

**EUROPEAN LABOUR COMMITTEES CAMPAIGNS
IN WEST GERMANY:
"NONETHELESS, VOTE SPD"**

May 24 (IPS)— The aggressive organizing campaign of the European Labour Committees (ELC) around the upcoming federal elections in West Germany's Lower Saxony has stunned the Social Democratic Party throughout its ranks. Campaigning on a program of expanded trade between Western Europe and the Soviet Union, the monetization of gold reserves to stabilize currency exchange rates (the "golden snake"), and the development of controlled thermonuclear fusion power the ELC proposed a united front with the SPD to halt Eurotraitor Helmut Schmidt, the new Chancellor, and to win in Lower Saxony (see IPS No. 3).

An SPD defeat in Lower Saxony would create a deadlock in the proportionally represented Upper House legislative agenda committee and paralyze the legislative powers of the federal government.

While official SPD bureaucrats have attempted to prevent their local party organizations from dealing with the ELC proposal, their heavy-handed tactics have backfired. In Osnabrueck, for example, SPD officials sent letters warning their members to avoid the ELC and containing xeroxed copies of ELC leaflets. This ensured that every SPD member received ELC propaganda on the theme "Nonetheless, Vote SPD"!

Strong Rank and File Support

In contrast to the bureaucrats, local level SPD leaders and working-class party members have responded positively to the ELC proposal. In Hannover, main city of Lower Saxony, ELC members have been using the phones and offices of JUSO (SPD youth group) branches.

In Gifhorn, a small industrial town north of Hannover, the SPD leadership (which has been threatened with being purged from the party due to a previous

meeting they held jointly with the German Communist Party) openly welcomed support from the ELC. At several meetings around the country— from Frankfurt to the small town of Celle— workers and youth attending SPD-called meetings defended the right of the ELC to interrupt the scheduled party speaker and demanded the opportunity, often in heated fashion, to discuss the ELC's European economic program.

**CP HEAD URGES SUBMISSION
TO ROCKEFELLER REGIME**

May 24 (IPS)— The head of the French Communist Party Georges Marchais told the French working class after the recent Presidential elections: "We must take the election results serenely, without hasty demonstrations.... Now we must all go back to work normally, in the factories and the offices."

Marchais had thrown his party's support to Socialist Party candidate François Mitterrand, despite Mitterrand's record as an Anglo-American agent and political opportunist (see IPS No. 1). During his campaign, Mitterrand publicly abused and disavowed the Common Program, agreed upon by both the Communist and Socialist Parties as an election platform (Marchais' remarks quoted in *Corriere della Sera*).

SUGAR COATED?

May 24 (IPS) — The Toronto *Globe and Mail* headlined a feature article on the boom towns of the Athabasca tar sands: "Fort McMurray, a little frontier town on the edge of the fantastically rich tar sands is booming to sonic proportions. But will it become just another sugar-coated concentration camp?"

For the full story on Rockefeller's slave labor development plans for the tar sands, see IPS, No. 1.

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