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EAST GERMANS COUNTER AMENDOLA'S ECONOMIC SCHEMES

April 21 (IPS)--The head of the DDR (East German) delegation held a strong pro-working class line at the current Rome meeting of European Communist Parties on economic cooperation. According to reports in today's *Unita*, the Italian Communist Party daily, the DDR delegate attacked those "capitalist groups...that aim to obtain sources of raw materials, while imposing trading conditions that split the socialist countries and create obstacles in the relations of the Soviet Union with other countries." He stated that the DDR has made economic proposals to West Germany that would be to the advantage of all German workers, including the hiring of presently unemployed West German workers in East Germany, which suffers from an acute labor shortage.

CHINA TELLS EUROPEANS TO "PREPARE" FOR SOVIET AGGRESSION

April 21 (IPS)--At a dinner in Peking in honor of visiting Second International Belgian Premier Leo Tindermans, Chinese Deputy Premier Chi Teng Kuei reemphasized China's view that the USSR is contending with the USA to dominate Europe, that such developments are "bound to lead to war," and that the Europeans "must get prepared."

IWMA ORGANIZING MORALIZES MILAN GENERAL STRIKE

MILAN, April 22 (IPS)--Organizers of the European Labor Committees and the Italian Provisional Organizing Committee provided programmatic leadership in an otherwise demoralizing general strike rally this morning. The rally was called by the trade unions to protest the current wave of police-organized fascist violence in Italy.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH CHAIRMAN OPPOSES EAST-WEST TRADE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, April 22 (IPS)--"No! Public investment instead," was the reply of Heidi Wiczorek-Zeul, chairman of the Social Democratic Party's youth group, the Jusos, to a New Solidarity International Press Service reporter who asked whether the Jusos favored an extension of West European trade with the East bloc. During the exchange, which took place yesterday at a Dusseldorf Juso press conference, Mrs. Wiczorek-Zeul continued to insist that the only plank of the Jusos' is "public investment," a current social democratic code word for slave-labor public works projects.

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AMENDOLA PROPOSAL SUFFERS DEFEAT

ROME, April 23 (IPS)--The Amendola forces have suffered a resounding defeat at the just-convened Rome conference organized by the Nato leadership of the Italian Communist Party (PCI). The conference was called by the PCI in order to begin the planned subversion of the upcoming European Communist Parties Conference in East Berlin.

PCI chief Amendola was forced to admit at a press conference held in Rome yesterday that the delegates had been unable to reach agreement and would issue no joint statement. According to reports from both the Italian communist and socialist press, the hardliners grouped around Moscow had refused to accept the PCI proposal of East-West trade based on an autonomous Europe and collaboration with the infamous Second International and Christian democracies.

SWEDISH CP "ELADER" BACKS PALME'S ANTI-SOVIETISM

STOCKHOLM, April 23 (IPS)--In a public statement here today, the new chairman of the Swedish Communist Party, Lars Werner, exposed himself as part of the CIA's "Amendolite" agent network in the West European communist movement. In his statement, Werner supported statements of Olof Palme, who called Czech President Gustav Husak a "dictator." Werner stated that Palme was "principally right (in his attack on Husak)...he only used a bit too harsh language."

ELP EXPOSES BRANDT AT SPD ELECTORAL RALLY

DORTMUND, WEST GERMANY, April 24 (IPS)--Twenty-thousand workers were bused into the Ruhr city of Dortmund last night by the occupation leadership of the West German Social Democratic Party for the major SPD electoral rally of the May 4 provincial elections. Jazz bands and police accompanied by attack dogs surrounded the entrance-way to the hall to set the workers up for the fascist rabble rousing speeches delivered by occupation Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and party Chairman Willy Brandt.

Despite this frantic atmosphere, and repeated harassment by the police, 12 European Labor Party organizers saturated the crowd with 4,000 leaflets and 2,000 newspapers. Police failed to stop display of an ELP poster showing Brandt dressed in full Nazi uniform.

CEAUSESCU FLIES TO MIDEAST

April 24 (IPS)--Only days after returning from a world tour of reactionary regimes, Rumania's President Nicolae Ceausescu took off today for Syria, according to radio Bucharest tonight. Ceausescu was met in SYria by President Assad. He will proceed next to Egypt for further talks. Ceausescu, who has already invited himself to the Geneva Mideast Conference when it convenes, meets with rulers of Egypt and Syria just after visits by their respective foreign ministers to Moscow. In accord with the "special role" which has been charted for Rumania by Nato strategists, the

Rumanian Communist Party Executive Committee released a statement today expressing satisfaction with Ceausescu's world tours, noting that , Rumania is always "ready to collaborate with all countries regardless of their political regime."

ARENDR THROWS IN THE TOWEL IN RUHR CAMPAIGN

WIESBADEN, April 25 (IPS)--A social democratic election rally in Castrop-Rauxel was transformed into an international briefing by the European Labor Party last night, after SPD Labor Minister Walter Arendt cancelled his scheduled appearance to avoid a confrontation with the ELP.

PCI ABSENT FROM PRO-SOVIET COMMEMORATION OF MILAN LIBERATION

April 26 (IPS)--Soviet and other Eastern European communist parties are having some difficulty in incorporating the anti-Soviet leadership of the Italian Communist Party into celebrations of the 30th anniversary of victory in World War II. In an article commemorating the liberation of Milan, the East German paper Neues Deutschland yesterday scrounged for a pro-Soviet quotation by a PCI official--and came up with words spoken by Luigi Longo in 1944!