# **NEWS ANALYSIS**

## ROCKEFELLER LOSES INDOCHINA,

#### PREPARES LAST DITCH EFFORT IN MIDEAST

NEW YORK, March 1 (IPS) -- Military action in the last two days by the Cambodian Communist forces, including the capture of Toul Leap strategically near Phnom Penh's only airport, confirm that the fall of Cambodia's capital city and of the Lon Nol government is imminent. Rockefeller spokesmen have already concluded that the Cambodian situation is probably beyond hope. Rockefeller appears to be pulling out of Indochina and planning to hold the line against the working class at defensive positions in small parts of the Mideast, Europe and Latin America.

Although the Rockefeller Administration has ordered a mas ive and illegal Berlin-style airlift -- with flights by the CIA dummy airline, Bird Air, landing every 20 minutes -- Rockefeller spokesmen have conceded the obvious fact that they are wasting lives and an enormous amount of money -- money that legally should be going to Indochina reconstruction -- to keep the Lon Nol regime artificially alive.

In the last few days, U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger has repeatedly characterized the situation as "grim," and somewhat optimistically termed Phnom Penh's chances for survival as "fifty-fifty."

## "Who Lost Cambodia?"

Behind th s admission stands the yet unsaid claim by the Rockefeller forces that it was Congress --not the incompetence of their own anti-communist strategy-- that led to Lon Nol's demise. With widespread working class outrage over the mere possibility of U.S. re-involvement threatening to turn discussion of Indochina into an indictment of the Rockefeller-CIA forces who illegally set up and maintained the butchering Lon Nol dictatorship, Rockefeller is cutting Indochina loose and hope for some mileage out of the Congressional red scare that he plans for the next weeks. Under the banner of "Who lost Cambodia?" -- essentially the same technique used to justify the McCarthyite purges of the 1950s -- Rockefeller forces will be attempting to quash Congressional resistance to the already begun military buildup of Rockefeller's shaky satraps in the Mideast.

The terror campaign will automatically escalate when the hopelessly-rotten Thieu dictatorship in neighbouring South Vietnam falls without the large-scale illegal support that will be needed to keep it going through the next few weeks and months.

### Last-Ditch Mideast Try

Totally uncalled-for "warnings" by the Rockefeller administration to the Soviet Union not to intervene in the Mideast this

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week, indicate that the Administration is already beginning propaganda to justify re-arming the Mideast in order to stop it from becoming the next "domino" to fall under the "red on-slaught." Meanwhile, NATO has begun rearmament of Turkey -- arms illegally conduited through West Germany as a preparation for NATO intervention in the area.

This planned Mideast war represents Rocky's last ditchttry to stop Iraqi and Soviet organizing initiatives which threaten his Mideast puppet governments, and to finally achieve another oil hoax and price rise -- a hoax desperately needed to maintain his defunct dollar empire.