

American worker already knows that the present existence of construction workers is the sign of his own future. The destruction of the construction industry today heralds the full de-industrialization of North America.

Out of the ruins of the lives of human beings, the Rockefeller forces will set the working class to the task of building the Fourth Reich. Like the German worker before him, who was forced either to build Speer's monuments to Hitler or to grind himself to death in the

Reich's war machine, the Brazilianized construction worker will be herded to the Rocky Mountain energy development projects in the West.

Today the German worker, who now with renewed hope looks at the rapidly expanding influence of the European Labour Committees around the program of the brute force development of nuclear fusion power, must take the lead in advancing the international united front of the working class which can stop the Rockefeller fascist machine now.

The Swedish Way: Rockefeller's Northern Paradise

June 29 (IPS) — Last month Gunnar Nilsson, head of the Swedish Labor Organization (LO), the trade-union federation base of Sweden's ruling Social Democratic (SAP) party, publicly advocated the Rockefeller cabal's blueprint for the deindustrialization of the advanced sector and the depopulation of the underdeveloped world. In an interview in the May 15 *Svenska Dagbladet*, Nilsson spelled out his vision of the "post-industrial society" (the 1960's anti-working-class phrase coined by CIA futurologists) in which "a new type of socio-technical person" develops the "Zero Growth global solutions" which emphasize "quality of life" over material gains.

A few weeks later, another Rockefeller supporter, Swedish Premier Olaf Palme, frantically denounced the Labor Committees' program for socialist reindustrialization based on brute force development of controlled nuclear fusion power technology. Palme has also recently elaborated proposals for his country's future which couple drastic austerity wrapped in "quality of life" rhetoric with political prescriptions for a "democracy" premised on fascist local control and leaderless groups.

With their adoption of Rockefeller genocidal program, Nilsson and Palme have taken the "Swedish Way" to its conclusion as the model for social fascist society. The recurring use of Sweden as a reference point by the United States' Leonard Woodcock, Canada's David Lewis, France's Francois Mitterrand, along with other spokesmen for the CIA's international "workers' participation" counterinsurgency strategy, already implied what Palme and Nilsson have now made explicit — that the "Swedish Way" since the 1960's meant the **takeover** of that country by the fascist planners of Rockefeller's Tavistock Institute.

Gunnar Nilsson's position as titular head of the Swedish working class is the result of that takeover. Picked by Tavistock to administer the imposition of their

"industrial democracy" (code word for co-participation) on Swedish workers, he was propelled forward as part of Tavistock's intervention into the LO to control and contain the outcome of the strike wave of 1969-70, similar to the Institute's work in France to channel the mass strike ferment which swept over Europe from 1966-70 into support for "autogestion."

Why Sweden?

Among the advanced-sector countries, Sweden was the most appropriate choice for the Rockefeller forces to use as a laboratory for their 1984-style experiments. Throughout the last 40 years of Social Democratic government, the Swedish labor movement has been notable as the most passive in the capitalist world. Under tight centralized control of the working class, there was not one significant national strike from 1946 to 1969!

Since it was founded in the 1880's, the SAP has always been embedded in the reformist tradition of "slow, peaceful change." As the political arm of the trade unions, it never claimed a revolutionary tradition as did the German Social Democracy (SPD). Thus its electoral victory in 1932 represented the recognition by Swedish capitalists of the SAP's counterinsurgency potential.

Their expectations were handsomely rewarded by the no-strike pledge which the LO signed in 1938 with the national employers' confederation, the SAF. Meeting at the seaside resort of Saltsjobaden, SAF and LO representatives emerged after many months with a union promise not to allow any local strikes without LO approval.

This guaranteed complete acquiescence to the SAF's infamous "Paragraph 32," which gives management the right "to freely hire and fire workers, to manage and assign the work, and to use workers from any union or workers outside unions." After a big metalworkers strike in 1945, the LO and SAF agreed to create rubber-stamp factory labor-management "Works Councils," sweetening the "spirit of Saltsjobaden."

According to myth, the Social Democracy has made Sweden a progressive "welfare state." Actually its New Deal-like measures found their corporatist antecedents in U.S. counterparts, and appropriately enough were financed by "neutral" Sweden's extensive sales of iron ore to the Nazis.

Most illustrative of this social fascist core of the "Swedish Way" are the omnipresent "ombudsmen," the citizen advocates who stand "above politics." That their function, the mainstay of Ralph Nader's appeal to the American petit bourgeois has been integrated into Swedish trade unions reveals the depth of the ideological disease that has sapped the working class in Sweden.

The First Circle

Tavistock's psychological profiling of the population dates back to Dr. Joachim Israel's 1952-54 "national ideology" work, published in the Tavistock journal *Human Relations*. These experiments marked a first attempt to ascertain the neuroses peculiar to specific countries and national ideologies. Performed on groups of adolescent boys from Sweden, Norway, France, Germany, and England, the experiments were aimed at an age group which represented the generation that would become the middle-level bureaucrats and "skilled workers" of the *Svenska Vag*.

Two years later, and again in 1960, Israel and Kurt Lewin's close collaborator, J.R.P. French, journeyed to Norway, Tavistock's prime testing ground for Scandinavia. They established that Lewin's self-regulating group techniques for increasing industrial productivity remained valid, with one provision — workers' suspicions of co-participation would only be allayed if it was backed by the trade union leadership. This obstacle to Tavistock's "radical" program, the conservatism and healthy skepticism of the trade union bureaucracy, was the basis for the rejection of "industrial democracy" measures at the 1961 LO congress.

However, Tavistock had no difficulty penetrating the LO. Nilsson's predecessor, Arne Geijer, had worked closely for years with the CIA as head of the anti-communist Cold War International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), and was an intimate friend of UAW chief Walter Reuther, master of the CIA "inside job" on labor unions.

In 1966 Tavistock agents led by Eric Trist convinced the LO and SAF to set up a joint "Development Council for Cooperation Questions." With an institutional foot in the door, Tavistock began to organize its faction in the LO with a 1966 LO Congress report on "Trade Unions and Technological Change," retailing the Reesian analysis of job-created "mental strain, insecurity, and anxiety."

Among their converts were leaders of the small Communist Party of Sweden, which had been captured

in 1964 by a "New Left" tendency. Three years later these pathetic opportunists changed their name to Left Party-Communists and adopted a Tavistockian program for decentralizing public ownership among "the state, provincial assemblies, local communities, and producer and consumer cooperatives." Fritjof Lager, an executive committee member, boasted in 1966 that "it was the Communists who worked out a proposal for a partial solution promoting the struggle for democracy at the enterprises...."

The Kiruna Strike

In late 1968 a committee of ten LO bureaucrats, including Gunnar Nilsson, began working with Tavistock on pilot schemes in a number of state-owned companies. The circumstances surrounding their most important project, the LKAB iron ore mines in the far north at Kiruna, exemplify the problem, and the opportunity, that the 1966-70 European strike wave presented to Rockefeller's agents.

A decade of extensive rationalization in the mines, intensified after the capitalist credit system began to unravel in the mid-1960's, had reduced the workforce 17 per cent while doubling production. Tavistock's problem here and throughout Europe was to control the tinderbox of strike ferment which defied the no-strike LO leadership. At the same time, if Tavistock could manipulate the rank-and-file into support for its "radical reforms," they would have the "left" cover and social muscle necessary to purge opposition to their "industrial democracy" faction in the labor movement.

Olaf Palme's accession to the Prime Ministry in October 1969 set the stage for Tavistock's LKAB "wildcat" psychological warfare operation against the SAP and LO political apparatus. Palme, apprenticed in CIA circles in the anti-communist international youth movement, took office with a call for greater "industrial democracy" as the solution for worker alienation. Under the direction of Sweden's major Reesian industrial brainwasher, Bertil Gardell, colleague of Joachim Israel at the University of Stockholm Psychology Laboratories, leaderless group techniques to induce workers to accept speed-up had been introduced at Kiruna. Then in December 1969 a wildcat broke out, with the workers forming their own strike committee to raise demands for **more local control!**

Putting an end to nearly 25 years of industrial peace, news from Kiruna virtually dominated Swedish media during the two-month walkout. Tavistock successfully manufactured a national moral crisis (tried in the U.S. around the Lordstown GMAD strike), as left and student groups mobilized in support of the strikers.

LO Goes Under

Tavistock's crucial accomplishment is made clear in "Democracy Without Power," a recent account of

Gardell's co-participation organizing before, during and after the LKAB strike. Using Kiruna as a trigger for the widespread working-class ferment, Rockefeller agents manipulated the two-year strike wave that followed around Palme's CIA program of "industrial democracy."

By the time of the 1971 LO Congress, the bureaucracy had been purged of its previous opposition to Tavistock's fascist methods. A Tavistock propagandist exults: "The labor movement had...reversed its entire philosophy. While previously its efforts had been aimed at getting maximum means for workers to enjoy life outside their work, it now focused on improving the work experience itself...." The "Industrial Democracy" program adopted

by the LO demanded the abolition of Paragraph 32 to open the way for "autonomous (self-controlling) groups," popularized as the Volvo "team." Gunnar Nilsson, one of the "new breed" who framed the program, soon became chairman of the LO.

As depression economics bring on massive speed-up and recycling, the "Swedish Way" is meant to destroy utterly the possibility of working-class resistance, precisely because "industrial democracy" transfers a worker's identity from being a part of the 1,600,000-member LO to being one of a 20-person Volvo team.

In a January 1974 interview, Tavistock agent Eric Trist bragged of Rockefeller's peaceful coup in Sweden: "First we took over a department, then a plant, then the union, then the entire country."

SWEDISH CONSERVATIVE LEADER SMELLS FASCISTRAT

June 26 (IPS) — In a revealing display of hypersensitivity, the latest issue of *LO Fackforeningsrorelsen*, the official magazine of the Swedish trade-union federation, hysterically reacted to charges that Swedish Premier Olaf Palme, head of the LO-supported ruling Social Democratic party, is a "corporatist." The reason: in April Gosta Bowman, leader of the Swedish Conservative Party, stripped the "socialist" mask off pro-Zero Growth Palme, accusing him of implementing "corporatist thoughts typical of fascism." Rattled by the accuracy of Bowman's characterization the LO publication this week replied by ridiculously redefining "corporatism" to mean "not the Palme Program"!

Bowman's sense of *deja vu* is undoubtedly the result

of witnessing the acceleration since 1971 of the Tavistock-engineered takeover of the Swedish labor movement on a co-participation program updated from Mussolini's fascist Italy. Under the leadership of Palme and LO chief Gunnar Nilsson, Rockefeller's Swedish representatives, the "*Svenska Vag*" [*Swedish Way*] has come to mean increasing state control of the economy through the holding company **Statsforetag AB** with the population fragmented around the fascist slogans of local factory control, local village control, and local prison democracy! Bowman's Conservative Party, based on small businessmen and professional layers, is in imminent danger of being wiped off the political map by Palme's Zero Growth "rationalization" program.
