

The ultimatum that 20 percent of all city employees must now reside within New York City's limits hints strongly at the enactment of the plan proposed by *New York Times* editor Roger Starr to restructure the city. Outlined over a year ago, the Starr Plan called for relocating professional and administrative personnel within the city's neighborhoods; while closing down "dying neighborhoods" (ghetto areas), sending their residents to supply the labor for technologically primitive low-wage public work schemes.

## UAW Pushes Conservation At Ontario Labor Conference

The United Auto Workers (UAW) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) combined to use strong-arm tactics and committee-packing to prevent the introduction of a resolution favoring the development of nuclear power at the Ontario Federation of Labor Conference Nov. 27. The resolution, which called for the construction of a contested nuclear power facility in Darlington, Ontario, and is generally for nuclear power development, was termed "unacceptable" by the conference's presiding officers.

Cliff Pilkey, President of the Ontario Federation of Labour and an International Vice President of the UAW, supervised a series of veiled threats designed to prevent an official of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) from introducing the resolution.

Instead, the CUPE and UAW packed the resolutions committee with proponents of conservation, to ensure that the environmentalists would prevail. The final resolutions submitted to the conference for passage

included a call for dismantling public utilities through so-called public ownership schemes; a ban on the Alaska-Canada natural gas pipeline as "U.S. exploitation of Canada"; for the development of solar power; and a nonproliferation proposal against Canadian export of nuclear technology.

## Hartford's Pratt-Whitney Offers IAM Unacceptable Contract

United Technologies Corporation of Connecticut is forcing part of the nation's most skilled blue-collar work force, the aerospace workers, to accept a contract far below their standard of living. Twenty thousand workers at the Pratt and Whitney subsidiary of United Technologies, the largest employer in the state, have been offered a five-year no-strike contract with a tiny 10 percent wage increase over three years and no job security, on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. The "offer" comes after the International Association of Machinists' strike benefit fund has been exhausted by two west coast strikes. Management also counts on a pension bribe to split the older workers from the younger. The union has voted to reject the contract but not to strike, hoping to renegotiate. The management is refusing to reopen negotiations.

The IAM International earlier this week placed a California IAM local into receivership after the local, which is striking Lockheed, voted Nov. 25 to return to work. A depression-strike mentality appears to be spreading — or being spread by the International — throughout the union.

## As Coal Strike Looms:

## UMW In Final Phase Of IPS-Planned Destruction

A nationwide strike in the coal fields was termed "inevitable" this week by United Mineworkers President Arnold Miller after the union chief angrily stormed out of a Nov. 25 intensive bargaining session with members of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association in Washington, D.C.

With this collapse of negotiations Miller, aided by the foolish coal operators, has begun the process of dragging the once-powerful union and the coal industry through the terminal phase of a 10-year conspiracy to destroy the mineworkers. This plan was concocted by such union busters as the United Autoworkers' Joe Rauh, the Miners for Democracy's Chip Yablonski, the terrorist Institute for Policy Studies, and the financial interest group around David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank. Miller, himself a synthetic offspring of the Institute-spawned Miners for Democracy, has apparently been assigned oversight of the final destruction of the union.

Agents within the mineworkers, echoing the 1960s calls of the Miners for Democracy, have spelled out the blueprint for this destruction: an end to national contract

bargaining, forced implementation of decentralization, and district autonomy. These proposals threaten to return the union to its impotent 1890-1920 posture, a status which was changed only by the determined efforts of John L. Lewis, who recognized the importance of a centralized command structure in effective contract bargaining. Operators Association President Joseph Brennan has already attempted to use the chaos within the mineworkers to force Miller either to bargain district-by-district, or to abandon union demands for a right-to-strike provision and company-supported restoration of the union's bankrupt Health and Welfare Fund.

The stupid Brennan, now a de facto participant in the IPS plan to dismantle the Mineworkers union, has brought the coal industry to the brink of chaos with this foolish threat to bargain district by district. The Coal Operators Association would do well to remember the antagonism and cutthroat competition that plagued the industry prior to the stabilizing effect on the UMW of John L. Lewis's strong leadership.

### *Miller's Role*

But the self-defeating intransigence of the Coal Operators cannot by itself assure the Mineworkers' destruction. Arnold Miller shares that responsibility with the host of IPS countergangs that have infiltrated the miners union with the aid of the Miners for Democracy's Rich Banks, Rob Burlage and Ed James — all formerly top aides to Miller. These countergangs include the terrorist October League, the Revolutionary Union, the old Jay Rockefeller-run VISTA networks, and individuals like Lewis (Skip) Delano, and Mike Branch, members of the Chicago-based National United Workers Committee, an RU front group. The gangs have recently emerged to provoke violence in the mines to further discredit union-management efforts for a peaceful settlement. The terrorist violence, expected to increase during the strike, is intended to provoke government intervention under the auspices of the crisis management task force envisioned by Carter Energy Czar James Schlesinger.

The chief demand of the IPS gangsters, next to the Health Care Provision, has become the central demand of the union — the right to strike locally over grievances. This demand was introduced by Miller ostensibly as a weapon against the surge of uncontrolled maoist-led

wildcats that have plagued the union for over a year. But it threatens to transform the union into a collection of local fiefdoms, each vulnerable to the collective strength of government and industry forces. The right to strike locally in the context of a weak national leadership guarantees a breakdown in the command-and-control structure necessary to union bargaining.

Despite a last minute call by UMW District 6 Director John Guzek to extend contract bargaining 30 days, most union officials have joined Miller in predicting a long strike. Industry sources are pointing to huge stockpiles of coal building up at key electric power stations and steel plants as evidence.

The expectation of a long paralyzing strike, and the busting of a once-powerful union, however, has moved the more sane elements both within the union and among prodevelopment labor and industry forces outside the UMW to come forward with proposals upon which a sound settlement could be made. High ranking UMW official Mike Trbovitch and Miller's 1977 union elections opponent Leroy Patterson have both endorsed a program for mechanization of the U.S. coal industry to be carried out in connection with a revival of U.S. industry based on nuclear power development.

## TDU, PROD, Labor Dep't Plan Fix Of Detroit IBT Elections

Newspapers here last weekend carried front-page charges by members and supporters of the FBI-controlled Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) that the leadership of Teamster Local 299 is planning to "massively defraud" so-called insurgent candidates for the office when the local's mail ballot is counted Dec. 27. In fact, the TDU, their allies in PROD and the media, and officials in the Labor Department are preparing to engineer an embarrassing coup against the current leadership of Local 299, the IBT flagship local, and Teamster General President Frank Fitzsimmons.

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According to sources close to the operation, the "insurgent" plan involves putting TDU member Pete Camarata into office as Local 299 Vice-President and then building a rank-and-file national insurgency modeled after the candidacy of labor lawyer Joe Rauh's puppet Ed Sadlowski in the United Steelworkers union. Camarata himself is a member of the rabidly anti-trade-union International Socialists grouplet.

Local 299, the home base of former Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa and of Fitzsimmons, is regarded as "the springboard to power" in the national union.

### *Build-up of Camarata*

Camarata is being puffed into a national figure by liberal, Lower Manhattan-linked press. According to knowledgeable sources, a spate of pre-packaged Camarata advertisement articles will appear across the nation right before and after the election.

The scenario for a Camarata victory has two variants. "We are counting on a lot of pissed-off guys to cast their vote for Pete," said a TDU source. "They don't want him to win, but they want to show Fitz that they are angry and the media says Pete is the way to do it...." If enough of these duped "angry Teamsters" vote for Camarata, given the presence of two other full slates, the TDU feels that Camarata "will squeak in."

If Camarata loses, the TDU plans to go to its contacts in the Labor Department and cry fraud—a tactic used by Sadlowski's backers. The TDU feels certain the Labor Department would be willing to rerun the election. "We are going to win 299 and nothing can stop us," Ken Paff, the TDU's national director, told a reporter.

### *Detroit IBT Leadership Flops in Fighting TDU*

Robert Holmes, the Teamster International Vice-President from the Detroit area, is playing blind to the operation. The word is that Holmes is soft on PROD-TDU. When Camarata and PROD attacked Local 299 President Dick Fitzsimmons, the son of the Teamster president, Holmes refused to mobilize against them.