

## DEATH OF TWO SAUDI ARABIAN OFFICIALS ADDS CONFUSION TO SHEIKHDOMS

Nov. 17 (IPS)--The deaths within a week of two high officials in the Saudi Arabian government--head of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Anwar Ali and Foreign Minister Omar Saqqaf--indicate that Rockefeller will have more room to maneuver in the Arab sheikhdoms' confusion.

Saqqaf died Nov. 14 at the New York Waldorf Astoria, in the midst of hysteria around the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization and its crazed Jewish opponents. While it is too soon to determine the full CIA press response to his sudden departure from volatile Mideast politics, the maudlin eulogies for Ali published yesterday in the Washington Post give some indication of the line.

Tad Szulc, writing on the Post's Op-Ed page, depicted the Saudi governor Ali as almost single-handedly preventing world economic chaos. Immediately before his death, Ali was completing the details for a \$750 million loan from Saudi Arabia to the World Bank, the largest single borrowing in the Bank's history. His death, according to Szulc, "dealt a serious blow to the battered international monetary system and came as the worst possible news for those struggling to keep it from collapse." In reality, of course, the death of the unfortunate puppet Mr. Ali will have little effect on the international monetary system, although Szulc and other propagandists will seize upon the convenient deaths of these two Saudis to shift the blame for Rockefeller's managed depression.

Ali was acutely aware of the need for "discipline" (i.e., anti-working-class austerity) in the economies of the advanced sector. As revealed in a "last conversation" with the CIA's man-on-the-scene Szulc, Ali "deeply believed in the quiet and orderly 'recycling' of Saudi Arabia's billions through a variety of investment techniques to preserve the Western monetary system.... Almost alone in the generally panic-stricken financial community," Szulc wrote, "Mr. Ali was reasonably optimistic that, in time, the world could overcome its economic convulsions."

The removal of these two loyal servants of the Rockefeller cabal thus provides the CIA with a pretext to "reorder" Saudi priorities, including perhaps a new "pro-European" look on the part of the traditionally American-allied Saudis.