

the Springer Press daily *Die Welt* (February 16, 1970) is most explicit about exactly who the armed forces in the Federal Republic were to be used against: "Although the German forces are capable of launching tactical counter-attacks in a certain terrain, they are unable to conduct large-scale offensives. The Bundeswehr would quickly get out of breath. The logistical basis as well as the organization of the combat units themselves are designed for defensive operations. Our reserves of material, the depot and transport capacities do not allow more than this. It cannot be otherwise, it must not be otherwise for political reasons. We do not have an expeditionary force and do not need one." In other words: the new NATO "flexible response" strategy means preparation for the political destruction of the German and European working class.

#### Economics for Rockefeller

Schmidt took over the Economics and Finance Ministry from Karl Schiller in 1972, when the latter resigned. Since then he has played a key role in the destruction of the European Economic Community as an entity which could organize resistance against Rockefeller's policies. His most treacherous moves, which have been thoroughly documented here and in *New Solidarity* newspaper, include:

- Sabotage of the EEC regional assistance plan last year. When Britain protested that the proposal would give them a raw deal, Schmidt turned around and offered a plan which would give even less assistance to France, resulting in the postponement of any decision;

#### VORSTER TAKES CUE FROM SPINOLA

May 31 (IPS) — Taking his cue from the overthrow of the Caetano regime in Portugal and the subsequent "liberal" policies under Spinola, diehard racist Prime Minister Jan Vorster of South Africa is making unprecedented overtures to the Coloureds (South Africa's official term for Mulattoes). Another incentive for this apparent reform is the substantial number of votes garnered by the reform-minded Progressive and Democratic Parties in the recent election.

This superficially liberal turn is conducted through the Erica Theron Commission of Inquiry into the Coloured People. The commission is submitting a questionnaire to 4,000 Coloured individuals and an additional 2,000 Coloured "elite" to determine attitudes toward ways of politically organizing race groups. The choices on the questionnaire range from maintaining the status quo all the way to a non-racial policy.

- Full complicity in the Rockefeller Oil Hoax;
- Recent refusal to give broader support for the Italian lira, thus intensifying the economic and political collapse of Italy;
- Manipulation of the German capital markets to bankrupt the German economy and cause mass unemployment within weeks.

Like all Rockefeller men presently in power in Europe, Schmidt is merely a transitional figure towards future fascist regimes — a throwaway who will rapidly outlive his usefulness. His "friend," Theo Sommer, drove this point home in the May 24 issue of *Die Zeit*. In an open letter which starts "Dear Helmut," Sommer says: "I also certainly know that abysses are slumbering inside you. You remind me — now don't get angry at me — of no one so much as of Franz-Josef Strauss. The same sharp intellect, the same love of polemical attacks, the same artful speech. To be sure, you are more disciplined, also more consequential. And unlike Strauss you don't play so close to the edge of your own spiritual abysses. Your self-control mechanisms function much better. Your attention to the law is more strongly developed..." Recalling how Rockefeller discarded Strauss through the Spiegel Affair, the message is obvious: Schmidt is expendable, really just a cipher like all the other politicians. Sommer snidely comments: "To become the chief yourself — that's really something."

The Coloureds as a group are slightly fewer in number than the small White population and have been told all their lives that they are "almost white," so this represents a fairly cautious step on Vorster's part. Yet, since it concedes participation (in the form of answering the questionnaire), it constitutes a "revolution" in government attitudes, according to a wildly enthusiastic editorial in the *Johannesburg Star*.

Vorster's move toward broadening his political base is recognition that he can stay in power only by granting the Blacks, Indians and Coloureds some form of governmental participation. It is not clear whether Vorster understands the connection, however, between the liberal political pressure he is under and the Rockefeller plans to impose fascist labor-intensive projects worldwide — aided by his colleague, South African diamond-king, Harry Oppenheimer. Vorster seems to be hanging on to the myth that South Africa's gold production will save the nation from the depression. Meanwhile, Vorster may not move fast enough to avoid Caetano's fate.