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NEWS ANALYSIS

Rockefeller Shatters U.S. Dollar; Prepares to Manage Chaos

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (IPS) — By a combination of criminal incompetence and willful malice, the Rockefeller family — primarily Nelson and David — triggered the final disintegration of the U.S. dollar this week. These criminals hope that sufficient political desperation will be generated to allow them enough room for what they call "crisis management." One has only to examine how the Rockefellers managed to get themselves into this particular crisis to get a fair idea of their "crisis management" abilities.

As soon as the markets opened on Monday, Jan. 27, the dollar immediately plunged into its lowest depths yet. The German mark went from \$.4354 the previous Friday to \$.4903 while the dollar-quotations of even the British pound soared from Friday's \$2.3870 to \$2.4017. But the dollar's deepest plunge came with respect to the Swiss franc, a currency that has been traditionally sought by international investors only in very grave periods of war or worldwide economic collapse. The situation had reached such dramatic overtones by midday Monday that, according to a Reuters wire report, "The Swiss Government and National Bank held urgent talks today on how to stop the drastic plunge in the value of the U.S. dollar. Dealers say that the Bank would have had to buy several hundred million dollars to provide any effective support for the U.S. currency...So it took no action."

The Swiss government's mood was typical of the gloom and angry resignation among capitalists internationally. Saudi Arabian government spokesmen, well-known as merely headaddresses for Chase Manhattan, went on record describing the U.S. dollar as "funny money" — an updated characterization of what French financial circles in Paris earlier called "monkey money," and what Guido Carli, David Rockefeller's personal friend who heads up the Banca d'Italia, contemptuously called "wastepaper."

Declining Vis-a-vis the Ruble...and the Lira!

It is a rare occasion in history to see the U.S. dollar plunge even with respect to the fictitious Italian lira, yet this is exactly what happened this week — the dollar became cheaper than a Monte Carlo poker chip. As everyone knows, the short-term, day-to-day price of the dollar is an eminently political issue which, while it moves inside the broader context of the secular drift of the world economy, basically depends on the day-to-day political maneuvers, arm-twisting of the traditional type and so forth. This is precisely what the Rockefeller administration has demonstratively avoided since at least the second week of January, when the dramatic plunge of the dollar became felt.

At that time, Secretary of the Treasury Simon, along with the Federal Reserve Board and Rockefeller's New York banks, announced a new inflationary course that led to a considerable fall in U.S. interest rates. No subsequent measures — such as swap arrangements, central bank purchasing of dollars and the like — were taken to cushion the U.S. currency from a drastic collapse. The anticipated and inevitable happened: the dollar collapsed.

The Rockefeller administration maintained meaningful silence when the Algiers OPEC meeting allowed panic to break out with respect to the dollar; it did not blink an eyelash when known associates of the Rockefeller family abroad started a barrage of verbal abuse against the U.S. currency, thus further undermining the last shreds of credibility that the dollar had left; no attempt was made by the U.S.A. to intervene in the Swiss Government-Central Bank meeting.

Finally, the U.S. Undersecretary for International Monetary Affairs Bennet issued a statement last Monday, the day of the dollar's worst fall, articulating the Government's complete un-

concern over the fate of the dollar. The international market received the clear message: the Rockefeller-Ford Administration is at this time determined to see the U.S. dollar fall apart without lifting a finger.

The consequences of Rockefeller's decision to let the dollar collapse are already felt worldwide: the crisis already underway by the end of January 1975 makes the depression of the 1930's look like a minor disturbance by comparison. World trade, so absolutely dependent on the dollar being a world reserve currency, is now toppled and the consequences of this on production are already felt worldwide. The West German economy, which has the greater dependence on foreign trade than any other capitalist national sector, is presently experiencing a 50 per cent fall in steel orders and a 35 per cent collapse of chemical production. Responsible French circles have, simultaneously, put into circulation rumors that the Western economies are heading toward a wave of debt moratoria, mooted in such auspicious publications as the Parisian dailies *Le Monde* and *Le Figaro* that the point will come when even France, perhaps, will get to the point of having to declare a debt moratorium eventually. A similar rumor was circulated earlier in the month by British bankers regarding the British debt.

An IPS sampling of major New York Bankers' opinions on the matter indicated a general breakdown in outlook, confusion and inability to determine where to go next. In short, what Rockefeller has organized is a more or less completely chaotic crisis situation. Such an eventuality was outlined in an article by Rockefeller-banker Robert Roosa in a recent article in *Foreign Affairs* where he outlined the possibility of world monetary chaos in 1975, accompanied by total collapse of production, sweeping debt moratoria, international political disintegration, possibilities for

revolutions and so forth, in case no central arrangement for worldwide petro-dollar recycling was reached.

Method in the Madness

From Rockefeller's standpoint, there is a certain method to this madness of provoking international chaos. He has opted for brutal, "crisis management" methods of beating his capitalist brothers and the working class alike into his line of total austerity, devastating unemployment, and world financial streamlining by using his own artificially

created crisis as the excuse for forceful intervention. He was cornered into this "option" after the recent IMF meeting where he bluffed his way into "demonitizing" gold. As is well known, gold can only be demonitized if there is universal agreement on the matter, which is hardly the case. No government has so far agreed to the IMF "decision," while there is complete disarray in every front. Having failed in his early January bid, Rockefeller by the end of the month decided to destroy the U.S. dollar, and

with it world trade.

The irony of the situation is that he has now opted for "crisis management" precisely because he failed to "manage" the previous crisis. And as he is now attempting to push his imbecile objectives through the new crisis in world trade, he is compelled to contend with an emerging worldwide juggernaut organizing for restoration and expansion of world production based on expanding East-West trade. The dollar is still falling relative to the ruble.

European Governments Readied for Cold War

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (IPS)—Friday's appointment of notorious General Bigeard, who is a veteran of the Vichy regime and a colonial butcher, to the number two position in the French Defense Ministry, is only the most obvious surface manifestation of a process which is being implemented across Western Europe. Rockefeller's occupation administrations are being battened down into cold war postures in the face of the anti-austerity drive by Europe's communist parties led by the French Communist Party (PCF). Their marionette's knee-jerk response signifies for once and all that not one of these governments has the faintest idea what to do about the urgent problems of collapsing trade and production.

The appointment of Bigeard is exemplary. For the first time since the liberation of France from Nazi occupation a serving officer has become a member of the government. Bigeard, until his appointment was a general of French paratroopers. His record includes tours of duty in Vietnam fighting the Viet Minh, and command of leadership elite forces of counter-insurgent butchers during the Algerian civil war. Bigeard was responsible for the training of torturer paratroop General Massu's men. He led the operation that closed down the Casbah in Algiers in the late 1950s. It should be obvious that such a man has not been appointed because the Giscard government is contemplating another round of colonial wars. Rather, the now evident reintegration of French armed forces under the wing of NATO as a whole, which emerges from

Operation Locked Door maneuvers against Portuguese citizens, requires the mobilization of such colonial-style capabilities for the policing and regimentation of Western Europe's working class

Developments in the Federal Republic of West Germany this past week demonstrate the point. Already a 'de facto' Grand Coalition, of Social Democrats, Christian Democrats (CDU), and Free Democrats, has been brought into existence to deal with what are described by SPD Kanal-arbeiter faction leader Kuhn of North-Rhine Westphalia, as "conditions of ungovernability." Relations with the East provide, of course, the formal basis for commonality of interest, as is demonstrated by the paranoid homilectics of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and leader of the 'opposition' Carstens during their Bundestag debate on the subject Jan. 30. Schmidt's talk of "unity of the German nation," in reference to the psychological warfare right of East Germans to hold West German citizenship, was merely echoed by his opposite number Carstens.

The significance of this debate, however, is only secondarily located in the way in which the CDU-CSU have reopened that hoary hangover from the Berlin question since then, dragging Schmidt's Kanal (Sewer) faction with them. Again this front against the East is but a reflection of their mutual incompetence to do anything but attempt to keep the lid on the discontent of a reawakening working class within West Germany itself. It is no accident that this week also saw the completion of parliamentary preparations to turn the

Bundesgrenzschutz into a national police force, now known as the Bundespolizei, in imitation of Himmler's Waffen-SS. At the same time, all three federal intelligence agencies, Bundesnachrichtendienst, Verfassungsschutz and MAD (NATO Intelligence) were amalgamated under centralized control from the Chancellor's office. This amid reports from the British Sunday Express that the Bundesgrenzschutz is employing squads of plainclothes police in the republic as provocateurs and agents of terror against the domestic population.

Central Coordination

This centralization of Rockefeller's idiot administrators is, of course conducted over national boundaries. Carstens from the CDU paid a flying visit to Paris last weekend to talk to Giscard about the consolidation of Europe of the Nine against the East, as is indicated by his own aesopian description of his visit in the French press. Manfred Woerner CDU-NATO specialist attended the special briefing session laid on at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies this past week to lay down the line on the consolidation of NATO's policing capability throughout Europe. It is certain that between them Carstens and Woerner have thoroughly prepared the ground for Schmidt's upcoming visit to Giscard

Needless to say the comic opera of Italian domestic politics has not escaped these developments as the reemergence of the Christian Democratic right under the apparent direction of Amin-

tore Fanfani, the fat Pantalone himself, makes clear. He serves as Gianni Agnelli's reminder to the minority anti-Soviet tendency within the Italian Communist Party that they can only preserve their Harlequinade against the right and the fascists, by allying with the police and military who, of course, control the right and the fascists as in Portugal.

In Denmark and Sweden, too, the capitalists have signalled their inability to do anything to turn the depression around, as they move down the same path towards militarized economies. But Europe's workers are increasingly learning how to deal with incompetents and idiots. Let them eat tanks. Workers need tractors and food.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Why Rockefeller's New 'Independent Europe' Line Is Bound to Flop

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 — Responding to threats from the U.S. Department of Defense, the West German bankers' daily, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, this morning published a suicide note for European industry where its lead editorial should have been.

"As a whole, German exports will not be seriously threatened" by Rockefeller's decision to abandon the U.S. dollar, the newspaper lies. Last week, the same paper reported that the breakdown of the United States economy compels West Germany to expand trade with Eastern Europe or die. Stupidly, the FAZ justifies its Rockefeller-adjusted change-in-line textbook arguments about the value of currencies as a means of ignoring the worldwide economic devastation which has spun off the collapse of the U.S. economy and its currency.

In a recent interview, Trilateral Commissioner George Ball summarized where the impetus for this self-destructive impulse came from. "I can see a much more serious problem," Ball told a European reporter, "in dealing with something like East-West trade than when you're dealing with the European position towards the oil-producing countries. This is fundamental. Western Europe is concerned that the United States still provides the bulk of the major element of their military defense."

This is precisely the same bluster voiced by banker John J. McCloy, Jr., a member of the "Atlantic Bridge" group of U.S. and West German capitalists, in an IPS interview last week: get out of line, and we'll kill you. "West Germany is inextricably tied to the U.S., notably through U.S. military installations (the insurance policy" of German capitalists — DG) and they are not going to disappear into the East."

Defense Secretary Schlesinger, Ball, and company are trying to

use the full threat of the "Rockefeller muscle" to pull West Germany away from the Soviets' proposal for expanded East-West trade and Euro-Ruble credit. Their key ally is the Social Democratic government of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, as detailed elsewhere in this issue.

That this military threat is pure bluster is obvious from the Rockefeller faction's panic about the ICLC-Soviet thrust in the Jan. 28 *Financial Times*. Referring to Soviet plans to make the Eastern European "exchange rouble" the trading currency of Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals, FT correspondent David Lascelles writes:

"The Comecon (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance) announcement also laid great stress on the bigger role to be played by the transferable rouble, Comecon's accounting currency. According to the communique, concrete measures were envisaged for its further consolidation. This...has drawn comment in the West that Comecon may have shelved (?) such plans because of the West's current problems. (!)."

This contradictory nonsense is aimed at a European banking community buzzing with discussion about the Euro-ruble — the only alternative Europe has to utter ruin. Hysterical, the *Financial Times* is reduced to crying, "Unclean, unclean!" to ward off the Soviets.

The Rockefeller faction is aware of the devastation that continued reliance on the dead dollar will wreak upon Europe. In "compensation," it has reached for two "off-the-shelf" Schachtian economic devices: armaments production and Mideast "development" projects. Despite the commitment of Rockefeller agents Schmidt, Fourcade, and company to dance to any tune that Rockefeller plays, this idiocy will simply not work.

German Christian Democratic Union economics spokesman Herman Mueller told IPS today, "Rearmament should not be a measure to stabilize the economy, but, well, rearmament should be realized immediately, if the security of Germany requires this; I think in such a case rearmament is necessary." Today's *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* devoted a feature article to France, praising its arms industry as a source of exports.

The French government, meanwhile, signed an agreement with Egyptian President Sadat for the sale of fighter planes to Egypt.

But any attempt to pursue a Schachtian arms policy to the point required to build up industrial production will run up against a stone wall. War economy is the last thing that the European communist movement will tolerate. Mueller betrays his fear of this opposition in refusing to pump for military production without the appropriate manufactured "crisis."

This is Development?

In addition, various Rockefeller spokesmen have proposed that the Europeans go sucking around for development project deals with oil-producing countries. George Ball said, "It's not a new idea that Europe should try to go ahead (with Mideast development projects) on its own. I think it would be very healthy if it would." In an editorial, the *Wall Street Journal* yesterday predicted that "The Europeans and Japan will continue to make their private deals with the oil producers," as a result of the collapse of U.S. economic leadership and the U.S. dollar.

But the backbone of the Rockefeller development effort — the \$1.5 trillion worth of international "energy projects" forecast by Chase Manhattan Bank last year — remains in pieces. All that is being discussed concretely is 1) agricultural development pro-

jects, focusing for the moment on the Sudan. Sudan will hold a meeting on the world food problem at the beginning of February, organized by David Rockefeller, who visited Sudan last week, and West German development specialist Egon Bahr. 2) Various "runaway shop developments. According to the West German magazine Der Spiegel, the Shah has arranged to import 80-90,000 South Korean "technicians," that is, individuals who know how to uncrate industrial equipment and plug it in.

Nonetheless, the opposition that wrecked the last set of "development plans" late last year confront this new and meagre effort. Western European workers have not yet agreed to move to the Shah's hellholes. Equally bad for Rockefeller, the Soviet Union's refusal to react "predict-

ably" in the Mideast leaves doubt about the political future of the Shah and other would be Persian Gulf Fuehrers.

Even the slimiest Rockefeller stooge in Europe, Italian central bank chief Guido Carli, is freaked out by the dumping of the dollar. At a conference in Washington, D.C., yesterday, Carli begged the U.S.-Rockefeller to "show leadership" and regulate the collapse of the U.S. currency. Otherwise, Carli said, European countries would be forced to fend for their own with "beggar-my-neighbor" policies.

Agent Carli is referring to rumors circulated by the French government and appearing in Le Figaro that France may declare a debt moratorium — "of which many examples can be found in the history of Germany, Russia,

and the Ottoman Empire," the French daily explained. "Less than three weeks ago I heard the same rumors about Britain," said a foreign exchange trader at Morgan Guaranty Trust. "That's hard to believe — but I believe that the French would do it!"

The immediate result of Rockefeller's last psychotic blunder — pushing the dollar down European throats at the International Monetary Fund meeting earlier this month — is the dollar's collapse and 20 to 40 per cent drops in output of the world's key industrial sectors. The result of this week's psychotic blunder, the abandonment of the dollar, will be a snowball organizing effect around the Euro-ruble program, now that Rockefeller has taken such pains to identify our proposal as the only point of sanity in Western Europe.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Venezuela's CAP: The Making of a Thug

Rockefeller's international press corps portrays Carlos Andres Perez, President of Venezuela, as an international statesman and leader of a "democratic" Latin American country, charting a new course for Venezuela and the continent free of U.S. domination. But Perez, the man behind this well-coordinated public relations effort, is a dumb thug, nurtured and trained by the CIA's Latin American network and backed by the bayonets of the Venezuelan military.

Carlos Andres Perez, known as CAP, is a cop. Rockefeller has assigned him the responsibility of jamming austerity down the throats of the Venezuelan population while using the country's oil revenues to lubricate the continent for Rockefeller's restructuring and redevelopment strategy. CAP's course in carrying out these tasks is not without obstacles, but his history makes it clear that, successful or not, his future service as a Rockefeller henchman will extend the trail of blood and corpses that have earned him his present position.

CAP, a college dropout noted for his stupidity, was picked up at the age of 23 by Romulo Betancourt when the elected government of Venezuela was overthrown by a military coup, led by Perez Jimenez in 1948. Betancourt, an experienced politician, leader of the Accion Democratica (AD), and one of a growing number of "democratic" Rockefeller operatives in Latin America, fled the country. He took young CAP with him.

In the Rockefeller Web

Betancourt, with CAP in tow, spent ten years in exile establishing his links with Rockefeller's Latin American network. Shuttling between Costa Rica and Washington, D.C., the duo cultivated their connections to U.S. State Department officials, well-placed academics, and the AFL-CIO bureaucracy. Among their frequent associates were Nelson Rockefeller, Arthur Schlesinger, George Meany, and Serafino Romualdi. Romualdi was a key CIA operative on special assignment in labor counterinsurgency for the CIA's American Institute for Free Labor Development.

While Betancourt and CAP hobnobbed with the cabal, the Venezuelan Communist Party (PCV), the left wing of Betancourt's party, the AD, and sections of the military waged a resistance battle against Perez Jimenez. By 1958, Jimenez had lost control over the country, and was overthrown by the resistance forces. As soon as they heard the news, Betancourt and CAP

hopped a plane from New York City to Caracas and began maneuvers to muscle their way into leadership of the new government. The well-connected Betancourt and his ambitious sidekick had little difficulty, and in December 1958 Betancourt was elected President of Venezuela. The left forces, too disorganized to put forward a program of their own, fell in line behind the new "democratic" government.

Betancourt made clear his "democratic" intentions when he announced, upon being elected, "I will govern without the Congress, against the Congress, or with a Congress made to my specifications." The left that had helped him get elected began to worry: Within a year an opposition group split from the AD and formed the Left Revolutionary Movement (MIR). Other discontented members of AD remained in the party as an opposition faction. It became clear to Betancourt that he needed a loyal strongman in charge of the police apparatus of the country, and he tapped his protege — CAP — as his Minister of the Interior in 1960.

The Butcher

Like his Mexican bloodbrother Luis Echeverria, CAP lost no time in wielding the power of the Interior Ministry to crush militant trade unions and left organizing. Unlike Echeverria, however, CAP did not favor big massacres, but focused the police and military on an ongoing low-profile reign of psychological terror. From the beginning of 1960, trade union meetings were broken up, leftist leaders were assassinated, and scores of leftists "committed suicide" in their jail cells. Working-class neighborhoods were periodically raided by special police units who thought nothing of spraying militant housing projects with

machine gun fire. CAP became known as "El Carnicero" — the Butcher.

The terrified opposition was able to mount only an outcry of protest through its representatives in the Congress. They called for investigations but soon found that they were not immune to CAP's terror campaign as their cars were burned, their houses surveilled and their lives threatened. Opposition political associates began to disappear "mysteriously."

Throughout the early 1960s, CAP supplemented his uniformed terror squads with paramilitary gangs recruited from local scum, the covert police apparatus, and reactionary Cuban gusanos who had left Cuba after the revolution in 1959. The most

notorious of these was the Cobra Negra. At the time, the Cuban press agency Prensa Latina exposed that this group of fascist scum was under the personal direction of CAP and was deployed to terrorize and murder Venezuelans who openly supported the Cuban revolution or leftist politics in Venezuela. In disgusting irony, today Castro sings the praises of CAP's "anti-imperialism" and is cooperating with CAP in the creation of the Rockefeller-initiated Latin American economic system SELA.

"Shoot first..."

In October 1960 the opposition's protests won a short respite from the reign of terror. But, because the left and labor movement had not been completely smashed, only a month later, in an operation called "Plan Macuare," CAP renewed his assaults with increased vigor. Soldiers and police fired upon strikes, Cobra Negra declared open season on leftists and trade union militants. In early 1961 the order came down: "Shoot first, and then identify."

CAP's murder campaign continued almost unabated well into 1963 and produced increasing fragmentation of the left and the isolation of the left from the masses of terrorized workers. In the summer of 1962 several military bases led by junior officers, many of whom had fought Jimenez, rebelled against Betancourt, but the poorly coordinated uprising was quickly crushed. Groups of the defeated soldiers joined with the emerging pro-Castro guerilla movement in the countryside. But, lacking any program to turn around the rout in the working class, the guerillas were isolated and doomed before they started. CAP mopped them up within a few years of their formation.

By 1963, only the formality of a parliamentary system stood between Rocky's Venezuelan thugs and a totally pacified population. CAP's strongarm stupidity hampered the quick success of an effective coup in the Congress, but his opposition was at such a gross disadvantage that his incompetence scarcely mattered. On Aug. 14, 1963, several months before the Presidential elections, Betancourt transferred CAP from the Ministry of the Interior to the Chamber of Deputies to take over the position of an AD opposition Congressman. CAP-the-cop wanted his entrance into the Congress to be a strong show of power, and before his arrival had the visitors gallery packed with armed thugs from the Cobra Negra and his

special police, the DIGEPOL. He entered the chamber surrounded by a phalanx of loyalist AD representatives, but the opposition deputies were not so terrorized that they would tolerate the appearance of such a bloody-handed murderer in their midst. In the face of screaming threats from Cobra Negra, the opposition refused to continue the legislative session until CAP beat a retreat. Temporarily rebuffed, CAP made his pre-election move six weeks later.

Set-Up and Mop-Up

On September 30, a bank of armed men attacked a train of weekend vacationers just outside Caracas. Two policemen were killed and the passengers robbed. Although the entire left and the guerilla groups denied any involvement in the attack, CAP ordered the house arrest of the congressmen of the Venezuelan Communist Party and MIR. He then had his successor at the Minister of the Interior issue an order to the Consejo Supremo Electoral (Supreme Electoral Council) outlawing the participation of the PCV and MIR in the December elections. Betancourt approved CAP's arrangements for, with the PCV and MIR out of the way and the AD opposition terrified, Betancourt's stooge Raul Leoni — a sort of Venezuelan Gerry Ford — was a shoe-in for the Presidency.

From 1963 to 1973 CAP operated with a lower profile. He worked with the military in mopping up the guerillas, operating behind the scenes in AD to improve his party position and endeavoring to make the blood on his hands less visible. Despite intermittent guerilla successes against the military, over a two-year period the military, with the help of CAP and the direction of Pentagon experts, continually limited the freedom of movement of the

guerilla bands. By 1966 the guerillas' capability for redeployment was severely restricted, and according to the outlines of the Pentagon "Plan Funnel," they were trapped and finished off. December 1966 saw the crushing of the last leftist outpost — the Central University of Venezuela in Caracas — when the military occupied the campus in a brutal predawn raid.

In 1968 talk started of CAP running for the Presidency, but Betancourt told him to bide his time. Rafael Caldera, candidate of the traditional conservative party, was elected President. The left parties were still prohibited from participating in elections, but after he was elected Caldera declared a plan for "pacification" which included an amnesty and the legalization of the PCV and MIR. Rockefeller had little to fear from the remains of the Venezuelan left.

Heil to the Chief

CAP moved for the Presidency with Betancourt's backing in 1973, and carried the election by a large margin. The left opposed him, trying to remind the country of CAP's crimes. But CAP, campaigning under the slogan "democracy with energy," used his "service" as Minister of the Interior to demonstrate his "firmness" in support of "order" — he succeeded in winning the large vote of the rightwing and the middle classes, aided by the strong loyalist AD machine. Following his election, CAP was paid a three-day visit by Nelson Rockefeller himself, and CAP's inauguration was attended by Vernon Walters, assistant director of the CIA.

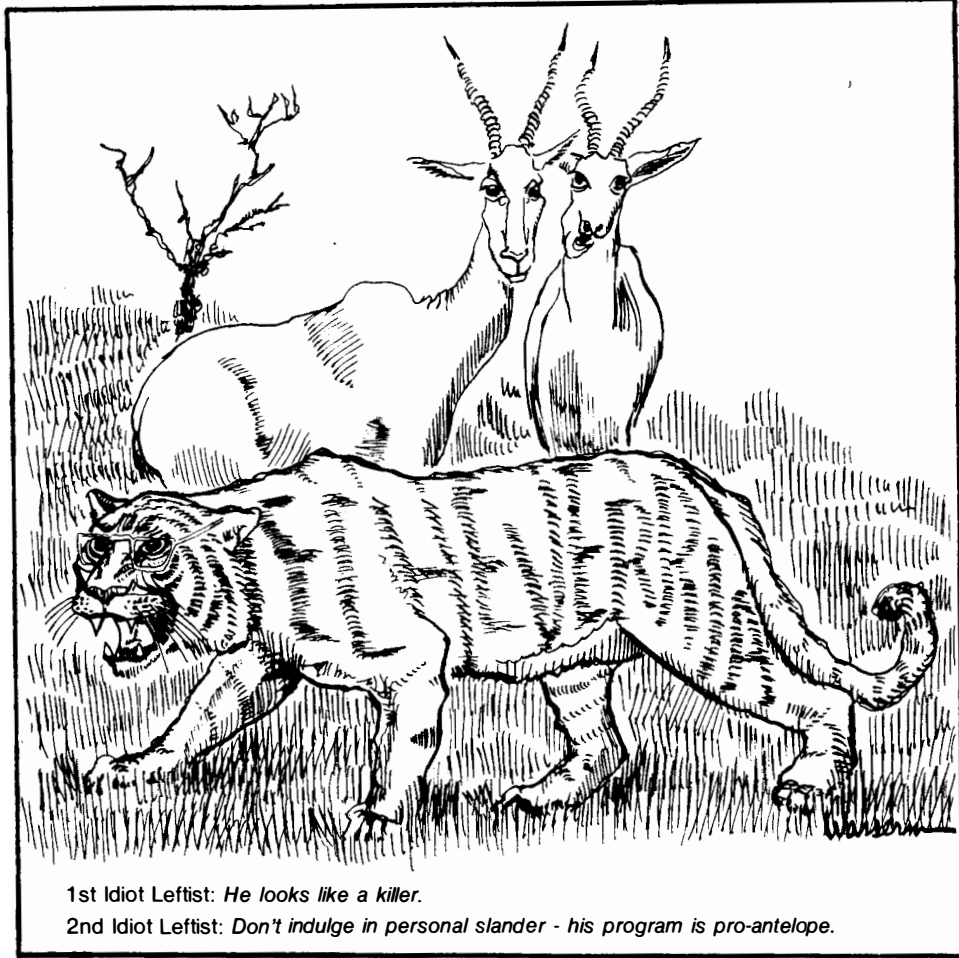
Today the Venezuelan left to varying degrees supports or submits to their executioner on the basis of his "anti-imperialism." Teodoro Petkoff, leader of

the Movement toward Socialism, now hails CAP.

Before the 1973 elections, Petkoff had said of him: "CAP offers the advantages of a Brazilian model without the military. That is, he is exactly the candidate of the dependent neo-capitalism, the man that proposes opening the possibilities of a Brazilian miracle." Today Petkoff supports CAP and, along with other destroyed leftists, is used by CAP to attack the intransigent sections of the bourgeoisie who balk at Rockefeller's restructuring programs for the country and the continent.

In Venezuela, these programs center around the restructuring of the Venezuelan bureaucracy in order to ease utilization of the petrodollars coming into the country and to facilitate Rockefeller investment in processing and manufacturing industries. The shortage of skilled labor remains a serious problem, but youth are being militarized through the Armed Forces to instill in them "a sense of discipline" and to give them basic skills. The working class, virtually without coherent leadership, is kept in line by the descendants of the Cobra Negra, like the Gang de la Muerte (Gang of Death), and by the military, which keeps a watchful eye from the background on potential resistance.

CAP's message to the working class of Venezuela and Latin America is clear. In his New Years speech this month, CAP proclaimed: "This must be a country of producers, not just of indolent consumers. Work, work, work is the motto for all Venezuelans." To stop CAP's "work," and Echeverria's, the international left must join the ICLC in exposing the brutal thugs who wear Rockefeller's "democratic" leer.



1st Idiot Leftist: *He looks like a killer.*

2nd Idiot Leftist: *Don't indulge in personal slander - his program is pro-antelope.*

