

According to the New York Times, the pliable Fahmi is having regular meetings with the American ambassador in Cairo, Hermann Eilts. The Times reports that Fahmi meets every day with Eilts, and that there "have been days when Mr. Eilts and Mr. Fahmi have met several times." It was during one of these clandestine gatherings, apparently, that Fahmi became infected with the idea that Israel must agree to a "50 year suspension" of all immigration.

By pushing the idea of zero population growth in Israel, Fahmi is not only adding to the controversy of United States attempts to tie Soviet Jewish emigration to U.S.-Soviet trade relations, a blatant interference in internal Soviet affairs. Fahmi's idiotic new demand also serves to create another pool of quicksand in which Rockefeller hopes the Soviets will venture.

Predictably, Fahmi's remarks on Jewish immigration caused a stir in Israel. While some observers in Israel saw that the new demands "went far to undermine what hope there was that Egypt intends to progress along the road to peace," other astute Israelis saw it as merely a "militant" smokescreen to appease the "hard-line" CIA regimes and the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization.

PETRODOLLARS MAY HEAD FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Dec. 19 (IPS)--A large loan from Iran or Saudi Arabia may be announced soon, according to an informed source here.

The New York Times complaint that no one knows where the petrodollars are going lately soon may be outdated. While slave labor projects are stalled elsewhere, notably the Athabasca Tar Sands and Project Independence in North America, plans for the massive expansion of coal mining for export are going ahead full steam in South Africa. The Chief Superintendent for Planning of the South African Railways and Harbours, G. F. W. Plantema, has just estimated that 40-50 million tons of coal may be exported through Richards Bay by sometime after 1976. Meanwhile, a crash program is underway to build a port and a port city at Richards Bay, along with transport from the mines.

Finance Minister Diederichs' quiet search for loans on two trips to Europe this year ran into a stone wall: either you make political changes in the region to gain the confidence of the populations, he was told, or else we cannot entrust you with Schachtian "development."

With South African Prime Minister Vorster now applying pressure to Rhodesia's racist Prime Minister Ian Smith and further committed to the political reorganization of the entire region, Rocky's Arab deposits can flow his way.

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