

Arabs, Japan, Soviets link up with EMS

New monetary order seeks war-avoidance—but where's the U.S.?

The French, West Germans, and Soviets are now closely coordinating their diplomatic and economic activities to put into action the new European Monetary System and its policy of joint East-West development of the Third World. These countries and their allies in Japan, the Arab nations, and the Third World are trying to exert the leadership necessary to avert war and economic collapse — the kind of leadership for which for so many years the world looked to the United States.

The following three-part report details how those efforts took shape last week around the world.

It is now clear from reports of the just-concluded Franco-Soviet trade commission meeting in Paris that the French, West German, and Comecon sector economies are being integrated at the highest levels. The fact that the Soviets used the Paris meeting as the site of their announcement of a major nuclear deal with Libya signals that joint development of the Third World is a major component of the East-West

integration. The first part of this report describes in depth the wide range of Europe's activities to that end.

Japan's government has come out with its own EMF-type arrangement, as the third article in this section details, urging tight collaboration with continental European forces, developing Third World countries, and the OPEC states of the Mideast.

And Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda's trip to the Mideast pointed to the other part of the Japanese-European "Grand Design," when Sheik Yamani offered direct shipment of oil to Japan, bypassing the multinationals, in return for direct technology transfers. But Yamani's offer is by no means restricted to Japan, as the OPEC portion of our coverage shows.

Forty years ago the Munich agreement was signed as the inevitable climax to the British-run economic insanity of the 1920s and 1930s. Today the Western Europeans, Japanese, Soviets, and OPEC nations are providing the leadership, where the U.S. has so far failed, to make sure there is never another Munich.

Europe: a shock treatment for Brzezinski

American National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski arrived in Europe on Oct. 2 for a tour of Western capitals, including Paris, Bonn and London, expecting to arm-twist Germany and France. He was looking for support of a separate peace between Egypt and Israel, abandonment of Franco-German determination to implement the new European Monetary System and Fund, and a halt to expanded cooperation with the Soviet Union under the threat that West Germany's "self-Finlandization" might have to be halted forcefully.

But instead, Brzezinski was treated to some of the most determined language from the German and French governments to date. Excepting London, which has already officially endorsed the Carter Administration's proposal for a Lebanese "peace conference" excluding the Palestinians, Europe's leaders

are now united around Chancellor Schmidt and President Giscard D'Estaing to resist the march of Brzezinski's oligarchical faction into economic depression and war.

From Brzezinski's standpoint, the trip could not have been more ill-timed. It coincided with the Thirteenth Session of the Franco-Soviet Grand Commission in Paris, and the "notification" by the West German Bundestag of the 25-year German-Soviet economic cooperation agreement. Brzezinski's worst nightmares about so-called Finlandization rolled on all week.

In an interview with the newspaper *Europäische Zeitung*, Chancellor Schmidt stressed a "Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals" concept:

France and the Federal Republic of Germany form a close partnership which will maintain