

and revolutionary program that will assure the continuation of the present regime's work.

The rabid cult of the Madonna around the late Eva Peron in Argentina and surveys which reveal that Isabel Peron is the most popular national leader in Argentina demonstrate to the CIA that a female leader can be relied upon to con the Latin American working class into accepting genocide and slave labor policies.

Mrs. Echeverria is the daughter of the leading patriarch of Guadalajara (who achieved world fame when he was kidnapped last September by CIA terrorists), has demonstrated her counterinsurgent capabilities. Assuming much greater responsibility than previous first ladies, she has not only led the National Institute for the Protection of Infancy (the traditional role of first ladies) but also has formed an all-female Social Service Volunteer Corps which is involved in self-help and food control programs. Mrs. Echeverria has proved a fervent advocate of genocide through her "programs for the Mexican family" and "responsible parenthood." In the following weeks, she will receive a major boost with a scheduled tour to Latin America and possibly Cuba.

Over the past months Echeverria has magnanimously paved the way for his wife by attacking "machismo" and calling for "greater participation of the female in the country's tasks." He has even gone so far as to establish a National Feminine Service of Social Action within the military.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE PLANS TRANSATLANTIC CONFERENCE

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Dec. 24 (IPS)--Nearly 400 socialist organizers concluded a conference here today that mapped out "an interlocking strategy for Europe and the U.S. needed to bring about the defeat of Rockefeller." Such a strategy, the participants of the European Labor Committee-sponsored "Strategy for Socialism" conference decided, would demand viewing themselves as the leadership of the entire European working class movement.

Already significantly responsible for the left motion of the Communist Parties worldwide, the United Front organizers present analyzed how the establishment of internationalism in significant parts of the North American working class--as demonstrated in the large worker turnout for the U.S. Labor Party and its program--had shifted the workers' movement internationally. Now, the actions of American workers--reflecting the motion of European workers--can be used, in turn, to further the organization of European workers. It will be this self-reflexive internationalism, noted a keynote speaker, that will maintain the morale of the working class in the struggle for a workers' government.

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Organizers from ten European countries, Africa, Thailand, Turkey, and the United States came to the conference, many trade unionists included. A number of unemployed, young Italian workers travelled to Wiesbaden, their fares paid for by older workers from Communist-allied trade unions. One of the first items on the agenda was the overwhelming approval of a resolution calling for world socialist support for the pro-Soviet, pro-socialist Baath government of Iraq in its current resistance against Rockefeller's attempts to engulf the Mideast in war.

Full briefings were given on the International Caucus of Labor Committee's (ICLC) food and fusion power proposals now being circulated to the world's governments. The proposals form the basis of the program which has already catalyzed workers on both sides of the Atlantic into united front organizing. A cadre school will continue after the conference to train these organizers in the full potential of this program and Rockefeller's deadly alternative to it.

International Responsibility

The responsibility of international leadership was posed most bluntly in the opening sections of the conference when it became clear that any, even general, discussion of the strategic situation of the working class hinged upon the actions of the Labor Committees and their United Front collaborators. Analyzing the current left motion of the Western European and East bloc Communist Parties which has created great anti-Rockefeller potential, a German member of the European Executive of the ELC warned, "Don't get euphoric about the left turn; the only thing is to understand it." The Communist Party faction now attacking the suicidal (and CIA-directed) policies of Italian Party leader Giorgio Amendola could only have based its left motion on the conceptual tools provided by--forced on them by--the ICLC. The ELC leader detailed to the audience how the current left CP bar- rages against those members of the Socialist Parties who are CIA-controlled reflected similar, though more forceful, ICLC cam- paigns of months ago.

To emphasize for the organizers present how the left turn was the responsibility of the people in the room, the ICLC leadership reminded the audience of the last Strategy for Socialism conference held in West Germany last April. At that time, the ELC challenged its members with the problem of "turning Moscow around," of how to diabolically force the Communist movement to act on behalf of the world's working class in spite of its notorious bias toward acting only for the Soviet Union's national interests. It was also in April that the West German Labor Committee entered election politics going to the working class base of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Lower Saxony with the slogan, "Nevertheless, Vote SPD."

In the eight months since then, noted the speakers, a fac- tion of the CPs had turned, facing the traitors in their own

ranks in preparation for facing the more powerful enemy, Rockefeller. Ensuring that the organizers present could not console themselves that this was some "periodic phenomenon" that overwhelm CPs--and not the result of the ruthless campaign for sanity waged by the ICLC--the ELC leadership used the example of the ICLC's relationship with Europe's Social Democracies to analyze the psychology of our hegemony.

Breaking Ties With Mother Party

Two West German comrades, both leaders of the election work in Lower Saxony, indicated how in April many ELCers had preferred to confuse the pro-socialist worker base of the SPD with what looked like its "respectable" bureaucratic leadership such as ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt. "The immediate importance of this conference," one said, "lies not in the fact that in some places we've opened up new locals, but in the new maturity of the organization--throwing off the residual trust in Willy and the Mother Party."

Through the late summer, the West German ELC had again entered election organizing in the states of Hessen and Bavaria, this time under the slogan, "The SPD Needs a Head." This slogan indicated the breakthrough the European organization was beginning to make. No Communist, Socialist, or Social Democratic Party has the intellectually qualified leadership to successfully wage the fight against Rockefeller's plans, and none had a program. It was during these months before the present conference that ELCers began to realize that their programmatic United Front leadership did not include waiting for the "big parties" to move, hoping that someone else would take over leadership of the workers movement.

As the conference speakers pointed out, it was during those months that ELCers began to see members of Social Democratic Parties move toward the ELC as the leadership of those same Parties moved to isolate the ELC as did the Rockefeller-allied leaderships of the SPD, the Swedish Social Democracy, and the Italian Socialist Party.

The "Red Scare" hysteria that these agent leaderships were thrown into due to the penetration of the ELC's "Unity for Socialism" United Front organizers in their own ranks, in turn helped Communist Party members to see that unity with the Social Democracies had to be based in working class program, not the fearful need for protection. That point was ratified by the presence of several CP members from a number of European countries, and coverage by a journalist from a newspaper allied with the West German Communist Party.

Our Comrades in the CPs

This discussion of a shifted Communist movement, now beginning to reflect the ICLC's program and analysis, elicited intense

debate especially from newer members recently involved with the religious socialists in the Trotskyist groups in Europe. Could Communist Parties, who had allowed the massacres of leftists in Chile, ever be trusted, asked one such member. An American member intervened reminding the organizer that Rockefeller, the CIA --not the CPs--was responsible for the Chilean massacres. Indicating what it means to be an adult in socialist politics, the American continued, "No matter how keenly we criticize the particular policy errors committed by the Communist movement, our task is to show our comrades in the CPs what responsibility they have as Communists....With our knowledge of the situation, our struggle is to use their enormous political potential and to change them."

Confirming for the audience the position they had placed themselves in, the ICLC leadership detailed what that responsibility would concretely mean in the coming months. Drawing from the Strategic Studies series printed in New Solidarity (and circulated in seven languages as pre-conference material) American Labor Committee Executive member Uwe Parpart likened the situation to that of 1650. In that period, said Parpart, "virtually all the scientific knowledge--including the necessary forms of organization of human society--had been developed and simply waited for their implementation." Instead, there was ecological holocaust and the loss of millions of lives to plague and war. Parpart described to the audience how again the most advanced scientific knowledge must be explicitly used in our organizing if we are to stop the ecological and psychological devastation that Rockefeller's plan will entail.

During the three-day conference, ELC members from West Germany and organizers for the "Unity for Socialism" faction within the SPD officially founded the European Labor Party. The formation of such a party was necessary for these West German United Front organizers to legally run in the upcoming elections. While the West German News Agency (DPA) and Hessen Radio Network had been reporting on the conference, the founding of the ELP prompted the local, more provincial press to report "the Left has a new comrade."

SOVIET UNION MOBILIZES FOR 1975 PLAN

Dec. 24 (IPS)--The Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee plenum meeting Dec. 16 approved a state economic plan and budget for 1975 which promises strict austerity measures for the entire country. Major objectives of the ninth five-year plan, which concludes next year, have not been achieved. A significant portion of planned industrial expansion depends on Western financing and technology, which the Russians increasingly recognize is no sure thing.