

of "polycentrism," and the departure of Czechoslovakia and Romania from strictly pro-Moscow government.

Axen also remarked slightly on the "exchange of opinions" that had taken place in Warsaw, saying that "it is the habit of the Communist Parties not merely to exchange opinions but to make concrete resolutions."

The only concrete resolution made in Warsaw was the decision to have the next conference in East Berlin.

NATIONALIST CP FACTION ATTACKED IN PRAVDA

Nov. 7 (IPS)--A direct attack on the suicidal policy of autonomy for Communist Party national groupings has appeared in a guest article written by Hungarian Communist Party Central Committee member Geza Reves in the Nov. 3 issue of Pravda.

Reves writes: "The Hungarian Communists consider that it is especially important to repulse chauvinist, nationalist, and anti-Soviet views, the most dangerous from the standpoint of unity of the socialist countries and the international communist movement..... The authoritative word on all these problems will be spoken by the upcoming (E.Berlin) conference of European communists."

On the same day, a Pravda commentator quoted the Czechoslovak party paper Rude Pravo: "The very decision to convene [the Berlin] conference shows how European communists care about the unity of their ranks."

ITALIAN PRESS PUSHES REORGANIZATION OF ARMY AMID RUMORS OF COUP

Nov. 7 (IPS)--This week, under the guise of Armed Forces Day Nov. 4, the Italian press mounted a propaganda campaign casting the army as a friend of the people. The campaign follows constant threats and rumors of right-wing coups and police terror.

Leading the assault was the major bourgeois daily Corriere Della Sera, which featured an article by Italian parliament member Guglielmo Negri calling for a reorganization of the army and closer ties between the army and civilians.

After all, said Negri, the army produces thousands of specialists each year who could be used more efficiently "on a massive scale," doing good works which range from the elimination of illiteracy to helping in natural calamities and epidemics. The Defense Minister for this new arrangement, Negri said, should be a man with many years of experience in military matters and international politics, since he would be the moving force behind the many "very

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interesting horizons of precious and positive work which the armed forces can do in the time of peace."

Negri continued: "The laws, men, and the means exist; all that is needed is to bring it to fruition. One would do this by determining the kind of armed forces desired and the corresponding financial sacrifices needed and by studying how to occupy this technical and human potential...for great enterprises of peace."

ROCKEFELLER'S TACIT SUPPORT WORSENS EFFECTS OF THE FRENCH FUEL RETAILERS' STRIKE

Nov. 7 (IPS)--The strike of French fuel retailers which began Nov. 4 is proceeding according to plan, with the added complicity of Rockefeller's oil companies. Fifteen thousand out of 18,000 retailers are presently obeying orders of the three federations which represent them, with the immediate consequence that practically all deliveries of fuel to homes and small industries are now suspended.

In the Marseilles area, where France's largest refineries are located, the movement has taken on an especially militant form. Most service station owners have joined the strike. Oil trucks have set up road blocks on the periphery of many refineries. At other plants this has not been necessary, as at the Shell plant in Berre, where "officials accepted the interruptions of all incoming and outgoing traffic."

The strike serves Rockefeller's purpose nicely, as it provides a transition to the full-fledged oil hoax which the imminent Arab-Israeli armed conflict is going to detonate in the Middle East. Rockefeller's cover is retailers' legitimate anger. The government's introduction of nationwide rationing of heating oil a few weeks back has cut retailers' sales by 20 per cent.

SCHLESINGER AND LEBER PLAN "TACTICAL NUCLEAR EXCHANGE" AGAINST SOVIETS

WIESBADEN, BRD, Nov. 7 (IPS)--U.S. Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger and West German Defense Minister George Leber agreed this week in their talks in Bonn that "tactical nuclear exchange" will be the NATO policy by which they will attempt to break the USSR. This psychological warfare policy involves the Soviets' agreeing--in a "conceptual breakthrough"--to hit only limited tactical targets after a similar limited NATO nuclear attack.

Until now, the Soviets correctly have recognized the psychological and political suicide of bargaining on the West's terms over the value of various targets. Instead, the USSR has followed