

Now it is merely a cover, as always intended, for the integration of CIA covert operations into the entire Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and worker policing apparatus, while "closing down the cloak and dagger stuff" in the agency itself.

In this fashion, Nelson Rockefeller has announced, with supreme arrogance, who is running the show. He is rubbing it in the face of every worker on this continent.

FORD RETIRES, HANDS ROCKY GOVERNMENT

Dec. 22 (IPS)--President Ford retired from active political life today and turned over the following responsibilities to Vice President Rockefeller:

1. Vice Chairmanship of the Domestic and National Security Councils;
2. Use of his wide association in and out of government to help recruit top people for the administration;
3. Membership on the Murphy Commission, a diplomatic group that analyses and makes recommendations on American foreign policy;
4. Help present and explain throughout the United States the President's domestic and international policies, including the U.S. position in strategic arms limitations negotiations.

The Washington Post gleefully reported that Rockefeller will "act as an interpreter between Mr. Ford and the public. Rockefeller is expected to travel throughout the country to promote the Ford policies."

VORSTER AND KAUNDA PREPARE WAY FOR ROCKEFELLER "REDEVELOPMENT" IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa and President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia announced Dec. 17 that they had formulated a plan for majority rule in Rhodesia and that they had informed black Rhodesia's African National Council and the white government of Prime Minister Ian Smith of their decision. According to their plans, black "majority rule" is to be attained within five years, initially through a limited franchise which will develop into a "one man, one vote" system by the end of that time.

The London Times reported the next day that Smith is expected to have problems selling this directive to his party base, the Rhodesian Front, despite statements from both the party chairman and the chief whip in Parliament that everyone has confidence in the Prime Minister. But it is likely that Smith and his Nearerthall cohorts have probably all agreed to give in already. This is indicated by Smith's recent release of black nationalist detainees, even though the guerrilla ceasefire has not yet taken effect.

Further indications of the necessity for swift action, especially in light of setbacks for the Rockefeller faction in other parts of the world, came with a statement from EEC head Claude Cheysson. Cheysson said that a "truly independent Rhodesia" would be welcomed into the EEC's treaty with African, Caribbean, and Pacific states. This follows recent discussion in the South African press concerning proposals for economic integration of the entire region, in other words, Rockefeller's slave-labor re-development plan.

The British press also hinted that Foreign Secretary James Callaghan's African trip will be used to speed the process, reporting that he will leave maximum flexibility in the scheduling of his upcoming tour of Africa, in case Smith should want to confer with him on the situation.

RAILROADS PLEAD BANKRUPTCY, CAN'T PAY WORKERS

Dec. 22 (IPS)--Trustees of the Penn Central Transportation Company went into a federal district court this week claiming that they will face an \$85.8 million cash shortage by the end of February 1975, which makes it impossible to grant wage increases. Further, the western railroads in the Western Railroad Association, representing 49 per cent of freight revenues, announced Dec. 17 that they will demand freight rate increases if they are to meet wage and benefit increases that would be granted under a new rail pact. The 500,000 to 600,000 workers in 17 rail unions, whose contracts expire Dec. 31, are demanding a 20 per cent wage increase the first year and a 15 per cent wage increase the second year during a two-year contract.

Suddenly, a rail contract settlement by January 1, 1975, that seemed a pro forma, perfunctory question earlier this month, is a murky, dangerous uncertainty. The rail companies were willing as of late November to grant wage increases in return for the rail workers' acceptance of early retirement, elimination of job categories, and layoffs. Such a deal would gradually phase out the union, in the same manner as the New York printers accepted their demise months back. The downward slide in the world financial situation forces the railroad companies to decimate their workforce quickly or shut down.