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 "MC 14/4" 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.

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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