

## 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 fall 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-