

In addition, the Gosplan urges increased coordination between state ministries, which are the government departments responsible for various branches of industry. This move for centralization should cut down on creeping anarchy in the production network.

Finally, where the Soviet economy's internal weaknesses do not allow new investments to be made, the slack must be taken up by increased worker productivity. For this, there are various programs of Stakhanovite competition (competitive speedup), personnel reductions in one sector of industry for redeployment to a harder-pressed one--without cutting production in the first sector--and wage bonuses linked to productivity. This hard necessity for the Soviet working class again to work as a population under siege vividly shows the urgency of adopting the internationalist strategy on all levels: for the Communist Parties and for economic cooperation on socialist terms.

RENEWED MIDEAST WAR SCARE TO OUTFOX SOVIETS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 24 (IPS)--Israeli General Haim Bar-Lev, war hero and current Minister of Commerce and Industry, warned this week that Israel will "strike first" on a massive scale if it is informed of a planned Arab strike by "sources in which we have complete trust," an obvious reference to the CIA. The warning came in a well-publicized interview with the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv.

Such broadcasting by the CIA of its imminent ignition of a war represents a significant escalation of the heavy-handed Middle East blackmail policy against the Soviet Union. Through a series of visits to Middle East capitals by Trilateral Commission agents in recent days, Rockefeller is rapidly spreading the line that "the Middle East is the key to detente." While emphasizing the importance of the Mideast, Rocky is simultaneously pushing for war to suck the Soviets into a joint Soviet-American guarantee of a peace, an obvious deflection from the developing left turn in the socialist bloc.

Underscoring the escalated tension, Israeli war planes were sent over Beirut yesterday to create sonic booms. In anticipation of massive Israeli air raids possibly coinciding with a major Moslem holiday this evening, the Syrian and Lebanese armed forces are on full alert. Soldiers have been called back from temporary leave, food supplies are being stockpiled for emergency conditions, and practically every citizen is being mobilized for national defense.

The lame response by the Soviets to Rockefeller's blackmail has been an acknowledgement in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda that "the Middle East situation is explosive," combined

with a call for a reconvening of the Geneva conference--the same conference being demanded by major Trilateral spokesmen like George Ball! Given that Middle East politics at present is "a game in which the Americans hold all the chips"--in the words of Egyptian President Sadat on American television last week--Soviet attempts to "craftily" play the game of military confrontation and brinkmanship fall right into the trap worked out in Rockefeller's think tanks.

SCHMIDT CLAIMS TO OUTDO STRAUSS IN PREVENTING REVOLUTION

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Dec. 24 (IPS)--West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt revealed the Trilateral Commission's lease to his Social Democratic Party (SPD) in an interview yesterday in Handelsblatt, the West German financial daily. Schmidt grovelled before Rockefeller's West German banking agents, telling them that the SPD deserves to live at least until the crucial North Rhine Westphalen elections in May 1975 because it can keep the social peace for Rockefeller better than fascist Franz Josef Strauss' growing Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union (CDU/CSU) machine.

"I am convinced," said the Chancellor, "that the preservation of social peace in this country is much more the function of the SPD in its coalition with the FDP, and that the conservatives [CDU/CSU] could not do it. They weren't able to do it in England, they weren't able to do it in France, and, as people are seeing, they can't do it in Italy either. A modern industrial society cannot be kept peaceful by conservative forces alone."

In his interview, Schmidt used almost the same language that Scheidemann and Noske, SPD members of the post-World War I government, used to convince the army and the Allied occupation forces that they could use the SPD to destroy the revolutionary situation in Germany. Schmidt has already been publicly denounced by members of his own party for acting like these old SPD leaders who turned machine guns on striking workers.

Schmidt is not the only West German agent working to ensure Rockefeller's social peace for Europe. According to Der Spiegel Dec. 23, Free Democratic Party (FDP) Economics Minister Friedrichs, on the advice of fellow FDPer and Trilateral Commission member Otto Graf Lambsdorff, is vetoing all of the SPD's propagandistic pseudo-reforms to make sure that workers understand that their own SPD government demands that they be good Germans and suffer in this depression as they did in the last one.

Schmidt intends that Strauss' CDU/CSU will defeat the SPD in the North Rhine Westphalen elections in May, but his job as an agent is to force the ruling SPD/FDP coalition government to