

the possible introduction of nuclear weapons by the desperate and isolated Israelis.

Although the Israeli government so far has refused to issue a public statement on the PLO decision at Rabat, on Oct. 26 the Israeli Defense Force began a series of major war games on the explosive Golan Heights and throughout the West Bank, scheduled to last several days. Israel is also on a national alert for terrorists, with numbers of Civil Guards and paramilitary forces mobilized. IPS could find no Israeli government spokesman willing to comment on the tense situation.

Israeli Chief of Staff General Gur said over Israeli radio that Israel was preparing for war in case peace efforts fail. He claimed that Israel would launch a blitzkrieg against the Arabs to "end the war quickly." However, the Labor Committee Intelligence Staff has determined that a conventional war on Israel's part would be a disaster, adding another reason for the Israelis to exercise their "nuclear option."

By virtue of the Rabat summit of Arab heads of state, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and the PLO have agreed to form a unified command prepared for war. Thus the stage has been set for the CIA to provoke another Middle East war in the tinderbox conditions that now prevail, by orchestrating the feverish nationalisms on both sides.

BUTZ BACKS INCREASED PRODUCTION

Oct. 30 (IPS)--Countering the Rockefeller mass starvation plan which will be pushed at the upcoming United Nations World Food Conference in Rome is the Chief U.S. Delegate to that conference, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz. In a televised debate last weekend with key Rockefeller mouthpiece for genocide Lester Brown, Butz asserted the only human solution to the contrived food shortages: increased production.

In sharp contrast to the four Rockefeller agents on "Meet the Press" Butz said: "The real need is to produce more. Our food policy is one of full production. Governments don't produce food. Only farmers produce food. The World Food Conference doesn't produce food: Only farmers produce food." For the first time, Butz directly attacked several Senators by name for their positions which prevent efforts to cut food prices. Senators Humphrey (D.-Minn.) and Jackson (D.-Wash.) were mentioned.

Dr. John Hannah, Deputy Secretary General of the World Food Conference; Prof. Jean Mayer of Harvard University; Lester Brown; and Rockefeller Foundation Vice-President Dr. Sterling Wortman disagreed. They called on the world working class to cut down on consumption, particularly consumption of animal products.

Brown's solution to the immediate food problem is "Short run, stepped up food aid from the United States. Long term, putting the brakes on population growth." In other words, immediately lower the standards of living for the entire world working class while eliminating "excess" population by starvation.

Butz pointed out that "We do wrong when we talk about cutting back in the consumption of meat, or eating one less hamburger per week." For his assertion that full production is the only remedy, Butz has come under continuing attack by the Rockefeller forces in the Congress and in the press.

THE SHAH PLANS TO BRING FRANCE'S NUCLEAR CAPACITY UNDER ROCKEFELLER CONTROL

Oct. 30 (IPS)--Shah Reza Pahlevi of oil-rich Iran has announced his intention to buy up 20 per cent of the shares of France's major nuclear and special steel plant producer, Creusot-Loire. In exchange, Iran will create a national company in charge of steel-based industrial development, of which Creusot-Loire reportedly will own 20 per cent.

This projected deal, which follows by a few weeks a similar agreement concluded in West Germany between the Shah and Kruppwerke, will result in "foreign interests" completely taking over the French nuclear industry. Nuclear research and the uranium enrichment process will still be dominated by domestic interests and the government. But all production of nuclear plants will be safely in the hands of Rockefeller-controlled firms or Rockefeller allies, such as Compagnie Generale de l'Electricite (closely associated with Rocky's very own General Electric) and Creusot-Loire. At the latter, the alliance of Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, a Belgian capitalist linked with Westinghouse, and the Shah will dominate the company.

At this point, it seems the Shah's participation in Creusot-Loire had been in preparation for some time. Since the end of 1973, Empain has been striving to get rid of its main partner on the Creusot-Loire board, old French steel producer Marine-Firminy. A few weeks before the announcement of the Shah's intention to acquire the Creusot-Loire shares, Marine-Firminy informed the press that it was "thinking of divesting itself of its assets in the nuclear venture." A few steel magnates led by Jacques Ferry, a major organizer of Rockefeller's deindustrialization and relocation schemes for Europe, then expressed their desire to take over Marine-Firminy's conventional steel-works.

One of the related advantages of the Shah's operation is that he will partly control the steel industry of Soviet-allied Iraq, since Creusot-Loire has just concluded an agreement with the Iraqi government. The French firm agreed to build two steel plants and supply various capital goods to Baghdad.