

A recent IPS national survey of AFL-CIO "field commanders" revealed profound ignorance and confusion over the actual policy content of the slave labor proposals:

Jim Bender, King County (Seattle) CLC head, who chaired a recent Metal Trades Conference, sat in ignorant silence when challenged to explain the actual content of the much-lauded Humphrey "Full Employment" bill. Bender was noticeably embarrassed when Larry Meyer, Boilermakers political action director, received a heavy round of applause as he called on the meeting to "Build a Labor Party." Likewise, Nellie Fox, Oregon's AFL-CIO COPE director, admitted she did not know the type and pay scales of jobs created under the act.

Labor Party organizers found almost unanimous opposition to the Humphrey swindle at the 60-man executive board meeting of the United Steelworkers (USWA) legislative committee held in Pennsylvania yesterday. Instead of discussing the Humphrey full employment legislation, the USWA officials bought IDB pamphlets and asked questions on international development.

ON THE PLANT LEVEL

Phil Valenti, USLP Congressional candidate from Delaware, conducted a campaign tour inside the Wilmington, Del. General Motors plant yesterday finding over 95 per cent of the workers supporting the EEA. "Yeah, we really need a Labor Party," many commented as they greeted the candidate. The UAW and management, cognizant of the Labor Party support, did not attempt to block the tour.

USLP organizers conducting polls at plant gates and unemployment centers throughout the U.S. are finding 90-95 per cent support for the EEA and equivalent hatred and opposition to the Humphrey atrocity. The Detroit USLP has challenged UAW Chrysler division vice president Doug Fraser to debate employment policy before dozens of UAW officials and community leaders who are committed to attend. While the press is giving prominent coverage to the debate challenge, many militant workers are predicting that Fraser "will punk out" -- unable to defend himself, he will fail to show. One plant-level UAW official has covertly joined the EEA drive, commenting, "You don't have to convince me (on Humphrey-Hawkins), it's concentration camps. Tell me what to do." In Indianapolis, a 40-man UAW caucus requested a meeting with the USLP to discuss the IDB/EEA and strategy to take over the union.

The bitterest outrage at the Humphrey-Hawkins slave labor was expressed at unemployment centers. At a typical New Jersey center, 88 out of 89 workers turned thumbs down on the fascist jobs bill. Many began shouting curses and insults directed at Governor Brendan Byrne and other elected officials responsible for the state's current austerity drive.

USLP LAUNCHES "OPERATION ACCOUNTABILITY"

The U.S. Labor Party today announced a national campaign to hold so-called pro-labor congressional representatives accountable to their constituents for support of various AFL-CIO sponsored bills to create low-wage public works jobs and a fascist national planning structure.

A spokesman at the Labor Party National Headquarters here said this afternoon that the campaign, known as "operation accountability," will inform various congressmen and senators of the feelings of their constituents about

"pro-labor" fascist legislation.

"Polls of workers taken by the Labor Party reveal that despite the efforts of the AFL-CIO and the United Autoworkers (UAW) leaderships to manufacture support for such measures, the American worker regards the legislation as fascist and wants nothing to do with it," the spokesman stated. "Workers are especially angered that the AFL-CIO is spending their dues money to finance various elected officials campaigns who in turn are supporting these fascist proposals in the name of the labor movement."

The spokesman disclosed that the Labor Party has obtained from "unnamed sources" a list of 160 congressmen who have received from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in AFL-CIO dues money for their campaigns. This list, he stated, will be used to chose selected targets for "operation accountability."

The list includes such "Friends of Labor" as Sens. Kennedy (D-Mass), Schweiker (R-Penn), Bayh (D-Iowa) and Cranston (D-Calif), House Majority Leader Rep. O'Neil (D-Mass), Rep. LaFalce (D-NY) and such prominent Midwest Congressmen as Conyers (D-Mich), Riegel (D-Mich), Stokes (D-Ohio), Rostenkowski (D-ILL) and Ndzi (D-Mich) - all of whom have been touted by the AFL-CIO as being part of "Labor's voice in Congress." Of the 160 names on the list, the Labor Party has organized forces in the districts and states of more than 100.

Each of these elected officials should expect to hear from their constituents over the next several days, the spokesman said. They will be asked how they intend to vote on the pieces of fascist legislation. Each of these representatives will be challenged to debate the Labor Party in a public forum on the issue of how to solve the current depression crisis.

"We intend to make sure that media in each of these congressman's home districts are fully briefed on the results of "operation accountability," the spokesman said.

Lists of other targets will be announced over the next few days. "These so-called friends of labor know who they are," the spokesman stated. "We are simply reminding them that they are accoutable to their constituents. If they do not heed our warning, if they vote for the fascist legislation and refuse to support the EEA, we intend to make sure that they are driven from public life."