Special Report:

Kissenger Threatens Nuclear Terror Over Portugal, Middle East

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Sept. 18 (IPS) — The past weekend's televised infantile outbursts by U.S. United Nations Ambassador Patrick Moynihan and President Gerald Ford's Canute-like posturing in Texas last week are merely symptoms of a monstrous ugliness erupting behind the scenes. A series of major diplomatic and other provitical defeats has prompted the Rockereller faction among the "Atlanticists" to launch a counter-thrust of pure terrorism, including a posture of threatened thermonuclear confrontations.

The two flash-points prominent during this month have been Portugal and the Middle East.

'Although Ford's public insistence that the CIA is not being used in Portugal is a completely false statement, his report that "diplomatic" measures have been the principal U.S. weapon used contains a germ of half-truth. In fact, Labor Committee investigations have collected a large amount of direct evidence of massive National Security Council-coordinated deployment of arms and pro-fascist personnel from the U.S. into Portugal — in addition to massive NATO airlifts of pro-fascist fighting forces into Portugal from Angola. The half-truth in Ford's public statement is that the main weapon used has been unprecedented threats of economic warfare and military interventions against Portugal, coordinated through State Department "hit man" Frank Carlucci.

In itself, Kissinger's recently negotiated "cosmetic" agreement on Egypt-Israel Sinai armistice lines is a contemptible carnival performance, accomplished through "Mutt and Jeff" outrages against both the Rabin and Sadat governments. In fact, as Israeli Ambassador Herzog's recent UN address details, the Israelis have been moving rapidly toward a general comprehensive agreement with Arab forces on the basis of area development pacts consistent with the gist of the "Group of 77" proposals. Only work-ing agreement on discussion of the rights of the Palestinian Arabs need be added to Ambassador Herzog's formulation for serious, comprehensive Middle East peace agreements to begin at Geneva. _ •

Taken by itself, the "cosmetic" Sinai agreement is mainly a preemptive action taken by Kissinger in an effort to block meaningful negotiations already in preparation. Otherwise, the significance of the pact itself is entirely contained within the secret "additional" agreements. As the recent flap over Pershing missiles properly suggests, the gist of the whole affair is Rockefeller-Kissinger re-escalation of moves toward a thermonuclear confrontation. using threats of a limited nuclear strike by Israel in the way indicated by Schlesinger's RAND Corporation "flexible response" doctrine.

In addition to the direct threats of thermonuclear confrontation over Portugal and the Middle East, Kissinger and the Rockefeller brothers have turned on all the spigots in threatening and attempting outright military coups and other "destabilization" actions against any government which strays from the Rockefeller-Kissinger line. The current "destabilization" plot against Great Britain and moves in the same direction in West Germany, Italy, and elsewhere are part of the same package.

The televised performance of Moynihan correctly indicates that Kissinger is reacting immediately to the "threatened" success of triangular prodevelopment agreements among the Comecon, the developing sector, and European and Japanese regions of the industrialized capitalist sector. More deepty, Rockefeller's obscene rage is motivated by the same spiraling economic collapse which is pushing European and Japanese industrialists, among others, toward triangular prodevelopment cooperation agreements. The U.S. dollar, as presently constituted, is bankrupt — a fact emphasized by the skyrocketing of U.S. interest rates above those of even bankrupt. Italy. The debt structure of international dollar-denominated loans, on which the Rockefeller family empire directly depends, is faced with collapse — Rockefeller and Company are reacting like the last Tyrannosaurus faced with evidence of its impending extinction.

The Soviet Reaction

Recent diplomatic shifts by Soviet and other Comecon spokesmen inevitably reflect the Rockefeller-Kissinger renewal of thermonuclear confrontation threats. Spokesmen of the German Democratic Republic have been clearest in this week's statements on the matter. Warnings of a potential abrupt turn in the international situation have been publicly linked to both the special urgency of disarmament agreements and the case of Portugal. 1

In part, the relatively low profile of Comecon spokesmen during the recent UN special sessions was merely consis tent with Comecon policy of commitment to supporting the developing sector within the "Group of 77" and UNC-TAD. Comecon spokesmen generally stated their policy and then avoided involvement in the unprecedented intensity of negotiations occurring in the committee meetings and lobbies. The prudence of such a Comecon policy coincides with points made in the initial public presentation of the International Bank proposal, at our April 24 press conference in Bonn, West Germany.

However, the extent to which Comecon representatives went to avoid even a hint of involvement in the often sharp confrontations between U.S. and developing sector representatives can not be assessed apart from the way in which almost "single issue" emphasis was placed upon the "disarmament" proposal in Soviet publications' treatment of that topic.

Such a tactical posture is understandable, even though it is not the policy we would follow were we in the Comecon leadership. From the Comecon standpoint, major Western European capitalist forces, tentatively supported by a parallel thrust among some U.S. capitalist groups, are pushing for pro-development triangular economic cooperation. It is understandable that the Soviet leadership would wish to avoid complicating the factional situation of such pro-development capitalist factions. This point is emphasized by the fact that the Rockefeller factionsupporters in both the U.S. and Western Europe currently have only one big stick in their efforts to counterattack against the pro-development factions: the demand that the pro-development capitalist factions subordinate everything to the "principle" of loyalty to post-war NATO anti-Soviet alliances.

Under these circumstances, which are the situation in fact, the Soviet leadership has narrowed its tactical focus to the immediate danger of Rockefeller-directed military confrontations, It has not lessened its practical efforts to enhance pro-development economic cooperation, but has maintained a low profile on direct confrontations with the Rockefeller forces and the developing sector on the issue of international debts.

Certain Communist Parties

Rockefeller-Kissinger threats on other fronts have been supplemented by massive threats against certain vulnerable Communist parties — notably the West German DKP and the Canadian CPC. Kissinger, in tandem with the Brandt faction of the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD), has threatened to outlaw the DKP and has caused similar threats of repression to be directed against the CPC and forces within the Communist Party USA. The three issues which Brandt and other Kissinger agents have raised in connection with these threats of repression are Portugal, Maoism, and the Labor Committees.

The DKP, CPC, and CPUSA will be permitted to conduct ineffectual, "bloody-shirt-waving" sorts of expressions of literary sympathy and low-profile educational meetings for the Portuguese Communist Party, but are subject to ruthless acts of repression if they attempt to undertake active organizing in behalf of support for the Portuguese revolution.

In West Germany, although paid gangs of Maoist hooligans are conducting saturation assaults on DKP meetings, rallies, and newspaper distributions, the DKP has been warned by Brandt and Company that any DKP mobilization against such Maoist attacks will lead to abrupt outlawing of the party.

Also in West Germany, "Atlanticist" spokesman Brandt has taken a variety of unprecedented actions threatening even SPD members of parliament who are found discussing with members of the Labor Committees, and has deployed the top security agent of the SPD in related connections. The DKP has been directly threatened with reprisals if it is found allied with the Labor Committees.

The pressures from the outside are aggravated by NATO intelligence agents planted within the parties. In West Germany's DKP, the NATO agents planted as disrupters and provocateurs within the party are coordinated with the PCI-Pajetta-created networks based in the Cologne section of the party leadership and are overt sympathizers of the Maoist organizations leading the SA-type assaults on both Labor Committees and DKP organizers. In the CPC and CPUSA, the prominent base of agents within the parties includes the British Columbian. Maoist-oriented factions, and the forces centered about Herbert Marcuse protegé Angela Davis in the Young Workers Liberation League and Daily World editorial offices.

The recent eruption of National Security Agency-directed slanders against the Labor Committees in the CPC and Daily World represent a sudden about-face forced upon Communist leaders recently moving toward collaboration with the Labor Committees, a capitulation to threats which is essentially a cover for a tone-down line on Portugal and a softer approach to the National Security Council's Maoist countergangs.