

FUSION ENERGY FOUNDATION FORMS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 9 (IPS)--The Fusion Energy Foundation formally will get off the ground Nov. 23 with a morning forum comparing fusion and solar energy and an afternoon session to set up an organizational structure and discuss objectives.

Following widespread Labor Committee exposure of Atomic Energy Commission sabotage of fusion power research and development, the Fusion Energy Foundation is intended to become the authoritative world energy policy body. Its establishment is the realization of growing ferment among fusion researchers for a crash program to develop controlled thermonuclear fusion power, initiated by Labor Committee organizing.

Organizing by the Fusion Energy Foundation Founding Committee among agencies and national Missions to the United Nations has produced intense interest in the feasibility of fusion power on the part of scientists and administrators, especially those from the Third World. Representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the UN Office of Science and Technology will also be present at the morning meeting.

The afternoon session will be chaired by Larry Bogart of the anti-fission Citizen's Energy Council. Co-sponsors include Professor Morris Levitt of the National Caucus of Labor Committees and Fred Howard of Yale University's Department of Computer Sciences.

"The Foundation will provide a means for socialists and other scientists to collaborate on this vital research and educational work. Fusion energy is the keystone of future technological development and human progress," said Levitt.

SPECIAL REPORT

THE TAKEOVER OF FRENCH INDUSTRY BY ROCKEFELLER AND HIS ARAB ALLIES

Nov. 9 (IPS)--Last weekend's meeting of the Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce held in Casablanca, Morocco officially sanctioned the takeover of French industry by Rockefeller and confirmed President Giscard d'Estaing's intention rapidly to complete the "redeployment"--dismantling and relocation--of his country's economy to the Third World.

Statements made by participants in the Casablanca meeting suffice to prove the complete sell-out of French capitalists and the State to Rockefeller and his Arab allies. Jacques Ferry, president of the French steel syndicate who also functions as "international

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vice-president" of the employers' association CNPF, readily confessed that French capital "does not oppose Krupp-style operations." Ferry was alluding to the Shah of Iran's acquisition of 25 per cent of the West German firm's shares last summer, as well as to a similar operation involving Creusot-Loire, France's major nuclear plant producer, two weeks ago.

The significance of these developments is underlined by the recent promotion of Hugues de l'Estoile, former chief gun-runner of France's defense department in the Middle East, to a dictatorial post in the area of industrial development. De l'Estoile makes no bones about the imminent transfer of the French steel, petrochemical, and auto industries to "countries rich in natural resources" (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, etc.). One of his aides also admits that the Fos-sur-Mer slave-labor steel-petrochemical complex in southern France "would not today be built there, but rather in places like Iran."

Minister of Industry Michel D'Ornano recently stated that his job consists of "imposing the idea of scarcity" on France's small industries and of forcing the public service sector (electricity, gas, etc.) to finance its investment program "without the state's assistance." The Paris daily Le Figaro is now calling D'Ornano's ministry "the ministry of Reconversion and Relocation."

Rockefeller's French Acquisitions

At this point, the industrial sectors which have fallen (or are about to fall) into Rockefeller's hands are as follows:

*Nuclear: All French-made nuclear plants are produced by two firms. The first, Compagnie Generale de l'Electricite (CGE), is headed by Ambroise Roux, a close associate of General Electric (Rockefeller); the second, Creusot-Loire, henceforth will be controlled by a triumvirate representing Westinghouse (Rockefeller), the Shah of Iran, and Belgian interests.

*Computer and electronics: The Compagnie Internationale de l'Informatique (CII), the only indigenous computer firm, is controlled jointly by CGE (see above) and Thomson-Brandt, a firm with which Giscard d'Estaing has close connections. Until Giscard's election last spring, Thomson used to obey Gaullist injunctions to prevent a takeover of the CII. The recent announcement that "Thomson has enough capital to invest in the U.S.A." and that it is in the process of "internationalizing its assets" makes clear that the firm is renegeing on its former commitments and will sell out the CII to Rockefeller.

*Oil companies: As the bourgeois press has reported over the past few days, the deteriorating position of oil companies Elf-Erap and Total-CFP (due to the fact that they sell mostly in francs and buy mostly in dollars at a time when the dollar is rapidly appreciating relative to the franc) now verges on immediate bankruptcy.

The likely prospect is that these two firms will be taken over by the Rockefeller camp. The present "convergence" of the political views of Saudi Arabia and French CIA-president Giscard d'Estaing (on the question of indexing oil prices, for instance) may have the acquisition of Total or Elf shares by King Faisal as a practical consequence.

***Non-ferrous metals:** The Societe Nationale des Petroles d'Aquitaine (SNPA), which controls Elf (along with the French state), also owns 50 per cent of Le Nickel, the Rothschild family's former prize possession. If Elf flounders, the SNPA will be directly threatened, with the possible consequence that Le Nickel will be definitively taken over.

***Auto:** Simca, controlled by Chrysler, is bankrupt. The prestigious Citroen, which reported a \$90 million deficit for the first eight months of 1974, is also in a tenuous financial position. About a month ago, its rival Peugeot reportedly was interested in taking Citroen over; but it is doubtful, given Peugeot's own marketing difficulties, that the necessary funds will be found for this operation. Ten days ago, a mysterious buyer appeared on the floor of the Paris Bourse and started purchasing Citroen shares like mad.

In addition, Renault, the largest French industrial enterprise, is now actively involved in "diversifying" (liquidating) itself. After announcing that it has taken over a bicycle firm and that it will serve as "consultant" to industrial exporters, Renault has made clear that its future lies...in the machine-tool sector!

French-Arab Contracts

Besides being rapidly relocated to the Third World, "French" industry is immediately involved in supplying massive quantities of infrastructural equipment to the Arab countries. Over the past few months, the following "contracts" have been concluded:

***With Iran:** Creusot-Loire will supply five nuclear fission plants between 1975 and 1980; Renault will build an auto factory capable of producing 100,000 small models per year; "French" firms will collaborate in the construction of one enormous steel complex.

***With Iraq:** Creusot-Loire will supply two steel plants before 1980; CIT-Alcatel (a CGE subsidiary) will equip Iraq with basic telephone lines and dispatching centers, starting in 1975; French steel firms will produce an extensive irrigation system to improve the quality of the land, also in 1975; at least one fertilizer factory will be built near the Kirkuk oil fields.

***With Algeria:** France will be the main advisor to and industrial supplier of the Algerian four-year plan devised by the Hudson Institute. Final arrangements will be made at the end of November.

*Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Iraq all have contracts with the French government for delivery of military hardware.

In addition to this large-scale deindustrialization, October 1974 figures show that bankruptcies of small businesses increased by 80 per cent over the last month.

KISSINGER STOPS IN AFRICA; COUNTERINSURGENCY HEIGHTENS IN ANGOLA

Nov. 9 (IPS)--Winding up his Mideast journey last night in Tunisia, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger met with Portuguese Foreign Minister Mario Soares.

Soares had just completed talks with high-level official Johnny Eduardo of the CIA terrorist counterorg, the National Liberation Front of Angola, about the process of Angolan "decolonization." The latter talks were described as "highly successful."

In Angola, there have been riots in the city of Luanda ostensibly caused by police provocations following the brutal murder of a white by Africans. The actual story, revealed by the London Times Nov. 8, is that 400 prisoners are at large from the southern Angolan Sao Nicolau prison: "Spokesmen for police, military authorities and liberation movements suggested that the recently released prisoners might be among those responsible for last night's violence."

The obviously manipulated riots set the stage for the entrance into the city of sophisticated counterinsurgency units to carry out security operations.

CANNIBAL SOKOLOV PROPOSES "RICE RITUAL" FOR THE STARVING

Nov. 9 (IPS)--Raymond Sokolov, whose article in Natural History magazine a month ago approvingly included a recipe using "the brains of any higher mammal," this month celebrated the beauties of starvation in the second world depression. The magazine is published by the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

In an article in the November issue of Natural History magazine, "The Realm of the Rice Eater," Sokolov, former food editor for the New York Times, wrote:

"In the short term there is probably nothing anyone can do to forestall mass starvation in some rice-dependent areas. But the very least we can do is take a symbolic stance and cook the rice