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**JOSEF KASKELL BACKS ROCKY FOR DICTATOR**

Dec. 5 (IPS)--Josef Kaskell, a long-time operative for the Rockefeller cabal, told IPS this week that Nelson Rockefeller is "one of the first names on my list" to assume dictatorial control of the U.S. economy.

New Solidarity's report on the Nov. 17-19 West German meeting of the Atlantic Bridge, a collection of top Rockefeller operatives, noted Kaskell's call at that meeting for a dictatorial government modeled on the policies of Hitler's finance minister Hjalmar Schacht. In an interview with IPS at his New York law office, Kaskell elaborated on his past activities and his scenario for a Rockefeller takeover.

Expanding on his Atlantic Bridge speech, Kaskell argued that "emergency power should be concentrated in the hands of one man, who would report periodically" to the emasculated remains of the government. Kaskell repeated that his model was Hjalmar Schacht's victory over inflation in 1923, when Schacht held dictatorial currency powers within the German central bank, before assuming the bank's directorship. Although fearful of committing himself explicitly about Schacht's later, more wide-ranging fascist policies as Finance Minister in the Third Reich, Kaskell blurted out his real sentiments when he was asked why the German economy had collapsed in the late 1920s despite Schacht's efforts. There would be no collapse in a real dictatorship, he replied, and pointed to Chile as an example.

**Who's Ready to Rule?**

IPS asked Kaskell who in Europe could play the role of a modern-day Schacht. He responded that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, "modest, effective...most brilliant in economics," is almost in that category. Asked whether anti-Rockefeller unrest within Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) might cause Rockefeller agent Schmidt trouble, the wizened Kaskell replied, "Anyone who opposes NATO should be asked to leave the party, because NATO policy is fundamental to the SPD."

The real problem, in Kaskell's eyes, is the lack of U.S. leadership. Arthur Burns would do well as economic dictator, Kaskell said, but he's too old. IPS asked, "Who then would you recommend--perhaps Nelson Rockefeller?" Kaskell, himself approximately 80 years old, answered, "Repeat that name, please." Then, "Oh, yes. Because of his great intelligence and energy, he would be one of the first names on my list."

**Life with the Cabal**

In a carefully tidied-up personal history, the well-preserved Kaskell claimed that he had been a Social Democratic

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sympathizer in pre-Nazi Germany, he candidly added that it was his American business connections which allowed him to operate as a corporate lawyer after Hitler's takeover. This self-styled liberal also had close connections to Schacht's equally liberal Economics Ministry.

During World War II Kaskell turned up as part of the CIA-run German exile network in the U.S., working for a "democratic" but militantly anti-communist Germany. He was closely connected with the Neues Beginnen (New Beginnings) group, a CIA-linked seedbed for future SPD leaders. In 1946 Kaskell returned to Germany, where he made "many friends" in the Military Government and "helped" many U.S.-supported SPD leaders such as Kurt Schumacher.

Back in the United States in 1948, Kaskell was in on the formation of the American Council on Germany, the U.S. counterpart of the Atlantic Bridge. Kaskell noted that in its early days the Council, a key conduit for the Rockefeller cabal's postwar policy directives, was officially headed up by Mrs. John McCloy, wife of the top Rockefeller operative who left his post as director of Chase Manhattan Bank to direct the U.S. Military Government in Germany. Mrs. McCloy's chairmanship was intended to give credence to the Council's cover function as a glorified German-American friendship club. In fact, Kaskell chuckled, McCloy himself chaired all the major meetings.

#### ISRAEL: SPECULATION, BLACK MARKET FLOURISH

Dec. 5 (IPS)--Among the most pressing jobs of the Israel Finance Ministry, it seems, is to prevent Israeli capitalists from speculating against their own currency. Israel, discarded by its former backers among the Rockefeller financier group, is declaring bankruptcy by stages, and is faced with the possibility of national annihilation for the first time in its 26-year history.

There is no record of Jewish merchants attempting to collect their accounts receivable during the final hours of the Warsaw Ghetto. But the Israeli bourgeoisie is intent on cheating each other to the last bullet.

According to the financial editor of the Jerusalem Post, David Krivine, Israeli banks withheld \$90 million from the cash-starved Israeli economy in November in anticipation of a forthcoming devaluation of the Israeli lira against the U.S. dollar. Only when the Israeli government re-pegged the lira at 6 to the dollar, compared to the previous 4.60 lira to the dollar, did the Israeli holders of these funds change them into their own currency--to get the better rate.

In retaliation, Krivine adds, the government gave Israeli exporters--who receive precious dollars in exchange for their