

Communist Parties Push Faction Fight Out Into the Open

Oct. 21 (IPS) — Factional warfare between the revolutionaries and the Rockefeller agents in the leadership of the world communist movement exploded into the open this week. The French Communists and the Soviet and East German parties have opened a spirited political campaign against the Social Democrats and the Maoists, the closest allies of the agent polycentrists infiltrating the movement, together with unprecedented theoretical treatment of the political mass strike as the means of revolution in the West.

After the fascist-led Italian Communist Party (PCI) published its delegation's intervention at this month's closed European CP consultation in East Berlin, the French Communist Party (PCF) threw restrictive protocol to the winds and released Politburo member Jean Kanapa's presentation to that same gathering. Kanapa's speech makes it clear for all to see that the anti-Soviet polycentrists grouped around the PCI leaders will not be permitted to enmesh the Communist Parties in compromises that can lead only to their destruction.

At the Berlin gathering Oct. 10, Kanapa observed that "the political content of the (European CP conference) document (in preparation) shrank and became poorer." He made no secret of his disgust at this paring-down process, forced by the PCI agents and their cohorts on threat of their bolting from the proceedings. In response, Kanapa attempted what no CP leader has done at such a meeting in the post-war period — to base his recommendation on a conjunctural perspective.

"A serious analysis going far beyond the inclusion of a few ritual formulas seemed the more necessary as the European capitalist countries are experiencing today a crisis without precedent — I repeat, without precedent in its character. . . The order of the day is the necessity of profound economic and social changes opening the road to socialism." There must be a unified struggle for "a workers' Europe," said Kanapa, as an alternative to "a Europe where one part remains under the boot of the holy, reactionary and overarmed alliance, the Europe of the Giscard d'Estaings, the Schmidts, the Kissingers."

By demanding that the European CP conference take up the real issues of the class battle, by insisting that peaceful co-existence — the subject of the document — is not the status quo, Kanapa has put all parties on notice that the topic under debate is not the formal content of any document, but the concrete developing

motion toward "a workers' Europe."

The upsurge of intellectual ferment into the kind of open strategic debate exemplified by the publication of Kanapa's speech means that the left-wing Communist Parties have now found access to intellectual weaponry which, made the basis for working-class mobilization, the PCI leaders and their cohorts cannot withstand.

Theoretical Backup

Simultaneous with the release of Kanapa's speech, there has been an outpouring of topical and theoretical articles in the Communist press which take up the crucial questions of revolutionary strategy and tactics, and of ideology in politics. (Some of these articles are excerpted in translation here.) The attack on the philosophy of the Social Democracy by the East German party (SED) and the Soviet analysis of Maoism provide their communist cadre readers with a new understanding of how the heteronomic worldview of most workers and leftists in bourgeois society is manipulated against real communism.

The editorialist in the SED theoretical monthly *Einheit* wrote that above all, communists must use Marxist method against the despairing outlook fostered by the bourgeoisie — must demolish that outlook as unscientific, and counterpose the goal of a socialist society. The immediate targets of this effort are clearly identified in *Einheit* and the Soviets' *Izvestia*: Willy Brandt and the criminal Social Democratic machine he heads, and the "revisionist" agents in the communist parties, who can be identified by their Maoist intellectual garb and their affinities with the various agents expelled from the movement in the late 1960's.

Beyond this immediate perspective, the Soviet party paper *Pravda* opened up a new realm of debate over revolutionary organizing tactics by reviving Rosa Luxemburg's analysis of the political mass strike. In an Oct. 19 article on the anniversary of the October 1905 pre-revolutionary strikes in Russia, *Pravda* counterposed Luxemburg's ideas to subsequent Social Democratic policies of sabotaging the revolutionary movement.

These developments in Europe received crucial international support in the latest issue of the Soviet journal *Kommunist*, in which Uruguayan Communist leader Rodney Arismendi expounded and advanced the Latin American Communist Parties' Havana declaration of earlier this year and called for a world conference of CP's, and centralized coordination of the movement in Latin America.