

AFL-CIO Plays "Dumb"

The following are excerpts from an interview with a staff member at the AFL-CIO International Affairs Department.

Q: How do you think the scandals around surveillance of a nuclear physicist and the improper use of funds by the West German SPD affect the viability of the Schmidt coalition government?

A: All I know is what I read in the newspaper. ...Why are you calling us anyway? We don't know anything about these things, we really don't.

Q: Aren't you sympathetic to the SPD?

A: Of course, but that doesn't mean anything. Why Mr. Meany met with Willy Brandt this morning, but that doesn't mean we support everything the SPD government does, or that they talked about it.

Q: Well, let me ask you about a similar situation in another country. I wanted to talk to you about...

A: (Interrupting) ... Italy!

Q: Why, yes, Italy ...

A: (Interrupting) We don't know anything about it...although I can understand why you would think we would.

TWO REPORTS FROM LYNDON H. LAROCHE IN EUROPE

Carter Subverts Western European Governments

WIESBADEN, BRD March 4 (NSIPS) — The past week's escalation of two hypocritical "destabilization" campaigns against the government of BRD Chancellor Helmut Schmidt rounds out a pattern of current Carter Administration efforts to bring down every pro-development government in Western Europe.

The first of these current attacks against Schmidt came in the original form of an attack against BRD Interior Minister Werner Maihofer, launched by the Feb. 28 issue of the magazine *Der Spiegel*. The second is the coordinated attack on Schmidt himself, charging use of state funds for political propaganda. If there were any reason to doubt the intentional connection between the two "destabilization" press tactics, the sponsors of the attacks themselves have connected the two issues as the purported front end of a "Watergate" campaign against Schmidt.

Although there are in fact some unresolved implications for the Dr. Klaus Traube affair, the overall quality of the attack on Schmidt is, as *Der Spiegel* publisher Rudolf Augstein would say, "ganz klar." At the very best, Schmidt's critics are exhibiting shameless hypocrisy.

In the Traube affair, Maihofer is accused of maintaining Bundesverfassungsschutz (BfV — West Germany's "FBI") surveillance of an Interatom physicist and suspected nuclear terrorists and related circles. If Maihofer's office in fact limited itself to such surveillance, which is all the *Der Spiegel* so far alleges, then Mr. Augstein and his associates are behaving as monstrous hypocrites.

In the second item, the use of government resources to aid a ruling party's political campaign, Schmidt's critics must certainly know that such practices have been common to virtually every government. One might say on this matter, "Who is morally qualified to cast the first stone" — presuming that the charges have a basis.

Although the operations against the Callaghan, Andreotti and Schmidt governments are partially conducted through "dark networks," the bulk of the campaign is scarcely covert. The entire world's leading political forces, in every nation — including the Warsaw Pact nations — are openly divided between anti-Rockefeller and pro-Rockefeller forces. These international factional alignments cut across formal party lines in every nation.

For example, the Christian Democracy and Social-Democracy in the BRD itself, which are potentially split internally on supporting or opposing the policies of the Rockefeller's Carter administration, and the German Communist Party, whose "Euro-Communist" leadership is openly pro-Rockefeller on all the leading issues in the BRD today. *Der Spiegel* publisher Augstein is quite shamelessly supporting the Rockefeller faction, as are the U.S.-linked "environmentalist" forces within the SPD. Although the pro-Rockefeller factions do not yet identify themselves by wearing Mickey Mouse Club hats with built-in windmills, such identifications are superfluous. Symbolically, all of Schmidt's current critics are wearing windmills screwed into their skullcaps.

The political profile of the Carterites is well-established. a Brzezinski ally (or dupe) is

1. In opposition to fission power plants and fusion research;
2. A supporter of the Brzezinski-coordinated Eastern European dissidents campaign;
3. A supporter of labor-intensive "Arbeitsdienst" programs of employment for the unemployed;
4. A supporter of "solar energy" and "windmill" development efforts, together with demands for "energy conservation" at the expense of industry and maintenance of basic social services;

There are other elements in the profiles of included ele-

ments of the pro-Rockefeller forces. These generally include;

1. Efforts to bring down governments, — such as those of Andreotti, Schmidt, and Callaghan — and to weaken other forces — such as the Gaullists — which oppose Rockefeller's inflation, deindustrialization and "dissident" provocations policies.
2. Promoting a showdown between the nominal "left" and "right" political forces of Europe as a way of breaking up actual and potential alliances among pro-development industrialist and trade-union forces.

Although covert operations of various sorts intersect the overall Carter Administration operations, the bulk of the campaigns are conducted openly by coalitions of pro-Rockefeller forces cutting across self-styled conservative, liberal and "left" party lines. The basic mode of operation of the Carter forces is "Watergate" tactics.

Prognosis

Although Vance-Brzezinski operations are forcing a Soviet shift toward a hard anti-Carter line, without a strong Soviet countermeasure to aid Western European pro-development forces, it is unfortunately all too probable that those Western European governments will fall. If that occurs, then the OECD nations as a whole will come under the almost monolithic control of the Rockefeller forces, meaning fascist austerity for Western Europe, Japan and most of the developing sector, and irreversible conditions leading toward an early general war.

Although there has been some healthy, tough, anti-Carter posture among leading West German figures, in the main Western European pro-development forces have behaved with what is in effect downright cowardice under strong Rockefeller faction pressures. While, on the one side, the Rockefeller forces proceed from firm commitment to a definite, operational confrontationalist and fascist-austerity policy, their opponents have so far failed to mobilize around a clear and consistent counter-policy. In this pattern, Soviet vacillations and blunders have played a crucial role in weakening Western Europeans and developing-sector forces. However, Soviet leadership blunders themselves have been partly caused by the vacillation among Western European and developing-sector forces — with the result that key Eastern European leading circles have little basis for confidence in these forces, and thus hesitate to commit Soviet and Comecon resources to aid those forces.

The principal blunder leading Western Europe toward

a possible early crushing defeat is Western European leaders' fear to naming their opponent by his proper name, Rockefeller. This refusal to name names and to rally forces around a clear designation of the opponent prevents a clear understanding and coherent mobilization of the mass social base forces of the trade unions and other on which stable Western European and developing-sector pro-development governments absolutely depend. The failure to name the name "Rockefeller," is the crucial cowardly trait which permits the Rockefellers to mobilize even trade-union and other mass-base forces in duped support of the kinds of criminal "destabilization" efforts now afoot in Italy, the BRD and elsewhere.

It must be conceded, in mitigation of such errors by Western European leaders, that the Soviet leadership itself is a past master in such cowardice. We are accustomed to read Soviet press references to mysterious "dark forces" in the West, to mysterious "revanchist" forces, to "forces of monopoly capitalism," and so forth. Such language — in the Soviet press or anywhere else — is pure, unscientific gobbledegook which implicitly lumps the pro-industrial development forces (which desire peace and economic cooperation) with the war-oriented monetarist forces grouped around the Rockefeller brothers.

Such Soviet gobbledegook, replicated in the ranks of pro-development Western European circles, commits the potentially tragic blunder of approaching politics solely in the byzantine terms of reference of parliamentary and diplomatic horse-trading — effectively ignoring the real politics of the class bases, the pro-development industrialists and the trade-union-centered working-class forces.

Either the ranks of the two classes — industrial capitalists and workers — are mobilized to support pro-development governments, or those governments can not endure the kinds of destabilization operations now being coordinated world-wide by the Carter Administration. Instead of mobilizing mass forces to a life-or-death struggle, leading circles are limiting their efforts to the "polite" methods appropriate to parliamentary log-rolling around some third-rate piece of legislation.

Either Europeans (and others) muster the courage to mention the enemy's proper name — Rockefeller — or every pro-development will fall very soon, and the world will then have been irreversibly committed to a spectrum of alternative scenarios all converging upon early World War III. If the Schmidt government were to fall as a result of the efforts associated with *Der Spiegel*, one rightly trembles for the fate of humanity as a whole.