

STEEL COMPANIES REVOKE SUB-BENEFITS FOR COAL LAY-OFF VICTIMS

Dec. 3 (IPS)--Trilateral Commission agents I.W. Abel and Leonard Woodcock are applying "shock treatments" to hundreds of thousands of recently unemployed steel and auto workers in the form of "sudden revelations" that they will be denied their Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB pay).

Of the over 180,000 steelworkers laid off by the Big Steel Companies, U.S. Steel and Bethlehem, and the thousands more laid off by smaller steel companies, no one is receiving SUB pay, even though United Steelworker bureaucrats explicitly told workers before the miners' strike SUB pay benefits were assured in the event of layoffs ensuing from a coal strike. Now, steel workers demanding the SUB survival pay are told to go home and read their contract. These workers have found that their set-up "contract" allows for revocation of SUB funds in all layoffs due to energy-related strikes!

Abel and Woodcock are attempting to reduce once productive auto and steel workers to terrified, grovelling infants who will be ready to accept the next phase of Rockefeller's program for the deindustrialization of North America: relocation to a concentration camp "development" project, a slave labor job in a public employment program, deathly speedup in a few remaining steel mills - or starvation.

The SUB plans in both auto and steel were consciously set up back in the 1950's under the guidance of Rockefeller Nazi-labor front planner, Murray Lattimer, to be used as a weapon against auto and steel workers in a depression period. In the case of the United Steelworkers SUB contract, SUB pay is automatically suspended under several conditions including: "strikes, slowdowns, work stoppages, picketing or concerted action at any operation of the Company, or of any labor disputes of any kind involving persons employed by the Company" (the Company here referred to is U.S. Steel).

The present coal strike fits neatly into this category since over 55 percent of all U.S. coal mines are directly owned by steel companies holding SUB pay contracts with the USWA. What horrified steel workers are watching unravel before their eyes is Rockefeller's depression contingency plan #1: provoking a coal strike through his agents in the labor unions which is simultaneously used as the pretext for mass layoffs and suspension of unemployment benefits.

In addition, all USWA SUB pay contracts specify other similar contingencies such as "strikes, slowdowns or labor disputes involving persons employed by transportation or utility companies which directly interferes with production or the ingress or egress of material or product at the operation where the layoff occurs." Stated more clearly: any labor

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- whether provoked by Rocky's agents or legitimate strikes by workers against production cutbacks under depression conditions - in energy or energy related industries or transportation will automatically revoke the SUB plans. And these are the industries most directly under the Rockefeller family's control! The language of the USWA's SUB pay contracts is only slightly more subtle than the infamous west coast Longshore contract of 1960 which states that their guaranteed annual income fund, which covers all benefits, pensions, etc., will be automatically suspended in the event of an "economic decline."

More important, however, is the fact that the USWA contracts suspend SUB pay only when other workers and not their Company or Rockefeller can be cited as the immediate cause for production cutbacks and layoffs. Contracts like this could only be mapped out in the war room of Rockefeller and his labor agents.

CIA CAUGHT IN THE ACT:
PSYWAR MAKES THE NEWS

Dec. 3 (IPS)--The CIA had its press prostitutes working overtime making the news last week.

A Baltimore TV station gave live coverage Nov. 29 to an explosion in Maclean, Va. that demolished a one-family house. When the reporter asked a woman in the family, "And when did this bomb go off" the woman replied, "Bomb, what bomb?" She added: "There was an explosion, but we didn't say that it was caused by a bomb."

But the bomb story didn't die in Baltimore. The New York Times tried a more subtle tactic. Along with an Associated Press picture of workmen in hardhats searching through the rubble of the devastated home, the Times noted in a caption that the explosion "may have been caused by a bomb."

Fallacy of Composition

Significantly, the picture was juxtaposed to an article on rank-and-file opposition in the United Mine Workers union. The psywar message was clear. Using a press trick known as Fallacy of Composition, the CIA-seasoned New York Times intended its readers to associate mineworkers with bombs. This tactic is similar to subliminal suggestion.

When IPS called the Times to find out who decided the layout of the page in question, a reporter who identified himself as "Mr. Clerk" would not say. Interestingly, Mr. Clerk claimed that the unsigned article, which was labeled as an AP release matching the AP photo, actually was written by New York Times reporter Ben Franklin.