

farmers is largely the result of the frightening political vacuum created by constant capitulation to anti-detente pro-Rockefeller demands by the present leadership of the working-class-based Social Democracy.

But now Strauss is basking in renewed approval from his old NATO cronies. This, in fact, is his only source of political strength. Yet the only sure ally Strauss can count on is senile Mao! Strauss' future success depends on the demoralization and defeat of West German workers. If NATO strategy, and not the West German working class, is routed in the next few crucial months, NATO will detach itself from Strauss as rapidly as before.

For the moment Strauss is moving with startling

speed. The lead article in the Sept. 5 issue of his *Bayernkurier*, titled "The Road to Weimar," remarks that once again the choice appears to be communism or fascism. In another piece in the same paper Strauss' preference is outlined in chillingly direct fashion. This second article, "On the Ungovernability of the World," argues that democracy can function only if it can force the population to make the necessary heavy sacrifices. And the nature of those sacrifices? The bestialization of Zero Growth, no doubt including cannibalism as advocated by Rockefeller's chief cannibal, Aurelio Peccei of the Club of Rome, who is warmly praised in the same article. If democracy fails, then a strong leader — "like Mao" — will be necessary to carry out the grisly task.

## CIA "Red Scare," Spy Scandals Activated in West Germany

Sept. 6 (IPS) — In the wake of the CIA's Guillaume fraud, West Germany is now being subjected to a re-run of "red scare," anti-Communist spy scandals of the type which swept Britain last January — and which in Britain lead to repeated military occupations of airports and residential communities.

Within a matter of days this week, a leading member of the West German National Public Workers Union was arrested as an East German spy; the head of the capitalist Free Democratic Party in the city of Hamburg came under sudden suspicion for his longterm membership in an East-West friendship society; finally, banner headlines in every German daily September 5 announced that dozens of rockets had been stolen from an American base! Accompanying this report was the estimation of security forces that "Arab agents in Germany are operating with the intention of attacking American military bases."

A lower-level West German internal security official made clear that the "Red Scare" has only begun. He told the rightwing Springer daily *Die Welt* that "less than 10 per cent of the active agents here are apprehended." These dubious disclosures are taking place against a

backdrop of the increasingly brazen anti-Soviet speeches of fascist Franz Josef Strauss of the Bavarian Christian Social Union.

The West German working class, now preparing for a large-scale confrontation over wages and jobs as contract negotiations for several million workers get underway, is neither anti-Communist nor anti-Soviet. The West German and NATO security agents who are discovering rafts of new "spies" know that the working class and its parties are increasingly open to socialist reorganization of the economy they see collapsing.

Nonetheless, the spy scandals must rapidly lead to political discrediting and collapse of the present Social Democratic (SPD) government. The collapse of the SPD government will be the opening salvo of direct attacks on the working class this fall. At that point, NATO and West German intelligence will exploit the chaos and fear they have aroused by generating spy hysteria in the SPD. To the applause of the bourgeois press, these Rockefeller agents will try to convince workers that there is no point fighting politically when spying and anti-Soviet panic can rise and destroy governments.