

one magazine, *Sucesos*, has run four consecutive issues calling for the changing of the Mexican Constitution to allow for Echeverria's reelection, a number of polls on the potential candidates have been taken--for the first time in recent political history--in order to heighten the political tension.

The "democratic" speculation and squabbling around the nomination can go only so far. It is the Mexican military-police machine, in the final analysis, which is the linchpin of the CIA's control of Mexico. It is they who will play the deciding role in the appointment of the next Rockefeller puppet for Mexico.

GREEK NATO REGIME ATTEMPTS 'ALIGNMENT' WITH EAST BLOC

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11 (IPS)--Post-junta Greece, the CIA's prime example of Rockefeller's fascism with a democratic face, is polishing up its tarnished image as an "independent" regime in preparation for playing a part in the Rockefeller assault on Eastern Europe. Setting the stage for this Cold War offensive, the international CIA press has given wide publicity to the Greek regime's foreign policy of "minimal alignment with the West," which according to the French daily *Le Monde* "assures greater collaboration with the Balkan and Arab countries."

Along with praise for Konstantin Karamanlis for his phony break with NATO after the Cyprus crisis of last summer, the press is also exalting the new "democratic freedoms" graciously bestowed by Athens onto the Greek working class, politically brainwashed after seven tortuous years under the junta. Both the so-called liberalization and the left turn are a sham, however, designed to facilitate the CIA's use of Greece as a vehicle for subverting Eastern Europe, thus forcing Soviet acceptance of the new NATO order in the Mediterranean.

Phony Soviet Ally on Cyprus

Using the NATO-rigged "Cyprus crisis" as a lever, the Karamanlis government has made a series of overtures to the Balkan and European Soviet bloc countries. In a meeting with the Greek Foreign Minister, Yugoslav President Tito extended his personal invitation to Karamanlis. In addition, the Turkish occupation of Cyprus has provided the setting for Karamanlis to appear as the spokesman for "self-determination" on the island--a policy which just happens to coincide with official Soviet policy in the eastern Mediterranean.

To this effect rumors were circulated in the Greek and Cypriot press that Archbishop Makarios, the former Cypriot President, was planning to go to the Soviet Union to receive support and backing for the common policies established between himself and the Greek Premier.

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The credibility of these maneuvers however depend on Karamanlis' ability to convince the Soviets that Greece is indeed abandoning NATO. The Greek withdrawal from NATO has turned out to be such a hoax that it cannot even be hidden from the average reader of the bourgeois press, let alone Soviet military intelligence. The U.S. military bases and the nuclear weaponry aimed at the socialist countries all remain intact under NATO command. Absolutely nothing has been withdrawn. To cover up for these facts Karamanlis has stated that at least "Greece will be neutral in case of war in the Mideast."

Verbiage of this sort seemed to be fooling the Soviets several months ago, when they too were praising the progressive character of the Karamanlis regime, but does not seem to be working any longer. Though several exchanges have taken place with Soviet countries, almost all have been limited to trade cooperation. The "big breakthrough" of winning uncritical Soviet support for the "progressive" anti-NATO charades in Athens has not been accomplished.

Despite the meager results, Rockefeller has not yet given up on his Mediterranean experiment. Loans have poured into Greece during the last few months to prevent the economy from collapsing altogether. The EEC, the IMF, the Oil Facility Fund have all come to the aid of Karamanlis to keep the decrepit Athens regime alive --at least temporarily.

Democrat Karamanlis Wants Fascist Laws

Rockefeller's plastic surgery on Karamanlis, which transformed the old fascist to a rejuvenated democrat, has already been shrivelled by the scandalous constitution which Karamanlis has proposed for adoption. Under the new constitution the President will have full emergency powers to disband by decree any political party whose activities "subvert the constitution." All strikes "with political motivation" are forbidden. These two clauses are aimed directly at the pro-Soviet Communist Party (KKE), which now has the choice of remaining a loyal, gagged opposition party, or of facing persecution if it dares to organize mass political strikes.

Keeping the Communist Party in this controlled situation is essential for maintaining a democratic facade. Till now, the small KKE has refrained from exposing the CIA-NATO. While Karamanlis keeps the KKE on a political leash, he is at the same time offering a few concessions, including a new willingness to discuss the repatriation of tens of thousands of Greek civil war exiles who live in the East bloc.