

Carter-Mondale Begin Final Solution To Dollar Crisis: Slave Labor, NERA

The Carter-Mondale Administration has begun its "final solution" to the dollar crisis with an undisguised looting spree against the U.S. working class.

Using the preplanned July 13 New York City blackout-cum-crime outbreak as a backdrop and egged on by staged demands for action from such liberal critics as Vernon Jordan, head of the National Urban League, the Administration is setting up a complete package of Nazi labor programs. The key components of this final solution include: the elimination of unemployment insurance and welfare by forcing recipients of these programs to take slave-labor jobs; a vast increase in the size and range of low-paying, menial public works and public service projects; and the revival of the "Boxcar Bill" National Emergency Relocation Administration (NERA) "Boxcar Bill" that would ship masses of jobless

workers from one place to another.

This particularly odious proposal originated three years ago with Walter Mondale.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall quietly announced the cutting edge of the Administration's slave-labor push last week: workers in 37 states now receiving extended unemployment benefits are to lose them *immediately* because of a supposed increase in the employment rate. This means that 218,000 jobless workers in such notoriously high-unemployment states as Ohio — many with no other source of income — will be dropped, while millions of others now running through their regular benefits will soon face the same fate.

Marshall also signaled the Administration's intention to do away with the unemployment program altogether: he announced a new federal regulation specifying that

Mondale, Humphrey Lead The Way To Fascism

Senator Hubert Humphrey and his protégé Walter Mondale are taking the lead in the New York banks' renewed drive to impose a "final solution" to the dollar collapse. Over the past forty-eight hours, the neo-Fabian duo has taken to the hustings with calls for "helping" the poor and unemployed by creating millions of new slave-labor jobs and by establishing a grossly-misnamed "National Development Bank" to pay for those jobs out of workers' pensions and other savings.

Humphrey — the dean of the country's New Deal social fascists — was the star speaker at Joint Economic Committee hearings July 28 called to plot strategy for getting the National Development Bank off the drawing boards. Backing up his demands for a "Marshall plan for the cities," Humphrey demagogically attacked the "big banks" for neglecting the cities and warned that unless his plan — itself a Wall Street-concocted scheme for bailing out the "big banks" — was adopted, a 1929-type economic collapse will soon ensue. Humphrey also issued a statement endorsing National Urban League head Vernon Jordan's criticisms of Carter, charging that Carter has "missed the boat" by failing to move rapidly enough down the road of fascist economic policy.

The day before, Humphrey's sidekick, Fritz Mondale, elaborated the aims of the National Development Board proposal: in a speech to the

National Association of Counties in Detroit, Mondale vowed that the Administration "is committed" to reforming the welfare system and providing "fiscal relief" to municipal governments, principally by putting one million welfare recipients into slave-labor jobs.

While Humphrey and Mondale were on the stump, HEW Secretary Califano revealed the Administration's strategy for getting its fascist labor and economic package through. Speaking before the National Urban League convention in Washington, Califano told the audience that the Administration fully supported their demands for more public-service jobs. Instead of criticizing Carter, Califano directed the delegates, you should vent your rage on Congress. "You must speak to the Congress... if you want to get your rights enforced. We cannot do this alone," Califano said.

Califano's invitation was taken up immediately by Jordan, who told the convention that the League and its allies would soon initiate a major lobbying campaign to pressure Congress into acceding to the Administration's slave-labor policies.

The Humphrey and Mondale have stepped "up front" on the issue, in the atmosphere created by Jordan last week, indicates that the distinctive "Fabian" faction which they represent is leaving its options for a "Cartergate" (to put Mr. Mondale in the driver's seat) wide open at this time.

workers eligible for extended unemployment benefits must take *any* job available — so long as it doesn't pay less than their weekly unemployment allotment (which is at best half of their former weekly salary). The penalty for noncompliance, Marshall said, is immediate loss of benefits.

The New York Times gleefully reported on these new regulations July 25, citing the example of a highly-skilled master carpenter in Kentucky who usually made \$10 per hour, but was forced to take a job as a maintenance foreman at \$3.50 under the threat of getting his unemployment check summarily cut off.

Hitler's Manpower Policies

These two decisions regarding the nation's unemployment program are the core of the Administration's fascist program and come straight from national manpower planner Eli Ginzberg, an avowed admirer of Hitler's manpower policies. Ginzberg stressed to Ray Marshall and other attendees at a meeting last fall where the Administration's current slave-labor push was designed, that there are two prerequisites to achieve a progressive lowering of the nation's overall wage bill: first, knock the notion of skill level out of the heads of the working class and second, eliminate fall-back options such as unemployment insurance and welfare. The Carter-Mondale crew has clearly followed Ginzberg's advice to the letter.

The slave-labor programs into which the nation's jobless will be shunted are also coming on line quickly. Congress obligingly passed the Administration's \$1.5 billion Youth Employment Bill last week, amid dire predictions from the New York Times, New York's Senator Jake Javits, and other monetarist mouthpieces that riots like those of New York's blackout would break out in other urban areas unless Congress acted speedily to deal with the youth unemployment problem. The bill, primarily aimed at ghetto youth, establishes a Young Adult Conservation Corps, modelled on the CCC of Roosevelt's New Deal. Among other things the bill undermines the already low educational level among low-income youth by setting up a work-study program: under this euphemism, high-school youth would be excused from school to get relevant job experiences shoveling dirt and raking leaves.

Congressional collaborators of the Administration are

confidently predicting that the Conservation Corps bill portends a national program to employ every jobless worker — under similar conditions. As evidence an aide to Senator Javits cited Secretary Marshall's recent pronouncement that slots for the Job Corps, an existing CCC program, will be increased sevenfold in the coming months.

Two days ago President Carter told the National Urban League convention in Washington that a "whole flood of new programs" for the poor and unemployed is in the offing. We'll be putting one million welfare recipients to work, increasing summer youth employment programs to over one million — "more than ever in history" — and doubling the number of public service jobs for the unemployed to 725,000, the President told the black organization.

Meanwhile, the self-styled leadership of the black community (led off by Vernon Jordan's continued attacks on Carter for not "caring" about the underprivileged) is working out the details of a major organizing campaign slated for an August kick-off that will create a "public demand" for the Administration's slave-labor push. An aide to Congressional Black Caucus leader Parren Mitchell (D—Md.) confided in an interview this week that national black leaders will meet in mid-August to devise a list of demands. At the top of the list will be the Humphrey-Hawkins bill and NERA, the latter proposal identified by New York Times editorial board member Roger Starr in an interview last week as "the absolutely number one priority" for dealing with urban unemployment. (Starr is best known for his prescription for depopulating New York by razing its ghettos.)

Despite the brouhaha about a falling out between the Carter Administration and its black and liberal constituents, the two alleged foes are working hand-in-glove to get the Nazi labor programs off the ground. Bruce Carp of the White House Domestic Council, a former aide to Mondale, is now heading up a task force that will soon produce its own version of NERA, while Javits' office disclosed this week that the senator from Chase Manhattan will introduce his own version of the forced relocation program, "The Labor Market System Act," when Congress reconvenes in the fall.

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