

EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN BONN CONFIRMS EGYPT'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITY

Nov. 14 (IPS)--An Egyptian Embassy spokesman in Bonn confirmed to IPS today earlier statements from the Egyptian Embassy in Paris that Egypt is in possession of nuclear weapons. The Bonn spokesman reiterated that Egypt's nuclear capability is equal to Israel's.

In order to arrive at this conclusion, he explained, one need only calculate the quantity and quality of nuclear reactors for both military and "peaceful" purposes which each country has at its disposal. This calculation yields, with 80 per cent accuracy, both the size and the quantity of nuclear bombs which each country could produce.

He stated further that nuclear weaponry certainly is spreading throughout the "African" countries (referring to the North African Arab countries).

Speaking candidly about the imminent possibility of nuclear war in the Mideast, the spokesman continued: "War would break out by some desperate moves of Israel," referring to the war hysteria presently sweeping that country.

In related comments today, the Egyptian Embassy spokesman in Bonn stated that last year's oil hoax was initiated by King Faisal of Saudi Arabia shortly after the King's return from the U.S. "There is no oil shortage," the Embassy spokesman said today, anticipating moves toward a second oil hoax this year.

STRAUSS REVIVES NAZI MOVEMENT IN WEST GERMANY

Nov. 14 (IPS)--Hard-core old Nazis and new recruits met Nov. 11 in the city of Mulheim, in the heart of the industrial Ruhr, officially to constitute a national Nazi Party, the German Social Union (DSU). The DSU is the nationwide extension of fascist Franz-Josef Strauss' Bavarian base, the Christian Social Union.

The move, launched amid a backdrop of unemployment accelerating toward the levels of the early 1930s, is Strauss' hard-hitting follow-up to his rout of the Social Democrats (SPD) in last month's State elections in Hessen and Bavaria. With the confidence and momentum gained by that victory, Strauss is now moving to crush the working-class-based SPD in their Rurh industrial stronghold.

For terror content, however, the Mulheim proceedings were nothing compared to what took place in Hamburg on the same day.

For the first time since the end of Hitler's Third Reich, an openly Nazi mass meeting was held in a major German city, drawing thousands from all over northern West Germany. The mass rally in the Hamburg Sports Center was an exact imitation of Nazi meetings of the 1930s, complete with swastika flags and singing of Nazi songs, including the notorious "Horst Wessel Lied," the anthem of Hitler's brown-shirted Storm Troopers.

A "New Nazi State"

To thunderous applause from the thousands present, speakers declared: "We shall dig graves for those politicians who, with the help of the Allies, brought misery to our Germany. It was the Allies, and not the German people, who overthrew Nazi rule; the Nazi Party has never lost its right to rule the German people." This was followed by expressions of solidarity with Nazis in the U.S. and Austria--with Austria referred to as part of Germany. The finale was a call for a mass Nazi organization, to conduct "an underground struggle in West Germany" for a "new Nazi State."

The Deputy Chairman of the newly-founded DSU Helmut Kasper confirmed the obvious--that the Nazi DSU is a Strauss creation--by declaring that both the founding and even the new party's name were "determined in a conversation I had with Strauss." The DSU was also extraordinarily blunt about its fascist program: its founding convention called for smashing institutions of the working class, starting with "among others, the trade unions."

The Hamburg event speaks for itself in indicting the present SPD leadership for class treason. "Red" Hamburg, a town with a long history of working class organizing, is an SPD-ruled city. The huge, undisguised Nazi meeting was illegal. Nothing was done.

NORTH CAROLINA IUD BLOCKS LABOR PARTY PENETRATION

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 14 (IPS)--It must be that time of the month for North Carolina's union bureaucrats. Harold McIver, head of the North Carolina AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Division (IUD), announced at a recent meeting of union bureaucrats in South Carolina that he has added a full-time U.S. Labor Party watcher to his staff, to keep Labor Party conceptions out of union flanks. Wilbur Hobby, head of the North Carolina AFL-CIO, stated that he is seeking out similar protection.

According to sources present at the meeting, the IUD chief pointed out that North Carolina workers are clearly providing fertile ground for the Labor Party's seminal ideas. McIver claimed that the Labor Party has infiltrated the staff of the textile workers' union, the TWUA, and "every textile plant in North Carolina." This has led to the periodic cramping of these bureaucrats' ability to carry their Rockefeller directives to full term.