

ROCKEFELLER RIGS OPEC "ANTI-IMPERIALISM"

Nov. 12 (IPS)--At a meeting of six Persian Gulf oil-producing countries yesterday in Abu Dhabi, a tiny satrapy of Saudi Arabia, medieval Saudi King Faisal proposed that taxes on Rockefeller's Standard Oil giants be raised because of "excessive profits" by the oil companies. The United Arab Emirates and Qatar joined the King in what the Washington Post described as a "growing campaign by the oil-producing states...to paint the oil companies as the true villains."

In order to pull off another Oil Hoax similar to last winter's huge price boosts and contrived shortages, Rockefeller is trying to create an appearance of "anti-imperialism" among his OPEC puppets. By this hard-to-swallow maneuver, Rockefeller hopes to terrify workers into believing that the current wave of mass layoffs, austerity moves, and the militarized economies in the advanced sector are an inevitable result of insatiable demands by "militant" OPEC regimes against greedy oil companies. At the same time, the Soviets and the so-called Left--excluding the Labor Committees--apparently have swallowed the "militant-OPEC" story hook, line, and sinker.

The real result of the OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi was the finalization of plans to transfer ownership of oil companies in the Gulf from the companies themselves to the various CIA-controlled puppet regimes in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the minute sheikhdoms. Iran already nominally controls 100 per cent of the Iran Oil Consortium.

By thus superficially "eliminating" the Anglo-American oil companies, whose role will be reduced to that of a middleman, this new arrangement will facilitate bilateral government-to-government deals like the Nov. 9 agreement worth \$15 billion signed between Saudi Arabia and Japan.

DEFFERRE ANNOUNCES END TO "UNITY OF THE LEFT" COALITION

Nov. 12 (IPS)--Marseilles mayor Gaston Defferre, head of the French Socialist Party's parliamentary group and a leading pro-Rockefeller spokesman, made it clear Nov. 9 that the programmatic Socialist-Communist "unity of the left" coalition officially has been dissolved by the Socialists.

Defferre, who received money from the CIA in the late 1940s to help decimate a Communist-led dockers' strike in Marseilles, advocates that French President Giscard d'Estaing invite the Socialist (SP) and Communist (PCF) parties into the government. In this way they can manage the economic austerity which--Defferre agrees--must be imposed on the French working class to pull the country out of the crisis.

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Defferre's proposal is tantamount to a complete repudiation of the "Common Program" of nationalization, gradual progression of workers' living standards, etc., worked out by the SP and the PCF over the past years.

This change in line on the part of the CIA-Socialists is confirmed by SP executive member Jean-Pierre Chevenement who, in a Nov. 8 interview with the French regional daily L'Est Republicain, confided that he would abandon all national executive responsibilities in the party following the SP's congress next January. Chevenement, counterinsurgent coauthor of the "Common Program," always had appeared as a staunch supporter of a strictly-conceived alliance with the Communists, against any compromise with the bourgeoisie. His pro-autogestion tendency, the CERES, has been used as bait to lure the PCF into the SP's popular front trap. His departure from the national scene, as well as his endorsement of the PCF's arch-enemy Michel Rocard as an authentic leader of the SP, sanctions the collapse of the PCF's hope to consolidate an actual working class based alternative to Giscard. The Communists simply will have to put up or be left out.

In a Le Monde article Nov. 9 Defferre concludes that, despite Cuba's real social and economic achievements, Fidel's "solution" can no more serve as a model for France than...the fascist regime of Chilean murderer Pinochet! France, he argues, is committed to the individual and collective liberties which the Cuban bourgeoisie unfortunately do not enjoy.

HOW NBC TURNS ITS VIEWS INTO NEWS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 12 (IPS)--While the Labor Party was holding a rally Nov. 8 with workers from the General Motors Tarrytown, N.Y. plant, NBC television crews were nearby--filming laid-off United Auto Workers members drinking in a local bar. NBC-TV assignment editor Higgle told IPS today that his "objective" NBC reporters merely were filming a "human interest" story, on the demoralization of laid-off workers at the General Motors Tarrytown Assembly Plant.

When an IPS reporter asked NBC's Higgle why he dispatched a camera crew to film drunk workers, first he denied the fact. He then did an abrupt about face to "explain" that his press only were asking workers concerned questions like, "How does it feel to be out of a job?"

At the same time that NBC was busy demonstrating to workers this depression passivity, NBC affiliates across the country blacked out the Labor Party electoral victory in last week's national elections, where the Labor Party emerged as a mass-based working class party. NBC also has been involved in the numerous blackouts of Labor Party organizing events and attacks on our organizers by Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission and its UAW goons.