

Schlesinger pushes plan for cutbacks on IEA

President Carter has called on the International Energy Agency meeting in Paris this week to impose a net reduction in energy consumption of 3 to 5 percent on its member nations. Just how committed the Carter Administration is to implementing energy austerity at home and abroad was indicated by late reports from a Department of Energy source following the President's call. According to the source, Assistant Treasury Secretary Richard Cooper met on Feb. 27 in Washington, D.C. with West German Economics Minister Lambsdorff to plan a strategy for pushing the energy reduction policy through the IEA meeting. From their conference, the source reported, Lambsdorff telegraphed directly to the West German delegation at the energy meeting, and ordered West German compliance with the U.S. austerity strategy.

Since even U.S. Energy Czar Schlesinger admits that there is no actual shortage of energy internationally, the Lambsdorff-Cooper scheming, and Carter's call, can best be evaluated as the most egregious attempt to date to legitimize the recent media "energy crisis" scare. Schlesinger crony Cooper and Lambsdorff — who is functioning as a saboteur of his own government's domestic and foreign policy — are angling to accomplish a vital step in London's plan to regiment all advanced sector economies around a war-time energy austerity and deindustrialization program.

Iran and the oil crisis

U.S. business and industry should know the facts on how London is using its oil weapon against the world economy.

The pivot of their scheming is

post-Shah Iran, where the oil fields, which once produced 6 million barrels per day for world markets, remain shut down.

If Iran began to export even 2 million barrels a day of oil, the oil pricing bubble blown up by the London economic warriors who control Royal Dutch Shell and British Petroleum would be burst. Without the oil pricing bubble Schlesinger and London would have a hard time convincing the world that an energy crisis exists. Hence a crew of Lon-

don backed radicals are involved in an effort to block the renewal of Iranian oil exports at all costs.

According to the Paris daily *Le Monde* this week, the same environmentalist-zero growth crew that supported Ayatollah Khomeini in Paris are now backing the demands of ultra-radical oil workers in Iran, which are the prime obstacle to renewing oil exports. This circle includes Pierre Vigier, who ran the 1968 French student strikes, and the British based Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation. This antitechnology thinktank is known to advise the United Kingdom energy minister Wedgewood Benn. Moreover the London Guardian reports that Bertrand Russell's former personal secretary Ralph Schoenman is presently spending a lot of time in Iran. If Iran fails to come back on stream with exports we can expect a

Turkey's Ecevit in fight versus IMF austerity

An international power struggle has broken out into the open over the future of Turkey. On the one side is Great Britain, whose government, with the full complicity of the Carter Administration, has given the go-ahead for toppling the regime of Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit. On the other side are France and West Germany, whose leaders have committed themselves against Britain's coup plans.

The issue at hand is Ecevit's outspoken opposition to the International Monetary Fund and his refusal to adopt its demands for austerity and currency devaluation. Ecevit, with the backing of France and West Germany, is seeking solutions for Turkey's economic difficulties in the context of the new European Monetary System. According to the Turkish press, Ecevit is in the process of working out a con-

sortium arrangement with Libya, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, whereby these countries will finance Turkey's imports and development projects.

In turning to the Arabs for aid, Ecevit is making it known that an offer of emergency aid by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is "categorically rejected" as long as the OECD insists that Turkey comply with the IMF as a condition for the release of monies. Last week, Ecevit postponed a trip to Turkey by OECD Secretary General Emile Van Lennep until such time as the OECD changes its line. Ecevit also announced that he has no intention whatsoever of devaluing the Turkish lira, and attacked London by name for spreading false rumors claiming that Turkey had agreed to devalue. continued upward trend in prices

and a possible OPEC price hike at the cartel's March 26 meeting.

The countermoves

The Saudi Arabians, French, and West Germans recognize the economic disaster London's war measures energy cutbacks would represent, the most important being the derailing of the European Monetary System's effort to reorganize world trade and credit markets. Saudi Arabian Sheikh Yamani is currently in Bonn to discuss with business and government leaders the prospects of holding a producer-consumer conference to iron out the problems of world energy. French President Giscard d'Estaing has already begun organizing such a conference.

French radio last week denounced Schlesinger for using the IEA as a tool in his austerity drive, and reports from Germany indicate that Yamani is being well received by business and government leaders.

In a statement released from Baghdad Feb. 27, Iraqi oil minister Karim slammed the idea of an OPEC price hike as detrimental to the creation of "a new world economic order capable of guaranteeing stability. For more of Karim's statement see ENERGY.

LaRouche represents USLP in Mexico PRI celebration

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., chairman of the U.S. Labor Party and contributing editor to the *Executive Intelligence Review*, is representing the U.S. Labor Party at the 50th anniversary celebrations of Mexico's ruling Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI) that began March 1 in Mexico City. Accompanying LaRouche in the Labor Party delegation are Helga Zepp LaRouche, chairman of the European Labor Party (ELP) in West Germany and *Executive Intelligence Review* editor-in-chief, Fernando Quijano.

Leaders of over 100 political parties from around the world have been invited to the four-day long golden anniversary celebrations, to feature tours of historic sites in and around Mexico City, and a reception held by Mexican President José López Portillo. Among the political parties represented will be the Republican Party (PR) of French President Giscard d'Estaing, who

arrived in Mexico on Feb. 28 for an official state visit; the ruling Social Democratic Party of West Germany; and the Union for French Democracy (UDF) coalition of French Foreign Trade Minister Deniau.

The Partido Revolucionario Institucional has been the governing party in Mexico since it was founded — as the Partido Nacional Revolucionario — in 1928 by President Plutarco Elias Calles as a mass institution to defend the gains of the just-fought Mexican Revolution. During the presidency of Lázaro Cárdenas in the 1930s, the party, renamed the Partido de la Revolución Mexicana, was the key instrument in mobilizing the Mexican population in defense of government's nationalization of American and British-owned oil companies, and initiating a far-reaching program of agrarian reform. The party has been known as the Partido Revolucionario Institucional.