

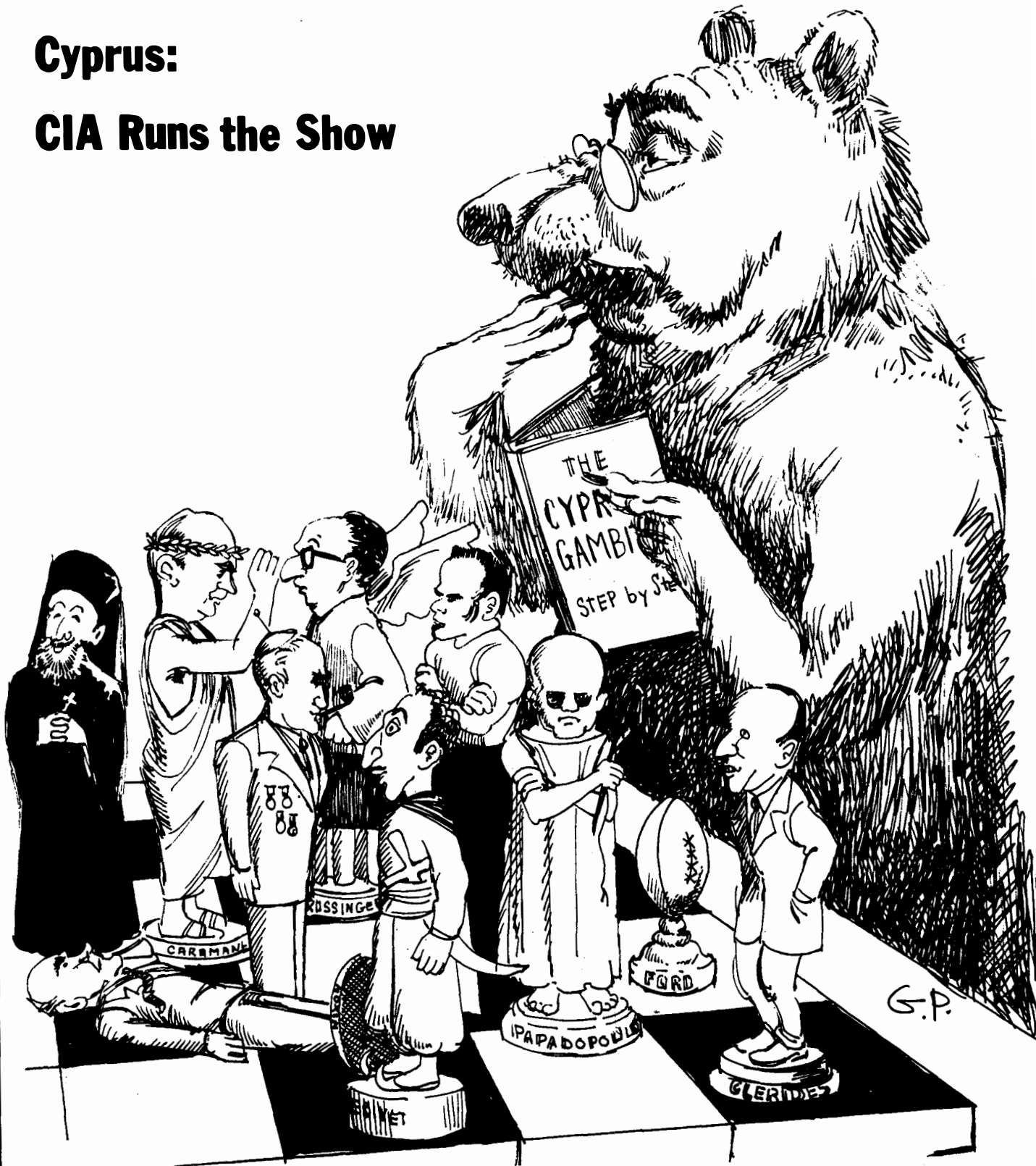


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The CIA Runs the Show

August 12 (IPS) — It was a simple matter for the CIA to detonate the “Cyprus crisis,” for nationalism had been established as the only political “reality” in the eastern Mediterranean ever since the announcement of the Truman Doctrine/Marshall Plan for Greece and Turkey in 1947. Equally readily, with the help of the Communist parties of the region, the CIA was able to trap the Soviet Union into supporting State Department politics. From the beginning to end, the entire Cyprus affair was planned, conceived, and directed by top echelons in NATO and the CIA as a major offensive in the strategic and psychological warfare now being waged by Rockefeller against the Soviet Union.

The Soviets gullibly accept the nationalist “rules of the game” and eagerly back the “good guys,” the “progressives,” within the controlled environment of each national tangle. The Great Russian Bear sits like a novice playing chess with a grand master — the CIA — which has set up “hard” and “soft” factions in Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus.

The Soviets fail to understand that just as the ferocious Greek colonels are CIA puppets, so are the new “democratic” civilians and the “progressive nationalist” military behind them! While the NATO-controlled Turkish military deserves Soviet condemnation, the weak-kneed puppet regime of Social Democrat Bulent Ecevit is just as much a creation of William Colby! Most important, while the Sampson regime on Cyprus was obviously CIA, for 13 long years the Soviets and the 120,000-member Cypriote Communist party had provided the political muscle for master State Department agent, Archbishop Makarios!

“Instant Governments”

In Greece, especially since 1967, the year of the CIA coup, politics has consisted of nothing but the crystallization of several military factions, each carefully nurtured by the CIA and each usually ignorant of what and who were behind the other faction. Thus the CIA created several alternative “instant governments” which could be manipulated as necessary. In recent years two top factions emerged: the hard faction, the repressive colonels and the military police — who are now being linked to the CIA and Kissinger — and the “democratic-minded” soft faction, typified by General Davos. Davos is the prime mover of the latest “coup” in Greece — that of Karamanlis — reported in the press to have ties to

Ambassador Tasca and the U.S. State Department.

In addition to the immediate purpose the Cyprus affair was designed to serve — the consolidation of the southern flank of NATO — the affair has a secondary objective. Rockefeller is trying to clothe NATO in progressive garb. This maneuver requires discrediting the CIA apparatus and Kissinger in favor of the “progressive military,” already revealed in its hideousness in Spínola’s Portugal. By “exposing” the connections and covert support given by Kissinger and the CIA to the shopworn Ioannides clique, the CIA forces hope to obscure their role in supporting the new progressive fascists. Apparently, the Soviets have taken the bait.

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How It Worked

Early in 1974, with the cooperation of the puppet regimes in Athens and Ankara, the CIA activated the terrorists in the EOKA-B organization, who wrought havoc under the slogan of *enosis* (union with Greece). As the Cyprus crisis built, the rightist Ioannides regime in Athens began warning Makarios that if he refused “to stop playing with the Communists, his head would be chopped off.” This line was echoed by EOKA-B and the press aligned with the Ioannides clique.

At the same time, the CIA’s other face, the Greek “progressive” military around General Davos in Salonika, at CIA instigation, supported the independence of Cyprus under Makarios. At the same time it took the lead in provoking nationalist hysteria over the contrived Greek-Turkish Aegean oil dispute. The stage was thus set: Ioannides (the “hard”) versus Davos (the “soft”), both overseen by the CIA and the State Department.

In this controlled environment, the governments of Greece and Turkey were programmed to stir up an atmosphere of war hysteria, which allowed the mobilization of armies — essentially war-games exercises with live ammunition.

From The "Bad Greeks" . . .

From the first days of the crisis following the Ioannides-Sampson coup in Nicosia, the Rockefeller's U.S. press — the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* — were outraged in their condemnation of the "bad Greeks" who dared to destroy "Cypriote democracy." Makarios won the full backing of the State Department and NATO, as well as the Soviet Union; and incredibly, the Soviets found themselves forced to support NATO's largest goon squad — the Turkish army. Apparently the impotent Soviets had no alternative but to support the Turkish invasion, in the hopes that it would restore Makarios and the former status quo.

Simultaneously, U.S. Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco was shuttling busily from Athens to Ankara, directing the entire operation. The minor skirmishes between the Turks and Greeks on Cyprus — blown up by the press as an authentic war — were theatrical maneuvers under Sisco's control, as he flew back and forth calling for democracy, peace, justice, etc. As Sisco paved the way for the "democratization" of Greece, it slipped that **no one** was running Greece at all: Sisco blurted that he "could find no military commander who knew who was in charge of the country." In this chaos, Sisco deftly ushered Davos in and Ioannides out. Concurrently, British Foreign Secretary Callaghan continued to back Makarios in case the Soviets balked at the set-up — at which point if necessary Makarios could have rushed back and restored power.

. . . to the Turkish "Invaders"

As Sisco and Callaghan juggled Greek politics, the U.S. press geared up its propaganda campaign in support of the new Greek democracy, and the newspapers began attacking the Turkish "invaders" (as they were now called). As NATO officials chortled "We have a new democratic NATO now," and prepared to launch this democratic NATO against Italian and other workers, the CIA "leaked" the "real story on the Cyprus affair" to the *New York Times*. The *Times* printed this fabricated account under the byline of Steven V. Roberts, in an August 5 story entitled "How the Athens Junta Fell." According to the CIA's standard operating procedure, "official sources" and other anonymities "revealed" to the *Times* reporter the secret workings of the CIA. Naturally, the reporter learned the CIA cover story — and no more.

As mentioned, each puppet-general is told by the CIA operative assigned to him that **he** has been selected as the standard bearer for the U.S., and thus eagerly does what he is told — until he is discarded when no longer needed. The several factions cultivated by the CIA in this manner within the Greek military—both hard and soft—then can be manipulated as required.

According to the Roberts article cited above, the CIA met constantly with Ioannides during the last days of his



Chase Manhattan's Fingertip Control: [Left to Right: Ecevit, Karamanlis, Clerides, Makarios].

regime, while Ambassador Tasca was somewhat removed. Tasca, apparently, was in touch with General Davos. Says *Times* reporter Roberts: "Pressures were building up. According to reliable reports, Gen. Ioannis Davos head of the Third Army in northern Greece, presented a petition signed by forty of his officers urging a return to civilian rule." As readers of *New Solidarity* know, the Labor Committee Intelligence Staff had predicted as early as two months ago that Davos was being groomed by the CIA to be the power behind a "progressive" Greece. By linking the CIA to the ousted Ioannides, the CIA press covered its tracks.

The Role of the Press

Initial ground for this CIA coverup were laid by the press and government attacks on the Greek colonels. This line is exemplified by the August 1 *New York Times* story authored by Leslie H. Gelb, who scribbled that in early July, Sisco had "decided that the leaders of the junta should be warned against going ahead with any such plans [for a coup on Cyprus]." When brainwashed thug Sampson finally was installed after the overthrow of Makarios, Gelb writes, "It did not surprise State Department officials. High officials there felt that they had done all they could, taking all factors into account, but they also felt that U.S. efforts had not had the impact sought." (It would be this supposed "lack of impact" that later was to be cited as evidence that the U.S. did **not** try to prevent the coup.)

The U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Roger P. Davies, who arrived to take up his post **only six days before the Cypriote coup**, meanwhile was assuring Makarios that

the State Department was “concerned” over the rumors of a coup on Cyprus. Kissinger, when asked, whether he expected a coup in Greece, stated nervously: “If I told you we didn’t expect a coup, you would say ‘intelligence failure,’ and if I told you we did expect one, you would say something else.” Indeed, no wonder Greek ex-minister Ioannis Zighdis has stated that “The Cyprus affair will be Kissinger’s Watergate”! As Rockefeller moves to dump both Kissinger and the detente policies he represents, he will use the Kissinger-CIA “bungling” of the Cyprus crisis as a handle; and the press will shriek that Kissinger was more concerned about U.S. bases in Greece than about “democracy.”

As for Makarios, there is no doubt that if the CIA had wanted to, they could have killed him easily. The miraculous escape of the wily Makarios — who was whisked away under British auspices from a base on Cyprus to Malta and hence to London — was arranged by NATO so that Makarios could be restored to power in Nicosia should the USSR wake up and begin grumbling about NATO maneuvers on its borders. But the entire affair served to make the present Karamanlis regime in Greece appear as anything but a CIA creation.

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Karamanlis Regime Transitional

Unfortunately, despite the joy of the Greek Communist party over the return of recycled NATO politician Karamanlis — who had his efficient security police round up thousands of Party members during the 1950s when he was Premier — the present Karamanlis regime is merely transitional to the next progressive military

dictatorship. Already the stage is being set for a new flareup of the Greek-Turkish “conflict” which will return the military to power in Greece, probably bringing Davos out from behind the scenes.

Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit who followed the NATO script faithfully and obtained instant popularity for his shaky regime — is already having the rug pulled out from under him by the CIA. Rumbblings of a crisis between Ecevit and his coalition partners, the Islamic-fascist National Salvation Party, are threatening to pull down the “moderate” Ecevit, bringing Turkey under direct military rule. The advent of a “hard” military faction in power in Turkey no doubt would trigger the elevation of the “soft” military in Greece. The leading bourgeois press already is warning that should Turkey “insist on humiliating the Greeks” by its superior military strength, “it will mean the downfall of the Karamanlis regime,” as the *London Times* put it August 8.

CIA Options

Overall, then, the CIA has virtually unlimited options in the Greece-Turkey-Cyprus triangle. Despite this confusion, it is certain that the NATO/CIA conspirators must maintain a tense military situation under the slogans of nationalism. At the same time, by playing the hard-soft game, the CIA can continue to manipulate the Soviet Union into thinking that it must support either Turkey or Greece, depending on which regime appears the least foul at any given moment. Currently, the Soviets are cozying up to Greece, and the USSR Ambassador in Athens has promised Greek Foreign Minister Mavros full support...in case of Turkish attack!

In the meantime, the NATO/CIA forces are consolidating NATO’s southern flank. In an August 11 column on the Op-Ed page of the Sunday *New York Times*, C.L. Sulzberger warns that “NATO is in poor shape in the critical area separating the Soviet Union from the vital Middle East.” He recommends that Turkey transfer its 40,000 troops now on Cyprus to — where else? — the Russian border!

Osman Olcay on Cyprus

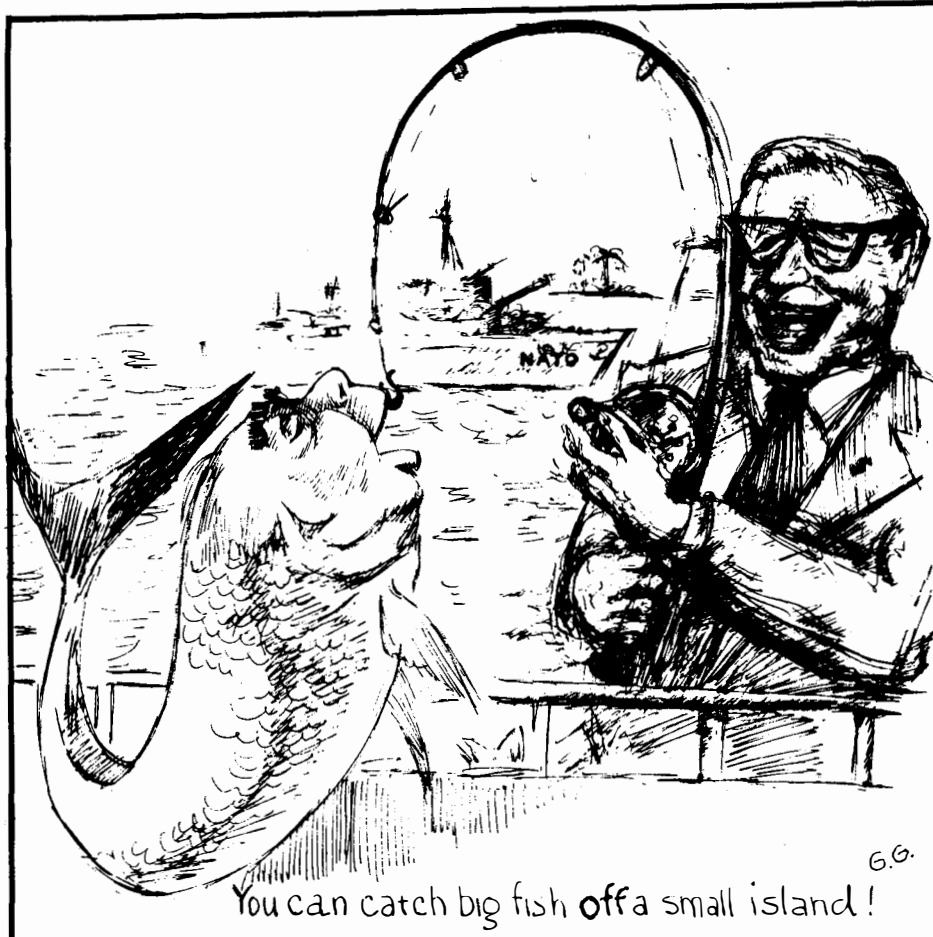
IPS interviewed Osman Olcay, Turkish Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, August 8 in New York City. Mr. Olcay began by affirming that *"the whole operation [on Cyprus] has not a single aspect concerning NATO."*

When the IPS correspondent detailed to Mr. Olcay exactly how NATO and the CIA have choreographed the whole Cyprus affair as part of Rockefeller's plot to sew up the Middle East, consolidate the southeastern flank of NATO, and transform the Turkish military into the police force for the area to ensure that the Soviet Union keeps out, Mr. Olcay thoughtfully re-examined his position.

Stating at first that *"I am a great believer in [Prime*

Minister] Ecevit and the role that he plays in my country," Mr. Olcay, in the course of the one-and-one-half hour discussion, acknowledged that Ecevit had had no choice but to invade Cyprus due to the anti-Greek nationalist hysteria fomented by the CIA-controlled Turkish media. *"If what you [IPS] say is true, if Ecevit indeed had no alternative but to attack,"* Mr. Olcay asked, *"What is your alternative? What is your solution?"* Struck by items such as IPS evidence that Nikos Sampson had been brainwashed [see IPS No. 12] and intrigued by the IPS analysis of the Cyprus crisis — as well as of the international situation — Mr. Olcay agreed to consider seriously the Labor Committee proposal for the World Population Conference to be held later this month in Bucharest.

(Brezhnev and Rockefeller)



Rockefeller Seizes Government

NEW YORK, August 9 (IPS) — Nelson Rockefeller and his cohorts in the Central Intelligence Agency seized full control of the Federal Government this week, toppling Richard Nixon in a bloodless coup and installing Gerald Ford as figurehead President of an American-style interim “von Papen” regime.

Completely confirming the January analysis of IPS, this Rockefeller cabal maneuver to create an interim “constitutional” civilian-military bureaucratic government as a foot-in-the-door to full-fledged 1984 fascist dictatorship is the culmination of the Watergate-impeachment phase of the cabal’s plot.

Rockefeller and his gang expect that, as the 1932 Franz von Papen regime of “civil peace” resting upon military-police authority paved the way for the assumption of power of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, the civilian-military “national unity” administration of puppet Gerald Ford will complete the task of discrediting and dissolving bourgeois democracy and prepare the way for the cabal’s Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) National Gestapo and Army Special Forces “Waffen SS” to wage all-out war on the working class.

When the situation is ripe, the Rockefeller family’s blueprint calls for dumping Ford in order to impose fascist dictatorship from above, utilizing their fascist infrastructure to brainwash, resettle, and enslave the population. The Rockefeller-CIA game-plan is to impose a fascist dictatorship in the U.S., if they can pull it off, by the end of this year.

Fascist Economics

Meanwhile, the cabal is plotting to get its fascist economic program off the ground and through the Congress on the momentum of the recent impeachment drive. The necessary cannibalistic economic policies and legislation have been pushed and laid out in detail over the past several days by Senator Javits, Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns, Representative Reuss, among others: massive slave labor public works, a centralized stranglehold on credit to control the channeling of funds only to slave labor projects, and corporatist planning and control bodies.

Only the naive believe that Ford’s will be a “normal” Presidency and that Nixon was deposed this week by the “invisible hand” of the “democratic process.” In fact, the

bloodstained hands of the Rockefellers are already strangling Ford after brutally engineering the coup against Nixon.

Already the conspirators’ press organs, particularly the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, have been pushing Ford hard to name none other than Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President! This can only be because Rocky the egomaniac is insistent that he be put openly in a position to become America’s first dictator. This could prove extremely dangerous to the cabal, which has to face the Labor Committee-led political working-class movement, and more reasoned cabal heads may yet prevail. They will have to weigh the advantages of having Rockefeller on the inside personally directing the “von Papen” regime against the tremendous propaganda ammunition this will present the growing working-class machine. No matter what the outcome, Presidency and Vice Presidency will be held by non-elected officers beholden only to the cabal.

Whether Rockefeller is Vice President or not, Ford’s will be no normal administration. Leonard Woodcock, the leading Rockefeller-CIA operative in the labor movement, August 8 echoed Maxwell Taylor, Marcus Raskin, James Reston, and Jacob Javits’ previous demand that a “super cabinet” now replace the traditional Presidency. In their nationally syndicated column August 8, Evans and Novak, while thumping hard for Rockefeller’s Vice Presidential ego trip, bared the real Rockefeller-CIA military power that will direct figurehead Ford, himself a member of Rockefeller’s Critical Choices Commission, in the assault on constitutional government in Europe and North America.

According to Evans and Novak, among the men now “being eyed” as high-level operatives in the Ford White House are Robert Ellsworth and Donald Rumsfeld. The latter is the present U. S. ambassador to NATO, while the former, not coincidentally a past ambassador to NATO, presently holds the top-level cabal intelligence post of Assistant Secretary of Defense for international security affairs.

Under his master’s whip, Ford has already announced that he will retain Henry Kissinger and, in a switch from his previous public position, Rockefeller flunky James

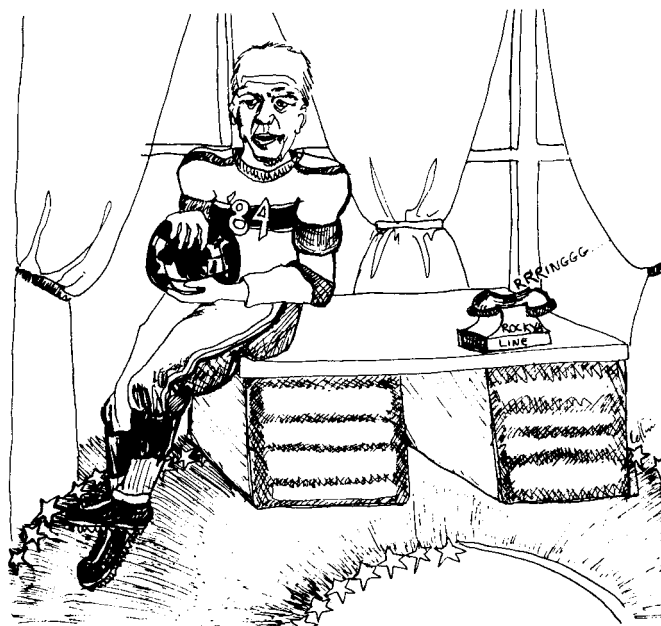
Schlesinger as well. General Alexander Haig, the Rockefeller-CIA insider in the Nixon administration, is being asked to remain as Chief of Staff — though the cabal may have plans for him in the field.

Also, just as von Papen rescinded the ban on Hitler's stormtroopers, the SA, shortly after taking power — at once unleashing political terror not seen since the early days of the Weimar Republic — the Rockefeller gang is planning as soon as politically feasible to turn the CIA and the FBI completely loose on society. The carefully drawn-up Section Five of the Judiciary Committees' impeachment Article 2 against Nixon, declaring the CIA and FBI independent of the President, was designed to flee these para-military "Super Agencies" to accomplish for Rockefeller what the SA did for Krupp and Farben.

Losing Leverage

In spite of these obvious gains, the Rockefeller-CIA forces are far from having things wrapped up. In fact, entering a period of exacerbated economic instability and accompanying labor unrest, in certain important ways they have lost leverage.

Without Richard Nixon to kick around anymore, the cabal no longer has a convenient Herbert Hoover to scapegoat for the Rockefeller-engineered economic collapse. While trying to shove their fascist economic program down the throats of a resistant working class, the Rockefeller gang will have to offer a new explanation for the failure of the government to be able to effectively deal with skyrocketing inflation and unemployment. The cabal, after a suitable period of fanfare for the "glories of democracy" and the "wonders of constitutional government," supposedly demonstrated by the removal of Nixon, will have to switch their line sharply. The problem turns out to be, they will announce, that bourgeois democracy simply doesn't



work! But, before the cabal does its about-face on the question of democratic government, the Labor Committees will have briefed millions of workers on the real nature of the new political order to be organized under the "National Unity" cover of the Ford administration.

The Labor Committees and the U. S. Labor Party, establishing undisputed hegemony in the labor movement, will shake the working class out of its temporary shell-shocked state over the decapitation of the presidency. Spreading the message "Stop Rockefeller Now!" through all pores of the class, the revolutionary vanguard will catalyze and lead a mass working-class movement as Rockefeller and his disorganized agents in the labor movement are still bound by their phony "constitutional national unity government" cover.

Nixon on Economy: 'Nothing We Can Do'

AUGUST 10 (IPS) — Carrying the "Hooverization" of Nixon to its ridiculous extreme, several U. S. newspapers printed an exchange between Nixon and Haldeman on the international monetary crisis taken from the recently released June 23, 1072 White House tape.

The newspapers' purpose in highlighting this excerpt is to hammer home Nixon's ignorance of world finance. While the tape does reveal that Nixon's grasp of economics was indeed weak, the real irony — which the papers fail to note — is that throughout his presidential term Nixon never had any control whatsoever over U.S.

or international financial matters. Global economic management — and collapse — can be laid squarely at the door of Nelson and David Rockefeller.

[E.g. Haldeman: "You want a run-down (on the floating of the British pound)?" Nixon: "No, I don't... It's too complicated for me to get into."]

Perhaps Nixon had an unconscious inkling of this when he responded to Haldeman's report that Britain had just floated the pound by saying: "I don't care about it. Nothing we can do about it."



The 'Humanization' of James Rodney Schlesinger

August 12 (IPS) — The *New York Times*, one of the CIA's leading public relations organs, devoted the cover story in its August 4 Sunday Magazine to a slick image overhaul on Defense Secretary James "Rodney the Robot" Schlesinger: "Schlesinger for Defense in a World of Peanuts and MAD."

By stressing Schlesinger's "rivalry" with superstar Henry Kissinger, the *Times* hopes to catapult colorless bureaucrat Schlesinger to the status of another Super Statesman. More important, the *Times* is countering the brand of detente labeled "Kissinger" with the Schlesinger version — detente with a gun.

Schlesinger's previous achievement of note was his role as mouthpiece for the Rockefeller strategy of "limited nuclear warfare" against the Soviet Union. A relatively sophisticated unit in the RAND computer network, Schlesinger is being wheeled out as a factional figurehead in support of Rockefeller's current policy towards the USSR — a policy of aggressively pushing the

trembling Soviets from one retreat to the next and tossing them a superficial gesture towards detente whenever it is convenient. Thus the *Times* puff, which portrays Schlesinger as a hard-headed guy whose time has come, a tough administrator who is pro-detente but "realistic" about defense. Schlesinger's printout reads, "Detente yes, but on Rockefeller's terms."

The particular *Times* twist is the article's secondary theme: Schlesinger as absent-minded professor. The *Times* knows that the portrait of Schlesinger as a philosophizing slob, an unkempt fellow, will pull on the nostalgic heart-strings of liberal readers and evoke bittersweet images of canonized liberals like Eugene McCarthy and Ramsey Clark. Schlesinger's sabre-rattling, his CIA history, the politics he actually represents are not important, says the *Times*. Love him, for he has a thoroughly liberal style — he loves Peanuts and MAD magazine.

Agricultural Roundup

August 12 [IPS] — In this issue, IPS inaugurates an "Agriculture Roundup," a series of brief reports on the international agriculture situation. These items are telexed at least three times a week to our telex subscribers on the dates indicated. The Roundup will be reproduced in full as a regular feature in the weekly printed IPS. For more information on the agriculture service by telex, contact IPS.

August 6 (IPS) — Since the last IPS agriculture brief appeared, the peasant ferment sweeping Western Europe has accelerated, spreading from France and Belgium through the Netherlands and West Germany. This outward movement — significantly highlighted in some cases by actual united-front overtures made by peasants to workers — is occurring against the wishes of the leadership of most of the peasant organizations on the continent.

Underlying this, Rockefeller's deliberate, genocidal devastation of world agriculture intensifies. The drought in the U.S. Midwest continues to take its toll of crops, while the severe fertilizer shortage threatens Indian food output.

At the same time, Rockefeller's U.S. media mouthpieces are launching an attack on "greedy farmers" hoping to convince workers to turn against their natural allies as the cause of dwindling, expensive food supplies.

BELGIUM

August 6 (IPS) — The peasant protest in Belgium has expanded significantly over the past week, taking on a more nationally coordinated program of action. At this point, it appears that all of the major peasant organizations, including the heretofore reluctant Catholic Boerenbond, have joined in the ferment. The major activities so far have consisted in roadblocks, but following the example of France's MODEF, the peasants also have begun to distribute free food to passing motorists.

The Boerenbond in Courtal held demonstrations around that city July 29, while the peasants of Limbourg

and Louvain-Terlemont held a meeting in the market at Tongres. Presiding over the meeting was M. Van Kerkhove of the Algemeen Boerenfront who said the agricultural price policy of the EEC would be "catastrophic in the short run." The group then called for a general strike on July 30. The Union Professionelles Agricole, one of the leading Belgian peasant groups, called for demonstrations to be held throughout Wallonia July 29. In Uccle, gendarmes were brought out to stop angry peasants; no incidents of violence were reported. The primary demands of the peasants are a revision of the EEC's price policy and that peasants be permitted to postpone payment on certain debts.

Belgium's Minister of Agriculture Albert Lavens just announced a series of measures in response to the peasant unrest. These include livestock slaughter premiums, direct government aid to cattle-raisers in certain areas of the country, and tax cuts for farmers.

FRANCE

August 6 (IPS) — Peasant protests and demonstration continue unabated. The French Federation of Agriculture (FFA) along with the Communist-led peasant organization, MODEF, intend to increase demonstrations, especially since French President Giscard d'Estaing had excluded them from a meeting he will hold with the officially recognized peasant groups, the FNSEA and CNJA. Local organizations are increasing their warnings, like the Bouches-du-Rhone CNJA which declared: "It is not certain that our demonstrations will go on quietly because farmers are exasperated and will go up to the victory." Indre-et-Loire professionals and parliamentarians sent a telegram to French premier Chirac demanding that the agricultural ministers of the nine European Economic Community (EEC) countries hold an emergency meeting to discuss the crisis in agriculture.

Peasants Attack Solutionless Leaders

Le Monde July 31 notes that the dissatisfaction remains very acute within the "base," i.e., the rank-and-file peasantry. The Gueret Committee (which represents peasant organizations from 19 departments in central France) called on meat producers and others to "pursue, intensify and increase their actions towards the government and towards those parliamentarians who have not demanded an extraordinary Assembly session."



Part of the rank-and-file is turning against its solutionless leaders. A bomb was placed in the home of Marcel Bruet, president of the National Confederation of Cattle Raisers, while a Republican Independent party deputy in the Rhone region was submerged by peasants in his office. In Saumur, tens of delegates from five departments organized a demonstration at a speech given by Premier Chirac.

Meanwhile, the French Communist Party (PCF) and the Socialist Party signed a joint communique with the Communist-led truck drivers federation underlining a "convergence of interests" between the two layers.

Numerous road-blockings were organized by farmers in the southwest and the center of the country. One hundred tons of fruit were destroyed by enraged peasants in the Gard region. More than 13,000 grape vines were uprooted and destroyed by angry farmers in the Gironde region, while farmers in Meuse lost 200 hectares of grain to "an invasion of rodents."

ELC Pushes Debt Moratorium

In the midst of this chaos, members of the Paris

branch of the European Labor Committee intervened at a press conference held by the PCF to present its proposal demanding a moratorium on all farm debt with the provision that if such a moratorium were instituted, it would be at the expense of capitalist, not working-class income. The proposal was received favorably by most PCFers. One leader, Minot, commented: "We are not against a moratorium, we are even for it..." Then he concluded with the shortsighted and evasive remark that there were certain immediate priorities which had to come before a debt moratorium, such as increasing the price of livestock at the production level.

As for the government's response, Finance Minister Fourcade announced that price controls for certain livestock would be enforced severely. These include hog meat, whose price actually is to be **lowered** this month; and beef, for which, Fourcade said, price controls would have to be discussed with professional representatives. Fourcade's announcement is a clear slap in the face to the peasants and farmers who have been demonstrating for the past month demanding price increases.

INDIA [and Bangladesh]

August 6 (IPS) — Monsoon rains caused the worst floods in 20 years in Bangladesh, flooding 12,000 square miles. India's northeastern state, Assam, was flooded as rivers overflowed. No estimate of crop damage has been released yet.

In the Indian state of Punjab, where technology effectively had upgraded farming, this year's wheat crop will be approximately one million tons less than last year's, due to the fertilizer shortage and price doubling. In addition, farmers in the area are turning from rice production to maize, a crop less nutritious, but also less demanding of fertilizer.

In Haryana, a "surplus food state," the government reports that food grain production dropped by 10 lakh tons since 1971, despite increased inputs of irrigation and fertilizer.

BRITAIN

August 6 (IPS) — The sugar shortage which Britain's Minister of Agriculture claims is nonexistent erupted into violent confrontations between housewives August 2, when fighting broke out at a supermarket between customers struggling to claim the remaining stocks of sugar. "We never thought panic buying would reach such proportions," said a spokesman for the store, where sugar was selling at an incredible 281 pounds per minute.

The Milk Marketing Board recently released a study documenting the collapse of Britain's dairy industry. In the past year, 4000 dairy producers abandoned the industry, a 25 per cent increase from the preceding 12 months. The rate of abandonment has accelerated over the last three months. Numbers of dairy cows fell 1.3 per cent in the last year, while inseminations dropped 2.5 per cent. With the high cost of feed causing a lowering in the nutritional content of the cow's nourishment, milk yield per cow slumped from 906 gallons to 870 gallons in the year.

WEST GERMANY

August 6 (IPS) — The rightwing newspaper, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, is reiterating its attack on German farmers. While the newspaper's editors recognize the existence of a European-wide agriculture crisis, they brazenly tell West German farmers that they are better off than their counterparts in other countries, and are just complaining the way they have for centuries.

NETHERLANDS

August 6 (IPS) — Testifying to the intensity of the agricultural crisis, peasant unrest is breaking out in the Netherlands, where farming is more profitable than in any other Western European country. Farmer demonstrations in the country are taking place despite the opposition of farm organization leaders.

ITALY

August 6 (IPS) — Acceding to the EEC demand that she drop her import restrictions for agricultural products, Italy did away with all such restrictions August 1, except for the 25 per cent import deposit which will be required on beef imports. The practical effects of the new provisions, which include a 12.5 per cent devaluation of the so-called "green lire," are that lire prices of agricultural products will jump 12.5 per cent.

JAPAN

August 6 (IPS) — The Tanaka Cabinet raised producers' rice prices by 37.4 per cent this week after days of farmer demonstrations. As a result, consumer prices for rice will rise 40 per cent by October. According to the *Japanese Times*, the psychological effect of the price increase will bring on food hoarding and a black market, and will also divert farmers to rice production and away from needed soybeans and wheat.

UNITED STATES

August 6 (IPS) — The CIA mouthpiece, the *New York Times*, carried several psychological warfare articles in its pages this week. The July 29 *Times* had an editorial, "Europe's Beef Berg," which retailed the Rockefeller line that the advanced, overfed sector should sacrifice some of its unneeded consumption to feed the third world. The editorial attacked the EEC's recent ban on beef imports for "delaying a necessary readjustment through production cutbacks....grain saved by a cutback in beef output could feed five times as many of the world's hungry millions as the meat that is foregone."

The *Times* also called for a conference to determine immediate and longer-term plans to prevent "overproduction of meat in the advanced countries while millions in the third world go hungry for grain."

The *Washington Post* picked up another thread of the same line in its August 2 edition. A lead front-page article, "Farmers Hold Grains to Increase Prices," by Dan Morgan opens up a major assault on farmers, depicting them as a greedy bunch who are holding their wheat off the market to force prices up. The article characterizes farmers as a special interest group colluding in swindling the public. A similar attack has been launched on milk producers, via the Watergate route.

Picking up the ball was George Hoffman, spokesman at the U.S. Agricultural Department's Economic Research Service. His explanation of meat price increases is that farmers are withholding beef from market in order to get higher prices. Hoffman also predicted that the current devastating drought in the Midwest would affect meat prices.

Rainfall in the corn belt this week brought an influx of long-term contract liquidations, as speculators decided to cash in their paper profits. Soybeans, corn, wheat, hogs, cattle and broilers all declined the limit, as the prediction of additional rainfall dampened the expected catastrophe in the harvest and relieved the supply pressure on the cost of animal feeds. How long this trend continues depends on the short-term swings of the weather and the panic rumors which the press can circulate and inflate.

Feed prices continue to climb. Corn is being sold at prices equal to the high of July 1973. Corn is available at a price, i.e., a blackmarket price, forced on desperate farmers by hoarders holding back grain in hopes of higher profit. In some areas, corn is being rationed. Often farmers get only 50 per cent of their requirements.

Other sources of feed, such as hay, are selling for as high as \$60 per ton. The second and third cuttings now practically are nonexistent because of the drought.

Meanwhile, the government has ordered Shell to halt production on two pesticides named as posing an "imminent hazard" to the public health. This appears to be blatant attack on the corn crop for which pesticides are required to control crop-destroying insects. A Shell lawyer said the order was "small potatoes" for the company, while the ban "is going to jump the price of corn like crazy."

BRITAIN

August 1 (IPS) — The two largest British fertilizer producers, Fisons and Imperial Chemical Industries, have raised their prices approximately 25 per cent, although Imperial's price hike still must obtain government approval. This brings the total increase in fertilizer prices to 75 per cent this year. The price increases are linked to higher costs for phosphate rock, ammonia, and potash. In response, the British National Farmers Union has called for the reinstatement of fertilizer subsidies to farmers which were abolished in May. According to the *Journal of Commerce*, the National Farmers Union "has had little success convincing the Labour government of the need to reintroduce them."

BELGIUM

August 1 (IPS) — Peasant demonstrations also are spreading through Belgium. The Algemeen Boerensyndicaat, an organization of Flemish farmers, announced that if the EEC did not revise agricultural prices, it would initiate a strike-boycott July 30. The boycott would be aimed at stopping the flow of goods to and from plants and cutting off the flow of farm products to markets. The organization also announced that its members would refuse to buy anything at all for the duration of the boycott.

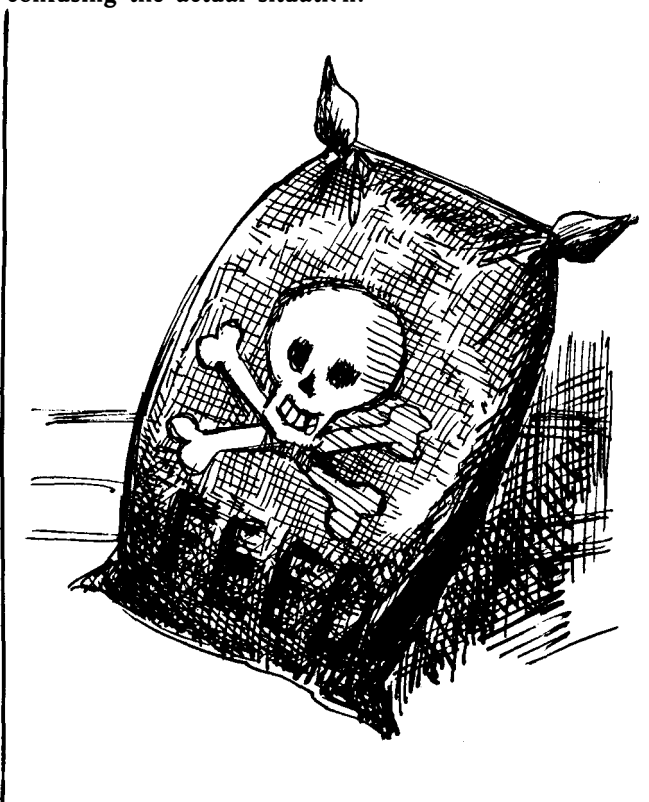
Last week, Belgian farmers blocked the entrance to the Diepenbeek milk plant and also temporarily blocked

the roads to Renaix. So far, the Catholic peasants union the Boerenbond has refused to go along with the demonstrations. In Wallonia, the Libramont agricultural fair has been cancelled in order to prevent confrontations between farmers who support the demonstrations and those who do not.

The Union des Exploitants Familiaux (small farmers) are calling on the Walloon peasants to join the strike of the Algemeen Boerensyndicaat.

MERCURY POISONING OF EUROPEAN CATTLE

August 1 (IPS) — Initial reports that 80,000 calves have been slaughtered because of mercury-contaminated feed produced by CPC International were retracted in the *Wall Street Journal* July 31, which reports that so far only a few hundred cattle had to be killed. Whether or not this subsequent figure is accurate, rumors are flying confusing the actual situation.



The background is as follows: A European subsidiary of CPC International, the largest corn-products industry in the world, shipped a mercury product to a Dutch animal feed company which used it in preparing artificial milk for calves. The mercury product was produced in Britain by another CPC firm and shipped to a CPC warehouse in the Netherlands before being sold to the Dutch feed company, Trouw. Trouw shipped 60 tons of the mercury-contaminated feed to cattle producers in Italy, France, and the Netherlands. In addition, CPC's Dutch firm sold 25 tons of the feed.

The IPS research staff is investigating the situation, including possible Rockefeller involvement.

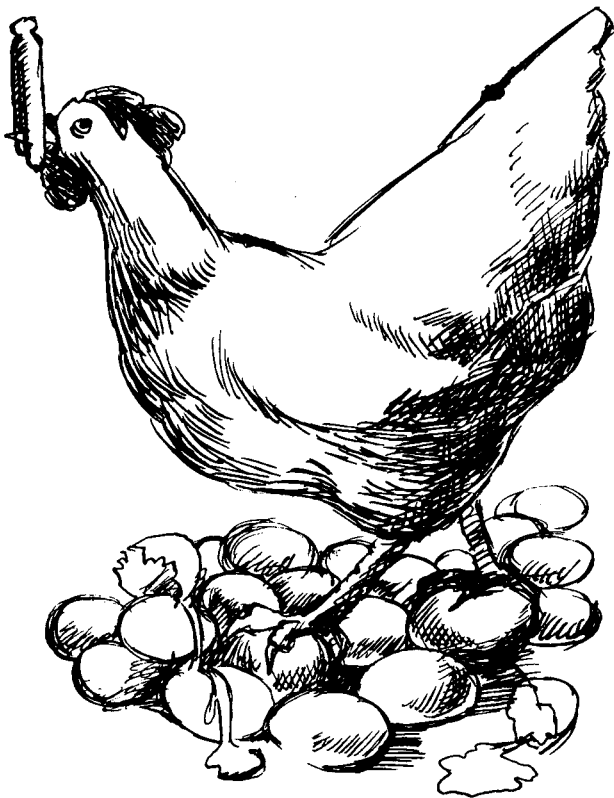
CANADA

August 1 (IPS) — In a sharp blow to Canadian wheat farmers, the Canadian Wheat Board today gave up sole jurisdiction over wheat marketing in Eastern Canada. The consequent elimination of price guarantees undoubtedly will mean a rapid, sharp decline in Canadian wheat prices.

The Canadian milk and turkey industries are in trouble, due to poor price returns. The Alberta Turkey Marketing Board reports that Canada is in danger of losing all its independent turkey producers, while milk production in the country was down 2.2 per cent in the first six months of 1974, and down 3.1 per cent in June.

Thousands of dozens of government-owned surplus eggs are rotting because they've been in storage too long. According to the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, this situation is caused by efforts to keep egg prices above farmers' costs; this in turn has encouraged lower consumption and overproduction.

Meanwhile, a shortage of rain is deteriorating crops in Alberta; rain is needed immediately to save them.



FRANCE

August 1 (IPS) — Peasant demonstrations continue to rage as the agricultural crisis deepens. Peasant protesters covered the house of an Independent Republican Party deputy with excrement and set fire to an estate belonging to President Giscard d'Estaing's sister. In a more politically productive vein, farmers in Finistere (in the province of Brittany) announced they will attempt to

mobilize non-peasant sectors of the population to offset the government's attempts to pit farmers against workers.

Meanwhile, the European Labor Committee has confirmed the French newspaper *Le Figaro* report that rank-and-file members of the FNSEA, the largest peasant organization, are threatening a debt moratorium. Regional leaders of the Alpes Mediteranee section of the FNSEA said that moratorium discussions were underway. According to FNSEA leaders, if immediate measures are not taken by the government to alleviate the current drastic situation in agriculture, peasants will be unable to pay their debts.

The newspaper *Le Monde* (July 29) carried an interview with Minister of Agriculture Bonnet in which he expressed "clemency" for the farmers' demonstrations, expecting them to dwindle once the peasants realize the "magnitude" of the government's efforts to help them. To Bonnet's "soft cop" routine, Premier Chirac plays "hard cop," threatening that peasant violence will be repressed in the most severe way.

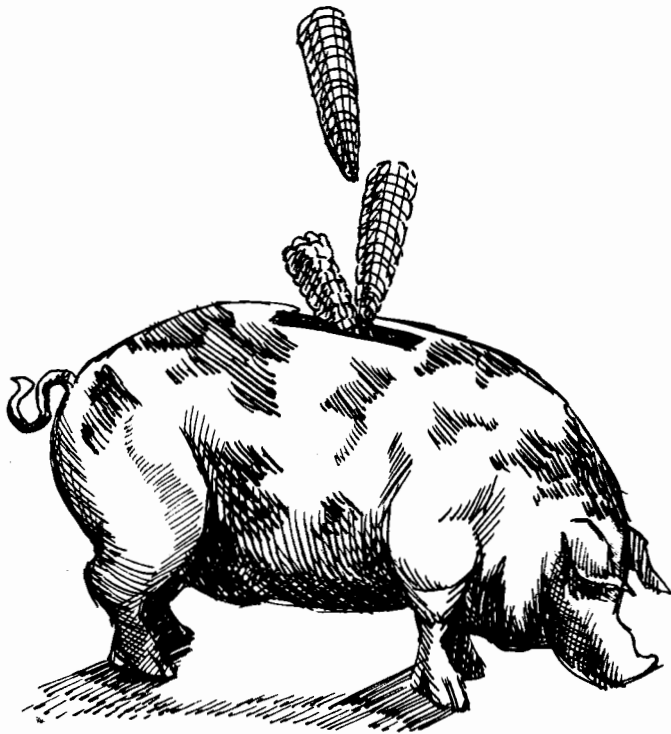
Bonnet is working on a new agricultural policy, which includes modernization of the agricultural structure (increasing the size of farms) and integration of production, distribution, and consumption. Public authorities would tighten organization of the markets to avoid product "surpluses" by cutting off credit, subsidies, and premiums to peasants refusing to comply. Bonnet's measures would result in a total recasting of existing EEC Common Agricultural Policy mechanisms.

WEST GERMANY

August 1 (IPS) — German peasants, most likely in collaboration with neo-Nazi Franz-Josef Strauss, head of the rightwing Christian Social Union, have formed a farmers organization which will publish a paper called "The Green Fist." In a well-conceived push to capture the massive unrest among peasants, the "Fist" announced a program of activities which includes a wave of demonstrations scheduled to begin in late summer and continue into the winter; a large conference; a national poster; and a unified national program.

Moving at high speed, the "Green Fist" is concentrating on organizing the provinces of Hessen and Bavaria. It is aiming to wipe out the working-class based party, the Social Democracy, before the fall elections in these areas. The fascist Strauss has been denouncing the Social Democrats for causing lowered farm income and rising unemployment.

To prevent this incipient fascist movement from developing further, the European Labor Committee immediately will push the Social Democrats to join with it in publishing a poster proclaiming the Labor Committee solution to the agricultural crisis: expanded food production and the immediate development of controlled thermonuclear fusion power.



UNITED STATES

August 1 (IPS) — The last weekly Department of Agriculture crop weather report said rains in parts of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota last week helped corn crops in these areas, but that extreme soil dryness made the situation still critical. According to the report, "Corn in western Iowa as well as dryland corn in Nebraska and Kansas has been hurt considerably...." Official USDA crop estimates already have been reduced by 700 million bushels for corn and 275 bushels for wheat.

IPS has checked directly with the Weather Bureau to assess the exact nature of the Midwest drought. There is no doubt that drought conditions exist and these are considerably more widespread and severe than the last major drought in 1963-64. As of yet, the drought has not reached the proportions of the devastating 1956 drought.

Tilford C. Gaines, senior vice president and economist at Manufacturers Hanover Trust, notes in his monthly cassette report that the drought-caused cut in the U.S. grain crop and the lowered grain production in other countries mean that food prices will rise to record highs this year, aggravating inflation. Gaines predicts that 1974 will be the worst single year for consumer inflation, surpassing even the record inflation years of 1946 and 1920.

The July 30 *Wall Street Journal* cites a "private report" to the effect that a "merciless drought is drying up the midlands and it is probably too late to save billions of dollars in crops." Along with this storm of

panic came a rush of commodity price increases above the limit for soybeans, corn, oatmeal, wheat, and livestock.

The July 30 *Journal of Commerce* contains the following coverage of the drought: New Mexico Governor Bunce says that his state's rangeland is in the worst shape since 1922; all dryland wheat has been burned out. Nebraska's governor has declared that state a drought disaster area, with a zero corn crop expected in some areas. The Texas Agriculture Commissioner claims a 2 billion loss for the state's crops and more for the hard-hit cattle industry. Further, insect damage is increasing because of the dry spell. Nebraska Governor Exon has authorized the cutting and auctioning of hay growing alongside the highways to ease the food shortage. Kansas grain losses are put at \$1 billion so far. Illinois expected to lose 50 per cent of its crops on some farms. If the drought continues, it is feared that the soybean and corn crops of northwestern Ohio will be cut in half.

The August 1 *Journal of Commerce* reports that no significant rainfall is forecast for the Midwest during the next 30 days. The paper also reports that as a result of the drought, the rootworm beetle is foraging on Iowa's corn crop.

The Dallas Federal Reserve has targeted the end of this fall as the date when cattle/calf producers will go under. According to the agricultural economist at the Detroit Federal Reserve, bankers are "extremely nervous" that the industry will collapse, since nearly all short-term loans to livestock producers in the U.S. come due at that time. With cattlemen losing at least \$30-70 per head this year, many will not be able to meet their loans.

Since banks this year began to demand that farmers offer real estate as collateral for loans instead of the usual policy of using their herds as collateral, cattle farmers face losing their entire farms to Rockefeller-controlled banks when unpayable loans come due in several months.

Bad Tydings

The Rockefeller plan for the destruction of world agriculture and resultant genocide of at least one billion people is summed up in a report developed by former Maryland Senator Joseph Tyding's Population Crisis Committee and presented at the United Nations in April 1974. The program titled "Declaration on Food and Population," calls for the following:

- Population control policies "relevant to national needs."

In other words, Rockefeller's banks will force "let them starve"-type austerity policies on countries wishing to obtain credit for buying food supplies.

•Establishment of food reserves. *That is, food banks should be established under total Rockefeller domination, dispensing food as a primary means of population control.*

•Birth control. *Rockefeller's euphemism for genocide.*

Over 1000 people have signed this document, including 25 senators, 45 congressmen, numerous foreign dictators, and, most prominently, I.W. Abel of the United Steelworkers Union; Leonard Woodcock of the United Auto Workers, and key CIA operative, Robert McNamara, head of the World Bank and author of the infamous McNamara Plan which calls for turning the underdeveloped sector into a vast concentration camp where starving slave laborers produce, through labor-intensive methods, food to feed their industrial slave labor counterparts in Europe and the United States; and John D. Rockefeller III, the "father" of Zero Population Growth.

Echoing this murderous program, Congressman William Barrett, who "represents" Philadelphia's first congressional district and who is being challenged by United States Labor Party candidate, Bernie Salera, recently sent out a newsletter to his constituency entitled "The Diminishing American Food Supply." Much of this was taken directly from an April 22 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article, "The Use of Agriculture as a Tool, Not a Gift," written by Herbert Wilf.

The Wilf article specifically recommends that the U.S. sell its food exports to the UN because the control of food in times of crisis is a political weapon. Barrett suggests that the U.S. use its "agripower" against the third world oil-exporting countries' "petropower." Of course, neither Barrett nor Wilf notes that the Rockefeller cabal masterminded the so-called oil hoax in order to bankrupt oil-importing countries and now is engaged in destroying worldwide agriculture production, including that of the United States.

ITALY

July 30 (IPS) — Austerity measures demanded by Rockefeller's credit squeeze are directly responsible for taxes and import measures which have resulted in a 39 per cent decline in meat consumption. Meat is now a luxury. The Italian level of meat consumption is expected to near that designated by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization for the underdeveloped countries. In Milan, meat markets are closing as often as four afternoons a week because of the precipitous drop in business.

Wholesale meat prices went up by an expected 40 cents per kilogram on beef imported from outside the EEC. July 17, the EEC decided to prohibit imports of meat from non-Community countries. The Italian

Minister of Agriculture Bisaglia refused to subsidize lower meat prices by the requested amount of 50 per cent. He is ready to pay 25 per cent of the existing EEC subsidy. Bisaglia announced July 17, however, that he will allow pensioners to buy three pounds of meat per month at one-half the going price.

General alarm is spreading in anticipation of imminent food cost increases. The newspaper *Il Messagero* predicted a "black future" for food prices. The government announced that price controls will be replaced by controls on the basic "bread basket": bread, pasta, oil, milk and a few other essential commodities. To provoke further price increases, there is an increased value added tax levy on basic food products.

Prices Up; Food in Short Supply

•Today in Rome, Milk prices increased by 30 per cent. The price of industrial milk is soaring, in turn forcing the wholesale cost of basic cheeses like mozzarella to rise from 1000 lira per kilogram.

•Although the wholesale price of seasonal fruits and vegetables declined, retail prices remain up.

•The price of milk, coffee and other beverages has doubled.

•Despite recent large increases in the price of sugar, that commodity cannot be found in stores.

•Hard wheat production in the U.S. declined by a drastic one-third, with Italy harshly affected by the cut in production. Europe, with Italy at the top of the list, obtains 50 per cent of the yearly U.S. hard wheat output.

•Although the amount of food Italy imports has not increased in the past two years, expenditures for food imports have tripled.

•The tax on bananas is expected to double in order to discourage imports.

WEST GERMANY

July 30 (IPS) — The population has increased its consumption of noodles by 37 per cent in the last six months. There is no beef in West Germany. Pork production is in its death agony, as the increased slaughter of hogs too expensive to maintain to maturity has resulted in a decline of hog prices by 125 marks in the past six months; prices are now at their all-time low.

At the same time, farmers' costs have risen rapidly. Prices of farm machinery and grain are up 12 per cent over the past six months. If increases in fertilizer costs and debt are added, costs have increased 50 per cent.

GREAT BRITAIN

July 30 (IPS) — Per capita caloric intake has been reduced by 25-29 per cent since January. Sugar has been widely used as a substitute for more nourishing forms of food. Now a severe shortage of sugar has occurred. Sky-

rocketing prices and an immediate decline in consumption are in prospect. While world sugar futures turned downward on the London Market, new life-of-contract highs and a record daily spot price of 284 pounds per ton were achieved.

UNITED STATES

July 30 (IPS) — At the Minnesota Governors conference, Nelson Rockefeller laid out his food program for U.S. workers. "We are already consuming more than enough protein to meet productivity requirements," he said. Speakers at the conference were all Rockefeller men: Lester Brown of the Agency for International Development; Paul Findley and Quentin West from NATO; Norman Borlaug from Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices; and Hubert Humphrey, Rockefeller's "just plain folks."

Yesterday, the *New York Times* backed up Rockefeller's austerity plan with an editorial demanding that U.S. workers join their comrades in Western Europe in a meat-free diet. "We must prevent overproduction of meat in the advanced sector while millions are starving for wheat in the Third World," the *Times* stated.

The Governors conference issued a press release which outlines the Rockefeller solution — the creation of a Rockefeller-controlled extra-parliamentary body with life-and-death control over the population through food control.



Unnecessary Drought

July 30 (IPS) — A totally unnecessary and perhaps intentionally created drought in the major farm belt threatens to destroy large portions of the corn, sorghum, and wheat crops. Nebraska has already lost 50 per cent of its farmland. Governor Exon of Nebraska has declared that state a disaster area.

The *Journal of Commerce* implies this is the result of a drought cycle which created dust bowl conditions in the 1930s. In reality it is the Rockefeller-controlled depression collapse which is making irrigation unthinkable, bankrupting farmers just as it did in the Great Depression. Farmers are chopping up corn for silage — where there is any corn to chop.

"Food crops are burned up," laments Alfred Bond, manager for Goodpasture Inc., a farm grain handler. "Farmers will be lucky to get 25 per cent of last year's sorghum crop." One farmer in central Illinois complained: "If corn goes to \$4, I'll have to get nearly \$55 a hundredweight for my hogs to make any profit. If I don't get it, I won't produce." Hog prices are currently at \$37 a hundredweight. In the same area, agricultural experts are **expecting** only a 50 per cent crop yield.

Anticipating the grim harvest, speculators on the grain commodity exchanges yesterday sent the price of all grain except sorghum up the legal limit; sorghum prices rocketed 50 per cent beyond that limit. Thus Rockefeller's Cargill and Continental Grain Corporations continue to profit at the expense of both farmers and consumers.

At the same time, fertilizer supplies are at an all-time low. As of June 1, the following number of days of supplies existed: 12 days of nitrogen, 11 of phosphate, and 13.5 of potash.

Anthrax will cut meat production further. The epidemic in Texas will undoubtedly be followed by outbreaks elsewhere, despite quarantine measures. Anthrax is essentially a depression-caused disease: underfed animals unable to find grass while grazing instead eat roots where anthrax spores live. In Texas, the National Guard has been called in to enforce the quarantines, in another step toward innoculating the U.S. population for military control.

CANADA

July 30 (IPS) — With the decline in food prices and the tight credit, farmers are in deep trouble. A majority of farm loans are made solely on the basis of the farmer-borrower's own statement and the bank manager's knowledge of his ability to repay. The senior economist of the Toronto Dominion Bank reports that during the first quarter of 1974, loans to agriculture declined two per cent while all other loans rose. The Canadian government has set up a special land grab bureau, the Land Transfer Plan, to help bankrupt farmers dispose of their property.

Dairy consumption is declining rapidly. The province of New Brunswick, which produced enough milk for provincial consumption ten years ago, today must import milk. Production has declined nearly 50 per cent over the past seven years. Dairy cattle are being slaughtered.



Many abandoned farms are being left empty. In Ontario, a major dairy area, 7,000 farmers have left their farms in the past 18 months.

Hog prices have declined 50 per cent in one year, while feed grain prices have continued high. Pork consumption decreased 10 per cent this spring.

August 1, a new law effectively will reduce farmers' wheat prices, as their crop no longer will be bought exclusively by a central wheat board. Grain

companies and feed mills will now take turns offering lower and lower prices. The *Toronto Globe and Mail* reports that "memories of pre-wheat board days when farmers received only 25 cents a bushel" are coming back.

The hard-hit agricultural sector now is receiving a slave-labor shot in the arm. This spring, the government set up labor pools to allocate workers where needed, and welfare recipients are doing farm labor.

CIA Terrorist Wave Primes World Population for Fascism

August 8 (IPS)—A mounting terror and confusion campaign accompanied the official dismantling in Washington of bourgeois democracy yesterday, as the CIA swept North America and Europe with coordinated bombings and disasters. Bombs killed people at the Los Angeles International Airport and a Washington State railroad station; dynamite was discovered at the United Nations. Victims and perpetrators were unnamed: the acts were acts of faceless terror.

They are intended to hasten the population's submission to the fascist rule now being openly assembled by the Rockefellers and NATO.

The Los Angeles bombing killed two, critically injured 36 and wounded 31. It is the first fatal airport blast in the U.S. The railyard explosion in Wenatchee, Washington, caused by an explosion in an ammonium nitrate tanker in the railyard, killed two and injured 66; it was "like a bomb going off," according to one witness. Investigators of the blast say, "We are not discounting sabotage."

The previous day an unexploded pipe bomb was found at a General Motors office in Burlingame, California. It was reportedly accompanied by a letter from an unknown terrorist group, the "Voice of New America," which sent greetings to the Symbionese Liberation Army, the Black Liberation Army, and the Weathermen. Like the terrorism sweeping France in support of Rockefeller's social policy of regional autonomy, the letter threatened more bombings unless GM agrees to finance statewide public works projects of precisely the kind the Rockefeller forces are gearing up.

On the European continent the terror campaign has struck hardest in those areas where Rockefeller and NATO subversion of constitutional government is closest to all-out subversion by the military and social fascists. A brutal new wave of bombings in Italy included a bomb attack on a train August 4 which killed 12 people and injured 48. Responsibility for the attack, one of the worst explosions of the postwar period, was claimed by the fascist group *Ordine Nero* (Black Order) which created the maximum terror by declaring that the attack was intended to demonstrate "that we are capable of placing bombs where we want at anytime, in any place, when and where we please." The Italian press is stressing the

idea that the attacks are far from over.

The day of the train bombing, a railway worker said, "We are in a war and we don't even know it." Quoted in the press to underline the intensity of the terror campaign, it means something deeper — that behind *Ordine Nero's* terrorism is a graver threat to the Italian working class.

While the structures of actual fascist police rule are officially installed in Italy as a purported response to the contrived terrorism, the Italian Communist Party (PCI) frantically cheers Defense Minister and potential strongman Andreotti. The PCI has endorsed the formation of "anti-fascist" shock troops, proclaiming that it has always defended "honest and loyal" police, namely, the secret service used to publicize the terrorist threat. For years the PCI has besought the social fascists to save them from the terrorists.

Throughout the advanced sector, the character of the terrorist acts is designed to atomize and strengthen the paranoia of a target population, while offering fascist structures as the only organizational defense.

Another Blitz

In England, where the New Year's Heathrow Airport bombing scare was used to mobilize the army, police in the Birmingham area have handed out thousands of leaflets to local shops telling them to prepare for a terrorist bomb onslaught as they did for the World War II blitz, by barricading their shops, appointing "bomb marshalls" and creating restricted areas. Local government workers have identity passes to the main office buildings due to repeated bombings. Retired General Sir Walter Walker advocates the creation of fascist volunteer troops in England on the model of the Northern Irish B Specials.

Terrorist Grid

Further incidents in the CIA's terror wave:

- In Brussels bombs claimed by an organization of Spanish anarchists called the International Revolutionary Action Groups exploded August 5 outside four Spanish offices. The explosion outside Iberia Airlines took place

at rush hour and injured three people.

•The same day, three conservative pro-Israeli newspapers were bombed in Paris; the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine took credit.

•In Canada, the terrorism is aimed directly at wrecking the labor movement. In Montreal, there was a bombing against the home of a worker, one of many strikers against United Aircraft who had gone back to work August 7. The head of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers was charged with mischief after an attempted bomb scare at Toronto International Airport.

•In Vienna a terrorist group exploded a Molotov cocktail on the Belgrade-Hamburg express, injuring passengers.

•Amidst further threats, a series of terrifying railroad accidents with obscure causes has occurred in France, Germany, and Italy.

•In Northern Ireland, the internment system is being "reformed" with the admission that it turns lukewarm militants into raving terrorists. The solution: British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Merlyn Rees' plan for community absorption of these terrorists — turning them loose against the population.

Epidemic Sweeps Brazil

AUGUST 9 (IPS) — Following weeks of complete indifference to the plight of hundreds of dying children, Brazilian authorities suddenly came to life this week in an attempt to circumscribe the epidemic meningitis cases which threaten to spread like wildfire all over Latin America.

In a horrified commentary, *Le Monde's* correspondent Charles Vanhecke reported August 5 that Brazilian health officials would not use the 500,000 doses of A-type vaccine made available to them by a French laboratory until...September, thus giving the deadly disease ample time to wipe out the "undesirable" immiserated layers of the population in the Sao Paulo region. The reason for the delay given by the officials was that it would be preferable to wait for U. S. shipments of C-type vaccine, scheduled for next fall, before proceeding with the immunization.

The next day, however, Vanhecke reported in *Le Monde* that the Brazilian government has decided to reverse its policy and immediately implement an emergency vaccination plan. This unexpected change of

heart was prompted by bleak news from the states of Parana and Rio-Grande-Do-Sul, where numerous meningitis-attributed deaths have been reported over the last week.

Both Parana and Rio-Grande-Do-Sul are rich agricultural areas, with a relatively skilled population, which enjoy a higher standard of living than the rest of Brazil's labor force. If these layers were decimated by the new plague, Rockefeller would not be in a position to ensure the production of the meager food supplies and minimal services required by the labor-intensive Rio de la Plata development project further south.

As for the residents of the *favelas* around Sao Paulo, they have already been discarded and thrown on the scrap-heap. "Who dies of meningitis?" asks a fatalistic doctor. "Well, the children from the *favelas*. They have been dying of verminosis, diarrhea, malnutrition. And they'll continue to die. At bottom, the name you give to their disease is unimportant." We know which name to give to the "health" policy of Rockefeller and his Brazilian flunkies: genocide.

Brezhnev's Hitler-Stalin Pact with the Rockefellers

August 6 (IPS) — In August 1939, just before the Nazi war machine moved into Poland, Josif Stalin signed a non-aggression pact with the fascists. In the following months, Stalin and his intelligence apparatus watched Nazi military preparations for the Eastern front war and fascist takeover of Poland, the Balkans, and the oil fields of Central Eastern Europe.

“And if the Germans turn against you?” “Let them come,” grinned the Georgian macho. Yet until the German attack began — and even for several hours afterwards — this manic bureaucrat nourished the illusion that Hitler would not move against Russia. As the Wehrmacht unrolled Operation Barbarossa across the Russian frontier in June 1941, shipments of Soviet goods were still passing in the opposite direction, last-minute gestures of propitiation.

Thirty-three years later, the Soviet Politburo is carrying out a modern Hitler-Stalin pact with the Rockefeller family. Deluded that they can bargain for the security of Mother Russia, the Soviet leadership is holding to a firm policy of **selling out** the working class in capitalist countries and the governments of the workers states.

Retreat in Berlin

With the present Berlin dispute, East Germany already is getting a taste of how fickle the Soviets' friendship is in this period. When the West German government initiated the open provocation of placing a federal environmental agency in West Berlin, in violation of the Berlin Treaty, the East Germans immediately decried the infraction, threatening to hinder transport of agency materials and personnel on the highway from West Germany (BRD) to Berlin. This retaliation was supported in the Soviet press (which blamed rightwing forces in the BRD).

But Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko then announced he would visit BRD Foreign Minister Genscher of the Free Democratic Party (FDP). The bourgeois paper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* coyly remarked that Gromyko would not make this trip if he had **serious** misgivings about West German policy. Thus the Soviet Union has allowed the FDP press to get away with a raucous slander campaign against the isolated East Germans, pretensions to eventual unification of Germany, and insinuations against Russia's own integrity towards detente. The U.S. took the opportunity to shelve

talks on establishing diplomatic relations with East Germany.

Brezhnev's weak non-reaction to this cold-war snowball merely demonstrates that even his Eastern European allies are expendable for the sake of “peace and security in Europe.”

A Worldwide Pact

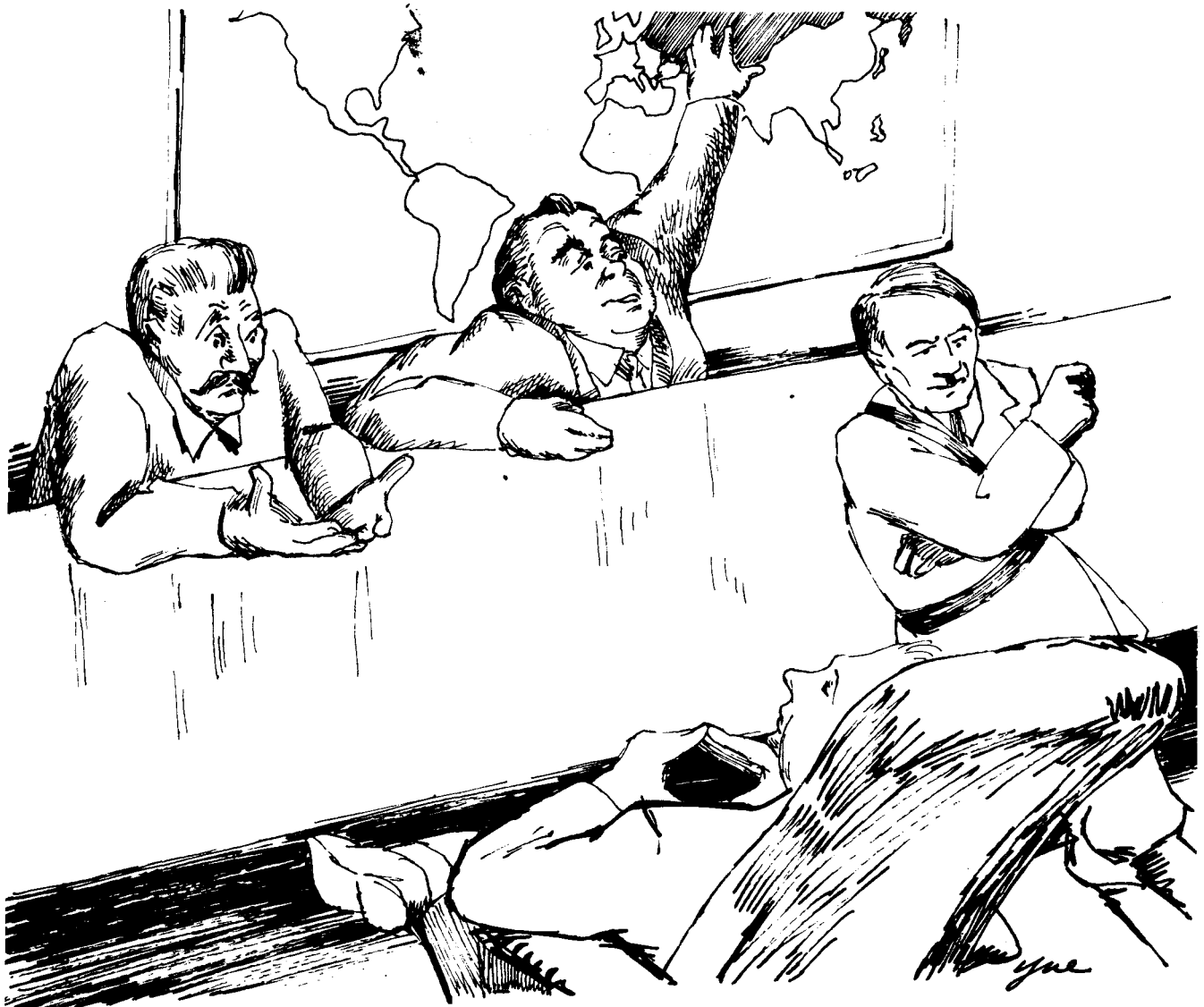
The Soviet Union's contemporary pact with the fascists is threefold:

- **Abandonment of their third world and pro-“national liberation” role. The Soviet Union has been routed politically in Vietnam, India, the Mideast, Chile...and has taken it lying down.** As compensation for their political extinction they are even chipping in long-term cheap “development” credits to countries like Egypt and Argentina, credits which amount to donated capital for the Rockefellers' slave-labor infrastructure construction.

- **Criminal sabotage of possible pro-working-class motion in the European Communist Parties.** This is accomplished largely by trouble-shooter B. Ponomarev, whose trips this summer to the PCF and PCI yielded only mealy-mouthed statements on the necessity of detente. In both Paris and Rome, he made it clear that the **leadership would not pay attention to the proposals of its malcontent and and burgeoning leftwings.**

- **Jockeying with the Eastern European workers states themselves.** Toleration of provocations such as the Berlin case is only the first indication of how far Brezhnev will go in order to maintain the facade of detente. After witnessing the Soviet Union's impotent response to the demolition of Cyprus, the Balkan countries Yugoslavia and Bulgaria have reason to fear for their own security.

The Rockefellers need to commandeer increasingly the raw materials and labor power of the workers states to provide the additional basis in real production for the ballooning capitalist credit structure. Their intent is forcibly to pull these countries into their version of the “one-Europe” policy — the fascist Europe of Schachtian bleeding of the working class and Speer-type slave-labor waste development projects. There is every indication that the Soviet leadership will permit this, up to and including capitalist takeover of East European territory — in the official name of detente and “mutually beneficial cooperation between states with differing social systems.”



The straws which the Politbureau grasps in place of reality are lighted fuses. They have been taken in **completely by the "progressive NATO"** sham which covers the European political reorganization intended by Rockefeller. They have cheered the Spinola coup in Portugal and smiled at the supposed restoration of democracy in Greece. In their desperate search for something good in the West, they have latched on precisely to the CIA's "progressive" best, and they will be amenable to its proliferation throughout Spain, Italy, and the rest of Europe.

Putting It Off

The present Russian roulette gambles that the only alternative they see — catastrophic nuclear confrontation with NATO/U.S. forces — can be postponed long enough for them to "win" it. Masked in the intricacies of Soviet journalism, these two aspects of the Soviet road to disaster are reflected in two apparently contradictory policies: (1) Defense Minister Grechko's attention to the improvement of the Soviet Armed

Forces, and (2) Brezhnev's consorting with David Rockefeller — dubbed a "friend of detente."

These men, spawned and nurtured in the Stalinist period which annihilated the remains of the Russian revolutionary leadership, are acting true to their bureaucratic heritage. They will fritter away every ally and crawl on their knees to propitiate the enemy, while domestically pushing a frantic patriotic effort to ensure Mother Russia's safety. We can expect to see enormous speedup in Soviet heavy industry, directed towards increased military investment and "improvement of military technology."

Soldiers on the Run

Since the Cyprus coup revealed a flex of NATO muscles on the East bloc's southwestern flank, even Brezhnev's detente policy has taken on a new militance. Brezhnev himself seems to be undergoing a conscious "Grechkoization"; he has called himself "a longtime soldier, a soldier for peace," and he has warned the Russian people against complacency. His new battle-

cry: "If you want peace, then fight for it," has been called magnanimously "a formulation of the essential task of humanity," in *Pravda*.

Behind this verbiage, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is busy on the home front with a campaign of elevating the role of the Party in key areas of Soviet society. Local Party organizations are under fire in the press for mucking around in procedural matters of management instead of providing theoretical leadership. The Party calls this "perfecting the Leninist style of Party work" (*Pravda*, July 30). But that phrase and the pretension to having an "overview" are a total fraud.

The Party actually is turning inwards, farther away from the kind of hubristic internationalism which would justify these claims.

The phony claim to historical wisdom is most magnified in *Red Star*, the newspaper of Grechko's Department of Defense, which all year has demonstrated

sober, if vague, awareness of at least military threats to the Soviet Union. Now *Red Star* pretends to draw on the lessons of history and editorializes: "*The experience of the past teaches that it is not enough to condemn the aggressor, that one must actively fight against him and be able to nip his expansionist plans in the bud...The peoples have already paid with million of lives for the fact that in the past reliable measures were not taken against the aggressor, against war...The lessons of the past, the lessons of two world wars unleashed by the imperialists teach the people vigilance and call for decisive battle against the aggressive imperialist circles.*"

This commitment is belied by every actual move of Soviet policy. The modern petty bureaucrats of today's Politburo are no better equipped than their immediate ancestor Stalin to forge a working-class battle for worldwide socialist power. They are reliving his pact with fascism, not as farce, but on a vaster, more criminal scale.

Inmates Support Guards' Strike in France

August 6 (IPS) — Following two weeks of riots, mutinies, sit-ins and other forms of protest by prison inmates all over France, the guards are conducting walk-outs, slow-downs and hunger strikes to dramatize their own plight. The French press August 5 reported that a solidarity movement between prisoners and guards is consolidating in several provincial jails and is threatening to spread to the rest of the country's houses of detention. In Nice and in the northern town of Arras, prisoners are reportedly sending petitions supporting the guards' wage demands to the Ministry of Justice, as well as carrying out hunger strikes along with the personnel.

This embryonic form of class solidarity obviously was not expected by President Giscard d'Estaing's government, which had hoped to use the prisoners' discontent

to draw the French population's attention away from the difficulties of the economy. In at least two prisons, the government mysteriously "failed to intervene" to calm rampaging inmates, thus guaranteeing the total destruction of the premises!

Under such circumstances, the guards are refusing to stay on the job. Accusing the government of "provocation" and of being "on the side of the rowdiest inmates," the guards' unions are now demanding to be treated "with respect," and asking to be paid the same wages as the police. The guards also denounced the government's attempt to introduce "autogestion" (local inmates' control) in the prisons.

After snubbing the guards contemptuously for two weeks, Minister of Justice Jean Lecanuet is now all ears.

Zoccali Launches Europeanwide Call for Debt Moratorium, United Front

August 8 (IPS) — *“The attack of the multinationals, led by Chase Manhattan Bank, is breaking the back of the European working class and trying to destroy traditional working-class parties. The historical parties of the European working class, the Social Democracy and the European Communist movement, must immediately respond by launching a new socialist internationalism on the basis of a United Front to develop a program for socialist reconstruction of Europe.”*

With these words, Marcello Zoccali of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and its youth federation (FGSI) launched an international call last week to rally the organized peasants and workers of Europe and their allies to the support of the Italian debt moratorium. Expelled from the Central Committee of the FGSI July 21 for advocating the moratorium proposal, Zoccali is now pushing ahead against vigorous PSI opposition to win broad support for the moratorium and European United Front.

The Zoccali call, issued on behalf of his faction “Unity for Socialism” in the PSI, specifically requests that “the European Communist, Socialist and Social Democratic parties and the trade unions [meet] to prepare and develop a program of common action.”

Zoccali is initiating a tour of Italy, West Germany and

France to rally support for an Italian debt moratorium and expanded European-Soviet bloc trade among the growing masses of politically conscious workers, farmers and leftists.

In his call, Zoccali reminded the European left that:

“For many years a virus has been making the rounds in Europe, a virus much more virulent than the cholera germ — the virus of recession and depression. There is only one way to defeat this terrible disease which in the past period has weakened the European working class: to identify this virus — the multinational corporations controlled by Rockefeller. This virus must then be fought with a massive therapy — a moratorium on paper debts. Every working-class militant must recognize these facts and face the alternative: run away from this dramatic situation or face it with the necessary courage, mobilizing the working class as the historical agent of the abolition of capitalism and of the construction of Socialist society in Europe and the world.”

Zoccali further warned: *“Every party or organized group within the European working class is now at a crossroads: either organize for socialism or be destroyed by fascist barbarism, dragging the working class towards a terrible end — a genocide more disastrous than the genocide of the Nazis and Fascists during the Second World War.”*

Announce PCI as Left Borderguard for NATO Government

August 4 (IPS) — Top NATO and Rockefeller sources have made it known that if the Italian Communist Party (PCI) maintains its present course, then it will be welcome in Rockefeller’s fascist, military government of Italy as a left borderguard for NATO.

The immediate cause for rejoicing in these circles has been the PCI’s hysterical petitioning to enter into a “historic compromise” government with the Christian Democratic Party (DC). The conditions for PCI participation are minimal, according to PCI chief Amendola, interviewed this week in the magazine *Epoca*. “We are not at all available to offer **our cover** to the con-

tinuation of the old political directions and the old mode of governing. We are only available to participate in a turn which changes the mode of governing.” [emphasis added] In the Italian Parliament, PCI deputies are meeting with the shards of the DC in preparation for the new government.

“Our Communists”

In response, the Rockefeller forces have made it clear that they are perfectly willing to sacrifice the rightwing of their fragmented DC, thus giving the PCI leadership the opportunity to show their credulous membership that they successfully have “turned” the DC to the left.

Aurelio Peccei, head of Rockefeller's top European Zero Growth think-tank, the Club of Rome, is quoted in the French newspaper *Le Monde* this week as saying that "from a strictly European point of view, **our Communists** are without a doubt better than our Christian Democrats." [emphasis added]

Pointing directly to the PCI, Peccei noted that "a man like Berlinguer can much more easily than any non-socialist leader in the country define for Europe objectives sufficiently wide, modern, and long-termed." [Berlinguer is the head of the PCI.] Presumably, the "objectives" that Peccei believes the PCI can implement are similar to his own and the Club of Rome's — such as their publicly avowed goal of reducing the world's population by one billion.

The PCI's terrified willingness to "offer our cover" to even more bloody NATO plans to "stabilize" the world

situation have been noted enthusiastically by a high NATO official in the United States, who has been part of the propaganda effort for the "progressive coup" technique that NATO has used so effectively against the working class in Peru and Portugal.

Interviewed in Washington this week by IPS, this official claimed that "Communist participation in the Italian government is inevitable." He noted, however, that a PCI Popular Front government would not "disrupt NATO," and, indeed, that "the Italians would still have a security problem," and would still need NATO. This official, who welcomes Social Democratic governments and Communist Party participation in all NATO countries, believes that the current "independence" of Western European Communist Parties from the Soviet Union should be exploited and increased in order to strengthen NATO.

Italian CP Begg Rockefeller Agent Carli to Keep Job at Bank of Italy

August 12 (IPS) — The Italian Communist Party (PCI) has joined banker and ex-OSS agent Ugo La Malfa (secretary of the Italian Republican Party) in lamenting the decision of Guido Carli to leave the governorship of the Bank of Italy and go to work for the Shah of Iran. In the July 28 issue of *l'Espresso*, PCI economist Luciano Barca commented: "We are of the opinion that Carli must stay where he is. In a moment like this there is no room for changes. Even though we are of a different position than that of the governor, we recognize his technical capacities and his independence of judgment....The governor must be a highly competent technician to whom the government must give political

direction."

The same note was sounded by La Malfa in an interview in *Corriere della Sera*, emphasizing the "technical" and "non-ideological" character of Carli's job. La Malfa, who like Carli emerged from the line of enlightened pro-Roosevelt bankers under the Mussolini regime, is being perfectly consistent. However, since PCI Senator Colajanni launched a parliamentary inquiry into Carli's connections to U.S. Senator Javits, Rockefeller and NATO only a month ago, one must ask if Italy's Communist Party suffers from amnesia or schizophrenia!

***Il Tempo* Supports 'Liberal Coup D'Etat' in Italy**

August 12 (IPS) — During the June 28 National Council of the (ultraconservative) Liberal Party, Edgardo Sogno, leader of its right wing, called for a "liberal coup d'etat" in Italy. Flabbergasted, the party's "left" faction demanded that Sogno be thrown out of the party. But *Il Tempo*, a Roman paper closely aligned with NATO, printed Sogno's letter defending himself against these protests. In the letter Sogno warned of a "silent Communist coup d'etat being prepared for a long time, and the crowning touch would be the insertion of the PCI

[Italian Communist Party] into power."

A few days later, *Il Tempo* editor Enrico Mattei personally defended Sogno's position: the crisis of the Christian Democratic Party in Italy, explained Mattei, might be impossible to stop. Therefore, it is no crime to query if the armed forces could do something. After all, there are the examples of Peru, Egypt, Greece, and even pre-coup Chile where military men collaborated with the left and defended democracy!



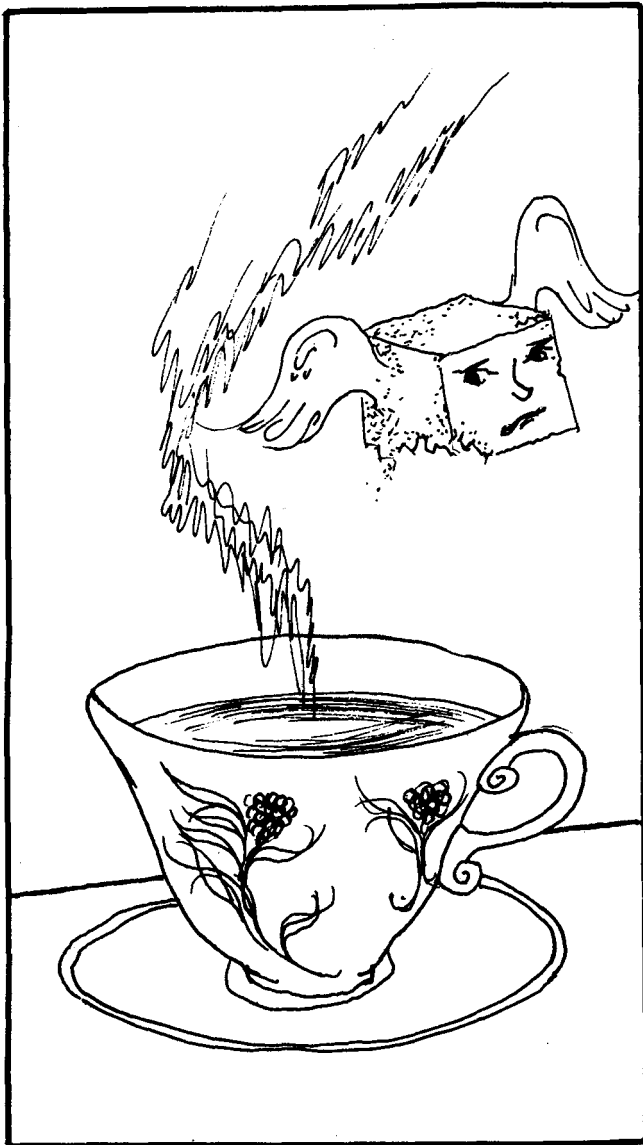
Arafat Moving Up as Palestinian Fuehrer

August 12 (IPS) — Having nearly consolidated their iron-clad grip over the once volatile and “dangerously” pro-Soviet Middle East, Rockefeller and the CIA are moving rapidly to establish counter-insurgent guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat as fuehrer of a Palestinian mini-state on Jordan’s West Bank. Key Middle East puppets like Egypt’s Anwar el-Sadat and Saudi Arabian dinosaur King Faisal currently are helping Rockefeller to force the rightwing Arafat on the faction-ridden Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

This week the CIA received some unexpected, if ambivalent, aid from — of all places — the Soviet Union, who invited the balding, militantly unshaven Arafat to Moscow at the personal request of Brezhnev. While the Soviets did accord Arafat limited backing as “representative of the Palestinian people,” they gagged before swallowing whole the nationalist Arafat line.

The spectacle of Arafat being wined and dined in Moscow moved George Habash, pro-socialist leader of the rival Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, to issue a blast at both Arafat and the Soviets. Habash, stunned by Moscow’s treachery in supporting the Arafat-CIA faction of the PLO, apparently traveled the road to Damascus and correctly located the stupidity of the Soviet Union’s Middle East policies, which lead to the present U.S. hegemony in the region: “The Soviet Union alone should bear responsibility for its political errors which caused the retreat of socialist movements in the area.”

World Sugar Disappears — Embargo in the Works



August 11 (IPS) — Sudden shortages of sugar touched off panic and near-rioting among British housewives last week. Britons, proud of their world reputation for civility and polite queuing, nevertheless abandoned tradition in a mad scramble to get whatever sugar was left on store shelves, ignoring storekeepers' attempts to ration the supply. In several stores, sugar recently was bought up at the rate of 28 pounds a minute, while customers shouted and scuffled with each other.

The British government already is predicting shortages of dairy and poultry products to follow. Until this outbreak of panic the Labour Party Government had convinced the British working class to swallow Rockefeller-dictated austerity calmly. The next step will be food and fuel rationing in the "old war-time spirit," pushed through either by the Labour Party or a successor military government.

The explanation in the press of the sugar shortage is that the sudden sharp rise in world sugar prices is due to tight supply conditions and the reduction of the British sugar-beet crop by bad weather. In fact, U.S. refiners with Rockefeller financial backing have pushed raw prices up 100 per cent since July and 300 per cent since last summer, in order to carry out the well-planned embargo. Buying up all raw sugar supplies from major producers — Brazil, Argentina, and India — U.S. refiners are hoarding this year's **record** crop, which is expected to be followed by an even **larger** crop next year.

The purpose of this hoarding is clear. Its primary victim will be U.S. and European sugarbeet growers.

U.S. refiners are forcing a cut in world sugar consumption, and now will refuse to buy sugarbeets from European and U.S. farmers because of the tremendous "surplus." Whatever sugar production is permitted will come from Brazil and other Latin American countries operating on the Brazil model, and the "excess" farmers in the advanced sector then can be recruited into Brazil-style work camps in their own countries.