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CIA Social Democrats Mount Corporatist Drive Across Europe

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NEW YORK, March 2 — At the current juncture of total programmatic stalemate of Rockefeller's forces internationally, the entirety of Western Europe's CIA agents assigned to the top political posts of the Second International has undertaken a tightly coordinated but desperate effort to temporarily maintain political control over the continent by means of a massive, European-wide push of right-Social Democratic corporatism in Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Scandinavian countries.

This massive maneuver, coordinated directly from Nelson Rockefeller's general staff through his liaison channels from the Tavistock agents in the British Labour Party, is designed to accomplish three simultaneous objectives as aspects of a desperate holding action. Rockefeller hopes to buy himself some desperately needed time to pull together his sadly crumbling political forces before he can move to a counter-offensive. These three temporary objectives are: 1) The maintenance of the necessary high rates of looting of the European working class for the duration of the interim crisis period. 2) The preparation of the political terrain for the emergence of the presently too weak authentic right-wing forces exemplified by such European politicians as Franz-Josef Strauss. 3) The attempt to disorient somehow the Soviet leadership with such ploys as the Portuguese "progressive" turn extended on a European-wide scale.

The evidence available so far indicates that this tactic went into implementation after Nelson Rockefeller and his brother David had a series of meetings with such European pseudo-Socialist personalities as Jaques Soustelle, a close ally of the French Reformateur Party, Harold Wilson of the British Labour Party plus the actual controllers of this layer of State De-

partment "socialists" such as Secretary General Luns of NATO and the leadership of the West German Christian Democratic industrialists such as Biedenkopf, Kiep and von Lamsdorff. As soon as these consultations were concluded, it became evident that the entire European Social Democracy had decided on the following division of labor: in the North European countries where hardly any non-Social Democratic political entities are of any consequence, the ruling Social Democracies, under the nominal leadership of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme were compelled to undertake a twin role of hard-line war mongering as well as democratic-faced corporatism.

In Southern Europe, where there are sufficiently strong, but not quite strong enough, authentic right-wing political forces, the Social Democracy, including the present leadership of the Italian Communist Party (PCI), undertook the role of covering up the feverish activities of the militarists and pro-war production freaks while they themselves are in the midst of a renewed corporatist organizing drive.

The entire European operation is handled by the international social-democratic "old boys" network mainly consisting of Willy Brandt, Helmut Schmidt, Gaston Deferre, Francois Mitterrand, Olof Palme, Denis Healey, Harold Wilson and the assorted Italian pappagali of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and the PCI under the guidance of Ugo La Malfa and Guido Carli.

The Northern European tactic mainly consists of a hard push for Swedish integration into the war production apparatus of the NATO countries — a push mainly centered around sales of Swedish-made jet aircraft and tanks to NATO countries. This initial push is now accompanied by an effort to officially integrate the Swedish Air Force under NATO command — a matter to be discussed in this week's upcoming visit of a NATO delega-

tion to Stockholm. Simultaneous with this pro-NATO push is another desperate effort by Palme to stalemate any new pro-peace initiatives that come either from the Soviet side or from the Soviet-influenced Finnish government. The most characteristic two instances of such sabotage so far have been the Swedish rejection of the now celebrated Finnish proposal for a Nordic energy association that was designed to free the Scandinavian countries from the deadly grip of Rockefeller's International Energy Agency. The second instance is the outright rejection by Palme's Foreign Minister Anderson of the Finnish Kekonnen Plan for a nuclear-free Nordic zone: a conspicuously suspect rejection when it comes from such a confirmed "neutralist" country as Palme's Sweden.

The more intricate Southern strategy of the European Social Democracy is centered mainly on the corporatist drive by the PCI, which with the full public support of Rockefeller agents La Malfa and Carli as well as the lavish praise of the entire West European pro-NATO press, is now firmly pushing for a thorough-going corporatist scheme for Italy around CNEL (see Italian article on page 2 for details). An identical corporatist operation has been launched in France where the rudderless Giscard d'Estaing government has started a broad collaborative relation with the right-wing leadership of the socialist party with such characters as Gaston Deferre, the dope-pushing mayor of Marseille who also sits on the NATO Council, and Mauroy, the SP mayor of Lille who was one of the first targets of the PCF's Left Turn. In all instances of this collaboration between the French Government and the right-wing socialists, the subject was the establishment of corporatist local-control operations on the municipal level — exactly the kind of scheme that launched the Italian CNEL operation earlier on.

The final piece of the Southern strategy of this social democratic offensive is of course the Iberian Peninsula, more fully discussed elsewhere in this issue. All indications so far point to an imminent governmental changeover in Spain of the type that occurred last year in Lisbon. Directly involved in the preparations of this are Willy Brandt and Santiago Carrillo, the leading CIA agent in the Spanish Communist Party. It will be recalled that last year's Portuguese coup was carried out after orders were issued to General Spínola on April 19 from a Bilderberg Club meeting at Negeve, France under the chairmanship of Nelson Rockefeller, Helmut Schmidt, Denis Healy, Giovanni Agnelli, et al. The same fascist leadership is today ordering the transformation in Spain in

order to provide coherence to their European-wide tactic.

From the standpoint of immediate economic objectives, this sweeping European deployment of the Social Democrats is quite transparent. As also indicated in the discussion between NATO Secretary General Luns and Ford and Kissinger last week, the only way that Rockefeller has to push the world economy in the present collapse is toward massive increase in war production. Politically it is absolutely impossible for him to take such a step publicly in Europe. Without a massive "democratic" face-lifting job he would be risking total political upheaval if he pushed full speed for war production. Hence the massive corporatist push which, given the politi-

cal delicacy of the operation, must be under the watchful control of old, trusted CIA agents in the leadership of the Social Democracy.

Typical of the way Rockefeller hopes this tactic will work is how the PCI Amendolite leadership undertook to cover up, last week, for the massive appropriations for the increase of Italy's Mediterranean navy — on orders from James Schlesinger. The PCI, having already made this move in the Italian Parliament has already gone way beyond the point that the old German SPD reached in August 1914 when they had voted for War Credits for the Kaiser's Army. The PCI leadership has not only joined the Social Democracy. They joined the right-wing of the Social Democracy.