

lawyers by attaching them to feared terrorist bands and the TV discussion on the collapse of justice are aimed to provide a cover for the reintroduction of a right-wing judicial system in West Germany like that of the Weimar Republic in the 1920s. Every political West German worker remembers that throughout the Weimar Republic, Nazi terrorists were handled with kid gloves by "respectable" judges, while working-class leaders were thrown in prison.

MIDEAST ON RAZOR'S EDGE: ICLC MOVES TO BREAK STALEMATE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 26 (IPS)--Following weeks of war preparations climaxing in the psychotic anti-Arab frenzy manifested by enraged Israeli workers after the massacre at the border village of Beit Shean, Rockefeller's Middle East war stands poised on a razor's edge.

With Israelis and Arabs mobilized and on alert, the political decision to ignite the Middle East powder keg--a decision made not in Tel Aviv, Cairo, or Damascus but in offices of Richard Helms in Teheran and in Pentagon and Chase Manhattan war rooms--depends now on two interrelated factors. One is Rockefeller's ability to recreate an international controlled environment, despite the Labor Committees' massive exposure of the original CIA gameplan for an Arab-Israeli nuclear war and the resulting "Arab oil embargo;" the second factor is the remote possibility that the terrified and confused Soviet bureaucracy will find the courage to challenge the NATO/CIA offensive in Europe and the Middle East.

ICLC Counteroffensive

Since early October when it became apparent to International Caucus of Labor Committees Intelligence that initial war preparations were being made by the CIA and its Arab and Israeli allies, the Labor Committees mobilized internationally to expose and counter Rockefeller's Oil Hoax War scenario. As New Solidarity reports of the coming war penetrated into the consciousness of workers in North America and Western Europe--in nine languages--IPS reporters and ICLC Intelligence personnel initiated a systematic briefing network among Middle East governments, UN diplomats, foreign and domestic reporters, and the press, even including numerous conversations with State and Defense Department and CIA officials--letting them know we knew. The extent of Labor Committee cross penetration of these layers was revealed in a conversation with an Arab diplomat in Washington yesterday, who--not realizing whom he was addressing--asked an ICLC Middle East intelligence officer in the course of a discussion: "Have you read an article in this newspaper New Solidarity?" In addition, positive contacts were made with existing pro-working class

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forces in the Middle East around joint exposure of the CIA's Arab-Israeli war of puppets.

In the face of this organizing, the Rockefeller-CIA decision to unleash the Israeli missiles and tanks must take into account the spreading cracks in the controlled environment on which the war depends and workers' increasingly sensuous understanding of the meaning of CIA-manipulated tension in the Middle East. In addition, another factor is that a simple playing out of the already exposed war options would give widespread credibility to Labor Committee analysis, not least among the timorous but well-briefed Soviet and East bloc diplomatic and party circles--thus severely weakening the hegemony of the detente-loving peoples of the Soviet Politburo.

Stalemate...So Far

Despite the above-outlined political risks and despite the major gains already achieved in reorganizing Western governments and forcing continued Soviet capitulation in Europe and the Middle East, a major Middle East explosion and attached Oil Hoax are still necessary for Rockefeller to implement his plans for a "new world order." Thus, moving to keep war options open, the Israeli government Nov. 24 announced its intention to set up a new industrial settlement on the West Bank, in a belligerent provocation underlining the often-repeated Israeli refusal to relinquish its grasp on the territory. This warlike move was accompanied by renewed talk in Israel of a "Government of National Unity" that would include the right-wing hardliners in the Likud bloc, including infamous General Ariel Sharon.

Sharon, bloodthirsty "hero" of the October War, in an interview with the West German magazine Quick threatened ominously that in a new war "Israel will not allow itself to be stopped," implying that it was U.S. pressure alone that prevented Israeli tanks from rumbling into Damascus and Cairo. Sharon further threatened that "our eyes look to the oil fields to the east and south," referring to the oil-rich Gulf states of Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. The major threat is, of course, against the isolated pro-socialist government of Iraq, which could come under a coordinated attack from Israel and Iran, two countries who maintain close intelligence via the CIA.

As the Rockefeller-CIA forces continue their escalation of the quiet Middle East war, the ICLC and the U.S. Labor Party have moved to take advantage of the current stalemated situation. The ICLC Emergency Food Program is being submitted to all Middle East governments and organizations with a recommendation for immediate action. By advancing such a proposal as the CIA plots the devastation of large sections of the Middle East, the possibility emerges for a programmatic united front that can permanently shatter the regional controlled environment and cause Rockefeller's cynical manipulation to backfire.