

build a red scare around Soviet 'air and naval activities in the Persian Gulf.

Middleton's rationale for an American arms build up in the CIA satrapies of Iran and Saudi Arabia cites 'intelligence sources' on supposed 'steadily expanding' Soviet military presence in the area, specifically mentioning a Soviet 'naval port' in Iraq--despite the fact that even Middleton is forced to note that 'the Iraqi government has denied the construction is intended as a Soviet base.'

BAHRAIN THREATENS U.S. MILITARY POSITION IN PERSIAN GULF

March 9 (IPS)--In a move which further threatens the U.S. military grip on the Persian Gulf, the Prime Minister of Bahrain announced that the continued use of the U.S. naval base in his country would depend on the "American stand toward peace and stability in the Mideast and the just cause of our Arab brothers."

SECOND INTERNATIONAL GEARS UP FOR FASCIST CORPORATIVIST OFFENSIVE

FRENCH GOVERNMENT SEEKS AID AGAINST PCF FROM CIA SECOND INTERNATIONAL

March 4 (IPS)--This week-end French Minister of the Interior Michel Poniatowski enlisted the aid of Portuguese Socialist Party General Secretary and CIA agent Mario Soares in the French government's battle against the French Communist Party (PCF). Invited to speak on the television network run by the government March 2, Soares launched a series of attacks against the Portuguese Communist Party which incorporated an attack on all hardline communist parties, including the PCF.

SOVIETS SCORE SABOTAGE OF FINNISH EAST-WEST COOPERATION PROPOSALS

March 4 (IPS)--A commentary in Izvestia March 1 on the recent Nordic Conference in Iceland praised the proposals of Finnish representatives for the creation of a nuclear-free zone in Northern Europe and for participation by the Soviet Union in Northern economic cooperation.

The article noted, however, that the Finnish proposals were opposed by "certain circles in Scandinavia and the west" who were trying to use the conference for their own goals, opposed to the interests of the people of the area, and which exclude Soviet participation. The reference is to efforts by Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme and others at the conference to squash Finnish organizing for expanded east-west trade.

Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta (No. 10) provides crucial back-ups to the emerging Iraq-India-ICLC initiatives for economic reconstruction. Dr. M. Volkov describes how capitalists have looted the 'Third World countries', and then states the positive programmatic alternative:

'The fact that the contemporary economy requires more raw materials and natural resources than in the past, and that their distribution around the world is uneven, demands the establishment of a system of international economic relations based on new principles. Its fundamental traits have stood the test of time, in various forms of cooperation between the socialist countries and the 'Third World.' As a result, for example, of Soviet-Iraqi cooperation based on equality, it was possible to rapidly develop one of the richest oil deposits in Iraq --the Northern Rumalian fields. They now produce about 20 million tons of oil a year.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN LEBANON PRESAGING ISRAELI OCCUPATION?

March 8 (IPS)--After two weeks of unrest throughout Lebanese coastal cities resulting from suspicious disputes about local fishing rights in the southern town of Sidon, thousands of Lebanese marched in protest against the police shooting of a 'leftist politician' yesterday.

Meanwhile, 'all Palestinian units and militia were placed on maximum alert in case of an Israeli reprisal attack for the commando raid in Tel Aviv on Wednesday,' on orders from Zuher Muhsen, head of the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization's military wing, reports today's Washington Post.

NEW YORK TIMES REVEALS 'NEW GUERILLA PLAN' AGAINST ISRAEL

March 8 (IPS)--Citing 'a high Palestinian source', today's New York Times claims that 'the guerilla attack in Tel Aviv Wednesday night was the first step in a new plan worked out by the main guerilla group, Al Fatah, for intensifying military action against Israel.'

SHAH SUPPLIES 50 JET FIGHTERS TO PAKISTAN

March 8 (IPS)--With his position at home collapsing as a result of Iraq's programmatic offensive, the deflated Shah of Iran has ordered the supply of 50 F-5 jet fighters to Pakistan, in a last-ditch effort to shore up his Eastern flank, according to today's Washington Post.

MIDDLETON TRIES TO JUSTIFY U.S. MILITARY BUILD UP IN PERSIAN GULF

March 8 (IPS)--Doing his best to counter the growing Iraqi political hegemony in the Persian Gulf region, New York Times military expert Drew Middleton today issues a frantic attempt to

DGB AND SPD PUSH FOR "FASCISM WITH HUMAN FACE" IN WEST GERMANY

Weisbaden, West Germany, March 4 (IPS)--A Swedish journalist informed IPS here today that leading representatives of the West German Trade Union Federation (DGB) and Social Democratic Party (SPD) are in the process of investigating appropriate means to introduce "fascism with a human face" to the working class in West Germany.

In response to the journalist's inquiry as to whether the DGB knew about UAW President Leonard Woodcock's press conference in New York Feb. 27, where fascism was openly discussed and proposed by the Initiative Committee for National Economic Planning, DGB press spokesman Brecher had the following to say: "The situation in (West) Germany is not the same as in England. That is why we are not pressing this policy so much in the open." At the New York press conference, Woodcock supported a policy statement declaring that England was exemplary as the country where "fascism with a human face," as the statement termed it, is being implemented.

Brecher also stated that corporatist fascist developments in West Germany would move rapidly if the government intensified its propaganda efforts. Because of the political history of the West German working class, he noted, the propaganda would have to go under the code name of "investment controls, monopoly controls and social reform."

SPD International Affairs expert Dingel reported to the journalist that a proposal along the lines laid out by Woodcock is presently being worked on by an SPD body.

IPS INTERVIEW: TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEMBER BLOWS OFF NATO-ROCKEFELLER ORGANIZING AND SUPPORT FOR "HISTORICAL COMPROMISE" AND "DEMOCRATIC JUNTA" COUPS

March 5 (IPS)--Wolfgang Hager, Trilateral Commission member and member of the German Institute for Foreign Policy Studies, confirmed Nato and Trilateral Commission machinations to install "historical compromise" and "democratic junta" regimes in Portugal, Spain and Italy, in an interview with IPS in West Germany yesterday.

SPANISH CABINET RE-SHUFFLE PRETENSE FOR "PROGRESSIVE COUP"

March 5 (IPS)--A UPI dispatch today reports that the Spanish cabinet has been re-shuffled, the right-wing ministers of Justice, Labor, Commerce, Industry and of the National Movement (Falange) have been replaced by so-called "liberal" technocrats with foreign ties. Most significantly, the ultra-right Minister of the Falange, Jose Utrera Molina has been replaced by a member of the Opus Dei, the "progressive" church-associated right-wing

organization, a leading figure of which, C. Serer, has recently formed an opposition alliance with Santiago Carrillo, general secretary of the anti-Soviet Spanish Communist Party.

IL MONDO; PCI MEETS REGULARLY WITH CIA

March 5 (IPS)--The Italian weekly, *Il Mondo*, closely allied with the political faction of Republican Party chief and deputy Prime Minister Ugo LaMalfa, confirmed in a full-page spread today that top leaders of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) are receiving orders from the CIA.

Since the European Labor Committees (ELC) launched its campaign last October to throw CIA infiltrators Amendola and Segre out of the PCI, the party leadership has been ordering members to physically assault the ELC...for saying what *Il Mondo* now makes public.

According to *Il Mondo*, at least once a week, an official from the U.S. State Department calls on Sergio Segre, the head of the PCI Foreign Office, for discussions of "how things are going." "There is nothing mysterious in this relationship," says Segre, "It has been going on for four years."

JUSO CHAIRWOMAN SLANDERS IPS ON ORDERS

Bonn, West Germany, March 5 (IPS)--At a press conference held here today by the Executive Committee of the West German Young Socialists (JUSOS), a reporter from IPS was verbally attacked as being a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Juso Chairwoman, Heidi Weiszorek-Zeul refused to answer questions put forward by the IPS reporter, claiming that he didn't understand the situation in the Juso organization. To this response, she added, "The CIA seems not to be so well informed."

This particular slander -- that the International Caucus of Labor Committees and IPS are CIA creations -- has been adopted by the "socialist" Second International to announce a swelling red scare campaign desperately aimed at cutting off deep-rooted ICLC influence in its own organizations.

BRITISH 'RED SCARE' AIMS AT IMPLEMENTING CORPORATIVIST SCHEMES

March 8 (IPS)--The entire bourgeois press of Great Britain is taking advantage of recent 'warm' meetings between British Labourites and Trade Union Council (TUC) leaders on the one hand and Soviet and East bloc Labor leaders on the other, to launch a major 'red scare' campaign against the working class in Britain.

Following talks between TUC General Secretary Len Murray and Soviet Trade Union Chief Alexander Shelepin in Geneva last weekend, as well as between Ron Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, and high-ranking East German Communist Party Politburo members in East Berlin last week, the conservative London Press has taken to vehemently denouncing 'communist influence'

on the TUC and the Labour Party's 'left wing,' supposedly led by Minister of Industry Anthony Wedgewood Benn.

In reality, while outwardly committed to the furtherance of cozy relations between Britain and the East bloc, TUC and Labour Party leaders are acclimatizing the Soviet Union and other communist countries to their fascist corporatist alternative as a more "humanistic" solution to the depression than plain mass unemployment and Bonapartist government forms.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMS MEET IN LONDON TO DISCUSS UNITED FASCIST POLICY

March 8 (IPS)--Leading representatives of the Second International 'left' are meeting in London this weekend to coordinate a spring offensive of openly fascist policies.

According to London Times correspondent Michael Hatfield, the meeting will discuss a 'national convergence of strategies' on public ownership of major companies, planning controls over big business, and 'new forms of democratic planning and industrial democracy.'

DANISH PRESS SLANDERS ELC FOR PALME

March 8 (IPS)--An article in the conservative Copenhagen-based paper Berlingske Tidende confirmed on Thursday that the Danish government, acting in concert with social-fascist Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme, is preparing a political climate in that country for possible criminal police frame-up and expulsion proceedings against European Labor Committee members organizing in Denmark.

Berlingske Tidende spreads outright lies, attributed by the paper to 'Danish security authorities,' that the Labor Committees' organization in the U.S. is 'suspected of having connections with drug circles, and the American police also link the organization to at least one or two kidnappings.'

BRITISH OFFICIAL TRIES TO PEDDLE "HUMAN FASCISM" TO DDR

March 9 (IPS)--The London Daily Telegraph confirmed yesterday that Ron Hayward, the British Labor Party official who just returned from a visit to the DDR (East Germany) for talks with high ranking East German Communist Party leaders Erich Honecker and Herman Axen, was simply giving them sales pitches for "fascism with a human face."