

SED HARDLINERS MOUNT COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST POLYCENTRISM ADOPTED AT WARSAW

Nov. 4 (IPS)--Hardliners in the Politburo of East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity Party (SED) have initiated an active campaign against the suicidal "National Roads to Socialism" policy pushed through the recently concluded Warsaw meeting of European Communist Parties. The Gierek faction of Poland and the Italian faction, headed by CIA agent Giorgio Amendola, led the fight for this polycentrist policy in Warsaw.

The theme running through recent issues of the SED's newspaper Neues Deutschland also includes a warning to the Eastern Bloc against being hoodwinked by the psychological warfare "detente" pushed by Rockefeller agents. The international character of the "hard" faction, led by the Pomarev-Suslov grouping in the USSR, is established by the somewhat milder attacks on the Warsaw meeting appearing in the Oct. 30 issue of Pravda.

In an open factional rebuff to the "detente all the way" posture adopted at Warsaw, the Oct. 24 lead commentary in Neues Deutschland states: "It would be a great illusion for communists to believe that ...because the correlation of forces has changed in favor of socialism and the revolutionary workers' movement, that the imperialist system and reactionary ideology could change." This commentary, reflecting the post-Warsaw deliberations of the SED Politburo, is buttressed by two other articles from Politburo members Horst Sindermann and Albert Norden.

GDR premier Sindermann, after devoting lip service to peaceful coexistence, proceeds to put it into the context of "the attempt by world imperialism to plunge humanity into new wars." Then he blasts the Gierek-Amendola polycentrists: "We have, and so I stress, the Warsaw Pact as socialism's military coalition to protect our borders and the socialist states."

Norden's theme is the deepening crisis of capitalism, including a reminder of the danger of war and "humanity's annihilation."

The SED Politburo's lead commentary in Neues Deutschland Oct. 25, "On the European CP Conference," does not cover at all the pro-polycentrist parties who dominated the conference--the Polish, Italian, and Spanish Communist Parties. The following denunciation, however, is meant specifically for them: "We communists consider things in real terms, and know the obstacles imperialism's reactionary, aggressive forces put in the way...[only] by such recognition can the Communist Parties and workers' parties construct a new situation in Europe."

The SED Politburo then definitively announces that they, with Soviet allies, are spearheading a counteroffensive to reverse the Warsaw fiasco, noting that "things will be different" at the next European Communist Party conference, to be held in the East German

capital Berlin. Neues Deutschland states: "The coming conference will not confine itself to mere opinion exchanges. It will draw conclusions for common tasks and struggle, which stand before the European working class."

This commentary does not occur in isolation. Erich Mielke, candidate member of the Politburo and Minister for State Security, stated recently in a Politburo speech: "There are strong imperialist forces using detente to implement their political goals, through military and various other subversive means. The socialist states will do all required to parry imperialist attempts to bury or push back Socialism in individual [Bloc] countries."

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The SED's vanguard role in the international Soviet Bloc factor now emerging is an eleventh hour bid to reverse the catastrophic results of the Warsaw meeting's de facto endorsement of Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission line--the dismantling of the Warsaw Pact and the workers' states in Eastern Europe. The SED leadership is well aware how the present situation of Bloc factional weakness, in the wake of the triumph scored by the capitulationists at Warsaw, parallels a similar situation seen only once before in postwar history--immediately following Stalin's death in 1953.

They know that if the Gierek-Amendola factions prevail, the Eastern European workers' states are negotiable. The SED "Old Guard" also recalls that now (as then, with Beria-Malenkov) the German Democratic Republic is the first bargaining chip.

PCI'S AMENDOLA PUSHES CIA LINE; ELC CAMPAIGNS TO EXPEL HIM

TURIN, Nov. 4 (IPS)--During a press conference here yesterday, Giorgio Amendola, top CIA strategist on the politburo of the Italian Communist Party (PCI), proposed extending the "self-reduction of public rates" movement (anarchist refusal to pay utility rate increases) to all of Italy. He also advocated "trust in the Army" to defend Italian freedom.

Amendola's statement on "self-reduction" flies directly in the face of the official party line against this form of militant self-destruction of the workers' movement. This CIA-manufactured "self-reduction" was designed to pit industrial workers against the employees of public utilities and transport in a battle over shrinking funds. Amendola closed his speech with a limp appeal to Italian nationalism.

Such statements can only add to the anger of betrayed workers now being catalyzed by the European Labor Committees' (ELC) campaign to expel Amendola from the PCI.