

The state of these two industries adds to the mounting evidence that the U.S. economy has entered the uncontrollable phase of a depression tailspin. Their precipitous collapse is simply the delayed spin-off effect of the steep rate of contraction which has characterized such depression-ridden industries as auto, construction, textiles, and apparel since late September.

U.S. AUTO WORKERS REJECT "SWEDISH WAY" TO SPEEDUP

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 26 (IPS)--A group of six U.S. auto workers who just completed an experimental month working at the model speed-up Swedish Saab engine plant in Sodertaelje, Sweden rejected the work methods there because the work pace was "too fast." Coming from workers who endure the hellish speedup of Detroit's auto plants, the statement is the most damning indictment imaginable of the much-touted "Swedish Way."

The experiment was part of a frantic effort by the Ford Foundation and the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations to sell fascist "Swedish Way" work reorganization methods to U.S. workers. The Swedish Way--workers' "control" of their own speedup--is an industrial brainwashing technique developed by the Rockefeller-funded Tavistock Institute in London. It was subsequently exported to Sweden in the 1960s where it was implemented by the Social Democratic Party of Rockefeller agent Olof Palme under the guise of "humanizing the workplace."

The man behind this particular experiment, Prof. Arthur Weinberg of Cornell, accompanied the six workers to Sweden, where they worked in a typical engine production unit in which production is broken down into small subgroups of three to five workers. Each "team" is then responsible for enforcing discipline on its members. Under such a self-policing situation, workers generally turn on their teammates, demanding more speedup in order to meet higher and higher productivity quotas. The result of prolonged exposure to such aggravating processes is eventual psychosis.

Even under the psychological inducements of international publicity and a general red carpet treatment, the U.S. auto workers refused to support these hideous practices. Five out of the six expressed complete opposition to the Swedish brainwash methods.

WEST GERMAN CP AT CROSSROADS: ROCKY OR WORKERS?

Dec. 26 (IPS)--Under pressure from the left turn of key European Communist Parties, the West German Communist Party (DKP) has edged toward a working-class political perspective in the past

month. In particular, this motion has been spurred by the militantly hardline Socialist Unity Party (SED) of East Germany, which represents the DKP's link to the international Communist movement and the Soviet Union.

Domestically the DKP still insists on tailing Rockefeller agents in the West German labor movement. The West German Communists have not yet gotten up sufficient courage to denounce Eugen Loderer, head of the West German metal workers' union, I. G. Metall, and Heinz Oscar Vetter, chairman of the West German Trade Union Federation, although both are active Rockefeller operatives sitting on David Rockefeller's supranational body, the Trilateral Commission. As ferment around the Communist Party turn builds, the DKP will be forced to make a clear choice between its unprincipled domestic stance and its pro-working-class international thrust.

Support for the SED

The DKP daily, *Unsere Zeit*, has strongly affirmed its very close ideological ties to the pro-Soviet SED. In order to underscore the significance of the Communist Party left turn, the Dec. 18 *Unsere Zeit* reported SED head Eric Honecker's "Two Germanys" speech: "With the foundation of the DDR [East Germany], a socialist nation was set in motion. This is not the result of a stroke of the pen, but a revolutionary act...the world revolutionary process cannot leave the Federal Republic of Germany behind." And on Dec. 20, *Unsere Zeit* published French Communist Party General Secretary George Marchais' blast at the Rockefeller policies of the French Socialist Party.

The DKP was not merely tailing behind the East Germans. *Unsere Zeit* Dec. 17 broadened that awakening international perspective by specifically targeting the oil hoax gambit used to justify the austerity that Rockefeller has demanded of the European working class, in an article titled "Price terror of the oil multitis shows the helplessness of the government."

In addition, the DKP has launched persistent attacks on NATO, identifying the West German government and arms manufacturers as partners in U.S. anti-detente, pro-austerity policy. On Dec. 11 *Unsere Zeit* reported more fully than any of West Germany's bourgeois press on U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger's demand that nothing--not jobs, not national industries--be allowed to stand in the way of increased armaments outlays from European NATO countries.

Domestic Disarray

Yet on the domestic front the DKP maintains its business as usual attitude toward the rear end of the trade union movement. Although high officials of the DKP have told the European Labor Committees that the Communist Party does not support the "rather right-wing" Loderer and Vetter, the DKP continues to tolerate

the most blatant attacks upon the working class by not publicly denouncing these class traitors. Thus, while DKP head Herbert Mies explicitly referred to "secret meetings of the multinationals preparing a new plot against the working class," he would not specifically name the meetings of the Atlantic Bridge and the Frederick Ebert Foundation, planned by top-level Trilateral agents, nor participants Loderer and Vetter.

Friends and Enemies

Thanks to the Labor Committees' detailed exposure of these two agents, their names had almost disappeared from the pages of *Unsere Zeit* since the left turn began. But Dec. 17 the DKP wanted to prove that it still has strong allies in the unions "sympathetic" to a demonstration of 300 people in Duesseldorf demanding their unemployment checks. "Vetter, speaking at a social meeting in Brussels, emphasized the right to work," *Unsere Zeit* reported happily. The meeting, at which Vetter was a featured speaker, was sponsored by the European Common Market on the subject of "Labor mobility in the EEC," discussing the relocation of European workers to such places as Iran and Brazil!

While the DKP clings to the backsides of Rockefeller agents to avoid making its own political potential too conspicuous, it has strictly confined its recent attacks on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and the rest of the Rockefeller-controlled leadership of the Social Democratic Party to public acknowledgement of the already glaring similarity between that SPD leadership and fascist Franz Josef Strauss. Similarly, the West German Communists regard "reactionary" Hans Guenther Sohl, the head of the German Employers League who almost made it to the Nuremburg trials, as an enemy, while Ernst Wolff Mommsen, co-chairman of Krupp industries and the key agent for foot-in-the-door economic war against the Soviet Union and that bloc, is a friend because of his "progressive liberal" image. In fact, both are top-ranking agents of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission.