

SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES DUE IN U.S.

Oct. 1 (IPS)--Confirming IPS predictions, the latest Department of Agriculture statistics reveal that cutbacks in pork, poultry, egg and milk production will create serious shortages in the U.S. by this winter. Pork supplies will be down 10 per cent from year-earlier levels during the first half of 1975, with even greater shortages to follow. Heavy slaughtering by cash-strapped farmers has produced a four per cent decline in the numbers of hogs and pigs on farms. These herds will not be replaced, as sow farrowing intentions in September were down 10 per cent. Broiler placements for October-December 1974 have been cut by 10 per cent and egg output will decline three to four per cent this fall. Heavy production costs have discouraged hatchery activity for replacement of flocks. Finally, milk production in 1974 will fall below last year by two per cent, hitting the lowest level since 1948.

THE PRESS

THE PRESSE KAPELLE: CIA PRESS AGENTS IN WEST GERMANY

Oct. 5 (IPS)--In the space of one year's time, West Germany has been transformed from the shaky last bastion of the postwar economic boom into the economically disarmed kingpin of the NATO/Rockefeller financial network's strategy to destroy traditional capitalist democracies in Europe by the middle of 1975. This rapid transformation threatens not only to throw more than one million German workers out of work by January, but already signals the internal disintegration of German workers' major weapon against the Rockefeller strategy: the mass-based German Social Democratic Party (SPD).

The death blow for West Germany's famed "economic miracle" was the Middle East war of October, 1973. Willy Brandt, then Chancellor and the world's most prominent spokesman for the policy of detente with the Soviet Bloc, suddenly found himself outside world political events. As the German "liberal" press network gleefully noted at the time, the devastating consequences foreshadowed by Rockefeller's Mideast War, and the consequent skyrocketing of petroleum prices, plunged Brandt into a passive state of depression as he sensed that his political career was under attack.

The reaction of tens of thousands of SPD workers to Brandt's resignation--moping confusedly outside of factory gates the next morning, waiting in vain for a word from their own party about what had really happened--pinpoints the striking organizational weakness of the postwar SPD. Forbidden by Allied Occupation forces in 1946 from starting their own national newspaper, the SPD, to this day, does not have a single significant propaganda tool directly at its disposal. For the entire postwar period, millions of Social Democratic workers were delivered into the hands of one of the most tightly controlled national press networks in the West. The political influence which this circumstance affords German-based collaborators of the Rockefeller financial-political network only is apparent in a period of profound social crisis, such as that introduced in West Germany by the Watergating of Brandt.

Superficially "democratic," apparently covering the spectrum of left to right wing opinions, the West German press is a smutty sewer of scandal-mongering, lies, dressed-up politics, and pornography. The strongest odor of sewage does

not emanate, however, from the right wing empire of the internationally infamous Springer. Rather, students of the British and American psychological-warfare schools found their nesting places in the less conspicuous self-proclaimed "liberal" press. While the mass-membered SPD must crawl for press coverage, the tiny Free Democratic Party, the direct successor of the Liberal Party of Hitler's Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht, controls the bulk of internationally respected non-right wing publications. Only when seen in the context of the extensive propaganda and political organizing activities of the "liberal" press network does the significance of Springer's "loony" jamboree of mass consumption anti-Communist tabloids and weeklies become clear: Springer is the countergang to the "liberal" sewer. Thus in calculated fashion Rudolf Augstein, editor of Der Spiegel and little darling of British intelligence officers during the occupation, runs repeated "exposes" and "polemics" against his public arch-enemy Axel Springer.

The Trilateral Connection

The West German liberal press network is a low-key hierarchical apparatus whose tentacles extend into every pore of society. Each node of the finely tuned network has its assigned special task and characteristic "style." Peddling hip pomography and sexual bestiality (partner-swapping, homosexuality) to petit-bourgeois, government and student layers, the "liberal" press swings around with union-busting demands and proposals for deindustrialization in the advanced sector in its mass-circulation dailies read by political workers.

The pyramid as a whole is controlled by a team screened by press cards and journalist certificates: The pyramid is dominated by active NATO and CIA-connected operatives. A hint of the organizing activity of this top layer is given by the success of Der Spiegel magazine, run by a specially trained team pulled together by British intelligence in 1946 under Spiegel editor Rudolf Augstein, in toppling the Adenauer government in 1963 on the basis of concocted "military information" forwarded to the Spiegel team by the Hamburg head of the German equivalent of the CIA.

The highest level of this Presse Kapelle (press orchestra) is in the hands of the editorial board of the more select, lower-circulation weekly Die Zeit, run by Theo Sommer, a member of David Rockefeller's supranational fascist shadow government, the Trilateral Commission. Sommer, trained out of NATO's Institute of Strategic Studies, worked "under" Helmut Schmidt during the latter's stint as head of West Germany's defense ministry. During that period Sommer's actual role as Schmidt's control agent materialized in Sommer's authorship of a 1970 White Paper on domestic military reform. In this document Sommer lays out, indirectly, his own relationship to the Rockefeller supragovernmental conspiracy by admitting that West Germany's land troops would be of no use in a confrontation with the Soviet Bloc. Reformation and expansion of a West German land army—the White Paper implies—is necessary to meet head-on Western European working-class ferment.

The Press and The Military

The West German Defense Ministry and related intelligence agencies were the favorite hang-out of these "journalist-politicians" under the Brandt SPD coalition government. Their initial motivation for abandoning their low-key cover is clear: Analogous to the SPD's small coalition partner, the Schachtian Free Democratic Party, these "journalists" saw their immediate goal as a "bulwark

against socialism."

Operating out of the military machine, their sights were already set on the longer-range goal of preparing the successor to the SPD-run government. During Sommer's tutorship of Schmidt, a reorganization of the Bundes Nachrichten Dienst (Federal Intelligence Service) was proposed. The SPD candidate for Vice President of the BND, Dieter Eloetz, was emphatically rejected by the national Presse Kapelle as "too political for the job." Their own candidate? Sommer recommended Hans Detlev Becker for the position, a long-term associate of former Nazi Intelligence Chief Gehlen, who capped his intelligence career by working for the West against the Soviet Union. Becker's official employment address remains to this day the Chairman of the publishing house of Der Spiegel. Becker's own training prior to Allied Military Occupation was in the Nazi High Command, Radio Counterespionage Division.

Explicit domination by the "journalist-politicians" of the Defense Ministry eventual led to the appointment of former Spiegel editor Schmelz to the deputy chairmanship of the military planning staff in early 1974. The control which the Presse Kapelle has over the government was best expressed by Sommer when his junior partner, Helmut "Judas" Schmidt, found his way into the Chancellery. While Spiegel played low, Sommer greeted his underling with a three thousand-word open letter, explicitly describing their long-term cooperation in the British military establishment's (with NATO connections) Institute for Strategic Studies, and warning the new Chancellor that everyone recognized that he was "transitional."

First Detente; Then Cold War

The Spiegel-Die Zeit pyramid expands on the bottom with two mass circulation dailies, the Frankfurter Rundschau and Munich's "liberal" Sued-Deutsche Zeitung. In the name of "sane" international capitalist economic policy, these mild-mannered, open-minded dailies transform into a coven of furies at the sight of French politicians attempting to hold off the Rockefeller onslaught. As Sommer's own membership on Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission demonstrates, the long tradition of anti-French slanders in the Frankfurter Rundschau and the Sued-Deutsche Zeitung are a significant part of the contribution they have been making over the 1960s to the destruction of national bourgeois parliamentary government in Europe. With "progressive" contempt for the "disruptive" (to Rockefeller) character of French nationalism in bourgeois and pro-Communist layers, these journals write homilies to "internationalism," providing a "sane" popular image of Sommer and the Trilateral Commission's plans to turn Europe into a cluster of banana republics. The nationalist content of this propaganda becomes clear whenever these "liberals" project their horror at the "chaos" in Italian politics, or the "trade-union state" of Britain, countering to that the relative "good will" of such German "working-class leaders" as the Metal Workers' president and Trilateral Commission member Eugen Loderer.

Screaming above the chorus of protest against former French Foreign Minister Jobert for his holding action at last January's U.S.-controlled energy conference ("he didn't know how to read until he was 14" was the way the Rundschau put it), these two sewers overflowed with applause ten days ago when Helmut Schmidt's cabinet decided on an onslaught against the French at the Agricultural Ministers' meeting. The Zeitung was in the forefront of

an early 1960s press assault on the cooperative relationship which Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had developed with the one consistent voice of opposition to American domination of Europe, that of Charles de Gaulle. One of the greatest points of attack against de Gaulle was his support for a greater Europe, including the Soviet Union, to hold off American domination.

Rockefeller's international political strategy now necessitates a strong wave of anti-detente editorials and commentary from the West German press pipelines. Preparations for this have been made. The Sued-Deutsche Zeitung, for one, ran an initial Brown Mao endorsement of Red China, praising the simple, labor-intensive work ideology of the Chinese workforce. Aware of the fear which every endorsement of Mao produces in the Soviet Union, the Zeitung has shown its readiness to copy the line of the two-pronged strategy of Germany's biggest Maoist, Franz-Josef Strauss: Pro-Chinese means an anti-Soviet assault on the living conditions of the advanced industrial working class. The Rundschau, maintaining its slovenly "lefty" tendencies, has had a hey-day, publishing a rash of articles by its Washington-based correspondent Monika Metzner on the disclosures of CIA involvement in Chile. Metzner's articles, tedious cribs from the Washington Post and the New York Times, are simply funnels for the CIA's own self-destruct plans, as it disperses into such supranational agencies as the Trilateral Commission. There is no question that Metzner herself understands the actual content of the recent rash of CIA "exposures": she attempted to perform service for that dirty laundry outfit in the beginning of 1974 when she posed for three months at the National Headquarters of the Labor Committees as an interested reporter who wanted a scoop on an American left group which was making claims about the CIA. Her final product, a cheap slander job printed five months later when she had dropped all contact with the Labor Committees, attempted to discredit the Labor Committees as hysterical paranoiacs who insanely believed that the CIA was engaged in a massive assault on their tiny forces. Contrary to Metzner's swinish pose as an SPD sympathizer, the rag which she furnishes has been primarily under FDP influence since the 1950s.

The Rundschau's history provides an excellent example of how well the "liberal" press and its political allies in the FDP understand their task as anti-working class controller of the SPD. In 1952, Herbert Wehner, leading SPD parliamentary figure and political organizing expert, approached Rundschau editor Gerold (an SPD member), attempting to get a commitment from him to use his paper as a nationally influential SPD propaganda organ. Promoting the disgusting "liberal" mask of journalistic "objectivity," Gerold used Wehner's proposal as a pretext to quit the SPD and publicly slander Wehner, employing that all encompassing eyebrow-raising liberal insult "Stalinist."

The major preparation for the current anti-detente onslaught was the rumor-mongering campaign organized by Der Spiegel against Willy Brandt months before his resignation over the "spy scandal." Attuned to Brandt's demoralized response to the Mideast War, Spiegel began speculating about a Brandt resignation at that early date. The impunity with which the non-elected "journalist-politicians" proceed on their course of formulating government policy is ironically demonstrated by their earlier role in setting up the initial basis for the policy of detente itself! Conscious of Soviet susceptibility to soft line Social Democratic types, and absolute Soviet dependency on East-West trade for economic development, Theo Sommer was in the vanguard of the turn away from cold war to a policy of reconciliation! At that early date the main collaborator in the SPD who worked with Sommer was not Brandt, but junior Helmut Schmidt.

For the real masters of the press pyramid, the pharaohs of the U.S. conspiracy and NATO, detente was a necessary phase in lulling the Soviets to sleep in preparation for the more significant hard-line no-compromise demands already in the works for the 1970s. The SPD was well located as the singularly qualified political force to court the somnolent Russian bear. In 1965, in a book describing his personal visit to East Germany, Sommer announced the inevitability of a period of detente. One year later, Helmut Schmidt also took his vacation on the other side of the wall, gaining much coverage and praise from the CIA's own New York Times.

By 1974, however, the courtship was over and the phase of deception and abuse of the Russian bear was scheduled to begin. Willy Brandt, a consciously created symbol of detente, long associated by European workers with their fervent desire for peace and trade with the Soviet Bloc, had to be removed --fast. Suddenly, Gunter Guillaume, a member of Brandt's staff for no less than three years, was discovered to be an "East German spy." (See IPS No. 5, "Double Agent: IPS Cracks CIA's Network in Europe," for full exposure of this CIA operation.)

Theo Sommer aptly described his own conception of the role he has to play from the top of the pyramid in a lead Die Zeit editorial soon after the CIA's removal of Poor Richard Nixon. Sommer, batting his eyes at close associates in the U.S. press cabal, specifically praised the New York Times and Washington Post as "the defenders of democracy in the U.S." Reflected Sommer, "If it hadn't been for the New York Times and the Washington Post, Nixon might still be in power."

FUSION REPORT

AEC TO MAKE NOMINAL FUSION DECLASSIFICATION IN RESPONSE TO NCLC CAMPAIGN

Sept. 26 (IPS)--IPS has just learned from informed sources that the Atomic Energy Commission plans to declassify some aspects of laser and electrical beam fusion research. Scientific papers submitted to the American Physical Society Plasma Physics Division for their upcoming conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico October 28-31 contain the information to be declassified. Previously, the AEC had classified as "top secret" the most essential data on laser and electrical beam fusion under the Sigma Weapons Rules. While the AEC's move has political significance, the scientific data to be released is of nominal value. The only "secret" of laser and electrical beam fusion research is that no meaningful research was being done; the Sigma top secret classification was simply to cover up the AEC policy of suppressing research and development of controlled fusion. The AEC's planned liberalization is an obvious attempt to stem the successful Labor Committee campaign--creating ferment among scientists and engineers--for the crash development of controlled fusion.

Controlled thermonuclear fusion would furnish humanity with a virtually inexhaustible source of safe, clean energy together with a revolutionary new technology capable of producing abundant supplies of essential raw materials and industrial chemicals--all at a fraction of their present social cost. By making readily available a cheap, abundant supply of