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Tito Pays Official Visit...To Brandt

June 29 (IPS) — Yugoslavia's leader Marshal Tito went to West Germany this week on an official visit to government leaders. But Tito had only a brief formal meeting with Eurotraitor Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, while he devoted two hours **each** to former Chancellor Willy Brandt now head of West Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) and SPD parliamentary leader Herbert Wehner. Brandt invited Tito to the BRD before Brandt was deposed this May in the wake of the Guillaume spy scandal set-up; Tito insisted that a meeting with his original host be incorporated into the trip.

The Yugoslav League of Communists was the first and only one of the European powers, East or West, to identify Brandt's removal from office as an obvious turn for the worse in European detente politics. Yugoslavia, from its strategic location at the head of the Balkan peninsula, has recent direct experience of NATO provocations, which have heightened Yugoslav sensitivity to the politics of the Rockefeller-NATO cabal in Europe. Although lacking a **thorough** understanding of the Rockefeller plan of attack, Tito is aware of the gravity of the international situation and recognizes that the Bonn leadership change has further jeopardized the prospects for survival of Western Europe and the entire socialist bloc.

Alarmed by recent talks between the defense ministers of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union and by Yugoslavia's drawing closer to the Comecon countries, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* daily newspaper closely aligned to Rockefeller interests, blurted out the Rockefeller cabal's view of Yugoslavia just before Tito's visit in an editorial June 22: "The security of Western Europe partially depends on the country between the Danube and the Adriatic not belonging to the Moscow empire....at the same time, Yugoslavia's security is a precondition for a functional Atlantic Alliance." This blunt statement targets Yugoslavia as a crucial strategical pawn for NATO, and a country Rockefeller wants to win away from its Soviet ties.

This spring NATO provocations at the Yugoslav-Italian border demonstrated NATO's utter disregard of Yugoslav sovereignty, which took the form of an attempt to stir up nationalist strife within traditionally ethnically divided Yugoslavia by blaming the provocations on Soviet influence in the country.

"Schmidt will press Tito to speak about this," said the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. It is not likely that Schmidt got anything out of this brave old fighter, who came to Bonn on the tide of his 10th Party Congress success. Tito's cold-shouldering of Schmidt should give food for thought to Moscow's Foreign Policy office, who have treated the advent of Schmidt with ill-placed trust.