

UNITY FOR SOCIALISM FACTION INITIATED WITHIN THE SPD

BONN, Oct. 22 (IPS)--At a major press conference here today, five revolutionaries who hold joint membership in the European Labor Committees and the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD) announced the formation of a faction within the SPD. The faction, Unity for Socialism, is devoted to building a fighting force of socialists, communists, trade unionists, and social democrats against Rockefeller. A similar faction, led by Marcello Zoccali, already has been formed in the Italian Socialist Party.

The leadership of the Social Democrats, centered around the rightwing "sewer faction" headed by Rockefeller agent Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, has gone to desperate lengths to stop European Labor Committee united front organizing. In the latest instance, the SPD leadership is trying to push through an official resolution to make membership in the Social Democratic Party incompatible with membership in the European Labor Committees. The Bonn press conference made it clear why the SPD leadership is so afraid, as the five revolutionaries briefed the press fully on Rockefeller's fascist gameplan.

Attended by representatives of the leading leftwing press as well as the major West German wire services and the rightwing daily Die Welt, the press conference spelled out the socialist counteroffensive. The Unity for Socialism faction will introduce a resolution into the SPD making membership in the party incompatible for anyone who also belongs to a Rockefeller front such as the Trilateral Commission. If passed, this immediately would result in the expulsion of such trade union agents as Heinz-Oskar Vetter and Eugen Loderer, both members of the fascist Trilateral Commission, and Chancellor Schmidt himself.

The power of the European Labor Committee's counteroffensive was typified at a local SPD meeting in Darmstadt, where the Labor Committee is well known. A party official tried to defuse the impact of the Labor Committee's aggressive organizing by ridiculing our program for expanded East-West trade. But his audience sat stonefaced while he made a total fool of himself. At the end of the meeting the official approached Labor Committee organizers and said humbly, "I hope my daughter stays away from you, because if she doesn't, she'll probably join you."