

## Southern Africa: Racial "Liberalization" To Facilitate Rockefeller Looting

Sept. 9 (IPS) — The escalation of CIA psychological terror aimed at recalcitrant racist elements in southern Africa recently has climaxed. Despite the empty posturing of Prime Minister Ian Smith, Rhodesia has been thrust headlong into Rockefeller-defined multi-racialism — threatened by visions of black guerilla hordes and imminent economic collapse as a result of Portuguese de-colonization, and rudely informed that South Africa no longer requires Rhodesia's existence.

The press has primed the region's emotions, counterposing the "glorious chance of a new multi-racial Eldorado" to the probability of grisly race war [the *Observer*, Sept. 1, 1974]. Yet desperate capitalists are hoping against reality that southern Africa will continue to be one of the few havens of normalcy in the midst of a world economic depression. The latest in a series of such publicized fantasies appeared Sept. 5 in the *Journal of Commerce*. Their full-page special on South Africa, replete with all available positive economic developments, was in contrast to a front page of gloomy headlines about the world economic situation.

In parallel fashion, pressured by complete economic collapse, race riots, and invented stories of right-wing mercenaries and terror campaigns, the pro-socialist factions of Frelimo in Mozambique have been steamrolled by the peasant liberators around Samora Machel. Machel's forces are over-eager to demonstrate their ability to be good policemen, after ten years of futile guerilla war.

Zaire is the base of operations for these maneuvers and related activity in Angola, around top-level CIA agent Deane Hinton. A veteran of campaigns as separated in time as Syria in the late 1940s and Chile from 1969-71, Hinton is using his new ambassadorial post in Zaire to round up a posse of "black cop" puppet leaders to implement the multi-racial environment necessary for Rockefeller-led fascist looting.

### South African Government Demoralized at Liberalization

In South Africa, the CIA has scored with great success. A reliable source informed IPS that there is widespread demoralization in the South African government — officials merely mark time in the

knowledge that they are finished. Meanwhile, a rich undergrowth of organizing, unthinkable 12 months ago, is tolerated — "liberal" organizing based on hustling for "my local community" or "my own people" or the equally pathetic liberal organizing of whites to fight for blacks — all of it based on the fragmentation of working-class identity. Important organizing thrusts are CIA-supported, several stemming from the CIA's black and



Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia.

while student organizations NUSAS and SASO. Only pro forma, desultory government harassment of this organizing continues.

The current phase began with Prime Minister Vorster's decision (before his landslide re-election and the Portuguese coup, April 24-25) to cooperate with the

“liberalization” dictated by the Rockefeller-CIA forces — along with diamond magnate Harry Oppenheimer — within limits he foolishly thought he could control. Political forces to the right and left of the government have realigned themselves accordingly.

Dr. Andries Treurnicht, head of the semi-secret, ultra-right *Broederbond* (This brotherhood is dedicated to the rule of the Afrikaner Volk; every Prime Minister since 1948 has been a *broeder*.) has offered no resistance to Vorster. Instead, he refuses to join with other, less influential ultra-rightists — the *Kommittee vir Voksvoorligting* — in a strategy conference scheduled for this month. The United Party of the center, on the verge of breaking up before the elections, has opted for “liberalization” and committed itself, as the National Party cannot, to the idea of ending white supremacy. One year ago, the United Party stood for white supremacy of a “more humane” nature. It has managed this reversal with minimal defections.

Among the most important results of “liberalization” so far are the recent successes in the drive for unionization of African workers, achieved under the protective coloration of government pronouncements that African unions are contrary to its policy! The Metal Box Company has negotiated a single, non-racial bargaining unit with the Boilermakers’ Union, and Smith and Nephew signed a contract with the (African) National Union of Textile Workers, both in July. These leads will be followed widely. African unionization has been on the agenda of Rockefeller and Oppenheimer for years. “Liberalization” also has involved toleration of discussions between the United Party (and also the Progressive Party) and black leaders. Such discussions are illegal on a straightforward interpretation of the Improper Interference Act. There is even discussion with the Progressive Party of providing the means for blacks

to contribute to its formulation of policy. Racial separation in politics is being broken down.

Since the July 30 election which gave Ian Smith’s Rhodesian Front every seat in parliament, Smith has reorganized his cabinet in favor of those most able to follow in Vorster’s footsteps. The new cabinet elevates to higher cabinet responsibility two men of South African origin and brings in three other such men. This was done after Vorster’s new course was evident and Vorster had made clear that his government could not back up Rhodesia against neighboring black states. The three corporate directors in the cabinet all were moved to positions of higher responsibility, and another was added.

Smith has made no concessions to “liberalization” in policy whatever — saying on BBC television in early August for example, “No one knows what will happen. We will have to wait and see.” With almost every other stock exchange in the world way down and headed lower, the Salisbury exchange is bullish — the industrial index reaching a new high August 16. While the capability for an effective, worldwide trade embargo against Rhodesia now is nearly accomplished, company reports indicate that Rhodesia is as yet only “having some difficulty” getting exports out.

The “liberalization” of Rhodesia awaits the reversal of these conditions — perhaps waiting until Mozambique has a black government which can close its ports to Rhodesia on the pretext of moral outrage. The real crime for which Rhodesia and the other white regimes in southern Africa stand condemned in the court of international capital was enunciated recently by the *New York Times* Sunday Magazine: “Not only has Portugal failed its territories, it has even failed to exploit them.” Deepening world depression makes “rationalization” of the entire Southern Africa region urgent for the capitalists.

## Ethiopian Coup Part of CIA’s Mediterranean Strategy

Sept. 9 (IPS) — The CIA-programmed ouster of Emperor Haile Selassie by Ethiopia’s military officers has the markings of high farce, if not for its deadly serious implications: The integration of this northeast African country into what the *Financial Times* proclaims as a “new era,” will enhance the success of the Rockefeller-CIA Mediterranean regional strategy.

Accused of everything from covering up Ethiopia’s devastating drought to possible misappropriation of his private fortune during the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 [!], Selassie has been stripped of power. His friends

and family are incarcerated; and his financial holdings have been expropriated ruthlessly. To add insult to injury, the Sept. 3 *Washington Post* informed Selassie that he had two weeks left in power: he must be gone when the school term opens, in order fully to mobilize Ethiopia’s Maoist-infested student body for back-to-the-land volunteer labor to bring the message of the revolution to the docile, confused peasantry. The *Washington Post*, main CIA conduit, indicated that the leaders of the Ethiopian progressive military have been inspired in their maneuvers by the Watergate affair.