

on political groupings in Sweden.

The Arbetet article is directed for export as much as for domestic consumption. In recent weeks NATO, through the Norwegian government, has drawn the Soviet Union into negotiations on territorial rights in the area of the strategic winter Soviet shipping lane above the Nordkalotten Arctic cap region of Norway/Sweden. The Arbetet piece indicates a possible NATO/Palme escalation of psychological pressure on the USSR in this area.

SLAVE LABOR BILL AWAITING FORD'S APPROVAL

Dec. 18 (IPS)--An "Emergency Jobs Act" authorizing the creation of up to an additional 375,000 "public service" slave labor jobs in 1975 passed Congress today. The bill now goes to the White House for President Ford's approval.

It is still unclear at this time whether Ford will veto the bill. However, since the Administration already has asked Congress to appropriate \$1 billion for the slave labor jobs out of a total of \$2.5 billion authorized by Congress, the Ford Administration seems to be signalling that it will not veto the slave labor legislation.

Congress threw in additional legislation which would lengthen by 13 weeks the amount of unemployment insurance available to presently covered workers. In addition, an estimated 12 million workers not now covered by unemployment insurance, such as state and municipal employees, would be eligible for unemployment benefits. Government workers, who are now being thrown out of work in large numbers, would be encouraged to stay employed--at lower wages--by working in the "public service" employment program.

Average wages under this program will be about \$6,000 despite attempts by "liberals" to deny the fact by pointing out that the maximum allowable wage would be \$10,000.

If the entire authorization for slave labor jobs is spent, the 375,000 newly created jobs would be added to the 175,000 already approved. But even this total of 550,000 jobs is not satisfactory for slave-herders like Jesse Jackson, who is calling for 1.5 million jobs, and Leonard Woodcock, who is calling for a massive \$5 billion program.

It is expected that these social fascists will pressure the new "liberal" Congress to create even larger slave labor programs in January.