

JOBERT TO FORM MOVEMENT FOR DEINDUSTRIALIZATION, FASCIST AUSTERITY

Jan. 10 (IPS)-- Signalling the formation of a grass roots fascist movement, one thousand delegates from local support committees will meet in France March 15 for the founding of the Movement of Democrats around former Foreign Affairs Minister Michel Jobert.

Jobert, a potential opponent to the beginning stages of the Rockefeller cabal's onslaught against Europe, has been quietly touring France in the last few months picking up handfuls of supporters from Gaullist party (UDR) circles. Jobert is directly appealing to increasingly impoverished small businessmen, and Gaullists who have been attracted to Jobert's emerging movement on the basis of his self-righteous stand against "foreign domination."

The untarnished, "pure French" reputation which Jobert has acquired goes only skin deep. While Jobert can always be counted on to be the first to let out a howl when the government makes an overt move towards alignment with U.S. agencies, he openly advocates the full gamut of Rockefeller's austerity policies!

Last November in the pages of the daily, Le Monde, Jobert called for rigorous cut-backs in energy consumption, reconversion of industry towards exports to Third World slave-labor projects, and "industrial decentralization down to the smallest towns"- all wrapped up in a nationalist package.

The core of Jobert's recycling program was made explicit four days ago with the release of a study commissioned by Jobert's associate Jean Charbonnel while he was Minister of Industry. The study, "Factories in the Country," is a version of the policies laid out by Rockefeller's think-tank, the Hudson Institute, for deindustrializing France into a vast farmland with small labor-intensive sweatshops scattered across the country.

The report argues that the maintenance of industrial urban centers creates the conditions for working class self-defense organizing. On the contrary, rural manpower is "socially more calm" and characterized by "a more robust health, a professional conscience and an ardor at work" which make them capable of withstanding the brutal rates of speedup now being imposed.

EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY KICKS OFF UNITED FRONT RECONVERSION DRIVE

WIESBADEN, W. Germany, Jan. 10 (IPS) -- The European Labor Party's electoral campaign for federal state legislature in West Germany's industrial heartland state of North Rhine-Westphalia was kicked

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off yesterday with well-attended press conferences in Dusseldorf and in Bonn, the West German capital. European Labor Party (EAP) candidates, Ortrun Hoefinghoff and Wolfgang Lemmen, laid out their proposal for a united front Europe-wide to implement a reconstruction program of immediate fusion power development and the conversion of Europe's depression wracked auto and machinery industries to desperately needed production of agricultural machinery.

Because of the European Labor Committee's snowballing influence across the continent, every major West German news service and network came to the Bonn press conference. Present were reporters from the right-wing Springer press empire, the Social Democratic Party's press service, (PPP), Radio Bremen, the country's leading wire service, DPA, and a number of other news outlets. Indicating the international as well as national significance of the European Labour Party's campaign, both the Soviet news service, and Associated Press attended.

Rocky's Alternative

Unemployment in West Germany is now approximately 950,000 according to official figures. In the coming weeks numerous major automobile plants are expected to close down totally, pushing the unemployment figure well over one million. There are already strong indications, however, that large sectors of this idle capacity are slated to be converted into profitable but socially useless military production.

EAP candidates laid out the only sane alternative to mass unemployment and military waste in West Germany and across Europe: all idle capacity must be rapidly converted for the production of tractors, trucks, and other essentials instead of tanks. Using the state of North Rhine-Westphalia as an example, they stated: "The implementation of new models in the auto industry within a short time, as well as the example of Krupp in the 1930's, shows that this conversion is feasible."

Underlining the grim future of European auto workers if mass based organizations do not immediately organize around the EAP program, Volkswagen announced yesterday the appointment of Toni Schmuecker to the chairmanship of the firm's supervisory board. Schmuecker's previous assignment was the rationalization of the workforce of the Thyssen-Rheinstahl steel works, where 1,000 jobs were erased.

Earlier, while working at the Hanomag works in Hannover, Schmuecker reduced the workforce by 10,000 workers under the motto "blood and tears." Even before "shrinkage expert" Schmuecker appeared on the scene, 100,000 of VW's 115,000 employers were forced to take a one-week "vacation" at the beginning of this year.

Commenting on his appointment at VW, Schmuecker said, "You know my qualifications, so you can draw the conclusions for yourself."

East-West Cooperation

The second major programmatic point for the EAP's election campaign is a crash program for the development of nuclear fusion power, through close cooperation between the Western countries and the Soviet bloc. Together with the reconversion program, this would give the working class the necessary ammunition to overcome world starvation and ecological holocaust.

Such a program, the EAP candidates emphasized can be implemented only by an international united front of all mass-based workers organizations in Europe, including Communist and Socialist Parties as well as trade unions. The EAP, therefore, is not organizing in competition with the existing workers' organizations but rather as a catalytic factor in the formation of the united front. In the North Rhine-Westphalia elections, the EAP will support selected pro-working class Communist and Social Democratic candidates, while intensifying its campaign against the CIA-controlled "sewer faction" heading the worker-based Social Democratic Party.

LABOR PARTY DISRUPTS LEAA PROFILING

Jan. 10 (IPS) -- The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's planned psychological profile of at least 125,000 U.S. households, scheduled for next week, has already been disrupted by the Labor Party exposure of this domestic CIA operation.

Meanwhile the official responsible for the "integrity" of the survey has further fueled the disruption of the mass-scale profiling operation by publicly admitting his role in previous illegal CIA profiling of U.S. citizens.

As reported last week, the U.S. Census Bureau is sending trained interviewers to tens of thousands of U.S. households to determine the psychological weaknesses and fears of residents around the question of crime. The results of this "National Crime Survey" will be turned over directly to the LEAA, the CIA's domestic police arm. The U.S. Labor Party advises that no one should submit to this "voluntary" preparation for brainwashing.

IPS visited a training session being held for the LEAA's psychological profilers at New York's Pace University earlier this week. Most of the survey's employees, hired on a temporary basis, stated that they were desperate for jobs and would other-