

D'ORNANO GIVEN POWERS OF FUEHRER OVER FRENCH ECONOMY

Nov. 16 (IPS)--The full powers that President Giscard d'Estaing was given by the National Assembly last October to legislate by decree on all energy matters were transmitted Nov. 12 to Minister of Industry Michel D'Ornano, his faithful lieutenant. In this step toward the constitution of a War Cabinet, D'Ornano will have complete control over every aspect of French energy policy: imports, exports, distribution, rationing, prices, etc. Thus, he will be able to control which sectors of the already battered economy are to be starved and which spared.

CIA PRESS CONDUITS BUILD FOR MIDEAST WAR

Nov. 16 (IPS)--The press today alternated reports of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's denials that the Mideast war was imminent with accounts of Israeli mobilization of reservists in response to Soviet shipment of arms to Syria. Throughout the day, the media continued the CIA-style chaos, keeping up a steady atmosphere of war build-up, in the midst of obvious censorship.

Early morning reports leaked by CBS and "diplomatic sources in London" claimed that Moscow and Washington had opened the hot line in response to a Mideast situation that was intensifying by "leaps and bounds," according to the New York based radio station WINS. Later, while official releases from Israel claimed that reports of troop mobilizations were vastly exaggerated, the French press mentioned new Israeli incursions into Lebanon and the German News Agency reported that Lebanese infantry and tanks were moving toward Syria. United Press International offices in West Germany told IPS reporters that tanks from Jerusalem were moving toward the Golan Heights.

Despite the obvious tensions and the immediate probability of major conflict, through the rest of the day the media released only midday reports of Israeli maneuvers on the Syrian border (stating that these were precautionary measures against the indeterminability of "Syrian war intentions") and accounts of riots "in support of Arafat" in the West Bank in which one woman was killed.

WINS also broadcast half-hourly excerpts of an interview with bellicose Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin, who expressed disappointment that the "international community" never had allowed the Israelis to carry out "the principle of Von Clausewitz that war is an extension of policy" and to destroy the enemy's armed forces fully.