

controlled nature of the world food crisis. In a talk which otherwise relied on misguided proposals for backing the seemingly "independent development" of Third World countries like Algeria, Saenger stressed the worldwide scope and capitalist control of the crisis. "Eighteen million people go hungry in the capitalist industrial states because they have inadequate opportunities to earn money," Saenger said. "Meanwhile, food concerns and wholesalers continue to destroy foodstuffs in order to keep their prices up, an anachronism which exists only under capitalism."

This statement, which falls just short of exposing Rockefeller's criminal commodity speculation and deliberate sabotage of available high-yield agricultural methods, is several steps ahead of the confused views expressed by other Eastern European countries such as Poland, whose delegation argued that "detente" would somehow mean sufficient food supplies. This is in line with East Germany's long-term stand against Zero Growth policies and in favor of economic development in all areas on the basis of technological advancement.

WHO IS INCOMPATIBLE? ELC POLLS WEST GERMAN WORKERS

WIESBADEN, BRD, Nov. 19 (IPS)--Local officials of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) of West Germany have taken up a risky tactic in an effort to enforce the SPD National Party Council Nov. 11 resolution which declares membership or collaboration with the European Labor Committees (ELC) "incompatible" with membership in the SPD. At two different meetings in the industrial Ruhr region, the local party chairman attempted to drive ELC organizers out of the meeting hall with the threat: "Either you leave, or I do."

Today, one unfortunate flunky chairing an SPD meeting in Essen found that the attending members refused to throw out the ELC organizers. Proving that he meant business, the cornered chairman left the hall. Immediately afterwards, 10 SPD members agreed to come to an ELC forum.

In Dortmund, the same day, the SPD membership was aroused to hysteria by the chairman's threat and tossed the ELC members out.

The "Incompatibility Resolution" has provoked a deep-felt political crisis among the most politicized working class layers of the SPD membership. The clear message from the SPD National Party Council, that since Nov. 11 open political debate is forbidden in the SPD, was explicitly spelled out in a second resolution accompanying the expulsion order against the ELC. This second resolution prohibits subsections of the SPD, such as the JUSOs (youth organization), from publishing any opinions not previously approved by the National Executive.

Last week ELC organizers operating out of working-class districts throughout West Germany found older, long-term members of the SPD willing for the first time to discuss the question: who is incompatible--the ELC, or the Rockefeller-allied national SPD leadership headed by Eurotraitor Helmut Schmidt? Over the coming weeks, the ELC will be further challenging these workers to make up their minds by running polls on this question during distributions.

In a related development, SPD "left-wing" poseur Peter von Oertzen, chairman of the state party machine in Lower Saxony, threatened ELC organizers selling literature at an SPD meeting in Hessen. Von Oertzen, a member of the Zero Growth think tank the Volkswagen Foundation during the 1950s and presently chairman of the SPD Commission for the Development of a Long-Term Social and Economic Program, told the ELC members: "Since there are only two of you, we'll let you stay. If there were 50 of you, we would have to beat you up."

UN REPORT:
WEST GERMANS INFLAME MIDEAST WAR HYSTERIA

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 19 (IPS)--UN Ambassador Ruediger von Wechmar delivered an address today before the United Nations General Assembly in which he stated that "it is necessary" for the Israelis to withdraw from occupied territory as a precondition for any Middle East settlement.

Although the speech contained paeans to Israeli sovereignty, in the context of the present surge of Israeli war hysteria such a statement by the West Germans provides only further evidence to the Israelis that they have been ostracized in international diplomatic circles and that their only chance for survival is a full-scale, pre-emptive attack, possibly using nuclear weapons.

The West German move also represents intensified psychological warfare against the Soviet Union. Since 1967, the Soviets have been the main open spokesman for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory. The West Germans consistently have played a role of convincing the Soviets that they are their most reliable negotiating partners in the Western world.

A spokesman for the West German government in New York, openly admitting the dangers implicit in the West German speech at the UN, was quick to deny that this was an attack on the paranoid Israelis. "We are not demanding a withdrawal; we only say it is necessary," the spokesman explained.