

ROCKEFELLER/McNAMARA ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE INDIAN GOVERNMENT: CPI REACTS TO SUPPORT GANDHI

April 24 — Nelson Rockefeller and the World Bank are laying siege against India, the last large sphere of Soviet influence. Rockefeller's Oil Hoax now threatens to eat up India's few remaining foreign exchange earnings. Calculated shortages of naphtha for fertilizer production and diesel oil needed for transportation are rapidly grinding the parched Indian economy to a final halt.

In late February, McNamara's report to the World Bank acknowledged that oil prices far exceed the flow of development funds to India. The March 24 *Times of India* reports that India has announced a cutback of 2 million tons in petroleum imports for 1974. Punjabi farmers will produce 1 million tons less wheat than in 1973, because they cannot get diesel oil to run their tube-wells. This confluence of Rockefeller's shortage hoaxes and the CIA-manipulated riots discussed below makes imminent a famine of drastic proportions this summer.

Gandhi Trapped

Indira Gandhi's efforts to consolidate a trade relationship with pro-Soviet Iraq and her criticism of U.S. military buildup are impotent. Her recent plea for increased U.S. aid, reported by the *Times of India* March 26 and by the *New York Times* April 3, illustrates the trap in which Rockefeller and the World Bank have caught her.

The Rockefeller-directed shortages of essential fertilizer, food and oil have provoked violent protests in the states of Gujarat, Bihar and Maharashtra. These states are vital centers of rail transport, which has been the target of CIA Parkhurst-style disruption.

Managed student rebellions are sweeping across India — eating away at Gandhi's power base. Political chaos enveloped the Gandhi government in February when the Indian Congress Party squeaked through the state elections of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state. The following week in Gujarat, crowds led by student groups, like the Navirnam Samitis, rioted; and the riots spread rapidly to nearby towns. The city of Ahmedabad was brought under martial law.

Students Stage Transport Disruption

Imitating the Parkhurst operation in the United States, students called for a "stop travel" day as part of their two-month agitation for the dissolution of the Congress Party-dominated Legislative Assembly and the resignation of State Chief Minister Chimanbhai Patel. Mobs uprooted railway tracks, attacked trains, and set fire to rail stations. Police moved in, killing 80. Gandhi was forced to call in the CIA-trained Border Security Forces to assist police. This move only furthered the political dissolution of the Congress Party.

March 18 students swarmed on Patna, capital of famine-stricken Bihar. They were joined by every fascist force from the Jan Sangh to the localist Anand Marg, besieging the State Assembly as the Governor inaugurated the budget session. Fascist mobs set city offices and businesses on fire and roughed up state officials. Police killed seven before the army was called in to restore order. In Orissa, opposition forces began howling for the resignation of the Satpathy ministry.

Shortages — Trial Run for Military Rule

Further shortages of the type already maddening the

population will accomplish two things necessary to the Rockefeller plan. First, the real anger of large sections of the population will be directed against the Gandhi government. The fascist parties are organizing a mass-based movement, picking up anti-Congress sentiment, to oust Gandhi from the central government. The fascist Jan Sangh is negotiating an alliance of the right-wing parties, while the Sarvodaya Socialist Party (Mahatma Gandhi-style movement) has announced that it will sponsor notorious counterinsurgent Narayan for the Presidency.

The right-wing Syndicate Congress, a split-off from Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, is now torn by a faction fight on the issue of an alliance with Gandhi. The recent decision by the Syndicate Working Committee to repudiate the pro-Gandhi position put forward by former spokesman K. Kamaraj indicates the extent of the moves to isolate politically the Gandhi faction in the Congress.

Second, Territorial Army units have been activated to maintain the movement of essential commodities. The CIA-trained Border Security Forces are on the alert in the event of riots. The imposition of President's rule — martial law — in a number of states has already provided trial runs for a possible military takeover of the entire country.

Right-Wing Fast to Death

To heighten the psychosis of starving India, the right-wing is calling for mass self-denial, evoking the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi — conscious British Intelligence agent who preached stoical acceptance of poverty to India's insurgent masses after World War II. Notorious right-winger Moraji Desai, former Deputy Prime Minister, held a token fast in support of the riots.

Legislators from Gandhi's Congress Party, either out of sympathy for student rioters or because of pressure and physical harassment, resigned from the Assembly. The Assembly, in ruins, was dissolved — barring Mrs. Gandhi from any new attempts to install a Congress Party government.

Washington Post Sets Up Indian Left

The Indian press has characterized the riots as the spontaneous anger of the Indian population over high prices and corruption. The CIA-controlled *Washington Post* of April 6 called the CIA/Ford-funded agitation a "campaign of Indian leftists," with the intent of setting up the Indian left for massive purges.

The *Times of India*, counterpart of the CIA's *New York Times*, has called for support of all movements that want to overthrow "corrupt regimes." The *Times* compared the Indian student movement to the CIA-directed Thai student movement, which ousted the inefficient Kittichachorn dictatorship a few months ago. Both movements follow the pattern established by the student KAMI in Indonesia, which initiated the 1965 massacre of one million communists.

Bihar Chief Minister Ghafoor, however, trying to keep a toehold on his job in the midst of student-led demands for his resignation, let the cat out of the bag. He alluded to a "foreign conspiracy behind the student revolt."

Leading counterinsurgent Jayaprakash Narayan has called for Ghafoor's dismissal through the Ford Foundation-funded **Voluntary Action**. Narayan has long been connected to the Gandhi Peace Foundation, a front organization of the Ford Foundation. He has used **Voluntary Action** as a vehicle for pushing McNamara's death plan for India. Narayan is the first announced candidate in the upcoming round of Presidential elections.

CPI Moves Against Rockefeller

In the midst of this pattern of CIA-engineered unrest, the Communist Party of India (CPI) has made moves to halt a Rockefeller takeover of India.

Left parties came together in Delhi in early April to unite around a May 3 demonstration-agitation demanding government takeover of wholesale trade in wheat and essential commodities for distribution at fair-price shops, the nationalization of sugar, textiles, drugs, jute, cement, plantations and foreign capital. The other significant demand from the left is the abolition of preventive-detention laws.

The crucial turn in CPI policy was indicated in the April 6 issue of the **Times of India**, which carried a lengthy and virulent denunciation of the current policies of the CPI. What provoked the **Times**, spokesman for Rockefeller interests in Asia, to near-hysteria were remarks by CPI official Mohit Sen to the effect that India is on the brink of a right-wing takeover of the "Chilean type" or the "Sadat type."

The comparison of the "Sadat type" takeover to the CIA-engineered coup in Chile last fall is the first acknowledgment by a Soviet-aligned party that Soviet influence not only has been ousted from the Rockefeller-controlled dictatorships of the Mideast, but that the Rockefeller forces are in the process of a similar house-cleaning throughout the Third World. India is virtually the last outpost of significant Soviet influence outside the countries of the Soviet bloc itself.

Times Sees No Crisis

The specter of CPI united class action against Rockefeller's moves was sufficient to throw the CIA forces into disarray. The **Times**, conspicuously critical of Mrs. Gandhi in recent months, went so far as to deny the existence of a crisis: "The country's business is not on strike, the rural areas are not seething with violence and the economy is not dependent on the whims of any single government."

The **Times** chose to lie at a moment when the CPI has

made cautious but important steps to block CIA plans. For the first time in eleven years the CPI held discussions with the CPM (Marxist Communist Party, a semi-Maoist ultra-left split-off from the CPI) around the question of united front organizing. A CPI demonstration, scheduled for a day that would have coincided with Jan Sangh protests, was moved up so as not to identify with the anti-Gandhi stand of the fascists.

The consistent CPI criticism of United States policies has exploded attempts by the CIA, working through front-man Ambassador Moynihan, to create a false atmosphere of detente. The anti-U.S. stand is implicitly a blast at the fascist Shah of Iran's attempts to use revenues from the oil hoax to fund the Rockefeller/World Bank slave-labor projects being implemented in India's rural areas. This is in marked contrast to the wretched endorsement of such "anti-imperialist" schemes by the Chinese Communist leadership.

The CPI has also refused to support the projected strike by the Railwaymen's Union, an organization formerly headed by agent Narayan. No CPI-aligned rail workers supported the strike call; rather, the CPI is focusing its agitation around the key issue of food. The rail strike is intended to provide a left cover behind which the CIA will create further shortages, exactly as they intend to do with fascist organizer Parkhurst's May 13 "independent truckers" strike in the United States. In view of the fact that the Chilean transport strike last year created the conditions leading to Allende's downfall, the CPI seems to have learned some of the lessons of the "Chilean type" of military takeover.

CPI Rejects CIA Bait

Unlike the CPM, which has prided itself on taking the "most left" positions on all issues, the CPI has refused to direct its criticism at the Gandhi government. The CIA would like nothing better in this period than to see the Indian left sucked into the anti-Gandhi campaign.

The CPI is undoubtedly saved from such an opportunistic move, which would only play into the hands of the fascists, by the fact that it is aligned with the Soviet Union. The recognition that Soviet interests have to be defended gives the CPI an international view of recent events which the more narrowly parochialist parties such as the CPM necessarily lack. A high-powered CPI delegation is scheduled to visit Moscow within the next two months, presumably to confer on stronger resistance to Rockefeller's efforts to root out Soviet influence in India through a military coup d'etat.