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# 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.