

HARTFORD PROCESS HIRES IAM LOCAL

HARTFORD, Dec. 2 (IPS)--The International Association of Machinists (IAM) in this city is not a trade union organization, IPS established today. The main local, operating out of the United Aircraft Pratt-Whitney works here, is merely a subdivision of Hartford Process, the CIA-connected counterinsurgency front of this city's insurance companies.

Hartford Process' control of this IAM local was key in diverting a recent strike threat at Pratt-Whitney. More important, Hartford Process is publicly preparing an apparatus built on this ersatz labor union which will lead to mass speedup, recycling and relocation of area workers in the months just ahead.

Hartford Process employs the IAM unit as an arm of its workforce-recycling department, the Hartford Area Manpower Planning Board (HAMPB), which controls IAM operatives through the Department of Labor Education at the University of Connecticut. This agency is primarily a brainwashing clinic which boasts of having "processed" over 6,000 area shop stewards and bureaucrats in the past year, including those in the IAM at Pratt Whitney.

This ugly story began to emerge when New Solidarity investigated a recent IAM strike threat at Pratt Whitney. The announcement had raised high hopes among United Aircraft workers in Canada's Quebec province that their own bitter year-long strike might take a turn for the better. The Canadian workers members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), had struck United Aircraft's Longueuil plant on the outskirts of Montreal last January. The company imported 1600 scabs and shipped the remaining work to Pratt-Whitney in Hartford. The IAM unit scabbed, ignoring periodic protests and pleas for a sympathy strike from the locked-out Canadians.

Only when their own local contract negotiations began one week ago did the Hartford IAM finally threaten to strike. But the deluded hopes of the Canadians were dashed when the IAM unit settled two days ago for a limited Cost of Living clause and unlimited speedup.

When New Solidarity telephoned IAM headquarters prior to the settlement, IAM drones dumbly referred all questions to MR. David Pinsky of the University of Connecticut's Labor Education Department. Pinsky, a Hartford Process operative sitting on the Hartford Area Manpower Planning Board, was in charge of IAM "strike strategy."

When queried, however, Pinsky spoke only of the company's strategy. United Aircraft would farm out the work to many small machine shops, he said. They would be inconspicuous, so as

not to force the IAM to keep up appearances by picketing these shops. The subsequent acceptance of the speedup settlement by Pratt-Whitney workers rendered Pinsky's plan unnecessary.

"Strike strategist" Pinsky's position on the HAMPB gives him a key role in dispensing Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds to ready scab-labor for area companies. Official control over the funds is held by the Hartford City Manpower Board, which needs approval of all pecuniary decisions from a city council committee headed by CIA front-man Suissman. Suissman sits on HAMPB, and approves only City Board decisions corresponding to plans made by Hartford Process through HAMPB.

United Aircraft is consequently a major recipient of CETA monies, which it is using to train scab-labor for the Pratt-Whitney works. When Pratt-Whitney puts mass layoffs into effect in early 1975, the workforce will get the company's "Canadian treatment" as CETA workers trained by IAM operatives are recycled in to replace them.

New Saolidarity and IPS have thus far been unable to reach the IAM's "chief negotiator" of the recent settlement, Justin Ostrow, for his comments on this criminal arrangement. Ostrow may be expected to add to the picture from the knowledge he has gained as a member of the Board of Directors of Hartford Process.

INTENSIVE SECRET TRAINING PREPARES MILITARY GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-WINGS

NEW YORK, Dec 2 (IPS)--On November 6 a group of carefully selected businessmen from throughout the eastern United States were brought to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to engage in three days of secret government training. They are members of the National Defense Executive Reserve (NDER), one of the arms of a growing "civil defense" octopus in the Federal Government.

According to a spokesman for the New York-New Jersey Region of the U.S. Department of Commerce, NDER executives will be instrumental in the government's efforts to "get the economy moving quickly" after a "chaotic situation" or "catastrophe" that requires a government takeover. The spokesman told International Press Service reporters last week that the Lancaster, Pa. training exercises had been attended by military men and officials of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency of the Department of Defense.

One military man known to IPS to have attended the Pennsylvania training is ex-Strategic Air Command General Leslie Bray now Director of the Office of Preparedness operating out of the General Services Administration--which is not even formally under the executive branch of the U.S. government. When reminded that he must have seen General Bray in Pennsylvania, the