

SCHMIDT: WEST GERMANY CAN GET OVER THE HUMP WITH STRAUSS?

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Jan. 2 (IPS)--West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt today gave his New Year's message to the West German working class: accept austerity for as long as my fascism-with-a-democratic-face government lasts, or submit to West German strongman Franz-Josef Strauss, a fascist without a mask.

To make the alternative clear, Schmidt reminded the West German population of the ordeal of their past year: "It was a difficult year. The Guillaume spy affair brought a change in governments. The terrorists of the Baader-Meinhof gang have caused unrest. World inflation and the oil crisis have caused the greatest economic difficulties in all the industrial nations." The CIA rigged the "Guillaume affair" and brainwashed the Baader-Meinhof countergang. Rocky engineered the Oil Hoax--and pulls Schmidt's strings.

But in spite of 1974, Schmidt promised: "The re-establishment of a high level of employment will be a high priority for the government...although unemployment will rise in the coming weeks." But West Germany can "get over the hump" if "citizens do not make excessive demands on the finances of the state, if businesses maintain their prices, and if workers maintain their wage demands at a reasonable level."

Meanwhile Helmut Schmidt, praised by Die Zeit, newspaper of Trilateral Commission member Theo Sommer, as a "model democrat," is preparing to hand the working class over to Franz-Josef Strauss. Die Zeit reports that Schmidt fully expects Strauss to be the Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union candidate for Chancellor in the upcoming elections. Previously, Schmidt has said he "hoped that the conditions of the German people would never get so bad that they would want Strauss as Chancellor."

BREZHNEV CANCELS TRIP TO EGYPT, STUNS BOURGEOIS PRESS

Jan. 2 (IPS)--In an attempt to explain away Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev's sudden cancellation of his trip to Egypt, the New York Times blurted out in a front-page story yesterday that Brezhnev had suddenly taken ill--with a cold--and is recuperating in a sanitorium outside Moscow. Such obviously fabricated details confirm that Rockefeller has been thrown into a tailspin by the Soviets' refusal to capitulate to negotiating with Rockefeller stooge, Egyptian President Sadat.

With no one clear "explanation" for the cancelled trip yet issued by the stymied Rockefeller cabal, the CIA press is issuing