

Miki also was forced to acknowledge the growing power of the "young Turk" grouping of younger LDP Diet members. Former MITI head and deindustrialization organizer Yasuhiro Nakasone--leader of the militant, right-wing populists--won the vital post of LDP Secretary General. As Secretary General, Nakasone will be in charge of all LDP finances. Shintaro Abe, a member of Nakasone's faction, is the new Minister of Agriculture.

Miki's soft-cop "reform" cabinet, an interim regime, is designed to lay the basis for a future coalition government between right-wing socialists and liberal LDP'ers, being conspicuously filled with LDP "progressives" like MITI head Komoto and new Education Minister Michi Nagai. Nagai's appointment so pleased the left-wing Japanese Teachers Union, long a bitter foe of the government, that they publicly welcomed Nagai to the post. Liberal Nagai was formerly an editorial writer for the Asahi Shimbun, the major liberal Japanese daily which led the attack on Tanaka. A few years earlier Nagai was teaching classes at the East-West Center, a State Department funded think-tank attached to the University of Hawaii.

#### ROCKY'S OPEC PUPPETS TO CALL FOR ENERGY CUTBACKS, OIL INDEXING

Dec. 10 (IPS)--Just days before the convening of the Dec. 12 meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna, the control over part of Rockefeller's family heirloom--the huge multinational Standard Oil octopus--is being transferred...to Rockefeller's stooges in OPEC's largest constituent, the government of King Faisal's Saudi Arabia.

Representatives of Aramco (Arabian-American Oil Co.) partners are meeting today in London with Saudi officials to oversee the final negotiations to settle Saudi Arabia's takeover of the giant oil firm. Saudi Arabia currently owns 60 per cent of Aramco, while the remaining 40 per cent is still controlled by four of the so-called Seven Sisters--Exxon, Mobil, Socal, and Texaco.

Saudi Arabia's assumption of 100 per cent ownership of the oil consortium is likely to be followed in quick succession by similar moves on the part of the string of little sheikhdoms that rim the western shore of the Persian Gulf. The sand dune-ridden United Arab Emirates has already announced its militant intention to "nationalize" the oil firms operating within its shifting, undefined borders.

Only fools and a few low-level oil company bureaucrats attach any real significance to this much-heralded transfer of ownership. If anything, Rockefeller's near-absolute direct control over the governments of the assorted Gulf sheikhdoms and empires will allow him to exercise even greater control over oil

production and pricing than before. The medieval potentates like King Faisal who nominally rule the Gulf countries actually have nothing to do with the managing of the economy, which functions under the watchful eye of Oxford and Harvard-trained standards for Standard Oil, following a plan worked out at such Rockefeller think-tanks as the notorious Standard Research Institute.

Nevertheless, the centralization of control over oil facilities under OPEC auspices will provide the rationale for a sweeping reorganization of the entire world economy. Central to this plan is the creation of a single oil price to replace the ridiculously complex system of prices which now exists. This single oil price will then be linked to the price of a basket of commodities, thus inserting the first foot-in-the-door toward establishing a system of worldwide "indexation" of major raw materials, food, and industrial goods. The widespread fear in the advanced sector countries that Rockefeller will ram another monstrous oil price increase down their throats will make nervous capitalists go along with Rocky's "anti-inflation" plan to index prices.