

order went out, a number of the Falkans got in touch with the local ELC branch to find out why the Labour Committees are considered so dangerous.

At other locations, the SPD has attempted to neutralize the ELC's impact on "normal" party life by inviting ELC representatives formally to address party meetings. The effect of this in Frankfurt startled SPD functionaries considerably, when a local leftwing SPD circle printed a rather confused discussion paper which included the demand for increased cooperation of the European Social Democracies with the Italian and French Communist Parties — one significant aspect of the ELC organizing drive.

Even more troublesome for Schmidt has been the disaffection in the DGB. The reliable card-carrying Metal Worker unionists appointed to Schmidt's cabinet

have been entirely ineffectual in stemming workers' primary concern — rising unemployment. In an effort to appease the DGB, Schmidt appointed Egon Bahr as the successor to the resigned Eppler. Bahr, the brains behind Brandt's policy of detente, represents to the DGB the potential prospect of opening trade with the Soviet union as a means of fighting unemployment. The DGB has continually used the prospects of trade with the East as a way to persuade workers that unemployment will not go out of control.

Once again, the problem which Schmidt has created for himself is that any indication, no matter how tentative, that West Germany might move towards expanded trade with the East will give greater circulation and credence to the ELC's program for defeating Rockefeller's depression.

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## American Sociologist Tours BRD With CIA Line on LC

July 15 (IPS) — The CIA has fielded University of Wisconsin sociologist Gunther Roth in an attempt to short-circuit European Labor Committee organizing in West Germany. Roth, associated with a crew of government-funded American sociologists, is apparently touring Germany this summer as a lecturer retailing the CIA line on the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

Roth surfaced recently in Duesseldorf. There he gave a forum on the American left, which he claimed was witnessing the emergence of several terrorist cult groups: the Symbionese Liberation Army, the Weathermen — and the NCLC. The transparent purpose of his lectures is to set up the ELC for police attack and prevent an even wider spread of Labor Committee influence by saturating the population with CIA slanders.

Born in Germany, Roth taught at Berlin's Free

University. At this notorious hangout of CIA academics and "radicals," during the late 1960s period of ferment, Roth was associated with agent "Red Rudi" Deutsche. At the time of the "People's Park" events in 1969, Roth was brought to Berkeley by Bennet Berger, a sociologist who specializes in childrearing studies for government agencies. The Labor Committee is investigating further links between Roth and the CIA.

Roth's hoary CIA fairy-tale about the NCLC will have little effect when confronted with the ELC's emphatically non-terrorist organizing. Perhaps Roth's lectures will be a source of "extra credit" to the desperate Maoists of the West German Communist Party-Marxist Leninist who are currently offering classes in several cities on how to cope with the Labor Committee. [See IPS No. 10.]