

provide cheap food for the urban poor and employment for the small farmers of Arkansas and Mississippi. On the other hand, rice-growers from the chief rice-growing states of California, Texas, and Louisiana are protesting that increased production will drive their prices down and that the proposed minimum price is too low to protect them.

This apparent expansion of rice production can be properly understood only in the context of the forced-collapse of livestock and other grain-farming throughout the advanced sector. Workers who cannot afford increasingly scarce beef or even wholewheat products will have to substitute the relatively protein-deficient rice. Rice produced on labor-intensive Southern farms will provide a cheap food supply necessary to maintain workers who are resettled into "Project Independence" workcamps on a bare subsistence diet.

THE MIDEAST

ROCKEFELLER PLANS "LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR" IN MIDEAST: PRESSURE GROWS FOR SCHLESINGER PRESS CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (IPS)--Lane Kirkland, Secretary Treasurer of the AFL-CIO and a member of David Rockefeller's supranational fascist shadow-government, the Trilateral Commission, briefed a gathering of visiting West German trade unionists from the DGB Trade union confederation on the Middle East situation, Oct. 9 in Washington, D.C.

Kirkland told the closed meeting: "This is the most critical situation since World War II. . . We are returning to the days of the Marshall Plan. . . and our view on the Eastern European (Soviet) bloc must be strong. . . The Arabs are trying to start a Middle East war through blackmail and extortion. . . If there is a Middle East war, it will be for keeps."

Kirkland is also a member of Nelson Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for Americans.

Phone calls to representatives of Iran and Kuwait revealed that, in their opinion, the United States would "not allow" a nuclear attack by Israel on an Arab country.

However, this illusion was blasted yesterday, Oct. 10, when, in a development closely related to Kirkland's speech, CENTO Regional Political Division Head for the Indian Ocean, Mr. Grant, told IPS correspondents in Washington that no protective measures were being taken by the U.S. against an Israeli nuclear weapons attack--"none," declared Mr. Grant.

10/14/74

IPS 7

Briefing calls from members of the International Caucus of Labor Committees to Egyptian and Syrian representatives elicited hysterical reactions when the Kirkland speech was raised. A Jordanian representative indicated that if Israel used atomic weapons, it would be "wiped out".

Trilateral Commission Plans War

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Chairman of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, yesterday told the Labor Committees that: (1) Kirkland was "speaking only for himself"; (2) however, the Trilateral Commission does "brief the State Department--we brief all government departments"; and (3) the Trilateral Commission is currently maintaining a "study group" in the Middle East itself on the situation there.

This information confirms the Labor Committee analysis that Rockefeller is escalating for "limited tactical nuclear war" in the Middle East, along the lines of Defense Secretary Schlesinger's "conceptual breakthrough" against the Soviets on the question of nuclear war earlier this year.

Such a war would: (1) enable the Rockefellers to test nuclear war in what the Central Intelligence Agency has determined to be a relatively "safe" area, before directing it against the Soviet Union; (2) drive the Soviet Union against the wall with a Rockefeller-directed nuclear war on their southern flank; and (3) enforce Rockefeller's Oil Hoax-1974, now underway.

Sommer Confirms Mideast War is Trilateral Commission Policy

Theo Sommer, member of the Trilateral Commission and editor of the West German daily Die Zeit, today confirmed that "limited tactical nuclear war" in the Mideast is the policy of the Trilateral Commission. Today Sommer editorialized in Die Zeit: That last year's oil embargo was the "greatest revolution in history--the October Revolution was not in 1917 but in 1973"--picking up on Nelson Rockefeller's remarks last week to an unpublicized meeting of UPI wire service subscribers and editors in San Francisco. Sommer also stated that "war in the Mideast is definitely not to be excluded".

Kirkland and Sommer are thus laying out Trilateral Commission policy on both sides of the Atlantic.

Pressure for Schlesinger Statement

Late reports indicate that considerable pressure is being exerted by journalists, in the wake of these developments for U.S. Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger to hold a press conference to clarify United States position and policy on the Middle East.