

Planning Minister Dhar, formerly ambassador to Moscow from 1968 to 1971, was the key figure in working out the details of the Indo-Soviet Economic Cooperation Agreement in November 1973, during the goodwill visit of Soviet leader Brezhnev. At the time, Brezhnev expected that the Soviet deal for steel and cotton goods would consolidate Soviet political hegemony in India, despite the reality of the international capitalist crisis.

The Rockefeller-directed oil hoax, which crippled India's industrial capacity and set up India's working class for the smashing defeat of the April railway strike, was the opening salvo of a drive to turn India into a wasteland of labor-intensive "development" projects. Soviet influence, previously tolerated by the Rockefeller multinational corporations in the form of loans to India's industrial sector, became a hindrance to breaking the morale and cannibalizing the Indian working class.

Rockefeller concerns about Soviet presence in the subcontinent were confirmed by the Hudson Institute in a recent interview with IPS. A Hudson representative described to IPS the "nuisance value" of the Soviet military in the Indian Ocean: "The Russians have the ability to intervene in a revolt in some place in India against the Central Government," the official said. This statement, along with IPS reports of a confidential meeting of the International Advisory Committee of Chase Manhattan Bank in Manila a week ago, which discussed at length the imminent downfall of the Gandhi government, indicates Rockefeller's maneuvers to force the Gandhi government to purge remaining Soviet influence.

Dhar's resignation, most probably under pressure, comes only two weeks after the Soviets turned down the request of an Indian delegation for increased supplies of kerosene, rolled steel, and fertilizer. The Soviets can no longer afford the concessional trade deals they have carried out with India since 1954, and the level of trade exchanges between the USSR and India for the coming year will be at best the same as that for 1974. Since it is such deals that have been the only basis for the "Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty," the future of India's "neutral" status--and the existence of India's Communist Party--now becomes an open question.

#### EAST GERMAN FOOD CONFERENCE DELEGATE SCORES CAPITALIST FOOD CONTROL

Nov. 19 (IPS)--Of all the nations submitting to the Rockefeller family's brainwashing sessions at the UN World Food Conference in Rome, only the German Democratic Republic has dared begin an exposure of the real cause of the food crisis.

In a radio discussion early this month, Dr. Eberhard Saenger of the German Democratic Republic's delegation to the Food Conference demonstrated a relatively advanced understanding of the

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controlled nature of the world food crisis. In a talk which otherwise relied on misguided proposals for backing the seemingly "independent development" of Third World countries like Algeria, Saenger stressed the worldwide scope and capitalist control of the crisis. "Eighteen million people go hungry in the capitalist industrial states because they have inadequate opportunities to earn money," Saenger said. "Meanwhile, food concerns and wholesalers continue to destroy foodstuffs in order to keep their prices up, an anachronism which exists only under capitalism."

This statement, which falls just short of exposing Rockefeller's criminal commodity speculation and deliberate sabotage of available high-yield agricultural methods, is several steps ahead of the confused views expressed by other Eastern European countries such as Poland, whose delegation argued that "detente" would somehow mean sufficient food supplies. This is in line with East Germany's long-term stand against Zero Growth policies and in favor of economic development in all areas on the basis of technological advancement.

#### WHO IS INCOMPATIBLE? ELC POLLS WEST GERMAN WORKERS

WIESBADEN, BRD, Nov. 19 (IPS)--Local officials of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) of West Germany have taken up a risky tactic in an effort to enforce the SPD National Party Council Nov. 11 resolution which declares membership or collaboration with the European Labor Committees (ELC) "incompatible" with membership in the SPD. At two different meetings in the industrial Ruhr region, the local party chairman attempted to drive ELC organizers out of the meeting hall with the threat: "Either you leave, or I do."

Today, one unfortunate flunky chairing an SPD meeting in Essen found that the attending members refused to throw out the ELC organizers. Proving that he meant business, the cornered chairman left the hall. Immediately afterwards, 10 SPD members agreed to come to an ELC forum.

In Dortmund, the same day, the SPD membership was aroused to hysteria by the chairman's threat and tossed the ELC members out.

The "Incompatibility Resolution" has provoked a deep-felt political crisis among the most politicized working class layers of the SPD membership. The clear message from the SPD National Party Council, that since Nov. 11 open political debate is forbidden in the SPD, was explicitly spelled out in a second resolution accompanying the expulsion order against the ELC. This second resolution prohibits subsections of the SPD, such as the JUSOs (youth organization), from publishing any opinions not previously approved by the National Executive.