

ROCKEFELLER BANKS PLAN TO DETONATE EUROPEAN ECONOMIES

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 3 (IPS)--New York's banking fraternity, the core of David Rockefeller's international financier faction, has thrown their \$200 billion weight toward the detonation of the European and Japanese economies, an authoritative Treasury Department source said today.

Throughout their international banking networks, the source said, the Rockefeller-controlled institutions are taking unprecedented "short" positions in all European currencies except the British pound. Since the beginning of September, they have lent out U.S. dollars and borrowed European currencies, in the expectation that the value of these currencies will collapse against the dollar on the foreign exchange markets within weeks, the source said.

A "short position" is a bank sale of currency to be delivered at a future date--by which time, the bank bets, the currency it owes will have dropped in value. Then the bank can meet its delivery date by purchasing the currency in the market at the lower value.

Behind this massive "short sale" of Europe and Japan--which already has reached "the order of magnitude" of \$5 billion--is the Rockefeller banks' expectation that a new Mideast war and Arab oil embargo will dynamite what remains of the battered European economy.

At a closed seminar sponsored by the Rockefeller-controlled World Trade Institute late in October, oil-country mouthpieces stated bluntly that the erasure of Western Europe was a standing element of policy--confirming the IPS warning that the Mideast hoax is rigged to return Western Europe to its status during the 1946 occupation.

Saudi Arabia: Slave Labor

Saudi Arabia's delegate to the seminar derided Western European attempts to borrow part of the Arabs' \$100 billion a year oil loot in order to pay its \$44 billion a year oil bill, saying, "I am completely unable to understand how the industrial countries try to achieve international equilibrium [i.e., avoid a world depression--Ed.] through racing among themselves to offer the [oil-producing] countries wide opportunities for keeping their wealth in the industrialized countries. They have coined the scientific word for [borrowing back petrodollars], namely, 'recycle,' which to me in the everyday English usage would only mean to stop or hinder the normal flow of the wealth back to the undeveloped economies."

Western Europe and Japan, King Faisal's flunky added, "should not look around for clear-cut projects or investment opportunities, but rather involve themselves with the government [slave labor] projects."

On the account of Britain, Italy, Denmark, and France alone, Europe is running a current account balance of payments deficit of \$20 billion. European nations are "paying" for the quadrupled oil prices--equivalent to one-fifth of Europe's share in world trade--through the destruction of working class living standards and the bankruptcy of vast sections of the European financial structure.

Britain Bankrupt

A new oil embargo immediately would reduce the European continent to the status of Britain, whose entire corporate sector is technically bankrupt. The additional claims upon Europe's output imposed by another round of Rockefeller's protection racket would destroy the value of European currencies. As claims upon the output of European industry and agriculture increase, European currencies would be "devalued" by a hike in Arab oil demands--as they have been devalued since the October 1973 oil hoax.

European currencies have fallen substantially against the dollar during the past month as a result of massive dumping of these currencies by Rockefeller banks. The Labor Committee Intelligence Staff estimates that European banks are being swindled in the process--repeating Rockefeller's wipe-up on the foreign exchange markets during the past six months. Franklin National Bank, West Germany's Herstatt Bank, and scores of other banks outside of the Rockefeller machine went under or took substantial losses as a result of monkey-business on the foreign exchange markets.

According to the Treasury source, the Rockefeller banks now are making several billions of dollars in commitments to sell European currencies in exchange for dollars to European banks at some time in the future. But, failing to take the Mideast timebomb into their accounting, the European banks at the other end of these deals are still placing a high value on European currencies on the currencies futures market. Although the cash-on-the-barrelhead rate for European currencies has fallen sharply with respect to the dollar, the "futures" rate remains high. When the value of European currencies collapses, European banks taking their own currency in payment will have problems that will make their present crisis look like a mild off-day.

MONTREAL FIREFIGHTERS STRIKE USED TO PROVOKE PUBLIC HYSTERIA

Nov. 3 (IPS)--In an attempt to prepare the U.S. population psychologically for the upcoming coal strike and massive layoffs, the U.S. press has given extensive coverage to a strike by Montreal firemen that began Oct. 31 and ended today. This coverage is in sharp contrast to blackouts of most labor disputes in Canada--even those that have crippled all grain exports and Great Lakes shipping. Reporting that "Montreal is a city racked by major blazes that left blocks