

the NALP candidate for mayor in New Westminster (Vancouver), British Columbia.

A handful of Canadian NALP organizers, supported by organizers from Buffalo and Detroit carried the Niagara-on-the-Lake campaign throughout the highly industrialized Golden Horseshoe area. The Labor Party drive countered a barrage of nationalist psywar aimed at cutting Canadian workers off from their American class brothers.

In the Toronto mayoral elections on the same day, NALP candidate Richard Sanders received 1.2 percent of the vote as did Manuel Lumbreras, NALP candidate for alderman. This amounted to 1454 votes for Sanders (no precinct breakdown is available at the time of this report). In a borough run by Rockefeller radicals where Zero Growth is stated policy and the population is mainly lumpenized or petty bourgeois, these nearly 1500 Labor voters represent a fighting base for the working class and a significant break in a nearly totally CIA-controlled environment.

The importance of the NALP's return can be judged against the press campaign to discourage the working class from voting or thinking seriously about politics at all. Day after day, the elections were portrayed as a farce, with no issues and nothing to vote for, in hopes of keeping workers away from the Labor Party campaign. The outcome was that the voter turnout was 27 percent, the lowest since 1942. The CIA succeeded in getting an 80 percent mandate for the incumbent stooge; more ominously, the openly fascist Western Guard finished second with 5600 votes, while joke candidate Rosy the Clown finished fourth. The only candidate given straight coverage as a socialist was that of the proto-fascist LSA, an affiliate of the National Socialist Workers Party who finished third.

In the months ahead leading to this spring's provincial elections the NALP will pull Toronto's 1500 Labor voters and others into the Labor Party's continent-wide working class machine. Andre Doucet, NALP candidate in last summer's provincial elections in British Columbia and representative of the recent NALP campaign in New Westminster, is touring through Washington and Oregon briefing workers on the significance of the vote in New Westminster and the international battle which the working class faces. The tour will take him to unemployment centers and plants in Seattle, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Longview, and Portland.

ARABS SENT ON BUYING SPREE

Dec. 3 (IPS)--Last week the Rockefeller Sheikdom of Kuwait picked up an attractive asset for its investment portfolio, which until now has been dominated by real estate and short-term paper investments. Speculation about the mystery buyer of \$300 to \$400 million worth of Daimler-Benz stock ended when

the Dresdner Bank, one of the three West German "big" banks, revealed that it had sold the shares for the Quandt family to Kuwait, not Iran as had been suspected. With this purchase of about 14 percent of the second largest automobile corporation in West Germany, Rockefeller financial interests have gained effective control of another one-time giant of West German industry through their Arab front-men.

The U.S. auto industry was not left out. Chrysler, which is going out of business at home, won a half billion dollar contract from the Iranian state automobile manufacturer for plant and equipment plus "know-how." Iran National's target is a 90,000 car annual capacity by the end of this year, 150,000 by next February, and 500,000 by 1980, by which time it will be one of the world's largest auto makers and Detroit will have turned into a ghost town.

The Shah is also so anxious to buy a batch of Lockheed Aircraft's C5A military cargo planes that he has offered to pay for the reopening of the C5A military production line, which would involve an outlay of about 175 Million dollars. Negotiations on this deal involving the Iranians, the U.S. Defense Department, and Lockheed are now under way.

Another Arab businessman who has been getting a lot of attention in the press lately is Adnan Khashoggi, who was described as a "fast, medieval kind of operator" to IPS by an expert at the American-Arab Association for Commerce and Industry. The most recent addition to his obscure Triad Holding Corporation empire was one-third interest in the First National Bank of San Jose, California bought for \$14 Million last week. Despite his notoriety as an independent entrepreneur with an eye for "anything that makes money," Khashoggi has always been very responsive to the will of King Faisal. Last spring, Faisal turned over to Khashoggi a \$20 million Eurodollar loan to Sudan which the Saudis had underwritten, and Khashoggi proceeded to manage the loan in a way that would "keep King Faisal happy." Khashoggi's "independence" appears to be as illusory as that of Rockefeller's collection of Sheiks.

ROCKY STAGES RUN ON GOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (IPS)--Rockefeller's man at the Treasury Department, William "Simple" Simon, triggered a collapse in gold prices today with an announcement that the United States would sell off part of its gold stock to depress the international price of the metal.

During the last several weeks, the gold price has risen to an all-time record, in anticipation of the repeal of laws which forbid U.S. citizens from owning gold. Simon said, however, that any inordinate demand in the United States would be met by Treasury gold sales.