

of their class will cut out the danger or begin a chain reaction.

Both the "energy" and military Schactian options remain in disarray. Last Friday, for example, First National City Bank released a study which proposed that nuclear power make up percent of U.S. energy production by 1985; but the Brookings Institution released a study the same day claiming that fission reactors were unsafe! Also, the West German Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung hails the Pacific Basin offshore capabilities as the future source of the world's oil--while Chase admits that ther isn't a penny to set up the rigs.

The entire question of military production is dominated by contradictory reports and proposals from cabal-related spokesmen, think-tanks, and congressmen indicating the Rockefeller faction is not yet prepared politically to move full force on the military option, no matter how hard they need it.

BRD ADMITS: NO POLICY ON E. GERMANY

JAN. 6 (IPS)--In a surprise interview Jan. 3, Gunter Gaus, West German permanent representative to the German Democratic Republic (DDR), exposed Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government as having no policy for "inner-German" negotiations scheduled for later this month. The Gaus interview is evidence of the shock effect on West Germans of an initiative seized by the DDR in December, when it proposed to continue talks on the basis of an eight point program which would obligate West Germany to finance extensive transit route construction through the DDR to West Berlin.

Izvestia, official press organ of the Soviet government, in its Jan. 4 issue, significantly mistakes the political situation in West Germany in a lead article. Appearing after weeks of silence on the major West European political parties, the Izvestia article defends Rockefeller puppet Helmut Schmidt from the "violent attacks" of the more openly conservative Christian Democratic (CDU) opposition. While Schmidt is renowned in the European Communist Party papers for his anti-working class policies, Izvestia lays open its greatest fear: the collapse of the Schmidt government will bring the neo-fascist forces around Bavarian Christian Social Union chairman, Franz Josef Strauss, to the fore.

Gaus' interview on the other hand, shows the fear of the West German government in facing the DDR. Without first clearing this move with Schmidt, Gaus told the press that many government and parliamentary officials harbored "illusions" about the DDR. He emphasized that the DDR is a "different state, with different laws. We should see this fact in a more important light than legalistic wrangling on the part of (West Germany)."

Referencing the DDR proposal in veiled terms, Gaus admonished that both sides have to learn these "psychological lessons." The course of negotiations so far has not worked because "there is a great need for the DDR to catch up in terms of its self-understanding and self-confidence."

Gaus' remarks were endorsed by Olaf von Wrangel, member of the CDU parliamentary Opposition, and chairman of the parliamentary committee on "inner German" relations. According to the Sued-Deutsche Zeitung, "...Wrangel evaluated passages of Gaus' statement as a reaction to his, Wrangel's, demand for a greater objectification of this discussion, and for more common action between the government and the opposition on the Germany policy."

Fear and Trembling

In contrast to the recent display of confidence and unity in the SED, the West German government is presently wracked by political indecision brought on by a collapsing domestic economy. On the last day of Parliament before the holiday pause, the Christian opposition engaged in an attack on Schmidt's efforts to lull the East Germans into accepting economic and political incursions onto their territory. Gaus told the press, "We have to make an effort to separate the polarization which is catching on to an ever greater degree at home, and which occasionally terrifies me, from the discussion of the Germany policy."

Gaus' and Wrangel's remarks are one part of an effort on the part of various politicians to smooth over the present political paralysis so that policy decisions on economic and foreign policy matters can be reached. During the month of January, Schmidt will be meeting with Carl Carstens, Christian Democratic Parliamentary fraction leader and a Rockefeller-allied foreign policy specialist from the German Society on Foreign Policy, the equivalent of the American Council on Foreign Relations. A government spokesman has expressed the hope that this meeting might help to ease "positions" around the DDR question.

LABOR PARTY BATTLES DALEY BALLOT CHALLENGES

CHICAGO, JAN. 6 (IPS)--In an unprecedented move that reflects the power of Labor Party organizing in this city, the Board of Elections Commissioners Court today postponed prosecution of challenges brought by the political machine of Mayor Richard Daley against two out of five of the United States Labor Party's nominating petitions for Alderman candidates. Both parties must submit legal briefs within the next several days. Hearings were held on challenges to the candidacies of Joe Bell and Leo Scanlon, and decisions are now pending.