanship and the Communist Party Counterthrust

WASHINGTON POST TRIES TO CONSOLIDATE PENTAGON FOR ROCKY

April 21 (IPS) -- In a Washington Post article entitled "Fallout From Vietnam," George Wilson inaugurates Rockefeller's propaganda blitz to consolidate control over the military and its conservative backers while reducing the Pentagon to an implementer of Rocky's nuclear brinksmanship. Wilson's own assessment of all the "fallout from Vietnam" expressed in his interviews with Congressional and military spokesmen is "that the miscalculation Generals and Admirals seem to have committed make them as vulnerable to challenge as other governmental leaders." In quoting an anonymous military leader, Wilson lists three elements of the Rockefeller strategy: "The nuclear umbrella that deters attacks on the United States; mobile conventional forces that can move under that umbrella; and perception that the United States has the will and ability to use its forces."

EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST LEADER STRESSES HUMANISM, INTERNATIONALISM

April 21 (IPS) -- East German Communist leader Horst Sindermann, speaking yesterday at a ceremony marking the 30th Anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, issued one of the firmest proclamations of internationalism to come from a German Communist in recent decades. "Our place has always been on the side of humanism and the revolutionary movement, and that's the place the DDR represents today," Sindermann said.

GRECHKO: WORLD WAR II A VICTORY OF SOCIALISM OVER THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

April 21 (IPS) -- The victory of the Soviet Union in World War II was not simply a victory of one army over another, but the victory of a new socialist social order and a socialist economy over the capitalist system and its economy, declared Soviet Defense Minister and Politburo member Andrei Grechko in his concluding speech at a scientific conference in Moscow commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Soviet victory in 1945.

Grechko's statement, diverging widely from the Soviets' traditional nationalistically colored interpretations of the "Great

Patriotic War of 1941-45," marks a new high point in the major ideological offensive currently being waged by hardline communist leaders inside the East Bloc around the issue of the victory over the Nazis.

PRESS BEWAILS ROCKY'S ISOLATION

April 21 (IPS) -- An editorial in today's Wall Street Journal keynotes national press laments today over Rockefeller's current inability to push his brinksmanship policies through a Congress which is being forced to respond to the broad anti-Rockefeller sentiment of the U.S. population. The article criticizes Congress for being "balky, meddling, and indifferent," citing both conservative and liberal Congressional opposition to the administration's foreign policy. The Washington Post follows suit with a prominent front-page article citing the same opposition.

PCF GENERAL SECRETARY MARCHAIS GIVES STRONG HARDLINE SPEECH TO PCF CC

April 21 (IPS) -- Speaking before a Central Committee Plenum of the French Communist Party (PCF) April 17, Georges Marchais, PCF General Secretary, in an uncharacteristically hardline speech emphasized there has been no change in the perspective of the PCF. "To the extent one cannot exclude the possibility of reactionaries using the recourse of subversion and violence against the majority of the people," Marchais said, "it is the duty of those (i.e. popular masses and PCF) to give itself in time the means to prevent such attempts, and eventually to fight back to make those attempts fail. This is what is done in Portugal and we understand it."

BILDERBERG PARTICIPANTS MUM ON SECRET MEETING

April 22 (IPS) -- An authoritative source divulged that the infamous Bilderberg group, composed of cabal luminaries like Nelson Rockefeller, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and Italian Bankhead Guido Carli, will meet sometime next week in a hamlet next to Izmir, Turkey. Evidently the obscure locale was selected to avoid unwanted intervention from this press service.

SOVIET MIDEAST DIPLOMACY OUTFLANKS ROCKY'S WAR PLAN

April 22 (IPS) -- The reason for the sudden halt in Mideast warmongering in the western press was inadvertently revealed in a New York Times article today by James Clarity, who referred to the Kremlin meetings and high-level diplomacy that are part of a vigorous Soviet thrust toward a peaceful Middle East settlement. Clarity reveals that the Soviets are keeping the U.S. and Israel

informed of their efforts, thus making it difficult for the CIA to covertly manipulate Arabs and Israelis into another war.

LEBER AGREES HIS TOUR IS TO MAKE BRINKSMANSHIP ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST GERMANS

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 22 (IPS) -- Social Democratic Defense Minister Georg Leber terrorized an audience in the industrial town of Wessling yesterday with reminders of the horror of post-war defeated Germany, declarations about the weapons superiority of the East Bloc, and calls for expanded West German armaments. European Labor Party speakers publicly denounced Leber's speaking tour as the psychological preparation of West Germans to accept nuclear brinksmanship and redeployment of troops to Western Europe as a "low-intensity operations" force against workers' movements. Unmoved by this accusation, Leber simply commented, "Yes, true, and besides, young people should say something here."

EAST BLOC EDUCATING WORKERS ON SOCIALISM VS. FASCISM

April 22 (IPS) -- At a conference of Communist Party high schools in East Berlin, sponsored jointly by the Soviet and East German parties, the Soviet Party speaker Chekharin yesterday told his audience that imperialism today, as in the past, "brings fascism." And the struggle against it "depends upon the unity of the whole communist movement, the progressive and democratic forces of the entire world."

TOP CABAL STRATEGISTS MEET WITH PCI IN ROME

April 24 (IPS) -- The Rockefeller cabal convened a summit meeting of some of its top strategists in Rome April 21 according to today's Unita, the paper of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). Four agenda items were to be discussed: The strategic situation in the Mediterranean; new technologies and strategic problems; institutions and organizations for European defense; and East-West relations. Significantly, the conference, organized by the London Institute for Strategic Studies and the Italian Institute for International Affairs (IIIA), follows by one day the failure of the PCI to successfully counter-organize among the East and West European Communist Parties at a conference held in the same Rome hotel.

CIA STAGES REPLAY OF SLA TO STOP EUROPEAN WORKING CLASS ORGANIZING

April 24 (IPS) -- In a bloody European replay of the CIA's Sym-

bionese Liberation Army terror scenario, zombie terrorists from the Baader-Meinhof gang shot up the West German embassy today, killing a military attache, holding 12 hostages, and later blowing the embassy up. According to wire reports, after the explosion, the terrorists and some of the hostages were captured in a nearby park.

The European press has termed the affair a "test of social democratic party security policy."

Reportedly, Second International leader, Swedish Premier Olof Palme, at first dismissed the matter as purely a concern of the West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt; however, Palme sent Swedish troops to surround the embassy.

ROCKEFELLER PRAISES ITALIAN ECONOMIC MIRACLE

April 25 (IPS) -- David Rockefeller stopped off in Rome today for a six-hour round of talks with top Italian cabal heads on his way to Izmir and the meeting of the Bilderberger Club. During his sojourn he granted an exclusive interview to the Milan daily Corriere della Sera where he praised the new Italian "economic miracle." The loan repayments his henchman Guido Carli has wrung out of Italy's economy in the course of destroying its industry and working class. Rockefeller's dizzying roudn of meetings included strategy discussions with his top Italian enforcer, Guido Carli, head of the Bank of Italy. Other meetings were held with Giulio Andreotti, the organizer of Italy's forthcoming military dictatorship, Monsignor Marcinkus, the Vatican's finance minister, Nino Rovelli, Socialist Partylinked chemical industrialist, the President of the Republic Leone, and local representatives of David's Chase Manhattan Bank.

NEW YORK TIMES CLAIMS SYRIA AND JORDAN FORM JOINT COMMAND UNDER SOVIET AUSPICES

April 25 (IPS) -- In a dispatch from Paris, "Special to the New York Times" and at this point unconfirmed by any second source, reporter Flora Lewis claims that Syria and Jordan have agreed "under Soviet sponsorship" to establish joint military commands for their land and air forces.

FORMER JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ADVISER ATTACKS SCHLESINGER*S LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR' CONCEPT

April 25 (IPS) -- Expressing growing opposition to Rockefeller policies of nuclear brinksmanship within the old-line military, rear admiral Gene R. Laroucque attacked Defense Secretary Schlesinger's concept of a limited nuclear exchange between the Soviets and the U.S. in an interview with New York Post columnist James A. Wechsler. Larocque, who now heads the Center for Defense Information, is a former member of the Strategic Plans Division of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff. Schlesinger's "conceptual breakthrough" is a psywar maneuver aimed at getting the Soviets to accept the idea of a limited nuclear war.

SAIGON SAYS ISRAEL IS PREPARED IN CASE OF WAR

April 25 (IPS) -- According to New York Times Pentagon reporter Leslie Gelb, American Intelligence and Military officials have determined that Israeli "force levels and stocks ... are sufficiently high to avoid another emergency airlift of supplies as had to be done during the 1973 War."

NATO DEPLOYS CEAUSCESCU TO MIDEAST

April 25 (IPS) -- Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu returned to Bucharest today following a two-day trip to Syria and Egypt. Reported Radio Bucharest tonight Ceausescu met for a few hours with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, having talked with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) head Yassar Arafat in Damascus.

April 25 (IPS) -- Today's Christian Science Monitor carries a front-page article about growing Soviet sea power, entitled, "Soviets Speak 'Softly,' Show A 'Big' Navy." Extrapolating from the defeat of U.S. objectives in Southeast Asia, author Joseph C. Harsch warns, "This is also the season of fresh opportunities for the Soviet Union," and proceeds to describe current Soviet Naval maneuvers "as the largest and most widespread in the life story of the Soviet (and Russian) Navy." Harsch writes that while the U.S. has been building its nuclear deterrent capability the Soviets have been slyly concentrating on non-nuclear defense, and concludes: "It would almost seem that Moscow had decided that there is not going to be a nuclear war but there may well be a long period of non-nuclear competition for range of influence in the world."

ROCKEFELLER PUSHES FOR CREATION OF JOINT EUROPEAN DEFENSE ARMS AGENCY

April 25 (IPS) -- A report prepared for the U.S. State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research recommends the creation of a European-wide defense arms agency in a first step in a proposed 12 year goal of "complete military industrial interdependence" between the members of the NATO alliance.

UPI DISTORTS TASS REPORT IN COLD WAR FASHION

April 25 (IPS) -- The Soviet Navy has completed 17 days of coordinated Naval maneuvers in various seas, according to the Soviet

news agency TASS. In war-mongering tones, the United Press International speculates that "The Soviet Union could be considering attacks against oil tankers going from the Fersian Gulf to Europe and the United States, in the event of a confrontation with the latter country." Using references to Soviet flights in this area and in the Atlantic, UPI insinuates that the Soviets are preparing for aggressive action against other countries.

BAADER-MEINHOF TERRORISTS BRAINWASHED BY THE CIA

April 27 (IPS) -- According to articles in Der Spiegel and yester-day's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, two of the Baader-Meinhof terrorists involved in the attack on the West German Embassy in Sweden came from a "Socialist Patients' Collective" in Heidelberg, a group of former psychiatric patients. In the FAZ piece, Editor Busche states: "Such a place forms an effective protective zone for 'action' by police infiltrators and observers. They (the collective@ are characterized on the one hand, by their readiness to regard strangers as 'comrades' and, on the other, by a loss of a sense of reality in the minds of the radicals involved."

It was precisely such a collective at Vacaville Prison in California that served as the brainwashing training center for the notorious CIA terrorist group, the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The Baader-Meinhof group itself was trained at the CIA's "Black Septempher" training groups in Libya. The CIA channels funds into the Baader-Meinhof group through Libya. An article in the March 24, 1974 issue of Der Spiegel magazine described documents that showed that Baader-Meinhof accounts had received deposits on a day that the banks involved were closed; the transfer of funds involved a branch that did not exist.

Further evidence that the Baader-Meinhof are brainwashed and under CIA control was included in an April 1974 Le Monde article by a psychiatrist protesting the conditions in which the Baader-Meinhof were then being held in West German prisons. Citing their being subjected to "deprivations of senses" treatment, he called for an investigation, pointing out how they could be controlled by police agents.

NATO MILITARY MANEUVERS DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIETS

April 27 (IPS) -- NATO countries are engaged in a series of "command and control" military maneuvers using the pretext of the threat of terrorist activities, according to a survey today by intelligence staff of the International Caucus of Labor Committees.

The maneuvers are small-scale involving practice evacuations, the checking out of communications and commands and population control measures. In one case, the maneuvers are directly attributed to the threat of a Soviet invasion.

- -- NATO troops are conducting "practice" airlifts into Denmark on a 20-minute basis.
- -- Swedish television and the head of Sweden's Reserves announced a full military alert in preparation for what was termed a "simu-

lated Soviet attack."

- -- A strike of customs officials may be used as a pretext to move troops to the Italy-Austria border.
- -- French maneuvers are underway west of Paris near Champaigne, to last until early May. Nanval maneuvers near Toulon were begun, repotedly for the purpose of "protecting Atlantic access routes to France."
- -- Swiss police are mobilized, allegedly in search of French terrorists.

FRENCH AND SPANISH GOVERNMENTS SEAL BASQUE BORDER

April 27 (IPS) -- The French-Spanish border at the western end of the Pyrenees has been sealed on the pretext of suppressing ETA Basque terrorists, a CIA-sponsored pseudo-left group. The Pyrenees constitute a strategic fallback position of NATO. The alleged provocation is a straight CIA scenario from the CIA's brainwashed Black Liberation Army: ETA terrorists are gunning down Spanish policemen. In response, the Spanish government suspended the constitution in two of Spain's four Basque provinces, Spain's most concentrated industrial area.

WEST GERMAN " SPIEGEL AKTION" AGAINST IPS AND ELC

April 28 (IPS) -- In an early morning police action reminiscent of Franz Josef Strauss' infamous "Spiegel Aktion" when West German police in blatantly illegal fashion raided the publishing offices of the Der Spiegel magazine, Wiesbaden Kriminalpolizei this morning at approximately 8:30 Middle European Time entered the Wiesbaden offices of the European Labor Committees and the International Press Service (IPS). They presented a search warrant based upon the most flimsy charge immaginable of 'defamation' -- stemming from an ELC (European Labor Committees) poster depicting Willy Brandt as the fascist his political actions demonstrate him to be. The police immediately cut all ELP and IPS office connections with the outside world. As of this moment -- 10:30 Middle European Time (two hours following the police entry into the Wiesbaden office) -- communications have yet to be restored.

It should be noted that this action occurs at a point in time when we have definitive information about major factional struggles both in West German government parties and in the opposition CDU, as well as in West German military circles.

In a related development, the European Labor Committees two days ago received detailed intelligence from a highly placed West German source as to the existence of almost daily, embittered confrontations at NATO headquarters in Brussels between U.S. military officers and their West German counterparts. The confrontations, the source indicated, arose precisely over West German military opposition to a U.S.-Rockefeller commitments to so-called "limited confrontation" policies with the Soviet Union.

FINANCIAL

HEALEY WILLING TO LET POUND COLLAPSE

April 21 (IPS) -- Following his announcement last week of a budget which will gut the British economy to pay back international debts to Rockefeller, Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey has announced his willingness to let the Pound Sterling drop an additional 4 to 5 per cent vis a vis other collapsing currencies. This was reported in the London Sunday Times by Economics Editor Malcolm Craw.

BRITISH "COLONIALISTS" FEAR WEIMAR HYPERINFLATION

April 21 (IPS) -- The London Sunday Telegraph, spokesman for the ranks of old "colonial" type industrialists and military men, yesterday broadcast their fear that the new British budget, announced last week by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, will lead to Weimar-style hyperinflation. The Sunday Telegraph is calling for open, old-style fascist repression to stave off economic collapse.

THE POUND FLUNGES, ALONG WITH BRITISH LIVING STANDARD

April 22 (IPS) -- The financial press attributed the dramatic fall of the British Pound on the international currency markets yesterday to "renewed anxiety over the state of the British economy," in the words of Terry Robards in today's New York Times. Robards suggests that the loss of 1.5 cents against the dollar followed a decision of the government to let the Pound slip to make British export prices more attractive.

WHAT HAPPENED TO RECOVERY?

April 22 (IPS) -- The news of a 3.5 per cent drop in factory orders in the U.S. in March, in a report released by the Commerce Department yesterday, sharply contradicts capitalist fantasies about imminent economic recovery. The preliminary report indicated that the \$1.35 billion decline in March orders was not attributable to the auto industry; there were sizeable drops in orders for primary metals, such as steel and for machinery. New orders for household durables and autos were reportedly stable; the drastic decline in orders for these goods over the last half year leveled off for the month.

The recovery myth was also punctured yesterday by Charles Wood-ruff, Vice Chairman of the Board of Manufacturers Hanovers Bank. The Journal of Commerce reported that Woodruff indicated that the banks are going to have to finance the upcoming recovery out of their own retained earnings or profits.

HUMPHREY UPS ATTACK ON TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

April22 (IPS) -- Senator Hubert Humphrey, Nelson Rockefeller's Democratic stalwark, continued his attack today against Treasury Secretary William Simon for Simon's non-adherence to Rockefeller's policy of massive defict spending. Thursday, Friday and Saturday Humphrey read into the Congressional Record statements claiming that the U.S. market could handle the deficit of \$7 billion despite Simon's claims to the contrary.

Reached for comment today, Humphrey's chief economic aide raved that Simon was "exaggerating, creating fears that are not well founded." Asked whether Humphrey would call for Simon's resignation, the aide, obviously thinking of someone else, said frantically: "We have criticisms of him (Simon) but I don't think they are grounds for impeachment."

OPERATION PHOENIX OFFICIAL: NYC BUDGET CUTS ONLY "BEGINNING"

April 22 (IPS) -- Roderick O'Connor, President of the Citizens Budget Commission which represents the major New York banks and investment houses, said today in an interview that "Mayor Beame has taken a courageous stand," in calling for 30,000 jobs to be cut from the municipal payroll. O'Connor stressed, however, "this is only a small beginning" of the necessary cuts.

Formerly in charge of the agency for international development in East Asia, O'Connor oversaw the U.S. Operation of the Secret Police Forces during the CIA's "Operation Phoenix" assassination of Vietnamese rebel supporters.

TIMES PUSHES AUSTERITY, SLAVE LABOR

April 23 (IPS) -- In an editorial today the New York Times called for "painful, drastic additional cuts" in the New York City budget, beyond those proposed by Mayor Abe Beame. "The Mayor's axe is far from ready for the sheath," the Times concluded, after turning down additional borrowing by the city to add to "the mountain of debt."

DOLLAR COLLAPSES IN EUROPE

April 23 (IPS) -- The dollar opened today in complete chaos, marking the end of the false confidence about the U.S. economy. According to UPI, "a sudden wave of selling sent the U.S. dollar into a slide today on all major European money markets" and "there was no immediate explanation why." The wire service quoted a Belgian banker who declared, "Everyone is selling dollars." A foreign exchange trader at Bankers Trust in New York told IPS that the French had started the wave of dollar selling.

While most foreign exchange traders were unsure why the dollar was suddenly falling so precipitously, IPS correspondents in New York and Europe briefed them on the major reason: general Euro-

pean recognition that economic recovery is not around the corner and that the U.S. dollar is a piece of waste paper, coinciding with the press conference of the U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate in Bonn tomoorow, in which we will call for the replacement of the IMF and the World Bank by an International Development Bank and elimination of the dollar-denominated debt which is strangling the world economy.

FRENCH INDUSTRIALIST ATTACKS AUSTERITY POLICIES: CALLS FOR "SUSTAINED EXPANSION"

April 24 (IPS) -- In an interview in the April 21 French weekly Le Point, Francois Ceyrac, President of the ;argest association of French industrialists (CNPF), stated bluntly that he was opposed to the Giscard government's austerity economic policies and that: only "sustained expansion" of the economy could provide the real solution to the rapidly rising unemployment.

Ceyrac attacked the notion of a Zero-Growth economy, adding that the "redistribution" of the wealth scheme being planned by certain circles is a fraud: "without growth, France would have only shortages to share."

U.S. EMBASSY, STATE DEPT. ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE LA ROUCHE PRESS CONFERENCE

April 24 (IPS) -- The U.S. Labor Party has obtained unimpeachable evidence that the U.S. Embassy in Bonn and the U.S. State Department engaged in a massive arm-twisting operation to dissuade journalists from attending the Bonn press conference of Lyndon H. LaRouche today.

According to highly placed sources, U.S. Embassy officials engaged in hazardous self-exposure, slanderous activity and outright lies regarding Mr. LaRouche. One reporter was advised that "Mr. LaRouche is not the chairman of the U.S. Labor Party, he's just the chairman of the Labor Caucus."

The extent and openness of these unsuccessful efforts show that the U.S. Embassy and State Department consider this press conference a major blow to the viability of the U.S. Rockefeller Administration.

USLP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LA ROUCHE HOLDS BONN PRESS CONFERENCE CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, DEBT MORATORIUM

BONN, West Germany (IPS) -- At a press conference attended by 18 representatives of major international news media here today, U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche (Lyn Marcus) outlined the only solution to the economic chaos portended by the imminent collapse of the dollar -- international debt moratoria and the formation of an International Development Bank to replace the IMF.

"There is no other alternative -- no human alternative, everything else is nuclear confrontation, which is seriously considered

by several leading people in Washington and Schachtian economics. Nuclear war would indeed stop the monetary crisis."

LaRouche, who has just returned from a two-week visit to the Mideast said: "The dollar system is on the verge of collapse. The dollar and everything that depends on it is bankrupt -- when the collapse will occur is entirely a political question." He noted that the best example of this is the current New York budget crisis which, La Rouche said, could trigger the collapse.

He concluded that capitalists have only two choices: they can adopt this proposal, put forward by a revolutionary socialist organization or -- jump.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS PUSH EAST-WEST TRADE

April 24 (IPS) -- As the British Pound Sterling continues to collapse, British industrialists are vying for critical contracts for trade with East Bloc countries. The first trade mission to the East Bloc dealing specifically with consumer goods returned to London reporting "surprisingly good" responses.

ROCKEFELLER DEFENDS SELF AGAINST ATTACKS BY BRITISH FINANCIERS

April 25 (IPS) -- Delivering the "Chairman's Lecture" ath the Manchester Stock Exchange located in the heart of Britain's collapsing industrial belt, David Rockefeller stoutly defended his "beleaguered multinationals" before a group of top British industrialists yesterday. Rockefeller said multinationals had become the targets of "new demonology" and called these bloodsucking conglomerates "the most important instruments in the unprecedented expansion that has taken place in the world."

UNDERUTILIZATION OF U.S. INDUSTRY

April 25 (IPS) -- This morning's UPI wire service reports that a McGraw Hill survey shows that only 65.5 per cent of the capacity of U.S. industrial firms was in use last month, a one per cent decline from February.

JAPAN SHIPBUILDERS LOOK TO EAST BLOC TRADE

April 25 (IPS) -- Reflecting both general collapse of production activity and in particular, the squeezing of industry out of borrowing markets in order to finance the runaway federal debt, reports in this morning's Financial Press indicate that commercial and industrial loans declined by \$279 million at the major New York banks last week, bringing to almost \$3.16 billion the descline in outstanding loans since January first.

JAPAN SHIPBUILDERS LOOK TO EAST BLOC TRADE

April 25 (IPS) -- Masashi Isano, the head of the Japan Ship Exporters Association, announced that Japanese shipbuilders would "make strenuous efforts" to sell ships to the East Bloc countries

as well as the developing nations to make up for the collapsing worldwide shipbuilding market, according to the Journal of Commerce.

VW SCHEDULED FOR MILITARY PRODUCTION

April 25 (IPS) -- Indications are mounting that the 25,000 layoffs at the giant Volkswagen auto firm in West Germany are a signal for a larger effort to shift the economy to military production. Yesterday, Cold Warrior Defense Minister Georg Leber published an article in a local Braunschweig newspaper calling for VW to increase its military contracts. The same day, the Federal occupation Cabinet reached a decision to provide emergency "economic assistance" to areas hardest hit by the VW layoff plan.

IBERIA

SPANISH BISHOPS SWITCH FASCISTS

April 21 (IPS) -- The bishops of Spain have just issued a collective pastoral letter which calls for political liberalization, regional autonomy for Catalonia and the Basque region and "national reconciliation" between the working class and the fascist victors of the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War, according to today's Washington Post. The last time the bishops issued such a pastoral letter was in 1937. That year the bishops came out in support of the Hitler- and Mussolini-supported fascist dictator, Francisco Franco.

MFA ORDERS HALT TO LAND OCCUPATIONS

April 21 (IPS) -- Portugal's NATO-run military government declared itself opposed to continued land occupations in the Portuguese countryside, according to a Prensa Latina dispatch yesterday. To implement its labor-intensive agriculture programs designed to work Portuguese farmers to death for the Rockefellers, the government moved to establish agrarian reform committees in a number of country districts.

MFA FORMING FASCIST ANARCHOSYNDICALIST FRONT

April 21 (IPS) -- The Lisbon daily Diario de Noticias April 19 reports that a Congress was held in Lisbon last weekend calling for "the creation of revolutionary councils in the factories, in the fields and in the barracks for the defense of the socialist revolution." The so-called "revolutionary councils" correspond to Portuguese Admiral Coutinho's recent calls for the creation of a new Armed Forces-linked Socialist Party for the purpose of undermining Communist organizing.

VOTE RIGGING EXPECTED TO PREVENT COMMUNIST MAJORITY IN PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS

April 24 (IPS) -- Portugal's three-week electoral campaign for a constituent assembly ended today with a Protuguese Communist Party (PCP) mass rally in Lisbon last night, attended by more than 150,000 persons, according to a Prensa Latina dispatch today. Foreign journalists termed the PCP rally the largest of the electoral campaign.

Despite obvious mass support for the PCP -- unmatched by the other political parties -- the bourgeois press has determined

that the PCP will receive only a small percentage of the vote. The press estimates that the Socialists, Popular Democrats, and the Social Democrats -- none of which are mass-based -- will receive two-thirds of the total vote, while the PCP will receive only 15 to 20 per cent.

"RED' ADMIRAL CALLS PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS "A TOY" FOR CHILDREN

April 24 (IPS) -- Portuguese red Admiral and leading revolutionary council member Rosa Coutinho stated that the only reason national elections are being held is that "taking elections away from the people would be like removing a promised toy from a child."

MFA USES ELECTIONS TO TERRORIZE PORTUGUESE POPULATION

April 25 (IPS) -- Today's Farcical, CIA-rigged elections in Portugal have provided the pretext for a massive terror deployment of the counter-revolutionary military throughout the country. The Republican Guard, a "Guardia Civil" type paramilitary formation formed by Portugal's fascist dictator Salazar, has been deployed into the countryside to intimidate farmers as they appear at the the polls, while Brig. Gen. Otelo Carvalho's counterinsurgency police force is carrying out similar operations in the city, under a cover of guarding against "ultra-left" threats to disrupt the elections.

MOSCOW'S IZVESTIA ATTACKS ANTI-PORTUGAL CAMPAIGN OF THE WEST

April 26 (IPS) -- An article in the April 22 Izvestia blows the psywar campaign of European and U.S. papers to undermine the international working class support for the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP). A few weeks ago, the Washington Post, Sueddeusche Zeitung and British and French papers, peddled rumors to the effect that the Soviet Union had told the PCP to "go slow." These lies, says Izvestia, were aimed at sowing "doubt among those who are building the new Portugal, to drive a wedge between Portuguese Democratic forces and the Soviet Union."

COMPUTER GIVES SECOND INTERNATIONAL A LANDSLIDE IN PORTUGAL

April 26 (IPS) -- The CIA-Tavistock computer at the Calouste Gulebnkian Foundation office in Lisbon has given Portugal's two Second International parties, the PSP and the PPD, a combined vote of 63 per cent, according to a UPI dispatch posted shortly after noon today. Mario Soares' virtually defunct Socialist Party (PSP) was awarded 38 per cent of the vote by the computer, while the "Swedish model" Popular Democratic Party (PPD) followed second with 25 per cent of the vote. The Portuguese Communist Party (PCP), the only mass-based party in the country, was awarded only 13 per cent of the vote.

DREW MIDDLETON SETS PORTUGAL AND SOVIETS UP FOR ENDGAME

April 27 (IPS) -- Drew Middleton, CIA-connected military correspondent, revives Rockefellers' "we-are-losing-the-vital-Azores-to-the communists" hoax in today's New York Times in an undated article apparently written two weeks ago. Contributing to setting up the European and Soviet populations for Rockefellers' thermonuclear "endgame" strategy, Middleton says unnamed "U.S. Naval" sources regarding "Portugal's expected shift to neutralism as incompatible with membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

In actuality, "Portuguese neutralism" is a code-phrase for the CIA "Southern Europe" strategy. This scenario has Yugoslavia and Rumania join a NATO southern flank of supposedly neutral countries, thereby dismantling pro-Soviet Eastern Europe -- a strategy which necessarily would lead to all-out thermonuclear

TIMES CONDUIT TERMS RIGGED PCP LOSS "BIZARRE SURPRISE"

April 27 (IPS) -- Henry Giniger, the New York Times conduit in Lisbon, today found it necessary to excuse the massive vote fraud in yesterday's Portuguese election, rigged by the CIA's Gulbenkian Foundation computer. Giniger writes "it was a rather bizarre surprise that a party as well organized as the communists, after having spent so much money and campaigned so intensively, should have so little to show for the effort." Mario Soares' Socialists Giniger continues, astonished the political analysts with their strength in areas generally regarded as communist strongholds."

LATIN AMERICA

PLO EMBRACES PINOCHET

April 21 (IPS) -- Mahid Mohammed, Latin American Director for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recently spent 15 days fraternizing with the top authorities of the Chilean government, according to a report in the April 16-22 issue of Ercilla magazine. Mohammed told the Chilean news agency, ORBE, that he is fundraising from the reactionary Arab industrialists in Chile.

OUTBREAKS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES REPORTED IN LATIN AMERICA

April 21 (IPS) -- The Mexican press yesterday reported epidemic outbreaks of hepatitis and typhoid fever in the city of Torreon, with 37 cases in the last three days. In nearby Monterrey, dehydration has claimed two lives and accounts for the 200 hospitalized in the midst of a heat wave of over 72 hours' duration. The victims reported are children of ages from one to three years. At the same time, cases of hepatitis have been reported in the La Plata region of Argentina, but medical authorities there are denying that it has reached epidemic proportions.

COLOMBIAN ARMY CONTROLS BOGOTA

April 21 (IPS) -- Colombian Army and police units rounded up 566 persons in Bogota this weekend in what they called "Operation Cobra." Police said the move was a response to Friday's burning of the car of the Papal Nuncio by student demonstrators at the university. The destruction of the auto by "extremists" was featured in all major Colombian press yesterday in an effort to excite the Catholic and anti-clerical fanaticisms which plunged Colombia into a bloody civil war during the 1950s.

MAOISTS SET UP COLOMBIAN LEFT FOR REPRESSION

April 21 (IPS) -- In the midst of an escalating Red Scare in Colombia, a leader of the Maoist countergang, MOIR, threatened the Bogota City Council, saying, "We and other leftists and communists are prepared to make your heads roll."

COLOMBIAN EX-PRESIDENT ENDORSES MAOIST MOIR

April 21 (IPS) -- Misael Pastrana, conservative ex-president of Colombia, called on liberals and conservatives to unite against "extremists ... in the irrevocable defense of public order and legality" in a document published yesterday.

HONDURAS "PROGRESSIVE DEPOSED; CLARK CLIFFORD CHOSEN AS COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

April 22 (IPS) -- "Progressive" General Oswaldo Lopez Arrellano, President of Honduras, was removed from office today by his rightwing rival Col. Alberto Melgar Castro. Lopez, for the past few weeks, had been the target of widespread publicity accusing him of accepting bribes from the United Brands Fruit Company last year in exchange for the lowering of the Honduras tax on banana exports. Lopez' removal coincides with a move on the part of the Honduras Embassy in Washington to secure Rockefeller-man and former U.S. Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford as counsel to the Honduras Investigating Committee which is looking into the bribery charge.

MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY SET UP FOR REPRESSION

April 22 (IPS) -- The Rockefeller-controlled Mexican daily, Excelsior, set the Mexican Communist Party (PCM) up for repression in an article today, reporting the "confession" of terrorists from the "Union del Pueblo" CIA-created terrorist group. The detained revealed the names of several "accomplices" to the bombing of which they are accused, including three leading PCM members: Pablo Gomez Alvarez, Joel Ortego and Evaristo Perez Arreola.

Although these accusations are totally absurd to anyone who knows the political history of the PCM members, just such absurd and false accusations served as the basis of the interrogation of LALC leaders Carlos de Hoyos and Carlos Mendez, who were detained and tortured by the CIA-controlled Mexican Federal Security Police for two weeks.

REPRESSION HEIGHTENS IN VENEZUELA.

April 23 (IPS) -- Student members of the Comite de Lucha de Estudios Revolucionarios (CLER) have denounced the illegal political arrest of Armando Diaz, general manager of the left-wing newspaper Que Hacer. Diaz has not been seen since last Friday. The denunciation appeared in the back pages of the major Caracas daily El Universal and comes at the middle of a heightened repression campaign conducted by fascist President Carlos Andres Perez' government, which has particularly targeted the Liga Socialista, a pro-Iraqi, pro-Moscow, pro-development party with rapidly growing strength on the Venezuelan scene.

CIA TERROR OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN MEXICO

April 25 (IPS) -- In the straight style of the CIA terror operation which began 2 days ago in Stockholm, a gang of terrorists killed 12 people, including 8 policemen and injured 4 others, in a bank robbery on the southern fringes of Mexico City this morning. This bloody incident is aimed at creating the climate for further overt military and police control of Mexico, smashing the left and pre-

venting working class resistance and represents an intensification of the destabilization of the Echeverria regime.

CIA TERRORIST MURDERS IN MEXICO CITY -- PART OF ROCKEFELLER INTER-NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR BONAPARTISM, FASCIST REGIMES

MEXICO CITY, April 26 (IPS) --The bloody terrorist attack here yesterday by the CIA-controlled "Liga Comunista 23 de Septiembre," like the CIA's Baader-Meinhof attack in Stockholm earlier this week, is part of Rockefeller's internationally coordinated campaign to install Bonapartist "crisis management" regimes in Western Europe and outright military dictatorships in Mexico and other Third World countries slated for immediate triage.

The bestiality of the attack in Mexico City, in which 8 policemen and three civilians were murdered, shows the same CIA modus operandi used by the suicidal zombies of the Baader-Meinhof in their raid on the West German Embassy in Stockholm. The activation of these terrorist gangs has as its most modest objective total police control over and terrorization of the population. In Mexico City the campaign of terror and chaos is part of a de facto state of seige. The police are in total control of the city searching for "murderers on the loose" who are rumored to be hiding "somewhere in the city." Guns drawn, the police are searching the southern zone of the city house-by-house, interrogating residents, advising them not to open their doors to anyone. All city exits, bus routes, highways, railways and planes are being blocked and searched under massive police control. This latest CIA move represents the harsher phase of the CIA's destabilization against the Mexican presidency, which Rockefeller plans to replace by open military or civilian-military rule, to administer triage of 30 million Mexicans.

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PRG CALLS FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FOLLOWING THIEU RESIGNATION

April 21 (IPS) -- Following the resignation this morning of South Vietnamese President Thieu, the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam called for the resignation of the rest of the Thieu clique, and the immediate removal of all U.S. military personnel from the country.

INDIA AND BANGLADESH SIGN PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT

April 21 (IPS) -- Today's London Times reports that the governments of India and Bangladesh have signed a provisional agreement sharing the waters of the Ganges River for subcontinental agriculture and water control. The resolution of this technical dispute between the two countries marks the end of an "issue" that has been consistently used by CIA press conduits to fabricate tensions in the region.

THIEU CONFIRMS PRG CHARGES OF ACCORDS VIOLATION

April 22 (IPS) -- In his resignation speech two days ago, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu admitted to charges made by the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG-Vietcong) that he (Thieu) had never intended to abide by the Paris Accords of 1973.

Claiming that he "argued with the Americans," Thieu said: "I rejected the plan. I said we won't go along with it. I don't go along with any agreement with the Communists in any form whatsoever."

Thieu charged that in 1968, apparently following the TET offensive, there was much pressure brought on him to form a coalition government. While Thieu successfully resisted this American pressure in 1968, he candidly revealed how he was forced to sign the 1973 accords against his will: "I was given an alternative (to signing the accords). The alternative solution was that I could take an airplane out of Vietnam on Oct. 26, 1972. I was told I could leave the country."

IMMEDIATE FOOD AID NEEDED FOR VIETNAM

April 22 (IPS) -- A United Nations official in DaNang confirmed that the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) had restored order and services in the occupied territory, but he emphasized that the city was facing a severe food shortage, in a cable published in today's Washington Post.

VIETNAM AID DEBATE USED TO CLOUD REALITY IN CONGRESS

April 22 (IPS) -- Testifying before the House Appropriations Committee yesterday, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and General Frederick Weyand told Congress it was necessary to pass the Indochina military and humanitarian aid requests -- although it will admittedly have no effect militarily in order to boost morale in Vietnam and as a matter of "principle."

JCP LASHES MITTERRAND, BRANDT, AND (BY IMPLICATION) JSP

April 23 (IPS) -- In a scathing attack not previously seen from such quarters, the April issue of the Japan Communist Party (JCP) "Vanguard" excoriates what it terms "the anti-communist rightwing social democratic gathering, the Second International." The article specifically denounces French Socialist Party (PSF) leader Francois Mitterrand and Second International agent Willy Brandt for allying with the "capitalist, non-communist and conservative force" to sabotage the organizing of the French Communist Party (PCF) and -- as a result -- for being responsible for the attacks on working class living standards and civil liberties currently underway.

VIETNAM WAR PINNED ON TRADITIONAL MILITARY AGAIN

April 24 (IPS) -- In another push to disintegrate and immobilize traditional military layers, Rockefeller trouble-shooter Rep. Paul N. McCloskey attacked two former U.S. Commanders in Vietnam, according to yesterday's New York Post. McCloskey attacked Gen. William C. Westmoreland and Gen. Creighton W. Abrams for actions which "clearly reflect command influence, if not distortion, on the intelligence-reporting function of the CIA."

KIM IL SUNG PUTS PRESSURE ON CHINA

April 24 (IPS) -- In a lead editorial entitled "Kim Il Sung goes to China," the Baltimore Sun warns of pressure on the Chinese government regarding their accommodation with the United States in Asia. On the occasion of Kim's visit to China, the Sun speculates on the existence of North Korean pressure on the Chinese to back an "adventure in South Korea" following the events in Indochina.

CHINA AGREES TO SEND REP TO EEC: FACTION REPORTED AGAINST ACCOMMO-DATION TO U.S. POLICY

April 24 (IPS) -- China has agreed in principle to send an Ambassador to the EEC, in a continuation of its policy to use closer ties with Europe as a wedge against the Soviet Union.

The Second International Prime Minister of Belgium, Leo Tindermans, suggested this step in his recent talks with the Chinese leadership.

According to the London Times yesterday, Tindermans' reported that the Chinese leaders told him they approved of U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger's latest threats of nuclear brinksmanship against the Soviets. There are indications, however, that Rockefeller cabal warmongering against the Soviet Union has caused political turmoil within China.

SENATE VOTES VIETNAM AID

April 25 (IPS) -- House and Senate conferees tentatively agreed yesterday on a 327 million dollar evacuation and "humanitarian" aid bill for South Vietnam which gives President Ford the authority to use US troops to carry out the evacuation under strictly limited conditions.

NORTH VIET INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM A MARKET FOR WESTERN FIRMS

April 25 (IPS) -- North Vietnam's industrialization program is attracting Western firms, especially Japanese, eager for orders in the midst of otherwise collapsing world trade.

PREDICT "SLAUGHTER" IN VIETNAM

April 25 (IPS) -- The Washington Post today carries an Associated Press dispatch quoting Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) predicting a "slaughter of over a million" in South Vietnam by the Communists. IPS has learned from reliable sources that the Washington Post plans to run a series of articles on conservatives in the U.S. emphasizing their cold-war, anti-detente position.

BUTCHER MARCOS WELCOMES CHINESE ALLIANCE

April 25 (IPS) -- Ferdinand Marcos, the U.S. puppet President of the Philippines, has surfaced as the champion of the Peoples Republic of China. In his keynote address at the recent meeting of the Asian Development Bank, he called upon representatives to purge the bank of "nagging suspicions" that it is a "capitalist institution" by welcoming the membership of China.

INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PLEDGES COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT

April 25 (IPS) -- Reports released by the Indian left wing daily, the Patriot, April 17, indicate that Foreign Minister Y.B. Chavan made a major foreign policy presentation to the Indian Parliament, reasserting India's role for the fulfillment of the goals of development through non-alignment.

CHINESE PRESSURE JAPAN ON ANTI-SOVIET CLAUSE IN PEACE PACT

April 26 (IPS) -- Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao Peng is pressuring Japan to "courageously decide" to include the anti-Soviet "anti-hegemony" clause in the Sino-Japanese Treaty now being negotiated. According to this morning's Washington Post he made these comments to the visiting head of Soka Gakkai, Japan's fanatical Buddhist sect.

SIHANOUK CITES U.S. SUBVERSION

April 26 (IPS) -- In an interview published today in the Paris daily Le Monde, Prince Sihanouk accused the United States of using the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an instrument of destabilization against Cambodia. Sihanouk warned the Khmer Rouge to treat the hurried recognition of their government by the ASEAN group and "reactionary" governments like Japan as "suspicious."

SENATE PASSES VIETNAM AID AUTHORIZATION

April 26 (IPS) -- The Senate has passed the \$327 million Vietnam Aid Authorization Bill, with its provision allowing for the use of US troops in the evacuation. According to the Washington Post accounts, the bill would, in effect, prevent any emergency aid from reaching either Cambodia, North Vietnam or South Vietnam after the present government is replaced.

CYCLONE HITS NORTHERN BANGLADESH CAUSING MASSIVE DESTRUCTIONS

April 27 (IPS) -- A cyclone hit the northern Bangiadesh districts of Faridpur and Dinajpur yesterday, killing eight persons and causing massive destruction. Faridpur and Dinajpur are two of the richest rice producing districts of Bangladesh and the spring crop destruction will exacerbate the food shortage in the coming month, making more urgent the U.S. Labor Party emergency development legislation for the Ganges-Brahmaputra region.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL

EAST GERMANS COUNTER AMENDOLA'S ECONOMIC SCHEMES

April 21 (IPS) -- The head of the DDR (East German) delegation held a strong pro-working class line at the current Rome meeting of European Communist Parties on economic cooperation. According to reports in today's Unita, the Italian Communist Party daily, the DDR delegate attacked those "capitalist groups...that aim to obtain sources of raw materials, while imposing trading conditions that split the socialist countries and create obstacles in the relations of the Soviet Union with other countries." He stated that the DDR has made economic proposals to West Germany that would be to the advantage of all German workers, including the hiring of presently unemployed West German workers in East Germany, which suffers from an acute labor shortage.

CHINA TELLS EUROPEANS TO "PREPARE" FOR SOVIET AGGRESSION

April 21 (IPS)--At a dinner in Peking in honor of visiting Second International Belgian Premier Leo Tindermans, Chinese Deputy Premier Chi Teng Kuei reemphasized China's view that the USSR is contending with the USA to dominate Europe, that such developments are "bound to lead to war," and that the Europeans "must get prepared."

IWMA ORGANIZING MORALIZES MILAN GENERAL STRIKE

MILAN, April 22 (IPS)--Organizers of the European Labor Committees and the Italian Provisional Organizing Committee provided programmatic leadership in an otherwise demoralizing general strike rally this morning. The rally was called by the trade unions to protest the current wave of police-organized fascist violence in Italy.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH CHAIRMAN OPPOSES EAST-WEST TRADE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 22 (IPS) -- "No! Public investment instead," was the reply of Heidi Wiczorek-Zeul, chairman of the Social Democratic Party's youth group, the Jusos, to a New Solidarity International Press Service reporter who asked whether the Jusos favored an extension of West European trade with the East bloc. During the exchange, which took place yesterday at a Dusseldorf Juso press conference, Mrs. Wiczorek-Zeul continued to insist that the only plank of the Jusos' is "public investment," a current social democratic code word for slave-labor public works projects.

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AMENDOLA PROPOSAL SUFFERS DEFEAT

ROME, April 23 (IPS)--The Amendola forces have suffered a resounding defeat at the just-convened Rome conference organized by the Nato leadership of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). The conference was called by the PCI in order to begin the planned subversion of the upcoming European Communist Parties Conference in East Berlin.

PCI chief Amendola was forced to admit at a press conference held in Rome yesterday that the delegates had been unable to reach agreement and would issue no joint statement. According to reports from both the Italian communist and socialist press, the hardliners grouped around Moscow had refused to accept the PCI proposal of East-West trade based on an autonomous Europe and collaboration with the infamous Second International and Christian democracies.

SWEDISH CP "ELADER" BACKS PALME'S ANTI-SOVIETISM

STOCKHOLM, April 23 (IPS) -- In a public statement here today, the new chairman of the Swedish Communist Party, Lars Werner, exposed himself as part of the CIA's "Amendolite" agent network in the West European communist movement. In his statement, Werner supported statements of Olof Palme, who called Czech President Gustav Husak a "dictator." Werner stated that Palme was "principally right (in his attack on Husak)...he only used a bit too harsh language."

ELP EXPOSES BRANDT AT SPD ELECTORAL RALLY

DORTMUND, WEST GERMANY, April 24 (IPS)--Twenty-thousand workers were bused into the Ruhr city of Dortmund last night by the occupation leadership of the West German Social Democratic Party for the major SPD electoral rally of the May 4 provincial elections. Jazz bands and police accompanied by attack dogs surrounded the entrance-way to the hall to set the workers up for the fascist rabble rousing speeches delivered by occupation Chancellor Helmut'Schmidt and party Chairman Willy Brandt.

Despite this frantic atmosphere, and repeated harassment by the police, 12 European Labor Party organizers saturated the crowd with 4,000 leaflets and 2,000 newspapers. Police failed to stop display of an ELP poster showing Brandt dressed in full Nazi uniform.

CEAUSESCU FLIES TO MIDEAST

April 24 (IPS)--Only days after returning from a world tour of reactionary regimes, Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu took off today for Syria, according to radio Bucharest tonight. Ceausescu was met in SYria by President Assad. He will proceed next to Egypt for further talks. Ceausescu, who has already invited himself to the Geneva Mideast Conference when it convenes, meets with rulers of Egypt and Syria just after visits by their respective foreign ministers to Moscow. In accord with the "special role" which has been charted for Rumania by Nato strategists, the

Rumanian Communist Party Executive Committee released a statement today expressing satisfaction with Ceausescu's world tours, noting that , Rumania is always "ready to collaborate with all countries regardless of their political regime."

ARENDT THROWS IN THE TOWEL IN RUHR CAMPAIGN

WIESBADEN, April 25 (IPS) -- A social democratic election rally in Castrop-Rauxel was transformed into an international briefing by the European Labor Party last night, after SPD Labor Minister Walter Arendt cancelled his scheduled appearance to avoid a confrontation with the ELP.

PCI ABSENT FROM PRO-SOVIET COMMEMORATION OF MILAN LIBERATION

April 26 (IPS)--Soviet and other Eastern European communist parties are having some difficulty in incorporating the anti-Soviet leadership of the Italian Communist Party into celebrations of the 30th anniversary of victory in World War II. In an article commemorating the liberation of Milan, the East German paper Neues Deutschland yesterday scrounged for a pro-Soviet quotation by a PCI official--and came up with words spoken by Luigi Longo in 1944!

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WOODCOCK BRIEFS MAYORS, ORDERS ARRESTS OF IPS REPRESENTATIVES

April 21 (IPS)--At the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors held at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel today, Rockefeller's leading fascist in the labor movement, UAW brainwasher Leonard Woodcock, briefed the mayors on fascist solutions to unemployment--but not before he had two IPS representatives arrested. Tony Chaitkin, Labor Party candidate in 1974 for governor of New York, and Pat Kechlin, New Solidarity International Press Service correspondent, were arrested on charges of "trespassing," after having attended the rest of the conference! Chaitkin and Kochlin reported that Democratic Party security guards physically shoved mayors out of the way when the Labor Party members tried to brief them on USLP agitation for municipal debt moratoria. The mid-Atlantic mayors are under intense pressure to declare municipal debt moratoria.

UAW COMMITTEEMAN SCABS ON FREE PRESS STRIKE

April 21 (IPS)--In Flint, Michigan, yesterday, a UAW Committeeman stood outside a store being picketed by USLP members supporting the Free Press strike and held up a copy of the CIA-edited paper shouting: "Buy the Free Press. Scab on this strike. Take wage cuts if necessary -- don't support the communist strike." The presence of this pathetic envoy of Woodcock and the growing ferment of workers around a political strike that can win resulted in sales of over 50 New Solidarities at that site alone.

AGENTS IN POST OFFICE SABOTAGE NEW SOLIDARITY

April 21 (IPS) -- A USLP cell leader in Detroit yesterday uncovered an operation in the Schaefer Post Office in Detroit to sabotage the delivery of New Solidarity to subscribers. A worker in the post office informed the Labor Partu member that the manager of the post office had told workers not to process mailbags containing New Solidarity, saying that "this mail is classified as garbage."

UAW PUSHES "FINAL SOLUTION" IN WEST-COAST BRAINWASH SEMINAR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21 (IPS) -- UAW Local 1364, in Fremont, Cal., will sponsor a brainwashing seminar today focusing especially on unemployed members. As in similar seminars planned by UAW locals in the Detroit area, featured speakers will include representatives of leading banks, businesses, and LEAA brainwashing outfits.

ROCKY "CHEERS"

April 21 (IPS) -- The Washington Post today confirms earlier IPS

analysis that Nelson Rockefeller tipped the bottle on his recent trip to attend the funeral of Chiang Kai Shek. In a piece entitled "Rockefeller's Trip Reflects The Man," Lou Cannon reveals that Rocky was physically exhausted and emotionally drained by the trip during which he made his celebrated remarks warning that 1976 elections may not occur if Congress refuses to go along with brinksmanship. Rockefeller commented: "The last 48 hours have been for me the most trying or difficult emotionally that I've ever experienced." Indeed.

FBI ATTACKS NEWARK USLP SUPPORTER

NEWARK, April 22 (IPS) -- U.S. Labor Party supporter Melvin Lacosta was attacked and stabbed on his way home last night from the local USLP office, where he had just signed an affidavit concerning FBI visits and harassment last October. Lacosta's affidavit is part of a suit the Labor Party is bringing against FBI harassment and dirty tricks in Newark.

BEAME PRESENTS TRIAGE BUDGET TO STUNNED CITY COUNCIL

April 22 (IPS)--In an atmosphere of acute anxiety, Mayor Abe Beame delivered the proposed 1975-76 City Executive Budget today to a closed meeting of the City Council. The budget was prepared by the Financial Community Liaison Group, led by David Rockefeller and composed of the leading banks and investment houses. The Liason group has been directing the day-to-day affairs of the city for the past three weeks.

The terrified City Councilmen received copies of the budget only 25 minutes before the Mayor arrived in the Chamber. As Beame appeared, the Chamber was cleared of spectators by the police.

WOODCOCK'S SECRET BRIEFING ON DEBT

April 22 (IPS) -- A Northeast Mayor present at the Mid-Atlantic regional meeting of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors, yesterday at the New York's Waldorf Astoria revealed that leading fascist organizer, United Auto Worker President Leonard Woodcock briefed the group of mayors with the cabal line on debt moratoria. The Mayor, is "carefully considering" the U.S. Labor Party debt moratorium proposal, quoted Woodcock as follows: "There is a big myth about debt."

OGDEN/PATRICK FRAME-UP CONVICTION

April 23 (IPS)--Labor Party candidate for Mayor of Richmond Alan Ogden and organizer John Patrick were convicted today of trespassing charges in a southern frame-up of the first order. The pseudotrial took place in the court of Judge Davila of the Richmond General District Court, Criminal Division.

Benton Polik, the lawyer representing the Labor Party organizers, immediately announced his plans to appeal the frame-up and to

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push for a possible federal injunction against the state of Virginia and officials of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond where the arrests took place. The organizers were given a one-year suspended jail sentence and \$25 fine each.

NDP WORKERS BOLTING TO NORTH AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

April 23 (IPS)--A walking tour by Chris Morris, NALP candidate in Hamilton-East for Dhtario Parliament (MPP), yesterday revealed strong opposition among the city's steel and rubber workers to the hastily conceived drive of the CIA-controlled New Democratic Party (NDP) head Stephen Lewis to start up the Athabasca slave-labor camps under government financing. Through the organizing of Morris and NALP candidate Richard Saunders, running against Lewis in Toronto, a storm of protest si growing against Lewis' weekend tour of Hamilton under the sinister slogan "Get it on with Athabasca."

CONSTRUCTION LEADERS STAGE WASHINGTON D.C. DEMO FOR SLAVE LABOR JOBS

April 23 (IPS)—One thousand construction union leaders demonstrated in Washington, D.C. yesterday on behalf of legislation creating slave labor public service and public works jobs. The demonstration, arranged by Trilateral Commission member and AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Lane Kirkland, endorsed a program for \$5 million public works projects that would create 150,000 construction jobs.

MEATCUTTER OFFICIAL PREDICTS SLAVE LABOR MARCH TO BE A "BUST"

April 24 (IPS) -- The New York international representative of the Amalgamated Meatcutters Union, Harold Shapiro, today confirmed reports from across the country that the so-called labor march on Washington for jobs scheduled for this Saturday will be a "bust."

"I'm frankly very disappointed," Shapiro said in an interview.
"I had thought that there would be 200,000 people...there won't be anywhere near what we had hoped for."

FORD MEETS WITH TOP CAPITALISTS, LABOR AGENTS TO FILL OUT "NEW AGENDA": MASSIVE LAYOFFS, SPEEDUP, SLAVE LABOR

WASHINTON, April 24 (IPS)--Presidential puppet Gerald Ford met for several hours this afternoon with the top layer of the Rocke-feller cabal and their handpicked labor agents to outline a massive drive to force slave labor and the destruction of the U.S. work-force down the throats of millions of workers. According to White House sources, the meeting was held under the auspices of Labor Secretary John Dunlop's Labor-Management Advisory Committee.

Present, besides Ford and "productivity" speedup expert Dunlop, were Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr., and George P. Schultz, both of the

CIA's slave-labor construction firm Bechtel Corporation; Richard C. Gerstenberg, Chairman of General Motors; John D. Harper, Chairman of Alcoa; R. Heath Larry, chairman of U.S. Steel; Rawleigh Warner, Chairman of Rockefeller's Mobil Oil; Arthur Wood, Chairman of Rockefeller's First National City Bank.

Leading labor lieutenants were United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock and AFL-CIO chiefs George Meany and Lane Kirkland. Paul Hall, Presient of the International Seafarers and Murray Finley of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers were also present.

Although the White House refused to release any information directly, it is known that the discussion centered on what Ford last night called a "new agenda." According to Rockefeller's plans, the "new agenda" will include a reduction of the productive workforce by 50 per cent, massive "productivity" speedup at another 50 per cent above the present killing levels; and the herding of millions of formerly productive industrial and municipal workers into inhuman "energy development" slave labor camps within months.

ARSON ATTEMPT AGAINST USLP ORGANIZERS IN NEW JERSEY

April 26 (IPS)--A fire of suspicious origin was set in the basement directly underneath the East Orange, N.J. apartment of Labor Party organizers Janet Cohen, Ken Mandel, and Charles and Cloret Mack. Yesterday the superintendent of the apartment building at 279 Fourth Ave., was found beaten to death in his own apartment this morning.

Cohen is USLP candidate for East Orange City Council in the Fifth Ward, Mandel for New Jersey State Assembly, and Charles Mack for Essex County Board of Freeholders.

Two days earlier a similar arson attempt was made against the home of auto worker Harry Jock, running for United Auto Workers Committeeman on the Labor Party ticket at the Ford Wixom plant in Detroit.

Arson is frequently used by the FBI as a form of intimidation.

ARSON ATTEMPT "PREDICTED" BY COMMON CAUSE

April 26 (IPS) -- Dinah Stevens, national board member of the Rockefeller-funded "Citizen's Body" Common Cause, leaked the Rockefeller faction's plans for FBI-directed terror, including assasinations, against political candidates, members and supporters of the U.S. Labor Party yesterday. Only hours after Stevens told a Labor Party sympathizer at a Washington, D.C. cocktail party, "There is going to be violence against these groups, and I'm not against it, "aarson attempt against the apartment of three Labor Party candidates in East Orange, New Jersey, resulted in the murder of the building's superintendent.

DUNLOP TESTIFIES FOR SCHACHTIAN PRODUCTIVITY

April 26 (IPS) -- The New York Times today announced that "productivity-- the concept itself as well as its pursuit-- has received another strong plug... from John T. Dunlop, U.S. Secretary of Labor."
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Testifying before the House Banking Committee's Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization yesterday, Dunlop noted that "worker productivity in this country has fallen behind rates in other industrialized countries."

UAW BRAINWASH CONFAB FLOPS

DETROIT, April 26 (IPS) -- A special conference called by the United Auto Workers region IA to kick off an intensified brainwashing attack on employed and unemployed auto workers flopped here today, as only 200 of the predicted 400-600 UAW members crossed a 30-man U.S. Labor Party picket line to appear.

TIMES DEMANDS MORE AUSTERITY FROM DEBT-STRAPPED NEW YORK

April 26 (IPS)--In an editorial prompted by growing support for the U.S. Labor Party debt moratorium proposal, today's New York Times demands that New York State and New York City drastically slash services to pay the debt.

FORD STIRS UP SPECTRE OF ANARCHIC DISORDER

April 26 (IPS) -- President Ford, in a speech at the Yale Law School last night, raised the bogus spectre of the U.S. disintegrating into anarchic disorder with a statement that "we are facing a basic and serious problem of disregard of the law."

AFSCME RALLY SELF-DESTRUCTS

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 26 (IPS) -- The AFSCME-UAW slave labor march for jobs disintegrated to pre-planned pandemonium today. The march was designed by the CIA's AFSCME leaders Gotbaum and Wurf to herd depression victims into Rockefeller's CETA slavery. Hubert Humphrey and Bella Abzug were the scheduled speakers.

AFSCME failed to mobilize the 100,000 workers to the demonstration. Due to an all-out armtwisting, including threats to fire those, who did not attend, approximately 20,000 did attend. The crowd, however, was largely composed of paid AFL-CIO bureaucrats AFSCME agents, and "left" countergangs.