

HOUSE JUDICIARY BACKS ROCKY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 13 (IPS)--By a vote of 26 to 12 the House Judiciary Committee yesterday recommended the confirmation of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President of the United States. Just two days before, President Ford was overheard reassuring his humiliators--Nelson's brother David and other Trilateral Commission members--that Nelson's confirmation was a shoo-in. Coming on the heels of the Senate approval, the Judiciary vote has readied the way for a final vote by the House of Representatives Dec. 20.

In preparation for Nelson Rockefeller's assumption of power as Chief of State for Foreign and Domestic Affairs, the White House today leaked rumors of another impending Cabinet reshuffle. Slated for replacement are Attorney General William Saxbe, Secretary of Labor Peter Brennan, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Caspar Weinberger, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget Roy Ash. The top contender for Saxbe's post is the Rockefeller-funded University of Chicago President Edward Levi. Former NATO ambassador Donald Rumsfeld will assume the assignment of all-purpose adviser to Ford, "a sort of middle linebacker," in the words of one White House official. Rumsfeld's "close friend" John Robson is rumored to be in line to take over the Department of Transportation.

Congresswoman Martha Griffiths (D.-Mich.) is to be rewarded for her recent welfare-austerity package of a guaranteed income tied to forced work by being considered for the position of HEW Secretary. All in all, the rumored Cabinet recycling will provide Rockefeller with a cheerleading section for his fascist social and economic policies.

WEST GERMAN CABINET VOTES IN LABOR RECYCLING, WAGE GOUGING

WIESBADEN, BRD, Dec. 13 (IPS)--It is expected that unemployment will hit the one million mark in West Germany by the beginning of January. This week, the national cabinet, meeting under the chairmanship of Rockefeller-marionette Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, has agreed upon an emergency economic program which targets 290,000 workers for low-wage labor recycling and relocation. A 1.3 billion Deutschemark fund will be sprayed out through the economy in 1975 to pick up the bits and pieces of over 1,000 construction and machine tool industries which were smacked by bankruptcies during 1974. The first major effort will be made to skim off one layer of unemployed for redeployment. Two hundred thousand workers will be eligible for "one-shot subsidies" with a choice to relocate to a different region of the country, or to accept employment at a lower wage than at their previous job.

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The government will also be subsidizing employers for 90,000 "new jobs" to be created in several dozen regional development zones organized along the industrially and politically backward southern and northern borders of West Germany. The three foci for this regional "development"--eastern Bavaria, and western and eastern Lower Saxony--are dominated by part-time agricultural workers recently chopped off from the industrial labor force and are traditional strongholds of fascist, grass-roots organizations. Hundreds of thousands of unemployed in these regions will immediately compete for the meagre 90,000 jobs which will become available.

Public Service Robbery

Unsere Zeit, daily newspaper of the West German Communist Party, has pinpointed the government's further intention to pick-pocket workers' wages as a way of oozing increased liquidity into the economy. While the Bundesbank (Federal Reserve Bank) has already "promised" not to increase the money supply in 1975 above 8 per cent (i.e., below the rate of inflation), 20 per cent increases in railroad fees, 10 per cent increases in gas and electricity, and a probable hiking of worker social insurance contributions to 17.5 per cent wages promise a steady flow of liquidity into the economy.

The government's program has been universally greeted by the West German capitalist press as "friendly to corporate profits." In fact, the cabinet decision, modeled exactly on the priming programs of the pre-Hitler emergency government under Chancellor Bruening, earmarks an escalation of Schmidt's long-term strategy to gut the West German industrial infrastructure for Rockefeller.

ROOSA SAYS SOVIETS ARE ON ECONOMIC HOOK

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 13 (IPS)--Former Undersecretary of the Treasury Robert V. Roosa said that today's Senate passage of the Trade Reform Bill marks a critical step toward controlling the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. Roosa, regarded as second only to David Rockefeller in the cabal's upper echelon financial circles, emphasized that the President would be empowered under the new legislation to shut off critical exports to the Soviets should they attempt to "scatterize NATO."

Currently a partner in the key Rockefeller-controlled investment house of Brown Brothers Harriman here, Roosa is also a member of the Rockefellers' supranational planning apparatus, the Trilateral Commission.

Mr. Roosa was asked by IPS whether Soviet actions could delay an entire range of international negotiations around the issues of energy, financial reform, and arms control.