

PRESS FABRICATES REPORT OF IRAQI ATTACK ON KUWAIT

Dec. 2 (IPS)--A high-ranking Kuwaiti government official vehemently denied the claims made by the Washington Post and United Press International today that Iraq had made military advances against Kuwait. The whole idea is "preposterous," the official said, "there isn't a scintilla of truth in it."

Further checking by IPS with Iraq and other Arab countries confirmed that the stories of Iraq's attack were simply concocted by the press. The false dispatches represent an escalation in the psychological warfare directed against Iraq, the only Arab state to maintain strong ties with the Soviet Union and openly to oppose Rockefeller's consolidation of the Mideast.

This latest psywar comes on the heels of a "familiarization" tour through the Persian Gulf States by ex-CIA head Richard Helms, now Ambassador to Iran, and a group of U.S. military officers. An official from the State Department told IPS that the trip is Helms' "own business."

Helms, the CIA's man on the spot who organized last year's Mideast War and Oil Hoax, is reactivating his role in this present swing through the Persian Gulf. With the announcement of Saudi Arabia's takeover of oil assets from the oil companies and the heating up of a fifth Mideast war, Helms is firming up "Arab Unity." This is a code word for the controlled environment that produces policy for oil pricing, regional development projects and defense.

Iraq is the major kink in this plan to turn the Mideast into Rockefeller's phony, new advanced sector. After Helms' briefing, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf sheikhdoms, all well equipped militarily by the U.S., are prepared to hold a "confidential" summit meeting. Coordinated by King Faisal, the summit intends to firm up an Arab Power Bloc for regional defense and development, squeezing Iraq even further into a corner.

Last week, the U.S. aircraft carrier Constellation and two destroyers visited the Gulf area, and CIA director William Colby unofficially stopped off in the Gulf region last month. Reportedly, France has resumed diplomatic relations with Oman this year and has sent ships to the mouth of the Persian Gulf. At the same time, British warships are making what they call routine visits to the area.