

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERING PLANS TO RELOCATE URBAN INDUSTRY

Nov. 27 (IPS)--James Sundquist of the Brookings Institute testified before the House Public Works Committee yesterday on a program to deindustrialize urban areas in the United States and to relocate industry into selected rural areas and small cities.

Sundquist's plans, which involve giving Federal grants to encourage dispersed plants, would accelerate the already ongoing Rockefeller efforts to relocate the urban workforce into scattered development projects.

The House Public Works Committee is now working closely with the West Regional Commission of the Economic Development Administration to develop a comprehensive plan for the Rocky Mountain slave-labor projects.

Describing these plans to IPS, an aide for the Public Works Committee said that they were based on the concept of "carrying capacity" developed at the Academy on Contemporary Problems. The "carrying capacity" concept, he said, was initially developed to work out how many cattle, sheep, hyenas, wolves, etc., could live on Western range land.

Mass Transit "Wasted Expenditure"

When IPS remarked that cities were already being depopulated, the aide agreed and pointed to the recently passed \$11.6 billion mass transit bill as an example of "wasted expenditures on a decaying urban civilization."

The Committee aide also acknowledged that most of these ideas were originally brought together by the Rockefeller family, specifically by John D. Rockefeller III and his Commission on Population and the American Future. Many of the key members of the Science Advisory Panel which is developing the fascist public works program for the Committee, such as Sundquist and S. David Freeman, have long associations with Rockefeller institutions like Brookings and the Ford Foundation.

In the aide's estimation, if Nelson Rockefeller is confirmed as Vice President, the population dispersal policies formulated by Sundquist for the Public Works Committee will be elevated into a national issue by Rocky.