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POLITICAL ECONOMY

Rocky Bankrupts NYC, Britain

by Dave Goldman

NEW YORK, May 16 (IPS) — Every sector of economic activity in the world capitalist sector is the targeted victim of a combined offensive by the Rockefeller banking machine and the mad bombers of RAND Corporation. Every national or local political grouping that has a bowing acquaintance with its constituents is set up for dissolution, or a twilight existence as local kapo for Rockefeller looting operations.

Using nuclear terror to neutralize the normal resistance of political institutions, RAND and the banks intend to put the world economy through a vast Chapter 10 bankruptcy proceeding. Entire national sectors will be put through this wringer, from "liquidation of assets," to "change in management," to "sale to the highest bidder."

New York City is the first-strike target for the United States. Two of the incidental victims, Mayor Abraham Beame and New York State Governor Hugh Carey correctly pointed to the banks' motives: New York City is to be made an "object lesson" for every municipality and state government in the country. The banks have chosen to take on the biggest first: next on the list are Pittsburgh, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and a score of other big cities. To guarantee \$200 billion of municipal and state debt — a sum larger than state and local yearly revenues — the banks and their agents will enforce levels of austerity which would return urban life to the Dark Ages (see article this issue.)

Cut Adrift

Britain is the paradigm for calculated national ruin in the advanced sector: the financial weekly, *Economist*, writes, "Three economic measures will have to be taken: (a) a large cut in government expenditures; (b) a freeze of real wages; (c) a devaluation of sterling (the British currency)...It will mean doing precisely what (Nazi

finance minister-to-be) Herr Schacht did to terminate Germany's inflation in November, 1923." Specifically, British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey has warned that local governments in Great Britain will be limited to a 2 per cent annual rate of spending increase, which, with an annual rate of inflation (second quarter of 1975) of 35 per cent, involves a real spending cut of one-third, more than anyone has yet proposed for New York City.

Schacht's formula is simple. From Rockefeller's standpoint, bankruptcy is merely a legal question; the real question is, who dictates the disposition of the assets? World exports during the first half of 1975, estimated at \$300 billion, cannot pay all the expense of their production and also sustain \$115 billion in international rollover obligations due by mid-year. The bankruptcy of Italy, Britain, Argentina, Indonesia, Zaire, Colombia, and others is assured. Rockefeller demands the right to dictate terms of default. In many French municipalities, per capita debt is higher than per capita income. In German municipalities, total debt is twice the cities' annual revenue. The entire structure of Italian municipalities is already caught up in a de facto debt moratorium.

The Ultimate Weapon

To run the bankrupt or soon-to-be-bankrupt assets of Western Europe at "adequate" levels, the current setup of European politics must be scrapped in favor of the RAND Corporation's military scenario for the continent. As IPS has documented, the "Eurogroup" military arrangement, with tactical nuclear weapons provided by French President Valerie Giscard d'Estaing, is a key vehicle for confrontation with the Soviet Union on the European front.

According to an internationally-known advisor to several European governments, "Europe will be forced to try and strengthen its own stability.

There is a relationship between military and economic independence. Some countries felt they were dependent on the American military umbrella, so that they could not get into European economic affairs. The great indication is that Giscard announced he would no longer celebrate Victory in Europe day, but celebrate the independence of Europe instead." Giscard's rejection of the victory against fascism has been the subject of massive protest from almost every spectrum of French political life.

This advisor added, "Europe will leave an empty chair for Britain until it can settle its own affairs." Britain is the New York City of Western Europe, the subject of an internationally-coordinated assault on its currency. Britain has taken Italy's place in the barrel. Italy has sustained a year of austerity, production cuts, layoffs, destruction of services, and terror at the hands of Bank of Italy chief Guido Carli and his enforcer, the agent leadership of the Italian Communist Party.

West Germany, which exported almost \$50 billion worth of goods to other European countries last year, has felt every blow aimed at the "sick men" of Europe. Slated to be the major battlefield for RAND's confrontation with the Soviets devastated economically by the Rockefeller austerity program, West Germany's industrialists and their political representatives in the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) have no interest whatsoever in the post-war alliance. Discussion of the ICLC's International Development Bank proposal has penetrated from the large industrial enterprises, heavily dependent on current Soviet trade and even more so on new Soviet orders, to the West German military, some of whom identify the IDB plan as a means of ensuring peaceful relations with the Soviets (see page 11).

There is no way for Rockefeller to counter this motion except to suspend all political life through

straightforward terrorism:
manufacture hysteria through an
international confrontation with
the Soviets, and override all sane
aspects of political discussion.

RAND and its plug-in extension
unit, Secretary of Defense
Schlesinger, are creditor-
Rockefeller's ultimate court of
appeal for the forced liquidation
of the world economy. This sub-
human crew denies that its ac-
tions will destroy the world
through military means — but,
by their own admission, they
propose to destroy the basis for
continued human life on this
planet.

Europe Moves to Save Pound

by Dave Goldman

May 17 (IPS) — In defiance of explicit Rockefeller marching orders to enforce a shakedown of Great Britain, European central bankers came to the assistance of the Bank of England this week in a massive, coordinated intervention to prevent the collapse of the pound sterling. This, also despite official press reports that Bank of England Governor Gordon Richardson's routine pleas for aid to last Monday's meeting of central bankers at Basle were rejected. The immediate impetus for the central bankers' action was their considered fear that the collapse of sterling would rebound in a victory for the burgeoning "Fortress Britain" faction represented by British Minister of Industry Anthony Wedgewood Benn.

The support operation, acidly denounced by the City of London's faithful Rockefeller mouthpiece, the London Economist, in its lead editorial this week, is further indication of the reluctance among leading layers in Europe to countenance the political and economic implications of Rockefeller's insane and irresponsible brinkmanship strategy.

The Rockefeller gameplan calls for an economic "first strike" on Great Britain (see article p. 1) to set an example in Schachtian "reorganization" for the continent. One week ago Charles Coombs, foreign exchange chief of the New York Federal Reserve told an audience in Venice of his counterparts from every international bank that the pound should and would collapse — to put Britain into line — while the dollar was preserved. Sources contacted at Rockefeller policy nests in New York added their voices to the chorus calling for a pound collapse. British Finance Minister Healy promptly

echoed the orders: "The pound must be allowed to seek its own level," welcoming the opportunity to demand renewed austerity and wage restraint.

Sounding the Alarm

By midweek, with the pound collapsing 1 per cent a day on foreign exchange markets and open revolt brewing within and without the Labour Party in Britain, the conservative West German financial daily Handelsblatt sounded the alarm on the continent. In its May 14 editorial this voice of the Ruhr industrialists sternly warned that Britain would be forced to "solve internal political difficulties with a go-it-alone, protectionist economic policy" — a patent horror for Europe which supplies 50 per cent of Britain's imports.

Unnerved by the prospects of further trade and production collapse, the editorial blast, called "Cheap Acquaintances," did not hesitate to brand the U.S. untrustworthy in the face of such an eventuality. Citing former Commerce Secretary Dent's assertions that U.S. trade policy epitomized the opportunities for free and liberal world trade, Handelsblatt noted cynically that in his current position as chief negotiator at the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) talks in Geneva "such protestations are merely part of his uniform."

In issuing the warning, the Ruhr industrialists were responding directly to the political handwriting on the wall in Britain itself, where diverse nationalist, anti-EEC forces were being galvanized faster than the pound's own rate of collapse. The explosive polarization was signalled by leading Financial Times columnist C. Gordon Tether who in a dramatic shift this week cemented an alliance with populist anti-Marketeer Benn. In two consecutive col-

umns Tether called for import controls and the nationalization of British industry, attacking what he termed the Benn "demonology". The conservative Tether, who has publically opened fire on the Rockefeller's international cabal previously, is responding directly and angrily — if shortsightedly — to Rockefeller plans to bankrupt and abandon the island.

At the same time, British industrialists in the Confederation of British Industry this week issued public warning of continued, deepening recession, fueling the conservative revolt against the shaky Wilson government and the desperation for an economic solution, however short-term, short of financial collapse and outright liquidation.

The steam behind the political upheaval in Britain is also coming, not insignificantly, from the militant trade unions who — despite intense counter-insurgency, replete with the vaunted corporatist "social contract" — have not been persuaded that they should commit suicide.

Faced with cataclysmic political turmoil, a rupture with the Common Market and the certain imposition of disastrous trade controls, Finance Minister Healy and Bank of England governor Richardson were forced to heed the warnings of their continental confreres, and accept Rockefeller's orders to the contrary.

What neither the coalescing "anti-Marketeers" — an implicit anti-Rockefeller grouping — nor their terrified observers on the continent yet grasp is the simple reality that the only viable alternative they have to economic holocaust at the hand of the Rockefellers is the expansion of East-West trade publically proposed by the Soviet Union and elaborated by the ICLC in the proposal for an International Development Bank.

Stop The War! Throw Rocky's Political Mercenaries Out of Europe

NEW YORK May 18—There is one question that has urgently been put on the agenda by the Rockefeller faction's insane, accelerated drive for thermo-nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union. That is the urgent matter of tactical agreement between the initiating, catalytic forces of the ICLC, IWMA, and the mass-based forces of, especially, the PCF and the DKP for cross-border mobilizations of broad layers of workers and working class allies. Such an alliance, already implicit in the joint activity of PCF and DKP members—as individuals—in collaboration, with the tiny but influential forces of the Labor Committees and the IWMA, has to be brought to fruition in the next few days, if the human race is to survive the next days and weeks.

At this point there remains no objective barrier to establishing the necessary tactical alliances, and thereby achieving the necessary rates of mobilization among broader layers of the working class as a whole. Both the PCF and the DKP have embarked on propaganda tactics aimed at the exposure of attempts to revive the notorious capitalist efforts in the 1950s to create an independent, nuclear-armed European defense force on the basis of French nuclear capabilities. With such a tactic, backed up by firm calls for action by respective party leaders Kanapa and Gautier, these two Western European parties are essentially complementing the political initiatives of leadership bodies of the Soviet Union, Warsaw Pact and DDR launched over the last several days.

We, however, are forced to stress here that such initiatives, and such forms of complementary activity in Western Europe itself, will not of themselves be sufficient to stop the Rockefeller faction's ominous preparations for war. We repeat here for the

benefit of our European comrades in the Communist movement, that the revival of the European Defense Community is already completed. Already French armed forces with their Pluton tactical nuclear weapons are deployed as an integral part of NATO's European organization. Armed forces of Belgium and the Netherlands have just announced purchases of Lance tactical missiles—capable of nuclear warheads—from the U.S. Simultaneously the operational deployments of these instruments of mass destruction are being perfected through one of the most intensive series of NATO maneuvers that the European continent has ever seen.

Such developments do not take place in a vacuum. The Rockefeller family and its allies are impelled towards policies of thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviet bloc by the severest economic crisis since the Sixteenth Century. The terror of the threat of nuclear war provides that bestial family with its only hope of creating the kind of conditions for fascist primitive accumulation in the advanced world through which its political control can be assured. The rate of economic collapse, as we have adequately documented elsewhere, is such that the usual institutional resistance to such measures—as typified, for example, by New York City's Democratic Party apparatus, and by the Communist Parties of Western Europe themselves—can effectively be liquidated by Rockefeller by approximately the end of next month.

It's Up to the Working Class

There is only one force that can put a stop to the lunacy of the Rockefellers and their allies. That is the working class of the advanced capitalist sector. Soviet public commitment to strategic sanity—mutual assured

destruction—will not stop the depression-crazed Rockefellers. If the human race as a whole is to survive over the next days and weeks, then the working class, and its political organizations have to make that decision now.

Already, the combination of PCF organizing around provocative changes in Giscard's military posture coupled with U.S. economic incompetence—signaled by the collapsing bankrupt dollar—have created conditions in which the majority Gaullist UDR can be won away from its position of unwilling and unaccustomed support for U.S. political hegemony. Gaullist indignation at Giscard's decision to abolish the celebrations of the victory over Hitler fascism merely signal the tip of the iceberg in this regard.

Similarly in the BRD itself, the combination again of U.S. incompetence, and reluctance to embark on a course which not even Hitler would have chosen—the complete destruction of Germany itself—have forced the formation of an opposition to Rockefeller-Brandt-led forces. There is already considerable evidence to show that this West German faction is, in a submerged way, hegemonic within the opposition Christian Democratic Union, and if SPD Bundestag member Corrierier is any guide, is itself seeking alliances with anti-Giscard Gaullist forces in France.

In both France and Germany, there is strong evidence to suggest that such factions know that their only opportunity for survival is provided by breaking with the U.S. and its debt-soaked dollar and establishing ruble-backed trading relationships with the Comecon sector and the Third World.

At this moment, such points of international factional congruence remain quiet potentials below the shadow of RAND Corporation-defined alternatives for public debate, beneath the public

scrutiny of the hysterical Rockefeller-controlled press networks. To force such potentials into the open the alliance of PCF and DKP mass-based forces with the initiating cadre of the ICLC and the IWMA is urgent and necessary. More than that, such an alliance of mass-based forces must commit itself to move with the same degree of urgency that the force of the NCLC and U.S. Labor Party are employing on the North American continent. Workers must be brought on to the streets to demand that nuclear war preparations be stopped now, and that the depression be ended

through the creation of an International Development Bank to oversee the necessary expansion of production and production-backed trade with the Socialist Bloc and countries of the developing sector. That is the only way if the human race as a whole is to survive this period.

The Mayaguez incident — through which Rockefeller and the RAND Corporation rode roughshod over the U.S. Congress and established their intent vis a vis the Soviet Union — the deteriorating situation in the Middle East, 1961-style provocations in Berlin, and the depth of

police-military activity in Europe as a whole, leave no doubt about the urgency of our present situation. We have no more time to lose. The initial alliance we propose will itself provide the basis for rapidly transforming the European situation. There can be no argument with this, on grounds of size, national responsibilities or whatever. If the human race is to survive, Europe's workers have to be mobilized across national borders to strike with one fist against those who would turn that continent into a radioactive rubbish heap.

Soviet Call: Dissolve Military Pacts!

NEW YORK, May 17—A meeting of top-level parliamentarians of the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies concluded in Warsaw this week with a call to "the parliaments of all European countries" to simultaneously dissolve the Warsaw Pact Organization and NATO.

The initiatives from Warsaw is the latest in a drive that is rapidly bringing the Soviet Union to a state of total political mobilization to stop Rockefeller's push towards thermonuclear war. Virtually every propagandistic resource at its disposal — mass media, public meetings and cadre level education—has been employed in the attempt to galvanize the East bloc working class for the present historical conjuncture. At the same time, the new "open diplomacy" that began with General Secretary Brezhnev's May 8 V-E Day speech and the open call for development instead of war by the Soviet party and state leadership

two days later is being used to reach out to working people and other sane layers in the West with the message that the Soviet people will do everything in their power to ensure peace.

Both the Warsaw appeal and the other Soviet proposals have been almost totally blacked out in the Western press, as Rockefeller tries desperately to render the Soviet mobilization ineffective.

Precise Warning

At the same time that the Soviets concretize their peace proposals with the offer to disband the pacts, they have also issued their most precise warning to date about Rockefeller's plans. An editorial entitled "In the Name of Peace on Earth" in the official government newspaper Izvestiya on May 13 stressed the dangers of the present world situation in urgent and unmistakable terms:

"While we continue to demonstrate our love of peace and pursue an active peace policy, we have not forgotten that there are still adversaries in the world who

are nurturing criminal plans of aggression; they oppose a nuclear arms ban and a limitation on the arms race; they are trying to stop the lawful course of historical process. The Communist Party calls on the Soviet people and all peoples of the world to be on their guard and to expose the intrigues of reaction and defeat their criminal plans."

It must be emphasized that the language of this call cannot be mistaken for empty rhetoric: never before has the Soviet Union warned so explicitly of the imminence of nuclear confrontation.

Even the pointed phrases of the Izvestiya editorial fail to convey the full force of the Soviet mobilization. For the past 10 days—from almost the same moment when the International Caucus of Labor Committees shifted internationally to full alert status—every policy statement of any significance whatsoever to come from party, state or military leaders or from the media has been permeated with the sense of "now or never": either all-out mobilization of mass popular forces throughout the world for peace and development or an inevitable nuclear holocaust.

War "Not Abstract Concept"

Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin, speaking in Libya on the same day as the Izvestiya editorial appeared, stated that "for us, war is not an abstract concept. We have just completed our observance of the 30th anniversary of the victory over fascism (in World War II)...Remembering the immeasurable suffering our people and other peoples bore in the Second World War, we are fully determined not to permit the outbreak of a new world conflict. Its consequences would be even more severe, and perhaps even ruinous for mankind."

It is precisely this acute awareness of the stakes for humanity that has brought the Soviet initiatives to a new qualitative level as compared to earlier campaigns for peace. For the first time, the Soviets have begun to wield one

of the most powerful weapons they have: a genuine conviction in the power of scientific and technological progress to solve the problems of mankind.

Kosygin gave real content to previous Soviet references to development in the Mideast, when he emotionally argued that only a concerted drive for economic development could provide the basis for a stable peace. Having pledged Soviet support for the independent existence of Israel, Kosygin then addressed himself more directly to his Arab listeners. While unity, he said, is required in the struggle against imperialism and aggression, "it is no less necessary for resolving common problems—problems of economic and social development on the path to progress...People cannot fail to think of the future, of the new tasks that will arise to full height when the Mideast conflict has departed into the past. When they have freed themselves from their heavy military burden, and from the constant tension that the threat of war creates, the peoples of the Arab countries will be able to concentrate on the task of economic development, raising the workers' standard of living, developing health care, education, culture and science."

Kosygin's pledge of Soviet support for a comprehensive program of regional development for the Mideast represents the solution to the decades-old crisis in the area and the frustration of Rockefeller's plans to use it to detonate thermonuclear war. But his proposals, like those contained in the "open call" of the Soviet Union, are being criminally blacked out by every major media source in the West with the exception of New Solidarity and CP dailies. For the sane observer, the situation is intolerable: 250 million people have pledged to join their creative energy with that of American working people for the sake of unprecedented progress and development, and their call is being silenced.

No War! No Depression!

Workers Mobilize Worldwide

May 18 — In the past two days, the U.S. Labor Party has distributed over 250,000 leaflets and has held several hundred rallies throughout the United States to mobilize the population against the threat of nuclear war. The decision was taken when it became confirmed that Congress — which has the power to take legislative action against Rockefeller and his agents Kissinger and Schlesinger — had capitulated to Rockefeller around the Mayaguez incident. Rockefeller has now been given a free hand to proceed to nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union without any fear that Congress will interfere to stop it. A precedent for nuclear war — a hairtrigger on nuclear war — now exists.

As of Wednesday all political organizations, trade unions, peace groups, have been called on by the USLP to take to the streets. Only a mass outpouring of several millions during this week can save the human race.

In Detroit, rallies at key industrial sites have drawn several hundred workers each. On the West coast rallies in Seattle and San Francisco have reached several thousands. The ILWU has been called upon to implement the resolution of its convention which states that the longshoremen will mobilize their entire membership against the threat of nuclear war. This convention resolution is being distributed in full by the Labor Party to all Longshore unions.

This mobilization has been met with an unprecedented wave of FBI harassment throughout the United States. The FBI has been called out by Rockefeller to prevent working people from demonstrating against the war. In Detroit, Seattle, Baltimore and New Britain criminal harassment of demonstrators, including illegal arrests, break-ins, harassing phone calls and the

unleashing of the fascist CIA-controlled gang of Maoists known as the Revolutionary Union are being used to stop workers from taking to the streets.

It is this type of blackmail that Rockefeller used against Congressmen to force them to capitulate during the Mayaguez

The Threat of War

Increases by the Hour

In a late breaking development, the West German newspaper Bild am Sonntag, reports that 82 generals and high ranking Bundeswehr officers, are to be "retired" or "suspended" during the next few months. This move is further confirmation of the briefings given to IPS over the past few weeks by Bundeswehr officers: that Rockefeller via the RAND Corporation is in the process of snowballing all opposition in the West European military to U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger's strategic doctrine of limited nuclear warfare — "MC 14/4." MC 14/4, now operational commits NATO and its nuclear arsenal to a policy of nuclear provocation against the Soviet Union.

This purge can only be compared to the purge of the Wehrmacht in 1937 by Hitler, who under the orders of Krupp and I.G. Farben purged the German General Staff of all officers who opposed military gambles Hitler was to embark on. The announcement of a purge at this time is the latest signal indicating that Rockefeller is as desperate as the German industrialists and bankers were in 1937, when they decided to risk war rather than face the consequences of an economic collapse.

This week the German government publicly committed itself to the MC 14/4 gameplan. In a so-called "debate" on military policy in the Bundestag, Willy Brandt along with other Rockefeller agents, rammed through

the Schlesinger doctrine as "the only safeguard for peace." Simultaneously, vicious attacks were launched against Herr Stoltenberg, a CDU candidate for Chancellor, who stands opposed to the policy of nuclear brinkmanship.

On Monday Kissinger, accompanied by Undersecretary for Mideast Affairs — the man who has directed several Mideast wars — Joseph Sisco, along with CIA operative Hartmann, will be visiting Europe to discuss "nuclear weapons and the Middle East." The aim of this trip is to set the stage for a new Mideast war, which will escalate into a nuclear "show of force" between Rockefeller and the Soviet Union. This has been fully confirmed by a number of government officials and military officers.

This week Kissinger is also scheduled to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. Mr. Gromyko, at a meeting of Warsaw Pact countries, last week, attacked Kissinger for his warmongering threats against the Soviet Union which he made immediately before the staged Mayaguez incident.

There are numerous indications that Kissinger, in line with his "abrasive foreign policy" may stage a walkout at these talks. Informed journalistic sources in Europe warned IPS that a provocation in Berlin may be used as a device to sabotage these talks, and set up an environment where a confrontation in the Middle East could be unleashed. Just prior to the announcement of Kissinger's trip the U.S. declared that it does not recognize the German democratic Republic's sovereignty over East Berlin (!!), and that Berlin as a whole was considered to be under the long-forgotten 4-Power treaty accords of 1971!

While Rockefeller escalates towards war, the Soviet Union continues to make open appeals to the peoples of the world for

peace, and development. Most significant was the appeal issued by the meeting of the Warsaw Pact for the dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact within a framework of growing economic cooperation between West Europe and the Soviet Bloc.

These Soviet initiatives do not however guarantee that the human race will survive the threat of thermonuclear war this week. The key to all developments now is in the actions of ordinary working people in Europe and the United States.

The immediate political problem was aptly summarized by an influential Bundeswehr officer in an interview with IPS over the weekend. "We agree with the appeal made by the Soviet Union. Europe must abandon its military alliance with the U.S. or there will be

nuclear war. Europe must also move towards treaty arrangements with the Ruble sector and selected Third World countries within a framework that will provide an alternative to the collapse of the U.S. dollar. However the political circles who are in agreement with us on these matters do not have the political force to make these policy changes." The capitulation of Congress in the United States and Parliaments in Europe, despite pockets of opposition, now throws the burden of saving the human race on each individual human being. Only massive action will force governments to stand up and fight.

Communist Parties in Europe have to adopt the tactics of the International Caucus of Labor Committees and rally masses against the war. Up till now only

the Communist Party of France is mobilizing its cadre force on the threat of nuclear war.

No threats or noble gestures will stop the Rockefellers from nuclear brinkmanship. Rockefeller faces no threat as grave as that of losing his political-financial empire by June 30, when refinancing of \$160 billion of debt has to take place, in the midst of the greatest bankruptcy wave in capitalist history. The only threat which can force the Rockefellers to back down is the actualized threat of destroying his political apparatus between now and June 30.

Workers must mobilize to impeach Rockefeller and remove from office his key henchmen Kissinger and Schlesinger. Short of that there will be war.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

ROCKEFELLER PUSHES TOWARD NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION AND SOVIET COUNTERATTACK

NORTH VIET MINISTER MEETS WITH SOVIETS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID

May 12 (IPS) -- The Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Duy Trinh met with Mikhail Suslov, a ranking Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee, and other top-level Soviet leaders in Moscow to discuss plans for expanded reconstruction efforts in South Vietnam and an eventual reunification of North and South Vietnam. Special delegations from Hanoi and Saigon are expected in Moscow shortly to concretize and expand Soviet aid commitments.

USSR BAILS NORTH KOREA OUT OF BAD DEBT SITUATION

May 12 (IPS) -- The Soviet Union has intervened to pay some of the debts to European export firms and banks which North Korea was unable to meet, according to the West German financial newspaper Handelsblatt. Because North Korea defaulted on certain export loans from firms in West Germany, France and Britain, the Hermes Credit Insurance Corporation had refused to issue licenses for further export financing.

YUGOSLAVS FEAR CIA-USTACI UPSURGE

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 12 (IPS) -- Sources in West German parliamentary circles and close to NATO reported yesterday that members of the ruling League of Communists in Yugoslavia have recently expressed concern over what they termed an upsurge of Ustaci terrorist activity emanating from West Germany. The Ustaci, a Croatian fascist organization active on four continents, have repeatedly attacked Yugoslav government offices abroad and attempted to infiltrate Yugoslavia to commit terrorist acts.

SWEDISH PRESS CONFIRMS NATO PLANS TO INVADE YUGOSLAVIA

STOCKHOLM, May 12 (IPS) -- Military writer for the conservative Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet, Johan Tunberger, yesterday confirmed existing NATO plans to invade Yugoslavia. In an article detailing Yugoslav capability ostensibly geared to repel a potential Soviet invasion, Tunberger corroborates the report of a West German institute to this news agency three days ago: "The unique thing about Yugoslavia," Tunberger writes, "seems to me to be that one...already in peace prepares for a last defense-line type national liberation war."

FINNISH CRISIS MOOTED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS

STOCKHOLM, May 12 (IPS) -- The imminent possibility of NATO-directed destabilization attempts in Finland was signaled in press here and in the New York Times yesterday. Echoing last week's press mootings over what might happen in Yugoslavia should Tito die, the leading liberal Stockholm daily, Dagens Nyheter, yesterday abruptly speculated on Finnish President Kekkonen's death. Noting that the longtime, popular Finnish President guarantees good relations with the Soviet Union, Dagens Nuheter suddenly introduces the possibility of Kekkonen's death: "DeGaulle had a successor. Kekkonen has none."

KANAPA BLASTS GISCARD'S NUCLEAR POLICY

PARIS, May 13 (IPS) -- Jean Kanapa, French Communist Party (PCF) Central Committee member in charge of International Relations, strongly attacked the French government's nuclear brinkmanship policy in an editorial yesterday in the PCF daily L'Humanite. Kanapa blasted French President Giscard D'Estaing's present move to "set up as rapidly as possible a Western European military bloc equipped with the French nuclear arms" for a "nuclear holy alliance against socialism, against the communist movement." Kanapa concluded his attack with a PCF call for a massive mobilization rally against the nuclear threat.

TENG VISITS FRENCH NUCLEAR SITES

PARIS, May 13 (IPS) -- The agenda of Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-Ping's trip in France includes a visit to the Marcoule Nuclear Center where the Phoenix fast breeder nuclear fission reactor is located. Marcoule is located near the Plateau D'Albion military base where 18 French long-range nuclear missiles are stationed.

TENG IN PARIS TO ASK FOR EUROPE-CHINA SECURITY PACT AGAINST SOVIETS

May 13 (IPS) -- The Chinese are seeking to negotiate a Europe-China security pact, according to reports yesterday in the London Daily Express on the arrival in Paris of Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-Ping. "Teng will attempt to persuade the French that there could be a strong basis of understanding on political, economic, and military grounds," wrote Express correspondent Michael Brown. Apparently, Teng hopes that the French will take the message to the rest of the European Common Market countries.

WEST GERMAN PRESS BLACKS OUT SOVIET PROCLAMATION; CRITICIZES ADVOCATES OF DETENTE

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 13 (IPS) -- Blacking out the recent Soviet proclamation of a clear choice between thermonuclear annihilation or world economic development, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung carried an indirect response to the proclamation in a lead editorial today. The Allgemeine, West Germany's most prestigious daily, castigates the gullibility of advocates of detente, citing

James Reston of the New York Times as one of the sensible skeptics. The editorial denies the danger of war but insists that the Soviets are out to achieve "political restructuring" in Western Europe and to gain the region's "economic resources" by exploiting the belief that an unfavorable agreement with the USSR is better than none.

WASHINGTON POST COLUMNISTS URGE COLD WAR STANCE IN ASIA

May 14 (IPS) -- Alongside a soft editorial in today's Washington Post, urging caution on the use of force in Cambodia, columnists Kenneth Crawford and David Broder outline a return to cold war confrontation as the lesson of Vietnam. Crawford attacks growing anti-war sentiment in the U.S. as "the complacent acceptance of communism as an unobjectionable alternative to democracy."

TERROR ACTIVITIES STEPPED UP IN TIME FOR ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

May 14 (IPS) -- Press reports of guerrilla terror activities and Israeli countermoves have stepped up in conjunction with the Israeli independence anniversary tomorrow. The New York Times today reports that guerrilla outposts on the Lebanese-Israeli borders are increasing and that it is "assumed" that there will be a "major operation" of guerrilla activity tomorrow to mark Israel's anniversary. The Times luridly links such activity to the brutal Maalot massacre at this time last year.

JAPANESE MILITARY HEAD VISITS FRANCE; STEPPED-UP NUCLEAR PUSH IMPLIED

May 14 (IPS) -- Coinciding with wide discussion within Japanese political circles of the introduction of nuclear weapons into Japan, the Chief of the Joint Staff Council of the Japanese Self Defense Force, General Shirakawa, arrived in Paris this week for a visit with his French counterparts. According to the May 10 Asahi, Shirakawa will meet with French Defense Minister Yvon Bouages, a major advocate of closer ties between France's "independent" military and NATO-allied West Germany.

OPPOSITION PARTIES BOYCOTT JAPAN DIET IN FIGHT AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS

May 14 (IPS) -- The Socialist Party, Communist Party, and the Buddhist Kemeito Party have forced a suspension of the Japanese Diet (parliament) proceedings over the issues of introducing nuclear weapons into Japan and remilitarization. The opposition parties' boycott of the Diet was precipitated by the attendance of Justice Minister Osamu Inaba at a fascist rally advocating revision of the Japanese constitution to allow militarization. The Inaba incident occurred in the context of moves by Rockefeller agents in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to force the introduction of U.S. nuclear weapons into Japan.

WARSAW PACT MIGHT "UNMISTAKEABLY" COMMITTED TO EAST BLOC DEFENSE

May 14 (IPS) -- Speaking two days ago in Berlin, East German Defense Minister Heinz Hoffmann stressed that the Warsaw Pact, as a military alliance of the socialist states, is committed to defending the socialist camp and preventing nuclear war. Referring to the formation of the Warsaw Pact in response to West Germany's membership in NATO, Hoffmann stated, "In order to call a halt to the danger of a new, and this time probably nuclear world war, joint and unified reaction--unmistakeable resoluteness--is necessary to reliably secure the socialist order and peace in Europe, both through coordinated foreign political measures and through the unambiguous and effective unification of military efforts and armed forces."

TENG SEES NUCLEAR WAR IMMINENT; CHINESE WILL NOT DEFUSE CAMBODIAN CRISIS

May 14 (IPS) -- Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Teng Hsiao-Ping, in the presence of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, warned Europe that immediate preparations must be made for an imminent world war, according to UPI reports today. Teng, who is presently visiting Paris, accused the "two superpowers," the United States and the Soviet Union, of sparking off a new global conflict in their fight for world hegemony. In the same vein, Teng clearly indicated that the Soviet Union, not the U.S., is the principal enemy and that "Western Europe must reinforce her defenses and bring about political cohesion to fight off this (Soviet) threat."

ROCKEFELLER, SCHLESINGER CALL IN "WHIZ KIDS" FOR CONSULTATIONS ON BRINKSMANSHIP

NEW YORK, May 14 (IPS) -- Rockefeller's military strategic planners are calling in their think-tank whiz-kids on strategic policy and the Soviet bloc for consultations around their push for confrontation with the Soviet Union. Today, IPS learned that RAND strategic military and Soviet expert Thomas Wolfe is meeting with Pentagon officials allied with RAND robot, Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger. Also today, Marshall Shulman, associate of Trilateral Commission head Zbigniew Brezinski, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations along with David Rockefeller, is meeting at Stanford's Arlington, Va. Strategic Studies Center to discuss tactical nuclear weapons with Stanford Research Institute (SRI) specialists. Schulman is meeting with Richard Foster, SRI's liason to tactical nuclear weapons expert Winifred Joshua of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

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May 15 (IPS) -- East German Defense Minister Heinz Hoffmann yesterday identified the historic predecessor of the Warsaw Pact as the International Workingmen's Association. Writing in the Party daily, Neues Deutschland, Hoffmann cited a statement made by Karl Marx in 1870 on the eve of the Franco-Prussian War: "The alliance of the

workers of all countries will finally eliminate war." Hoffmann then asserted that the armed forces of the Warsaw Pact countries are making a significant contribution to the attainment of that same goal. The activity of the Warsaw Pact in restraining imperialism "has favored the advance of the worldwide revolutionary process far beyond the borders of the community of socialist states of Europe," he said.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS ESCALATE FIGHT AGAINST NUCLEAR PROVOCATIONS

May 15 (IPS) -- The French Communist Party (PCF) succeeded yesterday in halting all parliamentary proceedings for two hours in protest against the Giscard government's policy of nuclear provocation against the Soviet bloc. At least four Gaullist deputies in the assembly openly aligned themselves with the communists on this issue.

Communist Party General Secretary Georges Marchais later held a press conference attended by 200 journalists in which he revealed that there is a secret agreement between West Germany and China to bring together a new European Defense Community with France. Kanapa and the PCF had previously charged that such an arrangement was designed to equip West Germany with French tactical nuclear weapons and had demanded a halt to the policy.

YUGOSLAV DEFENSE MINISTER DEBUNKS ROCKEFELLER LIE ABOUT SOVIET-YUGOSLAV SPLIT

NEW YORK, May 15 (IPS) -- Cooperation between the USSR and Yugoslavia is deepening on all fronts, "including the military front," according to Yugoslav Defense Minister Nikola Ljubicic. The statement came in a guest article that appeared in the Soviet party daily Pravda on May 13.

Ljubicic, who is also a member of the top leadership of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, stressed the role of the Soviet Union in spurring the Yugoslavs' own liberation struggle. Writing that Hitler's attack on the USSR in 1941 was "the signal to Yugoslav communists to speed up their uprising," Ljubicic describes the war efforts of the two countries as a single fight against the common class enemy.

SOVIETS CALL TO STOP "CRIMINAL PLANS OF AGGRESSION"

May 16 (IPS) -- The Soviet Union has issued its most precise call to date on the necessity to stop Rockefeller's plans for nuclear war. A front page editorial in the government daily Izvestia of May 13, assessed the dangers of the present world situation in urgent and unmistakable terms:

"While demonstrating our love of peace...we have not forgotten that there are in the world opponents who are nurturing criminal plans of aggression; they oppose the ban of nuclear missile arms and a limitation of the arms race; they are trying to stop the lawful course of the historical process. The Communist Party calls on

all Soviet people and all peoples of the world to be on their guard and to expose the intrigues of reaction and frustrate their criminal plans." (emphasis added)

SOVIET STRATEGIC ROCKET TROOPS STEELED FOR MAD

May 16 (IPS) -- Writing in the official Soviet military daily, "Red Star," V. Mitropov, First Deputy Chief of the Political Administration of the Strategic Rocket Forces (SRF), states that the "rocket troops are always on a war footing....thanks to that, our nuclear arms can immediately be used to deliver a crushing blow to any aggressor."

KISSINGER "ABRASIVE" PROVOCATION CONFIRMED

NEW YORK, May 16 (IPS) -- With the stage set for imminent outbreak of war in the Middle East, Henry Kissinger leaves Sunday for Vienna meetings May 19 and 20 with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Confirming the U.S. Labor Party insistence that outbreak of war in the Middle East is being planned for a thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union, the State Department yesterday admitted that two major topics for the "abrasive diplomacy" meetings with Gromyko will be the Middle East and nuclear weapons.

ANTI-GISCARD VOTE "WITHOUT PRECEDENT"

May 16 (IPS) -- Commenting on the nearly unanimous opposition in Parliament to French President Giscard d'Estang's decision to abolish all future celebration of the anniversary of the Allies' May 8, 1945 Victory over Nazism, Le Monde's internal French politics specialist Raymond Barrilow remarks that the majority's refusal to support the President "is without precedent in the history of the Fifth Republic" founded by General De Gaulle. This appraisal is corroborated by the numerous objections to Giscard's decision emanating from all corners of the French Parliamentary majority, reprinted today in Le Monde.

COMMUNISTS UNITE IN CONDEMNATION OF FRENCH-GERMAN MILITARY COLLABORATION

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 16 (IPS) -- Radio Prague today featured a statement by West German Communist Party (DKP) Vice-Chairman Hermann Gautier, condemning a secret nuclear agreement reached by the French and West German governments. According to international law, West Germany is forbidden to have any control over nuclear weapons. Gattier's condemnation follows upon a similar statement by French Communist Party (PCF) General Secretary Marchais.

SOCIALISTS RESIGN FROM CIA-CONTROLLED FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY, JOIN COMMUNIST PARTY

May 16 (IPS) -- In what may become a new trend in France, M. Destrem, a member of the French Socialist Party's National Steering Committee, has announced his resignation from the SP and his official

request for membership in the French Communist Party (PCF). The PCF has waged a vigorous campaign against the SP since last fall, denouncing the latter's strict adherence to Rockefeller-dictated austerity.

SWEDISH PAPER CONNECTS CIA TO TERRORISM

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, May 16 (IPS) -- The leading liberal daily in Sweden, Dagens Nyheter, has connected CIA and West German counterpart, BND, to the infiltration of anarchist terrorist groups, specifically the Baader-Meinhoff "Red Army Group." The article, appearing in yesterday's edition by German correspondent Gunter Wallraff, analyzes the situation of such anarchist groups which "creates unique conditions for provocateurs, contact men, secret intelligence agencies...such as the CIA and their German compatriots in the BND--possibilities for setting up "hot" situations...encouraging aimless bomb murders."

WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FORCED INTO REESIAN CHOICE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 16 (IPS) -- Anti-Schlesinger parliamentarians in the West German Bundestag listened silently yesterday to speeches, delivered by spokesmen from every party, in defense of the "Atlantic Alliance." The presentations carefully gave the impression that resistance to Schlesinger's policy of nuclear confrontation was useless. Any criticism of the U.S. in this period constitutes a threat to Atlantic security.

CIA THREATENS TO USE MUSTARD GAS AGAINST W. GERMAN PARLIAMENT

May 16 (IPS) -- A West German government spokesman has announced that a number of flasks of mustard gas have been discovered missing from a military supply depot in Northern Germany, according to a report on WINS Radio in New York. The spokesman said that the government suspects that the gas was removed by terrorists who intend to use it against the West German Parliament.

Yesterday, the West German Parliament was subjected to an intense series of arm-twisting maneuvers in order to iradicate all resistance to Rockefeller's drive for a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union.

JAPANESE CORPORATIONS INCREASE TRADE WITH EAST BLOC

May 16 (IPS) -- The May 5 issue of Asahi reports that Marubeni, a major Japanese firm, has signed an agreement with the Bulgarian Ministry of Light Industry in that country. The Marubeni agreement comes at a time when growing numbers of Japanese businesses are rushing to increase economic cooperation with East bloc countries. Nissho-Iwai, a major Japanese metal firm, recently entered a cooperation agreement with Rumania to develop the Rumanian metal industry, while Sekisui Chemical has agreed to help modernize Rumania's chemical production.

KISSINGER: WE WON'T BE PUSHED AROUND

May 17 (IPS) -- At a State Department press conference yesterday, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated that the administration's illegal Mayaguez provocation "ought to make clear that there are limits beyond which the United States cannot be pushed, and that the United States is prepared to defend those interests, and that it can get public support and congressional support for those actions." This merely confirms that the Mayaguez incident was fabricated to test how far Congress could be pushed in preparation for future provocations involving crucial Soviet strategic interests.

U.S.-JAPANESE SECURITY TREATY VIOLATION A PRECEDENT FOR NUCLEAR COMPLICITY

May 17 (IPS) -- The airlifting of 1100 U.S. marines from Okinawa, Japan to engage in the Mayaguez provocation off the Cambodian coast this week constituted a blatant violation of the U.S.-Japan security treaty. The New York Times and Washington Post report that there were no formal consultations between Tokyo and U.S. officials, nor was Japanese permission sought about the move. Under the treaty, the U.S. government must abide by "prior consultation" before military combat operations may be undertaken from bases on Japanese territory. The Japanese were informed afterwards.

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ATTACKS SECRETARY KISSINGER

May 15 (IPS) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday departed from the prepared text of his speech on the anniversary of the formation of the Warsaw Pact, and personally criticized U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, according to a UPI story from Moscow. Gromyko accused Kissinger of being two-faced -- nourishing contradictory policies of detente on the one hand and increased military spending on the other.

NATO "MANEUVERS" OFF PORTUGAL SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY

May 17 (IPS) -- Today's issue of both the Washington Post and the East German Communist Party press, Neues Deutschland, report that NATO ships will be staging naval maneuvers off the coast of Portugal from May 26 to 28. This coincides with a NATO summit meeting scheduled for the end of this month in Brussels. A NATO spokesman mentioned that the crews taking part will be given "shore leave" for several days, despite the uproar which occurred in late February when NATO troops landed in Lisbon during similar maneuvers.

SULZBERGER DEMANDS END TO DEMOCRACY, NUCLEAR WAR

May 18 (IPS) -- In a hard-line fascist editorial statement today, C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times called for "decisive leadership" in the United States which would ignore "the vagaries of mass opinion and the convenience of politicians,"

and move toward nuclear war. Sulzberger quotes unnamed foreign "pro-Americans" to support his demands on both counts, openly fearing bourgeois factionalization against Rockefeller. "American resolution and clarity of vision" must "come out with clear-cut support for the European community," which, he warns, "falters down a road toward Finlandization." The critical question posed by "continental observers," he writes, is to wonder "if America was ready to risk destruction of New York and Washington if Soviet land forces occupied Lubeck (Germany)."

BUNDESWEHR GENERALS FACE PURGE - WON'T DIE FOR ROCKEFELLER

WIESBADEN, May 18 (IPS) -- West German Defense Minister and ranking Second International agent Georg Leber plans to sack 82 leading Bundeswehr generals in the next year, according to the West German weekly Bild am Sonntag. Controversies between Leber and the generals under him over Rockefeller's plans for nuclear brinkmanship have reached such heights that people describe the relationship between Leber and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Inspector Admiral Armin Zimmerman, as that of "divorced people." According to Bild am Sonntag, the Defense Ministry is not trying to cover up the outright political nature of the purge, but is openly saying that the reasons for the generals' purge are "the attainment of the age limit, political and factual controversies, and the federal elections of 1976." Leber fears that Bundeswehr commanders told to die for Rockefeller wouldn't, and is telling his generals to drop their opposition to Schlesinger's "limited nuclear war" doctrine or be dismissed.

CZECH OFFICER HAILS SOLIDARITY WITH TITO

May 18 (IPS) -- On May 1, Czechoslovak General Vlastislav Horacek, who heads political work in Czechoslovakia's Army, contributed a guest article to the Yugoslav military paper Narodna Armija, which stressed that Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia together have "an important place in the defense of socialist society." Horacek quoted Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito from October 1973, during the Mideast war, when Tito said: "Formally, we are not in the Warsaw Pact, but if the cause of socialism and communism is at stake, we well know where our place is. We want you never to doubt where we stand. Our aims are common with yours and with the Soviet Union's."

ALSO INSANE: CLAIMS SOVIETS WILL BACK DOWN

May 18 (IPS) -- In today's Baltimore Sun, Rockefeller cabal mouthpiece Joseph Alsop asks readers to ponder: "Can you have another Hitler-time without a Hitler," charging the Soviets with being fascist aggressors. He then proposes a U.S. nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union.

According to Alsop, "the signs are plain that the United States now suffers from the kind of moral disarmament that finally ended the long careers of Britain and France as great powers of the world." Pointing to the Middle East and North and South Korea, Alsop warns that the Soviets "probe with bayonets any situation that looks mushy, withdrawing only if met with steel." He concludes that the U.S. must continue in the tradition of "military superiority and the will to use it" exemplified in the Cuban missile crisis.

Alsop argues that the dangers today are not so clear as in the 1930's because the Soviet leadership doesn't possess "Hitler-like" qualities. Alsop insanely believes with his Rockefeller employers that the Soviets will back down from nuclear war, or agree to only a "limited exchange."

KRAFT ASSAULTS CONGRESSIONAL SANITY

May 18 (IPS) -- In the Washington Post today, Joseph Kraft comes out squarely in defense of the administration on the exposed Mayaguez affair. Attributing "rationality" to Schlesinger and "responsibility" to Ford in the management of this Rockefeller-ordered fraud, Kraft's column is an incredible assault on congressional sense of reality.

Kraft says that such situations abound and that "a measure of discretion has to be left to the executive authorities. Congressional wisdom lies in not trying to anticipate what cannot be anticipated."

PCI SOWS CONFUSION, DEMANDS FASCISM

ROME, May 18 (IPS) -- Unita, daily newspaper of the Italian Communist Party (PCI), sowed confusion and terror among the working class yesterday by blaming yesterday's riot in Naples on the ruling Christian Democratic Party (DC) and calling for fascist government re-organization. Naples, one of the most depressed and disease-ridden cities of southern Italy was the scene of a police-provoked riot of unemployed outside the city hall.

Unita, however, blames the incident on the inability of the central government (DC) to rule. Enrico Berlinguer, CIA Secretary General of the PCI, called for the regionalization of governing powers for "moral and economic development" - in effect, fascist "community control."

SOVIET UNION PROVIDES LARGE-SCALE RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VIETNAM

May 18 (IPS) -- The Soviet Union will be shortly dispatching a special team to survey Vietnam's immediate economic needs and long-range plans for reconstruction, according to a report in

today's Baltimore Sun. Soviet aid to Vietnam has been entirely blacked out by the New York Times and Washington Post. The Soviet Union has been sending a continually growing flow of aid shipments since the liberation of Ho Chi Minh City - Saigon - two and a half weeks ago.

LA STAMPA DEMANDS "EUROPEAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY" FOR NUCLEAR WAR

May 18 (IPS) -- Gianni Agnelli's La Stampa newspaper published an article today by the Vice-Director of the CIA's Italian Institute for International Affairs, Stefano Silvestri, who declares that possession of nuclear weapons by France and England is useless unless an "independent" European defense bloc is formed. The Silvestri article, amid Rockefeller preparations for nuclear showdown with the Soviet Union, proposes readoption of the "independent Europe" fraud first developed in Bellagio, Italy last fall by Nelson Rockefeller's think-tank strategists.

The same fraud has recently emerged in talk of a "European Defense Community" by French President Giscard D'estaing and Second International agent Willy Brandt, an adaptation of the Bellagio line to nuclear war preparations.

LA STAMPA DEMANDS PCI BREAK WITH SOVIETS OR FACE NUCLEAR WAR

May 18 (IPS) -- La Stampa newspaper threatened today that if the Italian Communist Party does not openly break with the Soviet Union now, the result may be nuclear war. La Stampa's editors demanded PCI support for Chinese bureaucrat Teng Hsiao-Ping and public opposition to the all-European conference of Communist Parites, to weaken the Soviets. Otherwise, La Stampa says, Soviet strength might drive the U.S. to desperation, and result in "nuclear holocaust."

MIDEAST HOTSPOT: SOVIETS ESCALATE PEACE OFFENSIVE

PRESS FANS ISRAELI WAR HAWKS

May 12 (IPS) -- "The suspicion is growing in Israel" that "the U.S. is trying to regain lost leverage" by "allowing some erosion of Israel's military capability," the Washington Post declares today. While such lying speculation is printed merely to justify an Israeli pre-emptive strike by feeding the rears of Israel's hawk faction, the Post admits that in recent months the U.S. has stockpiled a huge quantity of armaments and ammunition in Israel.

ALLON MOVES TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT

May 12 (IPS) -- In signing the trade accord between Israel and the European Economic Community in Brussels yesterday, Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon affirmed the determination of the pro-trade faction in the Israeli government to follow the path of development instead of nuclear war.

ISRAELI WAR HAWKS STAGE PROVOCATIVE LEBANON ATTACK

May 12 (IPS) -- In a direct provocation to the Soviet Union, Israeli armed forces today crossed Lebanese borders and seized six hostages, including a member of the Lebanese Communist Party Politburo, according to U.S. radio reports. Mounted by the Israeli warhawks, supporters of pre-emptive strike, this operation was encouraged by the escalation of guerrilla activities by CIA-controlled gangs within the Palestinian movement.

GERMAN PRESS PLAYS UP SYRIA-IRAQ DISPUTE, PREDICTS ESCALATION

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 12 (IPS) -- The West German press and media launched a psywar campaign today "predicting" and citing "those in the know" that relations between Syria and Iraq will soon worsen, leading to a break-off in diplomatic relations. According to Armed Forces Network radio, Syria has already closed its airline offices in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, while the Deutsche Press Agency (DPA) claims that Iraq has removed its economic and military attaches from Damascus.

The Syrian press, meanwhile, continues to circulate slanders about Iraq's "fascist regime" and supposed opposition agents running through the streets of Baghdad.

ISRAEL CENSORS NEW BOOK DAMAGING TO KISSINGER, "ISRAELI-AMERICAN RELATIONS"

May 18 (IPS) -- The Israeli government "moved vigorously" to

stop publication of a book on the behind-the-scenes dealings of U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy," according to today's New York Times.

ALLON PRAISES EEC ACCORD WITH ISRAEL: EGYPT DOES NOT OPPOSE IT

May 13 (IPS) -- Israeli Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, praised the European Economic Community (EEC) for bucking Arab pressure and signing trade accords with Israel, according to various press reports today. Allon gave passive welcome to any moderation coming from Arab countries.

The official Egyptian statement on the EEC-Israel accords did not oppose them, according to today's Washington Post, although several Arab states squawked loudly against the signing.

ISRAEL RAIDS LEBANON AGAIN; BEIRUT REGIME NEAR COLLAPSE

May 13 (IPS) -- For the second day in a row, Israeli ground forces raided southern Lebanon, today kidnapping three Lebanese citizens accused of supporting terrorists.

Four more members of the Lebanese cabinet resigned today, bringing to eleven the number of cabinet resignations since last week; and the government of Premier Rashid Solh is expected to collapse within days. The Israeli raids are apparently designed to introduce chaos into Lebanon, forcing the government to resign.

SYRIA ESCALATES ANTI-IRAQ PROVOCATIONS, RISKS ISRAELI ATTACK

May 13 (IPS) -- The CIA-controlled Syrian military clique of Hafez Assad today closed its airspace to Iraqi airliners, in an escalation of provocations against the pro-socialist government of Iraq, according to radio reports today. The Syrian move follows a long campaign to undercut Iraq's development plans by withholding vital water flows from the Euphrates river from Syria to Iraq, threatening the livelihood of three million Iraqi farmers.

TENSION RISING "VERY DANGEROUSLY" AS SYRIA STEPS UP ANTI-IRAQ PROVOCATIONS

May 14 (IPS) -- The CIA-controlled Assad regime in Syria has seriously stepped up provocations against the pro-socialist Iraqi regime. Following Syria's denial of air space to Iraq yesterday, Assad suddenly ordered the removal of all Syrian workers from Iraq while hurling outrageous slanders about the mistreatment of Syrians by the Iraqi rulers.

The dispute grows out of Syria's withholding of vital Euphrates River waters from Iraq's peasantry, which has already resulted in the devastation of Iraqi agriculture.

JOINT SYRIA-JORDAN MOVES AIMED TO PUSH EGYPT INTO ARAB WAR ALLIANCE,
PUSH ISRAEL TO WAR

May 14 (IPS) -- Syria has offered Jordan air cover, according to today's Washington Post, while New York City Radio reports Jordanian troops and equipment moving toward the Israeli borders. Today's Post further warns that King Hussein of Jordan is planning to "throw his 70,000 man army into new fighting against Israel." Such maneuvers are a result of a breach in Egyptian-Syrian relations and indicate another CIA ploy to use Syria as a trigger point to push the Israelis into a pre-emptive strike.

SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN TALKS EXPECTED TO SPUR TERRORISM AGAINST ISRAEL

May 14 (IPS) -- A seven-man negotiating committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is currently meeting to consider setting up an official joint military command with Syria, according to yesterday's Financial Times. The Times quotes informed sources who "expressed the hope that the command would, when established, help the guerrilla movement escalate its activity inside Israel and the occupied territory." Syria is the active center of Mideast CIA provocations against Israel to detonate a new war.

SADAT ARRIVES IN BAGHDAD FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

May 14 (IPS) -- Egyptian President Sadat arrived in Baghdad today, in the first visit by an Egyptian head of state to Iraq. According to the Baltimore Sun, Sadat will try to "do something to prevent the worst from happening" between Syria and Iraq. In recent weeks, Iraqi-Egyptian trade and diplomatic ties have increased dramatically and Sadat has taken an objective (i.e. pro-Iraqi) stand on the Euphrates River dispute, in which Syria is systematically withholding waters from Iraq's peasantry.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IMPLICATED IN SYRIA'S ANTI-IRAQ CAMPAIGN

BONN, May 14 (IPS) -- A West German Foreign Ministry official who held discussions in Bonn yesterday with Syria's visiting Foreign Minister Khaddam told IPS today that not only is it in Syrian leader Assad's interest to have the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) help in isolating and opposing the pro-socialist Iraqi regime, but that "of course, we (the SPD) are isolating Iraq." The official confirmed that SPD'er Wischniewski, in charge of SPD-Arab relations, is the agent through whom West German assistance is given to Syria.

CABAL MIDEAST EXPERT CONFIRMS THAT SYRIA IS PUSHING EGYPT INTO WAR

May 14 (IPS) -- Syria is pushing Egypt into a war, according to

John Campbell, Council of Foreign Relations Mideast scenario planner for the past 25 years. Campbell confirmed yesterday that "Sadat will tend to lose his control over relations with Syria (since) there is a degree of pressure from Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization that will require Sadat to respond." Campbell compared the "hold" that the Assad regime in Syria has over Sadat to the pressures from "militants" upon Egyptian president Nasser in 1967, immediately before the war blow at that time.

KOSYGIN SPEECH IN LIBYA -- PREVENT WORLDWIDE CONFLICT

May 15 (IPS) -- Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin delivered a speech yesterday in Libya stressing Soviet determination to "prevent the outbreak of a new worldwide conflict." He urged the convening of a new Geneva conference on the Middle East, with the proviso that the development of all states in the area should be ensured. In an implicit attack on China's Maoist leadership, Kosygin denounced those who have said that "the best way to attain liberation from imperialism was a general war, regardless of the sacrifices it would bring."

SADAT REAFFIRMS ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST

May 15 (IPS) -- Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in a new conference in Kuwait yesterday, admitted that Israel is a "reality of fact" within its borders prior to the June 1967 war. Sadat stated clearly that those who are saying that Israel must be pushed into the sea are guilty of dangerous posturing and that he was not prepared to sacrifice his people and his army for this. In the U.S., only the Washington Post carried Sadat's remarks, while the New York Times noted Sadat's statement in the last sentence of another Mideast article.

U.S. MEDIA LYINGLY BUILDS UP MIDEAST WAR SCARE HYSTERIA

NEW YORK, May 16 (IPS) -- The major U.S. news outlets, United Press International (UPI) and Associated Press (AP), are deliberately inventing stories of new acts of terrorism in Israel to build up an hysterical climate for an imminent war in the Mideast.

This morning, New York radio stations began carrying an AP dispatch about an explosion at an industrial-military complex outside Tel Aviv after which "witnesses say they saw a mushroom-shaped cloud appear." Soon afterward, UPI released the story that there were two explosions, one in an industrial complex causing shattered windows and houses and the other outside a suburban post office.

IRAQIS AID EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT

May 16 (IPS) -- The pro-Soviet Iraqi government has awarded Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, now in Baghdad as part of his Mideast tour, \$115 million in development aid. \$35 million of

the grant are designated for further development of the Suez Canal, while the remaining \$80 million will be granted in crude oil. This was reported by a New York radio station.

UPI reports that the Iraqis have agreed to aid in Egypt's settlement of its outstanding foreign debt, including its huge debt to the Soviet Union.

SOVIETS ABORT SYRIA LIBYA LINK DURING KOSYGIN VISIT TO LIBYA

May 16 (IPS) -- Coinciding with a visit to Libya by Soviet Prime Minister Kosygin, Libyan leader Colonel Qaddafi has agreed to halt Libya's "propaganda campaign against Egypt," according to yesterday's London Times. Qaddafi had initiated the "campaign" two months ago immediately after visits to Libya by Syria's CIA tyrant dictator Hafez Assad and by Austrian President and Second International agent Bruno Kreisky, to outflank an Iraq-Egypt alliance and force Egypt into a pan-Arab war posture.

KOSYGIN MIDEAST DEVELOPMENT CALL BLACKED OUT

May 16 (IPS) -- Crucial passages of the speech delivered in Libya May 13 by Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin have been systematically suppressed in Western press coverage of the speech.

GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP IN SYRIA

May 16 (IPS) -- Syrian President Assad has launched a government shake-up over the last few days in an attempt to hold his isolated regime together. According to today's London Financial Times, Prime Minister Mahmoud al Ayoubi will become Assad's "close advisor." Rifaat Assad, the President's brother, has been pulled out of the military and given an office job in the President's party.

BALL TRIES TO WRECK SOVIETS' MIDEAST DIPLOMACY

May 18 (IPS) -- George Ball, former Under-Secretary of State and Rockefeller cabalist, attempts to dupe the Soviet Union in today's Washington Post. Ball calls on the U.S. to push for a pre-Geneva conference agreement on United Nations Resolution 242, adopted after the 1967 war, which does little more than restore the 1967 borders and "normal diplomatic and trading relations."

Were the Soviet Union to condone such U.S. "peace" moves, the U.S. would restrain the Israelis from pre-emptive strikes, and allow the Soviets to have a European security conference. The substance of Ball's message to Moscow: our terms or nuclear war.

FINANCIAL: THE COLLAPSE OF THE POUND
AND DOLLAR; NYC PUSHED OVERBOARD

BANKERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT POUND COLLAPSE WILL AFFECT DOLLAR

May 13 (IPS) -- An article by Clyde Farnsworth in the New York Times today is the first public acknowledgement of the growing fears of Western bankers over the "spillover" effect on the U.S. dollar of the collapse of the British pound -- a buffer reserve currency for the dollar's international reserve role. The pound's rate of decline against the ten major currencies is at an all time high of 25 percent, and New York bankers are publicly predicting a \$2 rate for the British currency in a matter of a few weeks. The pound's drop would have been even steeper had it not been for "slight" intervention by the Bank of England.

POUND STERLING, U.S. DOLLAR IN DANCE OF DEATH

May 14 (IPS) -- The pound sterling and the U.S. dollar continue to plummet in tandem, with the dollar yesterday taking the worst of the beating. Despite the psychotic intentions of Rockefeller financial circles to junk both Britain and New York City and nonetheless retain the viability of the dollar, the international financial system is now threatened with terminal rupture. Significantly, columnist Paul Fabra writing in today's Le Monde targets the Eurodollar market as the immediate casualty of the Rockefellers' attempted financial triage operation.

IMF WARNS BRITAIN "NO IMPORT CONTROLS"

May 15 (IPS) -- As the pound sterling continues to be trampled in major international currency markets, economists from the Rockefeller-dominated International Monetary Fund (IMF) quietly left London after two days of talks with Treasury and other British government officials. Of increasing importance are the policies that Prime Minister Wilson's government may be forced to introduce to curb the country's economic collapse -- especially if a "strings-attached" loan comes from the IMF.

ECONOMY A "MILITARY" QUESTION

May 15 (IPS) -- A highly-placed source in one of New York's largest investment concerns yesterday asserted that the economy was now a political and military question. Commenting on the pound-dollar collapse and the anticipated official bankruptcy of New York City, this source declared, "Well, that's a military and national diplomacy question." The investment official added with great agitation, "And I am not qualified to comment on that."

NEW YORK CITY BUDGET CRISIS -- AN INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLE

May 17 (IPS) -- At a City Hall press conference yesterday, Mayor Beame lashed out at the financial community and the "Republican pincer movement in Washington and in Albany" while presenting a "horror list" of municipal cuts that will be implemented if no aid is forthcoming to the city. The cuts would result in the elimination of another 38,000 city jobs, bringing the total workforce reduction to 52,000 jobs or 18 per cent, a further 25 per cent reduction in police street patrol, the closing of four more hospitals, and a further one third decrease in sanitation collection - to name only a few of the horrors.

"I want to know why the financial community, Washington and the Albany GOP chose this period, when the City is instituting drastic economies, to further punish the people," Beame asked.

A NEW DUST BOWL SLATED FOR U.S. BREADBASKET REGIONS

May 17 (IPS) -- The Colorado Agriculture Department confirmed this week in an interview with IPS that substantial portions of the Eastern Colorado winter wheat crop have been lost due to extremely dry weather and wind. The wheat crop in west Kansas and Nebraska has also been seriously affected. This year's Colorado crop is estimated at 39 million bushels, compared to 67 million bushels last year. But the crop may go as low as 35 million bushels. According to the State Agriculture Department spokesman, a "normal" crop is considered to be one over 45 million bushels.

CONTINENTAL NEWS BRIEFS

"ATOMIC" MAOISTS DRIVE FOR NUCLEAR WAR, ATTEMPT MURDER IN SEATTLE

NEW YORK, May 12 (IPS) -- Seven zombie-members of the police-controlled Maoist gang, "Revolutionary Union" (RU), leading advocates in this country of the Chinese government's plan for nuclear war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, seriously wounded and attempted to murder a United States Labor Party (USLP) organizer in Seattle today, while that organizer was alerting unemployed workers to the immediate threat of such a war.

FBI BAILS OUT SEATTLE RU; ACKNOWLEDGES NATIONAL ATTACK ON USLP

May 13 (IPS) -- Today, the FBI confirmed its open complicity with the Maoist gang Revolutionary Union (RU) in sabotaging U.S. Labor Party organizing to prevent a Rockefeller provoked nuclear war. Seven members of the RU who attempted to murder Labor Party organizers at the Seattle unemployment center yesterday were released from jail on drastically reduced bail following FBI countermanding of the original charges pressed by Seattle police. Only one RU'er, Doug Lummell, has been charged with even minor assault, while likely FBI controller Mike Royce, who crossed state lines from Portland, Oregon to lead the attack, was not even arrested. Royce is likely the FBI controller of the group.

The FBI provided confirmation of its role in protecting the RU, and particularly Royce, in a phone interview with a USLP legal representative this morning. Special agent Rubin of the Seattle Bureau stated, "We know that you watch the FBI and you know that we watch you. The FBI has previous complaints you have filed against the RU, but we aren't investigating them."

On the basis of the pattern, the Labor Party is calling on local police officials to arrest on sight any individuals identified as members of the RU.

BALTIMORE SUN EDITOR ASSAULTS USLP ORGANIZER

May 13 (IPS) -- Baltimore Sun editor Whiteford yesterday assaulted a U.S. Labor Party organizer in the Sun's office. The Labor Party member, a steelworker, was part of a delegation accompanying USLP candidate for Congress, John Ascher, to demand an end to the Sun's scurrilous coverage of the Soviet Union's response to Rockefeller's brinksmanship.

WAYNE EVANS BUILDS THE USLP IN U.S.-CANADIAN WESTERN TOUR

May 13 (IPS) -- Wayne Evans, Labor Party Vice-Presidential candidate, wrapped up an "Impeach Rockefeller" organizing tour of the U.S.-Canadian West coast, addressing over 40 supporters in San Francisco yesterday. Evans centered his presentation on the love for humanity, the basis for organizers joining the USLP thrust for world reconstruction and the removal of Rockefeller's finger from the nuclear button.

ROCKEFELLER-FBI HARASSMENT LAUNCHED AGAINST MASS RALLIES CALLED BY USLP TO STOP NUCLEAR WAR

NEW YORK, May 16 (IPS) -- The Rockefeller faction -- which is moving towards a nuclear confrontation against the Soviet Union as rapidly as possible -- has launched a nationwide campaign of harassment against working-class leaders to try to disrupt nationwide rallies during the week of May 17, called by the U.S. Labor Party to stop nuclear war. At the rallies, thousands of workers are expected to demand the immediate impeachment of Rockefeller and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to end the imminent danger of nuclear holocaust.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, in its biggest and dirtiest operation since the Palmer raids, is implementing Rockefeller's harassment, characterized by "Smith Act" on-the-job threats, harassment of reporters, and blacklisting.

Physically unable to threaten all of the thousands of workers who support the demonstration call, the FBI is concentrating its intimidation on working-class leaders who are visibly organizing other workers to attend the demonstrations.

CAMDEN WORKERS CONFIRM U.S. LABOR PARTY ELECTORAL VICTORY

May 16 (IPS) -- Affidavits from workers who voted U.S. Labor Party in Tuesday's Camden, N.J. City Council elections have confirmed massive vote fraud. Affidavits from the 10th, 11th, and 9th wards have exceeded the number of Labor Party votes on the "official tally" released the night of the elections. A second office has been established in the 10th ward to coordinate the activities of an expanding U.S. Labor Party machine.

IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN'S AIDE A ROCKEFELLER AGENT?

May 16 (IPS) -- Nelson Rockefeller is placing his hand-picked agents in Congressional offices under cover of providing "aides", IPS learned today from journalistic sources. These sources told IPS that the Rockefeller Family Fund provides money to the American Political Science Association for its Congressional Fellowship program, which sponsors "interns" culled from government agencies, CIA media circles and academia who serve as advisors to senators, representatives, and Congressional committees

for a year. While the program purports to enable the interns to gain a deeper understanding of the democratic processes, it clearly enables Rockefeller to get his agents and spies in an ideal position to control Congress.

NEW DEMOCRATIC COALITION CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF HENRY KISSINGER

May 16 (IPS) -- The New Democratic Coalition, a McGovernite faction of reform Democrats, has drafted, in executive session, a call for the resignation of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. As reported in today's New York Post, Kissinger must resign "to begin the process of reversing our foreign policy" and "to eliminate the current and most skillful advocate of these morally bankrupt policies that have brought disaster in Southeast Asia and elsewhere."

Yesterday, New York's WINS radio reported that Robert Strauss, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, attacked President Ford, Secretary of the Treasury William Simon, and Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz for their disastrous domestic policy.