

a similar statement issued by Carli in the weekly L'Espresso. Both are intent on creating strong anti-American sentiment to deflect attention from the real fascism being prepared at home.

As a Carli aid leaked to an Iranian source a few days ago, Amendola really understands what must be done. He's Carli's boy.

#### SOVIET PRESS RESHAPES PUBLIC OPINION ON DETENTE

Jan. 8 (IPS)--Firing a rapid volley of attacks against United States government policies, the Soviet press has begun to reshape Soviet public opinion on detente in preparation for a possible head-on confrontation with the United States. Pravda, the party newspaper, quoted the remark of the Czechoslovakian paper Rude Pravo that certain American senators are "subverting trust in the American government as a serious partner in international negotiations."

Several days before, a commentary in Izvestia, the government daily, warned that the old cold warriors in the West "pose a real threat to the positive tendencies of the world in 1975." Together these two articles mark a substantive break from the line that the "enemies of detente" are a few exceptions, who are easily kept in their place by the "vigilance" of the "progressive forces."

The hardline has also taken the form of a number of articles aimed against the Pentagon's and NATO's proposals for vastly increased arms expenditures. The Soviet military paper, Red Star, vigorously denounced the new increased Pentagon budget, concluding that the "peoples of the planet protest against American military actions on foreign territory and on the seas, as very dangerous to the sovereignty and independence of both large and small countries." U.S. military aid to South Vietnam, Israel, and Iran has been singled out for special attack. Thus Jan. 4 all the major dailies ran an article citing a letter to President Ford from a Congressman who disapproved of the "strict secrecy" with which the U.S. has been delivering armaments to the Shah of Iran--with no discussion of the matter by Congress.

#### Suppression of Dissidents

The self-exposure operation by the CIA has provided the Soviets with an opportunity to avenge themselves for the embarrassment they suffered over the "Jewish dissidents" issue. "If an American's way of thought departs a little from the official model," stated one Soviet commentator, "it is time to knock on the walls and check under the bed; the CIA's microphones are not far away." "This shows fully the character of the notorious 'bourgeois democracy' in America," said another. Pravda's weekly review blamed the U.S. government for "suppression of dissidents."

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, long viewed by the Soviets as a friend of detente, has come under cautious attack, for his statements in an interview in Business Week magazine, which mooted the possibility of U.S. military intervention in the Mideast if the oil-producing countries hike the price of oil. The Soviet news agency, Tass, reviewed international censure of Kissinger's remarks, which is standard procedure to express Soviet reactions when the official position is still in flux. The article included a statement from the West German paper Frankfurter Rundschau that responsibility for the oil-supply problems of Western Europe lies not with the Arabs but with "the oil magnates who control the oil market from New York and New Jersey."

The Soviets are pulling their punches as yet stopping short of naming the supranational Rockefeller cabal. The powerful "unpredictability factor" of the Western Communist Parties and the USSR would be greatly multiplied by Soviet exposure of the Rockefellers. Otherwise, they are left with bluster typified by the Russian commentator who, contemplating the restrictive ceiling on U.S. credits to his country, mistakenly asserted that the USSR will "go elsewhere" for credit.

#### CHRYSLER STARTS DUMPING AUTOS IN DEPRESSION PRICE DEFLATION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 8 (IPS)--This weekend, Chrysler will begin unloading its stocks of unsold automobiles. Chrysler will advertise \$200 to \$400 price rebates to customers who buy cars and trucks over the next several weeks. Commentators are not surprised that Chrysler, the No. 3 auto maker, which has been having the biggest problem with inventories of unsold cars, is liquidating. The question is will No. 1 and No. 2 follow?

Until the Chrysler move, Detroit had been firmly holding onto the higher 1975 model prices set in the fall. However, the continued plunge in new car sales of 34 per cent in November and 26 per cent in December below 1973, energy-crisis-depressed car sales plus Chrysler's worsening financial position (possibly with a little shove from the banks that last month extended it a credit line) convinced the corporation to start dumping cars to raise cash.

This price cut is the first major sign of price deflation--a general auction of capitalist assets--in this depression. Until now manufacturers and retailers have continued to refinance stock of semi-finished and finished goods through bank loans and have maintained wholesale and retail prices on these stocks. However, if credit is turned off to them this month, they will begin dumping their inventories to raise cash.

Besides bank loans, companies have been raising cash to pay their debts through production cuts and layoffs, thus postponing