

after falling 3.6 per cent in September--the first time since late 1970 that new factory orders have declined for two months in a row. Since August, factories have reduced orders for goods by \$4 billion and speeded up deliveries by \$2 billion to work off excessive inventories. Inventories--that is, unsold goods--were still rising in October. Total business inventories were up \$5.6 billion, the largest jump this year.

In response to the lower sales and orders and higher inventories, capital spending plans of U.S. corporations in the fourth quarter were pared down to an 0.5 per cent increase over the previous quarter from a 2.8 per cent gain announced earlier. The Commerce Department said flatly that the downturn would last at least until next June, with more unemployment inevitable.

### ROMANIAN CP PUSHES POLYCENTRISM

Dec. 17 (IPS)--The Eleventh Congress of the Romanian Communist Party (RCP) early this month revealed that party as a major center of internal opposition to the leftward motion now sweeping the European Communist Parties. Led by General Secretary Nicolae Ceausescu, the RCP decided to continue a policy of maximum accommodation to capitalist needs and minimum commitment to the socialist movement.

The Congress featured Ceausescu as the object of a garish personality cult. One party functionary after another disgorged paeans to Ceausescu's "daring clear-sightedness, the ardent patriotism with which he leads the nation's destinies."

### Ceausescu's Nationalism

Behind this "little-father" facade, meant to appeal to the nationalist disease of Romania's peasant population, Ceausescu deliberately laid out how Romania expects to survive: "The development of economic relations with all states, regardless of their social systems, is combined with Romania's active participation in the life of international economic organizations." This refers to Romania's membership in Rockefeller's International Monetary Fund--the only Soviet bloc country to join so far.

Central Committee member Ion Patan proposed to "modernize the export list" in order to "insure Romania's competitiveness in the international division of labor." Romania, of course, can do nothing of the kind, unless it obliges Rockefeller with useful services. Already, Romania's dealings with Rockefeller puppets in Argentina, Echeverria's Mexico, and several Mideast countries have served as breakthrough precedents for the whole bloc.

Based on this kind of realpolitiking, Ceausescu can see little use for strong ties to the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact, or Comecon (the Soviet bloc economic organization). Visits by the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee Secretary Katushev, who is in charge of relations with bloc parties, and other Russian officials failed to bring Ceausescu into line. At the Eleventh Congress, the RCP resolution closely echoed the polycentrism of the Amendola CIA tendency in the Communist Parties. Ceausescu espouses a "new unity," characterized by "each party's right to independently decide its policy and revolutionary strategy and tactics." The RCP resolved to participate in the 1975 East Berlin conference of European Communist Parties only if "it does not tend to draw up binding documents and not discuss, criticize, or censure other parties."

### Party History

The RCP leadership lacks the traditional ties to the Soviet Union which are important security for other bloc parties. Isolated in backward Romania, the RCP never went through a revolutionary process of mass struggle. It was filled with opportunists who were allowed to pour into the party after the Soviet victory in World War II brought the Socialist Republic of Romania into existence. In the course of this year, the arch-opportunist Ceausescu has consolidated his personal power, appointed his relatives to high party posts, and purged opponents with the petty ruthlessness of a small-time Stalin. The dismissal at the Congress of 43 Central Committee members cleared the party rolls of remaining opposition and insured that the Soviets have no significant basis of support in Romania.

### TRILATERAL'S BRZEZINSKI CALLS FOR U.S. WAR CABINET, ROCKEFELLER DICTATORSHIP

Dec. 17 (IPS)--On the eve of an anticipated rubber-stamp approval of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President by the House of Representatives, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Executive Director of David Rockefeller's supranational fascist planning body, the Trilateral Commission, has called for the immediate reorganization of the Executive branch of the U.S. government and the centralization of all policy-making directly under Nelson Rockefeller.

In an article in the winter edition of Foreign Policy, a major CIA policy quarterly, Brzezinski states that the Trilateral's planned "new world order" based on "deliberate synchronization of international economic policies" must begin with "commensurate institutional and personal realignments in the policy-making processes of the U.S. government." Saying, "it is true that democracies are generally unresponsive to crisis situations," Brzezinski outlines an immediate plan for a fascist dictatorship personally headed by "Vice President" Rockefeller: