

Saxony, the ELC will campaign for them on the basis of the united front. ELC posters headlined "Nonetheless, Vote SPD" will be displayed throughout West Germany. In these posters, the ELC recognizes that Schmidt, the SPD nominee for Chancellor, is a Rockefeller Euro-traitor — the leading enemy within the party leadership. The poster also recognizes the disastrous rightwing line and blunders of the SPD leadership generally. Nonetheless, the SPD is the mass party of the German working class; and the ELC will campaign for the SPD with our *working-class program*.

If the SPD is to survive, it must expose the Rockefeller cabal, not merely in the engineering of the Guillaume affair but also in its plans for military fascism throughout the advanced sector. The SPD must reverse its right turn and begin to agitate within the working class to raise a defense throughout the continent.

Strong Sentiment for Brandt

The possibility for ELC success is defined by the pro-Brandt mood of the SPD base. There have been pro-Brandt demonstrations, some spontaneous and some regionally coordinated, in all parts of Germany. At one demonstration, the head of the Trade Union Federation, Oskar Vetter stated "Willy Brandt continues to have the complete confidence of the German worker" to thunderous applause.

The situation is ripe for someone like Herbert Wehner, left SPD leader, to step in and pull together an anti-Schmidt left turn. Meanwhile, the ELC analysis of the situation is the *only* analysis the German working class is getting, and ELC credibility and influence are growing. Already, more than 100,000 ELC leaflets have been distributed throughout Western Europe.

Since the SPD lacks a single influential national newspaper, the SPD does not organize through a press propaganda machine, but through the internal channels of communications of the party trade-union and locality machinery. In this situation, where the top SPD apparatus is struck dumb during a major political crisis, the ELC political analysis is reaching out successfully to fill the vacuum.

INDIA'S GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO FALL?

May 8 (IPS) — India stands on the brink of military takeover at the hands of the international Rockefeller cabal. The crippling national railway strike, which began today, is the cover for declaration of a state of virtual military rule. The strike involves close to two million Communist Party of India (CPI)-based trade unionists, and results from government provocations which culminated in the arrest a few days ago of almost 3,000 trade-union leaders — in the midst of negotiations with the government. Military units are poised across the country, prepared to take over all necessary functions in the planned emergency. Late reports indicate that railways are functioning despite the strike — which can *only* be the result of military intervention.

Any illusions concerning Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's role in this situation were dispelled by her trip last week to Iran. With India on the verge of total bankruptcy as a result of oil hoax price rises, Gandhi struck a deal with the Shah of Iran and his CIA controller Richard Helms. The CIA's price for averting financial disaster was *political* disaster: capitulation to Rockefeller.

India's financial plight, resulting from the oil squeeze, is critical. Oil payments in 1974 rose by 30 per cent over exports. By the end of May, payments are due at amounts ranging from a conservative estimate of \$550 million to a more realistic \$1 billion. Added to this are massive hikes in the price of fertilizer. With India's available reserves at \$300 million, Gandhi was forced to go begging. The International Monetary Fund offered \$62 million out of the Indian quota to postpone the deadline — psychological warfare in the face of ever-looming payments. (According to the *Economist*, the IMF has set aside \$1,000 million for India, and more to follow.) Gandhi next pleaded to renew U.S. aid through the offices of the U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan.

Soviet Union Silent

The Soviet Union, whose alliance with India is now crumbling, has apparently closed its eyes to the impending disaster. *Pravda* has had *no* coverage of the rail situation or Gandhi's trip to Iran, restricting itself to suggestions that Gandhi "arouse patriotic fervor to enable completion of steel plants on time, since steel capacity was well below requirement."

Accompanying the Iranian aid is talk of joint naval exercises by Iran and India in the Indian Ocean. With Pakistan also tied to Iran, Rockefeller can now reach across the entire northern frontier of the Indian Ocean, extending a line of control from Turkey eastward. Pro-Soviet Iraq, which has had close ties with India, appears more isolated than ever.

Planned Riots Supplements Strike Chaos

The escalation of riots last week in New Delhi and elsewhere in the wake of the rail strike supplements Rockefeller's overall game-plan. Revival of Hindu-Moslem riots and other divisive regional issues has already brought about curfews in the large industrial centers of India, including New Delhi, the capital. The CIA-trained Border Security Forces are being activated for use in control of civilian populations. Gandhi's call to the Army to "keep the wheels rolling" during the rail strike was debated heatedly in the Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha), as Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram was forced to answer questions concerning the possibility of military takeover. Ram assured the Parliament that "the armed forces would not be used to combat workers and break their strikes"!

FIRST U.S. REPORT ON EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

FRANKFURT, BRD, May 3 (IPS) — The following news report on the second Strategy for Socialism Conference of the European Labor Committees (ELC), held here April 20 and 21, is the first U.S. coverage of that convention. The West German newsweekly *Der Spiegel* carried a three-page article on the conference in its April 29 issue, as did the major West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* in its April 22 West German edition.

Over 300 socialists from West Germany (BRD), Italy, Sweden, France, Denmark, and Great Britain met to map out plans for building an international united front

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against Rockefeller plans for military takeover in Europe in 1974. The occasion was the second international conference of the ELC, co-thinker organization of the U.S. National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC).

Labor Committee leaders from the BRD, Italy and the United States addressed the conference. The main presentations were:

- (1) A United Front against Rockefeller's Nazi Plans;
- (2) Reconstructing the World Economy: the Concept of Expanded Socialist Reproduction;
- (3) Operation Nuremburg against Rockefeller's Nazi Doctors;
- (4) The North American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and the Revolutionary Youth Movement: Kernel of the Mass Strike in North America.

Following these presentations a daylong internal conference was held.

Socialists Discuss Working-Class Organizing

Each panel discussion focused on the organizing tasks of the ELC. The first emphasized the method by which the ELC must bring the massive working-class parties of Europe — the Communist Parties and the SPD — into a united front against Rockefeller. The critical task is forging an *international* working-class force capable of battling the international forces of the Rockefeller faction of the bourgeoisie. Such a defensive united front against Rockefeller's plans for destroying the European Economic Community (Common Market) and cannibalizing Europe to maintain his paper empire is the necessary step toward creating the conditions for socialist revolution in Europe.

The directions of research required to develop the socialist economic program to reverse the accelerating process of devastating capitalist decay were outlined in the second panel. Within the context of the world reconstruction program already put forth by the NCLC, ELC members will determine how existing plant and equipment and skilled labor can be used to provide food, education, housing, energy and machinery necessary to upgrade rapidly European and world living standards. Involving workers in developing such programs and organizing around major programmatic necessities, like the Labor Committee's International Food Program and fusion power, are the essential complementary thrusts to the united front campaign.

The third panel sounded the initial blast in the ELC's Operation Nuremburg, the international campaign to put out of business and bring to trial all perpetrators of Crimes against Humanity, as defined in the postwar Nuremburg trials of Nazi criminals. All three presentations highlighted the role in the class struggle of the Rockefeller faction's "experts" in psychological warfare and behavior modification (brainwashing), along with electro-convulsive shock, psychopharmacology, psychosurgery and other techniques to render their victims passive creatures ready to march into the slave-labor camps. The Operation Nuremburg campaign will be conducted through task forces in all countries and a European Independent Commission of Inquiry into the CIA-MI5 (British Intelligence) brainwashing of Labor Committee members Christopher White and William Engdahl.

The fourth panel reviewed the role of the deliberate intervention of the NCLC, through the North American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NUWRO) and the Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) in leading the North American working class to the edge of political mass strike outbreak. Conference participants were confronted directly with consideration of how the ELC must create the mass strike process throughout Western Europe through a similar organizing perspective.

ELC Mass Work

Following the conference, the ELC, which has jumped from 80 members to 300 since June 1973, immediately initiated mass work within the general working-class population. Two issues of *Neue Solidarität*, the German-language newspaper of the ELC, have already been distributed at factories, railroad stations, universities and high schools throughout the BRD, with strongly positive reception. The first issue of the Italian-language edition, *Nuova Solidarity*, appeared the last week of April. Newspapers in other languages are slated for publication as soon as possible, probably within the next two months.

CIA Agitates for Trucker Chaos; Military Prepared to Take Control

May 9 (IPS) — Contrary to statements made by director William Usery, Jr. in late April, both the *Washington Post* and the *Journal of Commerce* reported yesterday that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) has done nothing to avert the national truckers strike scheduled for May 13.

In a speech at Babson College, Usery warned of the threatened shutdown and stated that "We are working very hard to prevent that from happening." Usery claimed, however, that the trucker situation presented a problem in mediation, since the other "side" is "a set of circumstances — the short supply and high price of fuel." Yet, the FMCS reportedly has made no attempts even to contact Mike Parkhurst, editor of *Overdrive* magazine, nationally recognized organizer of the May 13 strike. Usery merely remarked that "we are always willing to talk to him."

Parkhurst's Chile

Parkhurst and other *Overdrive* associates have made it clear that the aim of this strike is to cut off food supplies entirely (focussing on Parkhurst areas of strength in the Florida and West Coast produce centers) to force the government to meet trucker demands. Parkhurst compares this power play to the Chilean trucker strike of last summer and early fall which triggered the CIA's military coup against the Allende government. He has been agitating for this May 13 "final shutdown" since the "sell-out" settlement following the February strike, through barnstorming tours of the country and intense factional polemics waged in *Overdrive* against all other trucker organizations.

Meanwhile, Parkhurst's principal factional opponent Bill Hill, head of FASH (Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers) and an organizer of the trucker Unity Committee, is stepping forward as the spokesman for the many independent truckers who oppose Parkhurst's