

insults are at the foot of banking failures. Closer examination of the political alignments of the members of the HypoBank indicates that they understand this lawsuit fully as a political thrust. Every member is a long-term political associate of Strauss, and has close links to the Rockefeller family. Member of the board Rolf Rodenstock, for example, also sits on the board of Rockefeller's German Esso — which suggests that he knows more about the reasons for Germany's financial crisis than he lets on.

German Press on HypoBank

The mere facts of the press coverage indicate that the Hypo's lawyer is going to have a rough case suing the ELC. This is a sampling of what the German bourgeois press had to say about the HypoBank:

Financial weekly *Wirtschaftswoche*: "Whoever has any affection for his money would do well to immediately rid himself of HypoBank shares. Another rapid fall lies ahead."

Frankfurter Rundschau: "The Central Bank has offered no comment on rumors... that the HypoBank has received liquidity assistance. In recent weeks, rumors have sprung up that the institute has run into a certain liquidity squeeze as a result of deposit losses At this point, the bank itself is confirming that its minimum reserves deposited with the Central Bank have dropped by 200 million DM For the first time, the bank confirmed certain deposit losses."

Der Spiegel: "Rumors are circulating in Munich that

the HypoBank is in a financial bind; fearful customers are withdrawing millions of marks within the space of a few days."

Neue Solidaritaet: "Many banks are hanging by a thin thread: for example, Bass und Herz in Frankfurt (which shortly thereafter did collapse) and the HypoBank in Munich. Two weeks ago, the HypoBank was threatening to sue those who were claiming that it was in trouble. In the meantime, the bank itself had to admit that there were in fact dangers."

A Difficult Case

The corpulent fascist Strauss has gotten himself in a bind that by comparison will make pleasant his ego-bruising memories of the Starfighter debacle, which exploded his "military genius" self-delusions. The bind will overshadow even the fat man's failure as a street-fighter, highlighted by his disheveled appearance before New York City police a few years back after two prostitutes got the better of him in hand-to-hand combat.

Thus, while 30 journals with a combined circulation running into the million are **not** getting sued, in contrast to our 20,000 circulation *Neue Solidaritaet*, the dilemma facing Strauss' lawyer emerges. The facts of the case insist that the HypoBank's lawyer prove conclusively that *Neue Solidaritaet* is the most influential newspaper in all of Germany, or, and perhaps even more difficult, that the Bavarian HypoBank is a demonstrable exception to the Rockefeller assault on the international secondary banking apparatus.

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Melina Mercouri Organizing Greek Women's Militia for CIA

Sept. 16 (IPS) — Actress Melina Mercouri, long known for her public demonstrations of opposition to the late Athenian junta, has made her peace with the CIA's current "progressive" fascist regime in Greece. A news dispatch from Athens this week reports that Mercouri, who flew to Athens — ending a seven-year exile — days after the CIA installed Caramanlis, is agitating for women's lib in Greece!

"My life," declared Melina, "will be devoted to the Greek woman's struggle to assert herself in social and political life." Her efforts at this "left" counterinsurgency organizing have already borne fruit. A few days ago six Greek women formally petitioned Premier Caramanlis to establish a military training center for women

in Athens. Citing "the Turkish invasion of Cyprus," the women pointed to the "role of our ancestor womenfolk" in defending the homeland. The petition demanded: "Give us the opportunity to contribute in a direct way to the present critical moments for our nation with a substantial offer in the military sector, the same as men."

What better role for Melina to play for the CIA than organizing hysterical feminism-nationalism against Turkey to bind the Greek population more firmly to its new CIA overlords! Apparently, the only demand she hasn't yet voiced is the establishment, in Classical Greek tradition, of a training center on the isle of Lesbos.