

SHAH LEADS ATTACK AGAINST IRAQ

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (IPS)--In an interview with the Beirut weekly Hawadess, a magazine financed by Saudi Arabian oil money, the Shah of Iran announced that his country's huge CIA-directed military machine would intervene on the Arab side of the impending Rockefeller-rigged Arab-Israeli war. "Islamic states will be drawn in," blustered the Shah, who has recently moved to consolidate his "pro-Islamic" ties by undertaking a massive arms buildup in the Persian Gulf in concert with Saudi Arabia. At the same time, he has strengthened Iran's ties to the fascist Egyptian regime of Anwar el-Sadat.

The CIA is known to be encouraging growing military cooperation between, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the shiekhdoms that ring the Persian Gulf. Former CIA Director Richard Helms, now serving as U.S. ambassador to Iran, last week toured the countries of the Arab Gulf to arrange for the finishing touches on the Iran-Saudi alliance.

The vast and growing military power in the Persian Gulf is directed against the isolated, pro-socialist government of Iraq. So far, only the threat of Soviet military intervention in defense of Iraq has prevented the CIA from launching the expected attack.

The shah's growing links to the CIA's Arab regimes have been paralleled by increasing propaganda attacks on Iraq from the Shah and from Iraq's "Arab brothers." In Moscow two weeks ago for a state visit, the Shah declared that the Iraqis were acting like "British imperialists." The charges were echoed by the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization, which has accused Iraq of being an "agent regime for British intelligence."

BOURGEOIS PRESS FREAKS OUT AT EUROPEAN CP'S TURN TO THE LEFT

Dec. 15 (IPS)--The decision of the pro-Soviet western European Communist parties to reject Rockefeller's "independent Europe" line and to fight CIA agents in the communist movement like Italian Communist Party central committee member Giorgio Amendola has provoked a series of geek acts in the European bourgeois newspapers.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the leading capitalist daily in West Germany, ran a startling front page editorial Dec. 13 complete with a quote from Lenin to convince the European Communists that opposing Rockefeller was folly. It begins: "Should the Communist Parties of the Moscow observance strive, in an unchecked manner, to intensify the economic difficulties of capitalism in order to make the most of them?" Then, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung nervously attacks the ruling

Socialist Unity Party (SED) of the German Democratic Republic, which is the leading force in this European CP attack, pin-pointing East German historian Kuczynski as the leading theoretician in this struggle. In a final outburst, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung overtly reminds the Communist Parties of their sacred duty to protect the Soviet Union--by appeasing capitalism in a depression!

"It has to be made clearer to the Soviet leadership, that it is better for them to prevent a capitalistic crisis than to promote it," the editorial proclaims. "If the 'proof' for all communists in the 1920s and 1930s was that they stood by the Soviet Union--no matter what happened--then it must be demanded of them in the 1970s, that they make Soviet economic interests their own."

Le Figaro, the leading, right-wing French daily, realizing that the French Communist Party (PCF) Kanapa-Leroy faction has forced Party Secretary Marchais definitively to renounce PCF participation in any bourgeois austerity government, focused a major page-one attack on the Soviet Union the same day. This article, also complete with a quote from Lenin, wavers between begging and threatening:

"Either you appease your opponent or you liquidate him.... even a 'party of iron,' as Lenin would have said, can not make a pact with the devil without risking damnation.... Nobody believes that a red telephone connects PCF headquarters with the Kremlin and that every morning Marchais gets his marching orders. However, the similarities remain."

Le Figaro then blusters that if the PCF continues its present left turn, it will be forced "into a political ghetto."

The CIA's chief pornographic weekly in West Germany, Der Spiegel, ran a pacayune attempt to depict the SED as the cold warriors, based on the worn CIA trick of accusing your intended victim of the crime you are about to commit against him. It starts: "Even though SED party chief (Honnecker) repeatedly maintains that the Cold War has passed, he still prefers it." Then Der Spiegel blames the SED for the Guillaume scandal, engineered by CIA forces, which destroyed Brandt.

Der Spiegel and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung have another reason for slurring the SED; the German Democratic Republic recently defused any NATO ability to whip up a new "Cold War" provocation around West Berlin by proposing extensive transit construction that would benefit West Berlin--if West Germany pays for it. This has put the psychological burden of the status of West Berlin squarely on NATO's shoulders, thereby preventing a repetition of the Cold War-style "Berlin Crises" of 1949 and 1961.