

BRANDT CALLS FOR CORPORATIVIST
"EUROPEAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT"

WIESBADEN, BRD, Nov. 19 (IPS)--Social Democratic Party (SPD) Chairman Willy Brandt has called for the destruction of European bourgeois states and their replacement by a neo-fascist, corporatist system of "European crisis management."

In a recent interview with the French magazine Paradoxe, Brandt said that, "In face of the world economic situation, a crisis management is indisputable. It is assumed with Italy and Great Britain, that they have to remain inside the EEC, and that they will establish 'special regulations' in their existing condition."

The psychological warfare slogans of "crisis management" and "special regulations" were the terms used by Allied occupation armies in Western Europe to describe their initial looting of the European working class for Rockefeller in the immediate post-war period. This is a banker's way of saying that a corporatist council of labor traitors and capitalists will decide for Rockefeller who lives, eats, or works.

Brandt understands very well that this proposal is calculated by Rockefeller to revive the hysterical fear about the post-war period now barely repressed in the European working class.

ISRAELI LABOR FEDERATION DEMANDS
WAGE CUTS

Nov. 19 (IPS)--The secretary of the Israeli Labor Party's Jerusalem branch Vzi Baram this week told a meeting of factory committee officials, "The time has come for the leaders of the Histadrut (Israel's labor federation) to tell Israeli workers the bitter truth, and to say it plainly: We must do more than keep our standard of living from rising. We must actually lower it."

The Histadrut has escalated the psychological warfare against Israel's working class, already nearly psychotic under the pressure of forced unemployment, economic collapse, drastic austerity, and the daily threat of extinction.

The corporatist labor federation, headed by Yerucham Meshel, best friend of Trilateral Commission members Leonard Woodcock and Lane Kirkland, is begging the government for the chance to decide how cutbacks and recycling of the workforce should be organized. "The Histadrut is not likely to cooperate with the government in the new (austerity) policies, unless it is consulted extensively beforehand."

How can this paragon of "socialist" democracy engage in such treachery? Woodcock once said that the Histadrut is "not a trade

union, but a business." Or as Rabbi Philip Alstat put it; "A capitalist Labour Federation. This sounds like a paradox, a contradiction in terms, but it is nevertheless true... The Histadrut however, is a strange creature. It is not only a federation of employees who work for capitalists in their private enterprises, but is itself a huge capitalistic organization and a leading employer.... Capitalists generally must borrow money from banks to finance their private enterprises. But who finances the capitalistic enterprises of the affiliates of this labor federation? Instead of applying for loans from ordinary banks, they borrow from the Histadrut's own banking system.... Thus, the Histadrut is not only a labor federation and a capitalistic organization, but also a banking institution!"

ITALIAN WORKERS RESPOND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO ANTI-AMENDOLA DRIVE

Nov. 19 (IPS)--When Giorgio Amendola, the leading CIA agent within the Italian Communist Party (PCI) launched his latest attack on the working class, he forgot what Italian workers have always thought of him.

While the bourgeois press pictures Amendola as the PCI standard-bearer, ELC organizers hit the streets with Nuova solidarieta (the Italian-language New Solidarity) lambasting this Rockefeller servant. There were two kinds of reaction: the hysterical one ("You don't have to touch Amendola; you are fascist if you do") and the reaction of hundreds of workers who wanted to discuss the campaign to drive Amendola out of the PCI, even while defending him.

Beyond that, there were the people who expressed their rage against this working class traitor. One said, "You say that you want to expel him; I would burn him." Another: "If what you say about him is true, I will spit in his eye." Several Communist Party members told us that their cells regularly receive Nuova Solidarieta, and everyone is reading it carefully. One mechanic took papers to his garage to bring his friends the news of the drive to expel Amendola.

Workers are starting to organize around the newspaper which they see as the only means to fight; the old PCIers suddenly remember the true meaning of being Communist. "The PCI has forgotten the very word revolution," one man told us. The discouragement of so many years of defeat is turning to enthusiasm as they discover a working class organization capable of leading a European United Front battle against the Rockefeller forces.

The mechanic told ELCers: "Finally, after the 20 years that I have been waiting, somebody is moving."