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West German CP Jumpy at LC Influence, Publicizes Conference That Never Happened!

July 8 (IPS) — The European Labour Committees' (ELC) aggressive organizing for united front work among European leftists, against Rockefeller and for the socialist reconstruction of Europe, has forced the West German Communist Party (DKP) into a spectacularly stupid move. In order to head off the ELC and prove that the DKP is already carrying out its own united front work, the party newspaper this week published a totally false account of the July 1 Strasbourg conference of DKP and German Social Democratic (SPD) youth — a conference that never took place!

The conference in Strasbourg, France was billed as a get-together of European socialist and communist youth, with the SPD's massive youth group, the JUSOS heavily represented. The JUSOS hoped that some form of "dialogue" with communists would satisfy the insistent ELC-inspired demand from its own members for a serious common front against Rockefeller. But at the last minute, the craven JUSOS got cold feet.

When the DKP appeared, a squabble broke out over the heavily factional issue of separate representation for West Berlin groups; the real question was whether the Communists would be allowed to participate. The JUSOS, who decided to keep a clean house, insisted that the socialist and communist groups meet separately. A fight ensued, and the conference was never convened.

The ELC, though not permitted to enter the non-conference, dominated what little proceedings there were. ELC influence was so obvious that a reporter from the major West German paper, the *Frankfurter Rundschau*, remarked, "It's not even your conference and you're dominating it!" Clearly the panicking JUSOS hoped to undercut the Labour Committees' already dramatic effect in its own ranks by sabotaging even the appearance of united front activity, for fear that if the

door were opened to the DKP, the ELC could not be excluded.

Now the DKP's paper *Unsere Zeit* has published a "joint communique" from the conference that never was. The fantasy communique reports that the JUSOS and the DKP youth agreed to a Europeanwide fight against the multinationals and expanded contact between the two groups.

What could have provoked the DKP into an obvious public lie that will only make further work with the JUSOS impossible and increase the ELC's credibility? The cynical Communist leadership believes that party members will trust their press and pay no attention to contrary reports from the ELC or the JUSOS. They hope that this "proof" of united front activity will squelch the Labour Committees' growing intellectual hegemony in West Germany's left, and provide the Italian Communists with similar protection from ELC influence.

Further, it will give the sleeping bears in the USSR another prop for their pathetic illusion that the longed-for "winds of detente" emanating from Rockefeller agent Schmidt's SPD are as gusty as ever.

Labor Committee organizing in Canada has prompted similar hysteria from the Communist Party there (the CCP). When Labor Committee members attempted to enter a CCP function in Quebec on June 6, they were refused entry, while party head Kashtan screamed that here were dangerous "ultra-left elements" — revealing the reason for the CCP newspaper's lengthy polemic against unnamed "ultra-left elements" a few days before. So terrified is the party's leadership of the Labor Committees' effect, which has caused intense disaffection and ferment within the party and its periphery, that the paper warned, "those elements are trying to take over the party."

'ELC Class' for Maoists

BERLIN, June 30 — The CIA-controlled German Communist Party-Marxist-Leninist (KDP-ML) has just opened the "*Arbeiter Fraktion Schule*" (Labor Committee School) in Berlin and Frankfurt to give its frenzied cadres training in "how to deal with the ELC" — Rockefeller's major opponent on the continent.

This Maoist mini-group is the CIA's only remaining weapon in its anti-ELC arsenal. Virtually every other German left organization is seriously considering a united front with the ELC. One wonders what the Maoists will learn from the CIA's floundering attempt to stop burgeoning ELC organizing.