

BRANDT TO PUSH PRO-ROCKEFELLER LINE ON BREAKUP OF EEC

Nov. 17 (IPS)--Willy Brandt reportedly will speak before a "European Movement" meeting Nov. 19 to propose dismantling Common Market structures. It is expected that the former West German Chancellor will back the Rockefeller plan for reintegration of Europe on the basis of all-out austerity.

Brandt, the Social Democrat who was Watergated out of his Chancellor post last spring, has been assigned to say certain nasty things which the present Chancellor Helmut Schmidt prefers to have emerge from someone else's mouth. The targets of Brandt's remarks, according to the West German daily Frankfurter Rundschau, will be the Common Market's poorest sisters, Britain and Italy. Brandt is expected to suggest that they be "uncoupled" from EEC obligations "for their own good," and released from the Treaty of Rome, according to the Rundschau.

The specific recommendations Brandt will moot Nov. 19 are not the point; his squeaking in Paris before the "European Movement" is merely one part of a general flux of proposals intended to make what the Frankfurter Rundschau calls the "economically footsore" nations of Europe into the proving grounds of fascist policy. The new European "Third Way" blueprinted by the Rockefellers' Trilateral Commission demands a dissolution of previous, actually somewhat independent, institutions, especially the Common Market. The French, led by Prime Minister Giscard d'Estaing, are expected to pitch into this shake-up of former EEC structures.

Brandt warmed up for his new role in Bad Godesberg, West Germany this weekend, delivering a repetition of his stock speech to Social Democrats. He acclaimed the Godesberg Program, which in 1959 officially specified that the Social Democratic Party was no longer a working-class organization but a Volkspartei instead, a party of "all" West Germans. The party leadership had recently consummated its resolution that membership in the SPD is "incompatible" with any dealings with the European Labor Committees. Dwelling on SPD electoral losses, Brandt salted every rank-and-file wound.

Brandt's Godesberg and Paris performances will be capped Nov. 21 in Brussels before the CIA-founded International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. It is probable that Brandt will push for the liquidation of this moribund, anti-Communist confederation. Brandt also reportedly will repeat the Cinderella attack on Britain and Italy, an attack geared to drive European leftists into nationalist wall-climbing as opposed to consolidation of a continental united front.