

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 kneejerk 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 Portugese 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, Verfassungschutz 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.