

follows published reports in the French daily Le Monde and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, a West German newspaper, that the Shah intends to buy 50 per cent of Giovanni Agnelli's Fiat. It is this news which originally triggered the nationalization rumors.

#### DANISH ELECTIONS PLANNED TO TRAP WORKERS INTO "WAR MEASURES" GOVERNMENT

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3 (IPS)--With unemployment levels soaring to more than 20 per cent of the Danish workforce this month, the Liberal minority government of Poul Hartling has set parliamentary elections for Jan. 9 in order to establish a new, ruling coalition with the Danish Social Democratic Party. Prime Minister Hartling intends to use the largest Danish working-class party, the Social Democrats, to form a coalition "war measures" government with the muscle to enforce austerity as Denmark's economy spirals downward into collapse.

Calling for a "Comprehensive Crisis Plan," Hartling proposes a 20 per cent reduction in real union wages by eliminating the automatic cost-of-living escalator in the current Labor Federation national wage agreement with the Employer Federation. Anker Jorgensen, the Social Democratic leader, already has publicly accepted this principle of wage reduction in his sham campaign, while quibbling about the extent the state should be allowed to intervene in labor/employer negotiations.

#### Fascism or Socialism?

Jorgensen's self-destructive campaign not only calls for drastic cuts in construction and public services, but is putting forward a program to "restructure" Danish society into decentralized "small societies" to "bring government closer to the people." This outright social-fascist scheme, pitting atomized social units against one another, expresses exactly the helplessness and dejection the Liberals are counting on to draw the Social Democrats into an austerity government that can implement co-participation policies and break the workforce completely.

Since the December 1973 elections, when the Liberals--with barely one-eighth of the seats in parliament--formed a government more or less by default, Prime Minister Hartling has manipulated the Danish working class into a mood of utter demoralization. In collaboration with his Economics Minister Nybo Anderson, a member of David Rockefeller's supranational Trilateral Commission, Hartling provoked strikes and wildcats over the summer and then slapped fines and penalties on the militants to show them that no tactic could bring any positive change.

Now, the only possibility for breaking through this demoralization and the certain destruction of living standards that will follow the elections is the organizing around the Unity for Socialism faction spearheaded by the European Labor Committees. Already, a small but significant layer of secondary leadership in the Social Democratic and Communist Parties and the trade unions is seriously studying the Unity for Socialism program.

#### Looting Workers to Pay Debt

Over the past year, the Danish economy was turned into a looting apparatus to repay the gigantic debt to the multinational banks. Credit was virtually shut off to domestic consumer sectors, housing construction, municipal services, and other consumer-oriented production and shifted to maintain export production, in Banana Republic fashion. Since Denmark is dependent on Mideast imports for more than 90 per cent of its oil and petroleum-related products, such as fertilizer, Rockefeller's Oil Hoax and its 400 per cent rise in the cost of oil forced a seven billion Danish kroner deficit in the balance of payments. Meanwhile, consumer inflation skyrocketed to 18 per cent annually, and unemployment jumped from 2 per cent last November to its present 20 per cent.

The demoralized Social Democratic Party, which lost a significant number of voters last December, sat on the fence through the last election with no programmatic alternative to the collapsing economy. The center faction split from the party, while a populist-anarchist tax lawyer, Mogens Glistrup, captured a large number of voters on a meaningless "no tax" program. In this political vacuum and deathly afraid of the galloping unemployment, the Social Democrats clutched onto local control like a hot water bottle, while the trade-union hack leadership eagerly advocated co-determination because it seemed to give them a following.

#### ROCKEFELLER AGENT REUSS CHALLENGES REP. PATMAN

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 3 (IPS)--With Congressman Wilbur Mills out of the way, the Rockefeller interests are moving against another old-line committee chairman widely-known as an opponent of major financial interests. It has been announced that Rep. Wright Patman (D.-Tex.) will have his chairmanship of the House Banking and Currency Committee challenged by none other than Henry Reuss (D.-Wisc.), one of the Rockefellers' key Congressional cadre and a member of David Rockefeller's Council on Foreign Relations. If the Rockefellers succeed in this effort to dump Patman, then his Banking Committee--long a muckraking watch-dog over the banks--will become under Reuss a rubber-stamp for the dictates of Chase Manhattan.

In hearings before the Joint Economic Committee in December, Reuss was the major supporter of the Kissinger-Simon \$25 billion