

“liberalization” dictated by the Rockefeller-CIA forces — along with diamond magnate Harry Oppenheimer — within limits he foolishly thought he could control. Political forces to the right and left of the government have realigned themselves accordingly.

Dr. Andries Treurnicht, head of the semi-secret, ultra-right *Broederbond* (This brotherhood is dedicated to the rule of the Afrikaner Volk; every Prime Minister since 1948 has been a *broeder*.) has offered no resistance to Vorster. Instead, he refuses to join with other, less influential ultra-rightists — the *Kommittee vir Voksvoorligting* — in a strategy conference scheduled for this month. The United Party of the center, on the verge of breaking up before the elections, has opted for “liberalization” and committed itself, as the National Party cannot, to the idea of ending white supremacy. One year ago, the United Party stood for white supremacy of a “more humane” nature. It has managed this reversal with minimal defections.

Among the most important results of “liberalization” so far are the recent successes in the drive for unionization of African workers, achieved under the protective coloration of government pronouncements that African unions are contrary to its policy! The Metal Box Company has negotiated a single, non-racial bargaining unit with the Boilermakers’ Union, and Smith and Nephew signed a contract with the (African) National Union of Textile Workers, both in July. These leads will be followed widely. African unionization has been on the agenda of Rockefeller and Oppenheimer for years. “Liberalization” also has involved toleration of discussions between the United Party (and also the Progressive Party) and black leaders. Such discussions are illegal on a straightforward interpretation of the Improper Interference Act. There is even discussion with the Progressive Party of providing the means for blacks

to contribute to its formulation of policy. Racial separation in politics is being broken down.

Since the July 30 election which gave Ian Smith’s Rhodesian Front every seat in parliament, Smith has reorganized his cabinet in favor of those most able to follow in Vorster’s footsteps. The new cabinet elevates to higher cabinet responsibility two men of South African origin and brings in three other such men. This was done after Vorster’s new course was evident and Vorster had made clear that his government could not back up Rhodesia against neighboring black states. The three corporate directors in the cabinet all were moved to positions of higher responsibility, and another was added.

Smith has made no concessions to “liberalization” in policy whatever — saying on BBC television in early August for example, “No one knows what will happen. We will have to wait and see.” With almost every other stock exchange in the world way down and headed lower, the Salisbury exchange is bullish — the industrial index reaching a new high August 16. While the capability for an effective, worldwide trade embargo against Rhodesia now is nearly accomplished, company reports indicate that Rhodesia is as yet only “having some difficulty” getting exports out.

The “liberalization” of Rhodesia awaits the reversal of these conditions — perhaps waiting until Mozambique has a black government which can close its ports to Rhodesia on the pretext of moral outrage. The real crime for which Rhodesia and the other white regimes in southern Africa stand condemned in the court of international capital was enunciated recently by the *New York Times* Sunday Magazine: “Not only has Portugal failed its territories, it has even failed to exploit them.” Deepening world depression makes “rationalization” of the entire Southern Africa region urgent for the capitalists.

Ethiopian Coup Part of CIA’s Mediterranean Strategy

Sept. 9 (IPS) — The CIA-programmed ouster of Emperor Haile Selassie by Ethiopia’s military officers has the markings of high farce, if not for its deadly serious implications: The integration of this northeast African country into what the *Financial Times* proclaims as a “new era,” will enhance the success of the Rockefeller-CIA Mediterranean regional strategy.

Accused of everything from covering up Ethiopia’s devastating drought to possible misappropriation of his private fortune during the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 [!], Selassie has been stripped of power. His friends

and family are incarcerated; and his financial holdings have been expropriated ruthlessly. To add insult to injury, the Sept. 3 *Washington Post* informed Selassie that he had two weeks left in power: he must be gone when the school term opens, in order fully to mobilize Ethiopia’s Maoist-infested student body for back-to-the-land volunteer labor to bring the message of the revolution to the docile, confused peasantry. The *Washington Post*, main CIA conduit, indicated that the leaders of the Ethiopian progressive military have been inspired in their maneuvers by the Watergate affair.

The dramatic details and exaggerated ponderings surrounding Selassie's fate in the international press obfuscate the three essential, interconnected aspects of the Ethiopian operation.

The "Argentina" of Africa

Under the rubric of "land reform," Ethiopian agriculture is being reorganized, largely according to grotesque behaviorist methods experimentally tested by World Bank and Swedish-financed projects. Ethiopia is to become the "Argentina" of Africa, exporting cattle and other foodstuffs to feed workers relocated to slave-labor projects in Iran and around the Suez Canal. Under the old feudal land tenure system, such a role would have been hampered seriously.

Meanwhile, actually to accomplish such changes has required the phased dismantling of the entire long-entrenched aristocracy. In effect this has meant the arrest of every nobleman in sight, often under ridiculous pretenses.

Equally important is a reorganization and rationalization of a modernized army that will serve, with similarly beefed up armies around the globe, as the policemen of labor recycling and speedup in the region. Already the army has had test runs in breaking strikes — strikes which often are encouraged as an outlet for letting off steam. This strikebreaking has been justified by the constantly repeated "necessity" of "Ethiopia

First." Further, the hysteria around the Soviet build-up in neighboring Somalia is leading to increased expenditures on armaments and ruthless soul-searching about the military's effectiveness. Selassie's remaining usefulness consists of his pious statements about how important national defense and vigilance is against "enemies" on the borders.

Selassie's greatest dysfunction in this "new era" plan is the third reason behind the military coup: the decapitation and disestablishment of the ancient Christian Coptic Church. This Selassie-aligned bastion of conservatism is an object of rage for the area's Pan-Arabic, Pan-Islamic fanatics — their justification for blustering against the central "tool of imperialism." For Ethiopia to emerge full-blown as a regional center of Rockefeller operations (and, not incidentally, for the Arab-backed, largely Moslem Eritrean rebels in the north freely to join in the activities), the Moslem forces in Ethiopia must be at least temporarily hegemonic.

No Amateurs

To carry out all stages of the coup smoothly, the CIA has not chosen rank amateurs. The 800-man Armed Forces Co-Ordinating Committee, everywhere described as "anonymous," consists of graduates of Sandhurst Military Academy in Britain, St. Cyr. Academy in France, and Princeton University in the U.S. The newly-appointed Minister of the Interior Col. Belatchew Jemaneh has just completed ambassadorial stints in





Emperor Haile Selassie: Dropped by the CIA

Turkey and Iran, base of Mideast CIA activities. The first announced member of the "15-man Anti-Corruption Commission," Dr. Breket Hapte-Selassie, is returning to Ethiopia from a successful career at the World Bank.

The only publicized military man, new Defense Minister General Aman Michael Andam — trumpeted as a new de Gaulle-Spinola — and a useful figure both as a hero in early wars against the Somalians and as a Eritrean by birth — is also a creature of Sandhurst. Ultimately, however, Andam will not fill the bill. He has a dossier replete with examples of reckless machismo. As an Ethiopian serving with the U.N. in Korea in the 1950s, for example, he punched an American officer in the face when the officer told him not to advance beyond a certain point. Andam repeated this syndrome in a public flap with Haile Selassie in 1964 over how far to penetrate Somalia militarily. Andam's heralded leadership qualities will be useful to solve the Eritrean problem; but for little else. The *Post* already has labelled him an "Ethiopian Naguib," after the Egyptian leader who Nasser first installed and then deposed. Like his weird counterparts springing up throughout the world, Andam is an interim phenomenon, to be shunted aside as the Rockefeller-induced world depression enters its next level.

Sahara Conflict Potential "Western Cyprus"

Sept. 9 (IPS) — While NATO intensifies its gameplan in the Eastern Mediterranean, the spurious Morocco-Spain conflict over the Spanish Sahara is being engineered to thrust the Western Mediterranean region into a similar reorganization.

Publicly declaring 1974 as the year for liberating the Spanish Sahara, Morocco's King Hassan insists that if Spain attempts to de-colonize the Sahara by establishing a "puppet state," Morocco will go to great lengths to wreck such plans. Claiming historical links between the Spanish Sahara nomadic peoples and Morocco, Hassan has enlisted even members of his political opposition to present Morocco's case to state capitals worldwide. To please the East bloc, Hassan has encouraged the resurrection of the miniscule Moroccan Communist Party.

Hassan's demands that Morocco should be given back the Spanish Sahara territory ostensibly are economic. Hassan fears that the extensive phosphate deposits in

Spanish Sahara threaten Morocco's world position as the leading phosphate exporter. (Last year, Morocco exported nearly 17 million tons of phosphate according to the Aug. 26 *New York Times*.)

Hassan: Precarious Puppet

In actuality, Hassan himself is a puppet whose strings are perpetually in danger of being cut. He has been the victim of two botched but serious assassination attempts in the past two years. The essential problem is his overwhelming unpopularity with the city-based working class on the northern Moroccan tips. Centered in the CIA-controlled Union des Moroccan Travailleurs, these workers must be prepared increasingly for unlimited recycling in the new labor-intensive capitalist development projects along the Mediterranean — with vast projects centered in southern France, various Maghreb coastal cities, the Suez Zone, and elsewhere. Just to stay