

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

ROCKEFELLER PUSHES FOR NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION; SOVIET COUNTERMOVES

ITALIAN MILITARIZATION MOVES FIGURE IN ROCKEFELLER'S END GAME STRATEGY

May 6 (IPS)--In the overall strategic context of the U.S.--Rockefeller forces' search for a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union at the earliest possible date, developments over the past few days in Italy and the Middle East are of immediate significance. "We must find a place where we can take a stand, bring about a test of strength," according to former Assistant Director of the CIA, Ray Cline. As pro-war forces in Israel are desperately trying to counter growing sentiment in the country for a positive response to Soviet peace initiatives with "news" of an impending Egyptian attack, Italy, according to *Corriere della Sera*, is witnessing the largest "anti-terrorist" police/military mobilization since 1970. The action, involving between 20,000 and 30,000 police, carabinieri, special "finance" police, and military detachments from all branches of the armed forces, started May 1 and is concentrated in the Tuscany and Bologna-Florence regions. Immediate nationwide targets of the action are all transport and communications links, specifically railways, and the Rome and Milan airports. This is a classical coup d'etat-type of deployment and significantly is centered in Communist controlled regions of the country.

Collateral evidence--such as statements by Head National Security Council staffer Winston Lord and a May 5 piece in the *New York Times* by CIA stringer Drew Middleton--points to the broader strategic significance of the Italian deployment. Lord remarked that "nothing will happen in Europe until Tito dies," while Middleton speaks of a crisis "after the death of Marshal Tito," as if the occurrence of such an event in the near future were a forgone conclusion.

We must indeed consider, therefore, that undoubtedly existing CIA plans for the assassination of Marshal Tito could be activated at any moment and that such an event would then become the pretext for a massive NATO incursion into Yugoslavia. An Italian coup would be timed to coincide with or immediately precede such an operation to secure Italy as a NATO operating base.

ROCKEFELLER CONDUITS CALL FOR GRAND COALITION IN BRD

May 6 (IPS)--Circles closely allied with the Rockefeller faction have called for the formation of a Grand Coalition between the

ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) and the right wing of the Christian Democratic opposition (CDU) as the aftermath of parlia-

mentary elections in the key German states of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Saar.

The *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, which is closely allied with U.S. Defense Minister Schlesinger's military faction, today called for the formation of a "bridge" between the SPD and the opposition to be formed in the Bundesta, the upper House of Parliament. The *Baltimore Sun* went one step further and called upon the CDU to break the ground for such an emergency government by politically isolating right-wing fascist Franz Josef Strauss from his present alliance with the CDU.

EAST BLOC LEADERS ISSUE WARNING TO ROCKEFELLER

May 6 (IPS)--In speeches delivered yesterday at the Berlin garrison of the Soviet Army in East Germany (DDR), East bloc leaders stated in no uncertain terms their hardline position vis a vis Rockefeller's insane nuclear brinksmanship. Today's *Neues Deutschland*, the major East German daily, relates the stern warning of Party Head Eric Honnecker: "The possibility of sharp turns in the international situation is not excluded. It is therefore our internationalist duty not to relax revolutionary class vigilance. Peace exists because we are strong and well-armed."

Drawing upon the experience of his own country, the Ambassador from Czechoslovakia, directly addressed Rockefeller renegade Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania: "Those in a socialist state who isolate themselves from the Soviet Union...harm the interests of socialism and progress...anti-Sovietism leads without exception to the other side of the barricades, regardless of the earlier merits of individuals or the Party."

SOVIETS FORCE MITTERRAND TO BACK DOWN

May 6 (IPS)--The Soviets forced French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand to back off his previous statement in support of an independent European defense structure, according to French press reports of Mitterrand's discussions with hard-line Soviet Politburo members Suslov and Ponamarev in Moscow.

EAST BLOC SCORES CHINA'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH NATO

May 6 (IPS)--The East bloc press renewed its attacks on China, singling out for comment Peking's growing ties to NATO. Today's *Neues Deutschland*, organ of the East German Communist Party, reports on an article in the Mongolian paper *Enen* which condemns the "Maoist clique for openly supporting NATO policies in Europe." Similarly, the Czechoslovakian Party organ, *Rude Pravo*, wrote April 24 that Peking "sees world war rather than peace as its prospects....for its hegemonic and chauvinistic aims, Peking is willing to gang up with anyone...."

TIME BLACKS OUT CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO ROCKEFELLER;
CLAIMS CONGRESS IS RETREATING

May 6 (IPS)--In today's New York Times Washington reporter Leslie Gelb blacks out all Congressional motion against Rockefeller's nuclear endgame strategy--Sen. Thomas McIntyre's speech in New Hampshire yesterday; Sen. McGovern's speech Friday asserting that the situation is on a "nuclear hairtrigger;" and the behind-the-scenes alarm in Congress.

Instead, Gelb claims that both liberals and moderates are backing away from their earlier intention of challenging the Administration with attempts to make a major cuts in Defense spending and to reduce overseas forces.

WASHINGTON POST COLUMNISTS KRAFT AND WILL WARN CONGRESS, PRESS AGAINST CRITICISM OF ROCKEFELLER NUCLEAR STRATEGY

May 6 (IPS)--Joseph Draft and George F. Will writing in today's Washington Post, launch wholesale attacks on debate and criticism of the Rockefeller faction's military and foreign policy decisions for nuclear showdown. Both Will, from the extreme right wing, and the "moderate" Kraft are issuing orders to Congress not to pursue public debate against Rockefeller, and to tell the press to end the past month's cabal-permitted "open season" on the CIA.

SCHLESINGER HEATS UP BERLIN HOT SPOT TO PROVOKE SOVIETS

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 7 (IPS)--U. S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger is attempting to create a new Berlin crisis as another trigger point for thermonuclear confrontation with the Soviets. According to the Frankfurter Allegemeine Zeitung today, Schlesinger told Christian Democratic Deputy Representative Abelein of the West German Parliamentary Defense Committee that he "would not advise the Soviet Union to test American resoluteness in West Berlin.

FRENCH POLITICAL AND MILITARY CIRCLES AFFIRM TOTAL OPPOSITION TO ROCKEFELLER NUCLEAR ENDGAME

PARIS, May 8 (IPS)--IPS correspondents here in the last few days have conducted lengthy interviews with leading French political and military figures who stated their full understanding of and opposition to the leading Rockefeller faction's present thrust towards a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet bloc.

One source, recognized as one of the leading spokesmen for the Gaullist movement, corroborated the ICLC analysis that European circles know Rockefeller will not stop even at the complete devastation of their own countries.

The Second French source, who holds the rank of general, angrily characterized this dabbling with tactical nuclear weapons as "pure idiocy." He stated: "Those who think that the Soviets will not strike back in full are complete idiots. These are little generals and politicians playing games with toys that they don't understand. This tactical nuclear warfare game is ridiculous, is idiotic."

The source further stated that what is now developing has actually been "a long-time strategy of the U.S.," identifying the leading edge of its proponent-faction as "Rockefeller and his people." The military source stated: "As for Rumania, the USSR can get them in three hours and as for China, all of China would be rapidly destroyed, with the Russians suffering destruction only in Siberia."

SOVIET COMMUNIST LEADER AFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR EAST GERMANS

May 8 (IPS)--Speaking yesterday in East Berlin, Soviet Communist Party Politburo member Fyodor Kulakov--who is regarded as a spokesman for party head Leonid Brezhnev--stated unequivocally that his Party stands behind the "consistent internationalist course" being pursued by the East German Communist Party (SED). Kulakov's remarks came in a speech delivered at a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the liberation of Germany from fascism.

EAST GERMAN LEADER ATTACKS "SCHISMATIC" ATTEMPTS TO SPLIT COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

May 8 (IPS)--Hermann Axen, a politburo member of East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity Party (SED), gave an interview May 4 on the progress of preparations for this year's conference of European Communist Parties to be held in Berlin. Axen, like French Communist Party leader Jean Kanapa two weeks ago, debunked Western press stories that the conference would be canceled. The "fascist circles" and others spreading these rumors, he said, "fear that the conference will give a new impulse to the struggle of the working class....They fear the growing unity of the European Communist Parties and the inevitable failure of their schismatic activity." The "schismatic" forces referred to are the leaders of the Italian Communist Party and other CIA agents who are trying to build an anti-Moscow faction to delay and disrupt the conference.

TIMES WARNS CONGRESS: STOP MEDDLING IN "SECURITY" AFFAIRS

May 8 (IPS)--Dusting off its retired Military Affairs editor, Hanson W. Baldwin, the New York Times today threatens Congressmen with "irresponsibly" threatening the nation by openly discussing matters of security and intelligence with the press and the population.

Baldwin warns, "How does one define the thin line between freedom and license, security and repression, the "right to know" and irresponsibility? The political extremists and fanatics, in pursuit of revolution, believe that the ends literally justify any means."

CIA COLUMNISTS ATTACK OPPONENTS OF NUCLEAR WAR

May 8 (IPS)--CIA columnists Evans and Novak, writing in today's

Washington Post, attempted to aid the Rockefeller-Schlesinger clique in their efforts to eliminate Congressional opposition to their drive for a nuclear confrontation with the Soviets. Under a flimsy cover, Evans and Novak are trying to intimidate Congressional aides from further contact with the U.S. Labor Party. The columnists single out William Ashworth, an adviser to Sen. McGovern (D-S.D.), a key Schlesinger opponent and Foreign Relations Committee staffer.

CIA DIRECTOR COLSBY: NUCLEAR WAR "TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE"

May 8 (IPS)--Interviewed by a reporter after his speech delivered yesterday to a San Francisco businessmen's lunch at the Commonwealth Club of California, William Colby, Director of the CIA, said of Schlesinger's policy of "tactical nuclear warfare," that he thinks it is "technically feasible." When pushed on whether it was politically feasible, and whether he thought the Soviet Union would back down, Colby stated that the question was "too complicated and difficult to answer here."

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO HAVE NATO FLEET PATROL OIL PLATFORMS

STOCKHOLM, May 8 (IPS)--Norwegian Foreign Minister Knut Frydenlund has announced that the Norwegian government would not permit the NATO fleet to participate in the protection of its oil platforms. The reason given for this decision is that NATO patrolling of the drilling areas would increase the danger of confrontation between NATO and the Soviet Union. The Soviets maintain a major naval base on the coast of the Barents Sea, one of the areas being considered for Norwegian drilling.

BRANDT POSTPONES MOSCOW TRIP

May 9 (IPS)--Willy Brandt, Chairman of the West German Social Democratic Party and leading agent of the CIA-controlled Second International, announced yesterday that he is postponing his trip to the Soviet Union, planned to begin on May 15. Brandt's announcement follows Moscow's extremely cold reception of French Second International agent Francois Mitterrand.

NUCLEAR BOMB SHELTERS SECRETLY BUILT IN WEST GERMANY

May 9 (IPS)--The new subway transit tunnels being built in the major city of Hannover will have metal ceilings intended to cut down radioactivity from a nuclear explosion. According to construction workers employed on the underground project, the tunnels will probably never be used for public transit, but are chiefly designed as bomb shelters in the event of thermonuclear war.

MILITARY MANEUVERS SIGNAL MOVE TO MAKE FRANCE NATO'S "LIMITED NUCLEAR KEYSTONE"

May 9 (IPS)--The French government is now moving to place France in the keystone position of NATO military strategy. A week-long series of national military maneuvers in France, known as Manat-75, signals that France's traditional "Force de Frappe" strategy is being replaced by a "limited nuclear warfare" policy coherent with that of NATO. An article in the May 8 issue of the French daily Le Monde, by NATO specialist Jacques Isnard confirms that France's "limited nuclear" capability against the Soviet bloc is now operational.

CHINA ESTABLISHES TIES TO EEC; ESCALATES ATTACK ON USSR

May 9 (IPS)--Today's Washington Post reports an announcement made in Peking by Sir Christophere Soames that China is establishing diplomatic ties with the Common Market (EEC). Soames, the EEC Commissioner for External Affairs, is a longtime liaison between Rockefeller business interests in Britain and Europe.

A UPI dispatch from Hong Kong indicates that China has escalated its propaganda campaign in support of Rockefeller's brinkmanship against the USSR. A "People's Daily" article says that, "As the Soviet Union follows Hitler's route toward world domination, the U.S. is becoming every day more and more vulnerable and strategically passive."

FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER DEMANDS PUBLIC DEBATE ON "LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR"

NEW YORK, May 9 (IPS)--French Communist Party (PCF) Central Committee International Secretary Jean Kanapa has called for a public debate in the National Assembly on the French Giscard government's policy of "provocation" of tactical nuclear war and charged that the French government's policy is to "command 'the opening of tactical nuclear fire' to face up to a 'threat,' even conventional." Kanapa demanded "that the government explain itself clearly, publicly on these capital questions...and that it explain this in front of the National Assembly...we demand that he (Prime Minister Cirac--Ed.) give the assurance that the Pluton Tactical Weapon will never, under any circumstances, be set up in the BRD."

UNSERE ZEIT ATTACKS WEST GERMAN MAOISTS

May 9 (IPS)--An unusually forceful attack against the West German Maoists and their support of NATO against the socialist bloc appeared in today's issue of Unsere Zeit, the daily newspaper of the Communist Party of West Germany. The attack, entitled "Maoists and Strauss for strong NATO," coincides with the visit of a high-level delegation of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to West Germany. The article cites an April 30 call by the Maoists to struggle.

CDU'S STOLTENBERG ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR FEDERAL CHANCELLORY

May 9 (IPS)--Gehard Stotenberg, the Christian Democratic Minister President of the West German province of Schleswig-Holstein, and the central figure in a growing factional line-up in his party against Rockefeller's nuclear end-game strategy, today announced his intention to put himself forward as a Federal Chancellor candidate during the CDU Executive Committee meeting on Monday. Earlier this week, Stotenberg publicly attacked the principal Rockefeller agent in the CDU, Kurt Biedenkopf, emphasizing that fundamental political ideas, not party issues, separated the two men.

The increasingly anti-Rockefeller, right-wing daily, *Die Welt*, reported that a "group of friends" had urged Stotenberg to make this move, cautious reference to the existence of an anti-Biedenkopf faction.

TIMES ATTEMPTS TO COOPT CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON SCHLESINGER DOCTRINE

May 9 (IPS)--In a lead editorial titled "Defense Defended," the New York Times attempts to coopt the current Congressional debate over Defense Secretary Schlesinger's limited nuclear warfare policy now being generated in the Senate Armed Services Committee. Wooing Congress by declaring "a normal or preferably a better than normal Congressional review of the Administration's defense requests is much in order," the Times tries to keep the debate focused on future military programs and policies, knowing full well that the Schlesinger "counterforce" policy has been activated already and the U.S. already possesses the necessary arms.

MARSHAL VACILEVSKI--INTERVIEW IN O SECULO

May 9 (IPS)--Marshal Alexandre Vacilevski, former Chief of Staff of the Soviet Armed Forces, in an interview in Thursday's Portuguese daily *O Seculo* stressed that the Soviet victory against the Nazis in the Battle of Berlin was due to the "singularity" of the all out offensive strategy employed. Significantly, Vacilevski concluded that the Berlin operation "provided a rich and useful experience, in many of its aspects, that did not lose its importance in present conditions."

CHINESE PREPARE FOR NUCLEAR WAR

May 10 (IPS)--The Chinese have perfected an air filter system capable of removing nuclear fallout from the atmosphere according to Daily Telegraph correspondent Claire Hollingsworth in Nanking yesterday. The report corroborates that the Chinese are preparing for nuclear war, systematically encouraged by the Great Han Chauvinist leadership of the Communist Party of China. Hollingsworth was part of a British press delegation that was taken on a tour of vast underground shelters 1.5 miles long and supposedly capable of housing up to 20,000 people.

MAO ATTEMPTS TO PROVOKE BERLIN CRISIS

May 10 (IPS)--Fourteen members of the CIA-Maoist countergang, "League Against Imperialism" crossed the Eastern checkpoint into East Berlin today and defaced a Soviet Mausoleum with posters of U.S. President Ford and Soviet Party Chairman Brezhnev in an attempt to spark a Berlin crisis. According to police, 200 members of the gang were allowed to pass the Western checkpoints--six have been arrested in East Berlin.

TITO PRAISES SOVIET STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM

May 10 (IPS)--Today's L'Humanite, paper of the French Communist Party, carries a major article on Yugoslav leader Tito praising the Soviet's struggle against fascism and the cooperation which took place between the Red Army and the Yugoslav Partisans in World War II. The article counters current CIA press screeching over Yugoslav/Soviet tensions.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO LISBON STRESSES EMERGENCE OF WORLD SOCIALISM

May 10 (IPS)--At a meeting commemorating the end of the Second World War, Arnold Lalinin, the Soviet Ambassador to Portugal, declared, regarding the victory of the Portuguese, Vietnamese, and Cambodian people, that the radical changes in the world in favor of socialism are "supported by its ideological base, its military and economic power, (which) is lashing imperialism and limiting the sphere of its influence....It is necessary to maintain vigilance against the neo-fascist danger."

PCF RECEPTION CELEBRATES COMMUNIST VICTORIES

May 10 (IPS)--French Communist Party General Secretary George Marchais pledged PCF efforts to strengthen ties between France and Indochina through the immediate extension of aid for the reconstruction of Indochina, at a widely attended reception to celebrate the recent Communist victories in Indochina.

BRZEZINSKI REVEALS ROCKEFELLER PLAN TO RE-ARM JAPAN

May 11 (IPS)--Simultaneous with a front-page New York Times scare-story on communist threats to South Korea, Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission Chairman Zbigniew Brzezinski, appeared on today's "Meet the Press" television program to call for U.S. efforts to rearm Japan in light of the Korean situation.

TIMES SLANDERS NUCLEAR WAR OPPONENT MCGOVERN

May 11 (IPS)--In an abortive effort to lend credibility to its attacks on Senator George McGovern, the CIA's New York Times today trots out Clare Boothe Luce to bewail the plight of the Vietnam refugees. She in turn calls on Harvard and CIA sociologist David

Riesman to plumb the depths of guilt, self-pity, and callousness which according to Luce are the earmarks of the American reaction to the refugees.

Quoting Riesman on the "extraordinary callousness" of the antiwar movement, Luce intones: "The latest expression of this callousness comes, not surprisingly, from Senator George McGovern, long-time leader of the antiwar movement, and hero of the campus rioters and draft-card burners."

KRAFT COVERS FOR ROCKY'S ARM-TWISTING

May]] (IPS)--Columnist Joseph Kraft today attempts to explain the silence temporarily prevailing over the debate between Congress and the Executive on foreign policy with a proposal that there exists a new "amity." Kraft's column, "a moment of good feeling," celebrates the supposed softening of positions between the two branches of government.

RESTON PSY-WAR SHOWS ROCKEFELLER COMMITTED TO BRINKSMANSHIP

May]] (IPS)--Rockefeller press operative James Reston writing in the New York Times today made absolutely clear to the world's working class that Nelson Rockefeller's drunken determination to precipitate nuclear war has not been tempered by Soviet proclamations that their policy remains Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD). Reston donates his column inches today to quotations from Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) Director Fred Ikle, who declares the U.S. to be "defenseless against attacks that could come" from any number of sources and that mutual deterrence theories all have collapsed because of "the inability to identify the aggressor,"