

NEWS ANALYSIS

Bloc Forming to Dump Rocky

May 4—Under a protective cover of mass briefings and agitation by the Labor Committees against the immediate threat of Rockefeller-provoked nuclear war, anti-cabal forces in the U.S. Congress and the military establishment of France, West Germany and the United States began to go into motion over this last week. By bringing the debate among capitalist factions into the open, these forces have provided the working class—especially in the United States—with a lever to vastly intensify the campaign to throw Rockefeller and his nuclear henchmen out of office immediately. Under mass pressure from working people, the nascent alliance of liberal Democrats and old-line Conservatives, which emerged this week can be forced to remove Rockefeller's drunken fingers from the button—once and for all.

In a major speech released to the press May 1, Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.) launched a frontal attack on Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger's doctrine of nuclear brinksmanship. Equally significant to McGovern's assault on the Schlesinger insanity was McGovern's call for support for Schlesinger's leading conservative critic, Chairman of the Research and Development Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Robert McIntyre. McGovern's charges that the current Pentagon policy puts a "hairtrigger" on nuclear war and that "whole categories of possible arms control are in danger of passing from our (the Senate's) grasp" were blacked out by the CIA press. The McGovern initiative to force public debate and destruction of Rockefeller's brinksmanship policy was followed the next day by a strong anti-Administration speech by Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy.

On May 2 official U.S. Navy spokesmen categorically denied claims by CIA-conduit columnist Jack Anderson that recent Soviet naval maneuvers simulated a

nuclear attack on the United States. The denial, carried by Associated Press and printed in the San Francisco Chronicle, will serve to defuse the Rockefeller-instigated press buildup toward thermonuclear confrontation. On the same day highly placed sources in both the French and West German armed forces reported their opposition to the "circles in the U.S. who are for this (thermonuclear war)." While the French source reported that France was maintaining its troops "as far away as possible" from the eastern front in order to avoid any confrontation which might result from "some form of provocation," the West German official contacted restated his government's policy to "prevent war, not to open one."

The Minimum of Sanity

These cracks in the Rockefeller-controlled government and defense circles are the direct result of the mobilization initiated by the International Caucus of Labor Committees one week ago. McGovern, high circles in the U.S. Navy, and all European members of NATO but the Dutch represent groupings which have long been aware of Rockefeller's insane policy, but lacked the courage to take any action against it. Their opposition is the minimum of sanity—a commitment to oppose a so-called defense strategy which ensures the destruction of their own nations. Their newly found backbone has emerged as they have been briefed by the Labor Committees on the nuclear endgame, and recognized that the mass opposition to Rockefeller being mobilized by the Labor Committees making the overthrow of his policies politically feasible. Using the Labor Party to leak the once-secret details of nuclear confrontation, this bourgeois circles are performing a vital function for the human race—despite their total bankruptcy on economic policy and opposition to sane economic development policies.

A major center for opposition to Rockefeller's brinksmanship among bourgeois political layers

is the Center for Defense Information (CDI), whose board is comprised of military, political and business circles traditionally associated with the McGovern wing of the Democratic Party. On the board of Advisors are Paul Warnke, former Assistant Secretary of Affairs of Defense, International Security Affairs—precisely the section of the Schlesinger domain which is now pushing for nuclear confrontation with the Soviets. Directing the staff of this publication is retired Rear Admiral Gene R. La Rocque of the U.S. Navy. Founded in 1971, the CDI released a major attack on the Schlesinger doctrine of tactical nuclear buildup in February 1975 in its newsletter, The Defense Monitor. Exposing the vast and dangerous overkill and waste inherent in the 22,000 and 8,000 tactical and strategic nuclear weapons now deployed by the United States at home, at sea, in Europe and in Asia, the newsletter argues that "tactical nuclear weapons create an impossible command and control problem and they invite pre-emptive nuclear strikes by an enemy." "The very presence of tactical nuclear weapons abroad creates a dangerous situation for the United States. The likelihood is great that an exchange of tactical nuclear weapons would escalate into a full-scale nuclear war," the authors continue. "A national debate on U.S. tactical nuclear weapons is in the public interest."

With the McGovern Speech, this public debate has begun. Moving to back up the McGovern call will be a group of 40 freshmen Congressmen who have been under intense pressure from the Labor Party and who issued a call April 12 for the creation of a political task force to discuss U.S. foreign policy goals. Among those who signed the call were Representative Carr, Moffett, Tsongas, Florio, Brodhead, and Blanchard. Without a massive push from the working class, of course, this call has no chance at all of getting off House Speaker and pliant Rockefeller servant Carl Albert's desk.

Further indications that

Congress is ready to be mobilized against Rockefeller and his lackeys' insanity were given in the May 2 Congressional vote on aid to Vietnam. Two-hundred-forty-eight legislators, including 200 democrats and 48 Republicans, combined forces to defeat the Administration request for \$321 million in "evacuation aid" for American collaborators and others fleeing from South Vietnam. According to an IPS correspondent present, the vote was taken with a "sense of protest" against Rockefeller-Ford policy. This alliance, which included the entire Michigan delegation and the head of the conservative caucus, represents the precise political combination, and 30 more votes than are required, to convene a special Congressional session which will then proceed to impeach the drunken and dangerous Vice-President.

Aware that they have been shunted into a meaningless debate on Vietnam while nuclear

confrontation policy was going on behind their backs, Congressmen are itching to revolt. Contacts with several Senator's offices have turned up increasingly favorable responses to the proposal to begin impeachment proceedings immediately. Administration attempts to inoculate Congress with slanders that the Labor Committee is a tool of the Soviet Intelligence agency, the KGB, have fallen flat on their face. Every legislator is watching everyone else—to see who will take the first step and declare that the emperor has no clothes.

Adding fuel to the fire, the Administration has indicated its plans to continue its burial of Congress under non-issues. Administration pressure on the questions of an import tax on oil and the defense procurement budget began this week. Meanwhile, according to the New York Times of May 2, Federal Reserve

Board chairman Arthur Burns disclosed his plans for Congressional involvement to save the disintegrated world economy. Speaking before the Senate banking committee, Burns's "main advice to Congress was to take a little vacation and leave town for two or three months."

Unfortunately for Rockefeller, the agenda of political debate in the United States and the entire world is not being determined by his flunkies any more. The International Caucus of Labor Committees—the only world power with a program to save the world from the worst depression and decline into barbarism since the 16th century—is now setting the terms of discussion for Rockefeller and anti-Rockefeller forces alike. It is the working class of North American and Western Europe, mobilized by the Labor Party, which will ensure that Rockefeller and his servants are dumped from office.