

As the Rockefeller financier faction drops these synthetic energy source projects like hot potatoes, they are chaotically sending out feelers for new schemes. This week, Chase Manhattan's "Citizens for a Strong Energy Program," Citibank, Trilateral Commission planner Peter G. Peterson and others have called for a shift from these synthetic energy sources--oil sands, coal gasification, etc.--to relatively cheaper conventional sources of energy, like offshore oil, natural gas, nuclear fission power, and coal.

Along these lines, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that Kaiser Corporation and three other major companies plan a \$300 million underground coal mine in Utah, where 2,400 workers will be needed to produce 10 million tons of low sulphur coal.

Also, syndicated columnists Evans and Novak reported in the Washington Post this week that President Ford had agreed to setting a \$7 to \$8 per barrel floor on domestic oil. Supposedly, the new strategy--dubbed "sub-optimal"--for the development of conventional sources of energy will require the price of oil to be no more than \$8 in order to be profitable.

But all this talk is nothing but rationalization for the dumping of the original energy projects like Athabasca. The so-called sub-optimal energy proposals afford no tactical advantage to Rockefeller and at best will prove a financial drain. The North Sea oil project off the coast of Scotland, for example, has turned into a major liability in these times of scarce funds: it will require \$3.5 billion just to keep it going in 1975, with no oil expected until 1977.

A hint of what bankers are thinking was given by Chase Manhattan Bank's energy chief John Winger who told a Swedish newspaper that offshore operations in the Pacific basin and Canada are falling victim to the financial crisis as international bankers turn to the old-fashioned "rate of return" on investment criterion for allocation of investment capital.

Actually, their only strategy is a form of triage--Rockefeller is salvaging only what is absolutely necessary to keep the entire shebang from collapsing.

"LEFTIST" BENN MOVES TOWARD FASCIST MERGER

Jan. 8 (IPS)--After a full year of behind-the-scenes consolidation of fascist policies in Britain, the Rockefeller cabal is now asking, "Who can deliver the bodies for a popular fascist movement in Britain?" With programs like North Sea oil temporarily held up because of a breakdown internationally in Rockefeller's plans, the cabal is using the time to consolidate the domestic forces in Britain to make outright fascist rule in that country a reality.

To do this they need a mass-based party, something which the existing Labour and Conservative Parties cannot deliver, but which a realignment of "popular figures" in both parties could. The similarities between left-wing Labour Minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn and fascist maverick Tory MP Enoch Powell are no coincidence; they form the basis for a grass-roots fascist movement in Britain capable of supporting Rockefeller's plans for Britain.

British Sovereignty

One of the major issues being touted to split both parties is the controversy over British membership in the Common Market (EEC).

In an open letter to his Bristol constituency, Benn warned that continued membership in the EEC would be the end of Britain's "democratically elected Parliament as the supreme law-making body in the United Kingdom." With this conscious play on British chauvinism, Benn announced his intention to lead left-wing dissidents in the Labour Party--the first indication of such a move since the November elections.

The explicit policy of Prime Minister Wilson's Labour government has been to isolate the left-wing, leaving it vulnerable to attacks from the right within and outside the party. During this period, allegedly left-wing ministers like Benn and Employment Minister Foot laid low, pushing hard Wilson's anti-working class austerity line.

By identifying with the popular anti-EEC campaign, aimed directly against Wilson's leadership, Benn is allying himself with other popular leaders notorious for their counterinsurgent and corporatist policies. Most notable are Jack Jones, head of Britain's largest union, and Tavistock-trained Enoch Powell, both of whom have organized along national chauvinist policies and specifically against the EEC.

1930's Replay

While waiting to split from the Labour Party, in a style almost identical to that of Oswald Mosley in the 1930s--a split which led to Mosley's formation of the British Fascist Party in 1931--Benn is consolidating popular support among potentially left layers of the working class.

As whole sections of British industry come begging to the government for funds to just maintain production, Prime Minister Wilson, backed by trade union leaders, has warned union rank-and-filers that only those industries which show employee cooperation will be bailed out. Put bluntly: cut your wage demands, stop striking, or you're out of a job.

In this situation, Benn has become the workers' national hero, offering the option of participation and joint management in their

collapsed firms. Instead of declaring a company bankrupt, Benn allows the workers the opportunity to assume its debts by agreeing to speed themselves up to the necessary level.

Concurrent with this, the Trades Union Congress will be collaborating with the government in setting expansion levels for Rockefeller projects in Britain, like North Sea oil and related petrochemical industries, and industries supplying development projects in the Middle East. Their message is: full employment does not mean employment in your present job. These designated expansion industries will take up the slack in collapsing sectors like auto while the British economy crumbles in the world depression.

CHAVEZ HATED IN MEXICO

Jan. 8 (IPS)--Latin American Labor Committee organizers in Mexico City have uncovered significant sentiment against the United Farmworkers "border police"--headed by Cesar Chavez and funded by the United Autoworkers--and against Trilateral Commission agent and West German metalworkers union head Eugen Loderer.

When briefed on Loderer's CIA credentials and possible implication in the Federal Police kidnapping last month of Mexican Labor Committee leader Carlos de Hoyos Perez, one legal representative ("asesor") for tens of thousands of Mexican auto workers remarked to his sidekicks, "See--I told you guys Loderer is a fascist." The asesor agreed to provide IPS with further intelligence on Loderer's recent visit to Mexico. There, according to his own secretary, Loderer met with other labor counterinsurgents to figure out how to squash leftists in the trade union movement.

The auto workers asesor also recounted the intense hatred he and his members have for Rockefeller's racist pimp Cesar Chavez. The fate of the Mexican working class depends upon the movement of workers in the United States, he said. Chavez' operation--designed to forge hatred between U.S. workers and desperate Mexican migrant labor--marks Chavez clearly as the enemy of the Mexican working class. Other contacts among independent and left-leaning leaders of workers and peasants have reported the same verdict on Chavez: "He's an agent."

VIETNAM OFFENSIVE RUNS ON CP TURN

Jan. 8 (IPS)--The capture of the provincial capital of Phouc Binh by Vietnamese Communist units yesterday marks the peak of a month-long offensive by North Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam to significantly shift the balance of political power in the Indochina region.