WEST GERMAN MILITARY SOURCE CORROBORATES NATO FACTIONALIZATION OVER ROCKEFELLER NUCLEAR DOCTRINE

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, May 7 (IPS) -- IPS correspondents here today conducted an extensive interview with a member of a West German think tank. The source, who holds the rank of Brigadier General, corroborated in detail the ICLC analysis of extreme factionalization in NATO circles over the attempts by the Rockefeller cabal to forcefully make their policy of nuclear confrontation and "limited nuclear war" against the Soviet Union a NATO stratetic doctrine.

Asked about MC 14/4", a document which embodies this brinksmanship policy, the sources exclaimed, "when they are entirely up against the wall, it is entirely possible that they seek confrontation...but this is madness; it leads to catastrophe."

"They do not know the Russians," the source noted, "nothing has changed from Sokolovsky's doctrine (of total retaliation--ed.) If today the Americans do something in Yugoslavia, tomorrow Norway will be occupied or even Central Europe, for God's sake."

Throughout the conversation, the source noted that Germans have a much greater respect for Soviet military power than does the U.S. He did, however, accept the differentiation between Rockefeller -- the currently dominant force in U.S. policy -- and other forces in the U.S.

Another element of "MC 14/4" -- a rapid arms buildup by NATO forces on the continent -- was rejected out of hand by the source. Conventional arming of NATO to achieve parity with the Warsaw Pact was "nonsense," according to the source. "Seen from the military standpoint we are living in a transitional phase: the Warsaw Pact is overwhelmingly superior. We know how the West could possibly win back the initiative in a few years, but to date, nothing has been achieved. It will become dangerous if the Americans behave as if they already had something which they will first have in a few years."

Elaborating on this "transition point," the source went on to describe how warfare stood on the edge of "revolutionary changes." The changes described by the source were at some variance with the demands for more reliance on tactical nuclear weapons proposed by the "limited nuclear war" doctrine. The source noted that traditional weapons were obsolete, especially tanks. Military organizational structures, particularly the division and brigade forms, were also obsolete. New weapons technology, above all laser technology, will radically change the entire structure of military organization: small, highly-mobile units will take the place of large ones. These developments can be seen in the use of the new Soviet armored personnel carrier (Schuetzenpanzer) PT-76, as well as the Bundeswehr's FLA tank. This, however, was only a first stage and it would be at least five years before anything changes decisively. With respect to new forms of organization, the source

mentioned the ideas of Beaufre and his concept of a special, "territorial army."

The source gave IPS a striking picture of the intellectual state of the Bundeswehr and the CIA think-tankers who are attempting to influence its policies. At this point, he saw the Bundeswehr as intellectually spineless: "everything is becoming routinized." The Bundeswehr Academy (Hochschule) was described as totally functionist. Throughout the military, the source said, there were very few "independent thinkers" left. "We have discussions -- informal discussions -- but each of us has so much to do, is working under such pressure, that we can't do much."

The source had biting criticism of the CIA think-tanks that helped formulate limited war doctirne. On the RAND Institute he said: "One time I was in Santa Monica. There a bunch of people sit around a huge computer, put something in, and get something out. What is this supposed to mean? I stick by (Werner) Heisenber's (book) 'The Part and the Whole,' which says that it is impossible to formalize everything. We must be creative; we can't bypass that." Characterizing the London Insutitue for Strategic Studies, the source said: "Its main task is to count the number of cups of coffee which they drink during the day."

"Science must have impetus," said the source, "but these conflict study institutes -- they are abstract and oriented to the past."

SEN. McINTYRE BLASTS "SCHLESINGER-JACKSON" DRIVE TO PRECIPITATE NUCLEAR WAR

May 6 (IPS) -- U.S. Senator Thomas J. McIntyre (D-NH) yesterday charged that a faction within the U.S. government led by Secretary of Defense Schleiinger and Senators Henry Jackson (D-WASH) and James Buckley (R-NY) was pushing the United States dangerously close to thermonuclear war, by activating the so-called Schlesinger doctrine of limited thermonuclear warfare. McIntyre s speech came as the International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC) went on full international alert, charging that Nelson Rockefeller and his cohorts were moving into position to detonate a limited nuclear exchange in the Mideast as the precipitating incident to a full-scale nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union. McIntyre thus followed up by four days a speech made by Senator George McGovern which attacked the Schlesinger-Kissinger strategic doctrine. McIntyre warned, "I fear that the Secretary's new nuclear warfighting policies and his related requests for counterforce technology are a grave threat to gains for our security at SALT...Secretary Schlesinger and his congressional allies would take us much further than imagined before toward exotic new destablizing technologies...

McIntyre openly charged that the justification for Schlesinger's counterforce and tactical nuclear war strategy "is, in fact not military, but political or diplomatic...in other words, they are concerned that unless we have this capability it might adversely affect the political position of the U.S. in the world. My sub-