

Conservatives Push Back Against Mondale Option

Inside sources in Washington, D.C. are giving Jimmy Carter no more than a month until he finds himself back in Plains, Ga. with his financially troubled friend and budget director, Burt Lance. Last Sunday's public call by the Americans for Democratic Action for Lance's dismissal, a barely disguised demand for Carter's own resignation, was followed up throughout the week with a parade of new charges by congressmen and federal officials on Lance's political and financial shenanigans.

Most interesting, however, is the fact that the loudest voices raised in the call for Lance's ouster are those of close associates of Vice President Walter "Fritz" Mondale. The arrival on the scene this week of Mondale protégé Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Mondale-allied Senators Abe Ribicoff and Charles Percy demanding Lance's dumping opened up a new line of questioning in the escalating scandal. Is Lancegate being used to boot Carter from the White House and replace him with the Lazard Freres and City of London-backed Mondale as the next step in David Rockefeller's drive for a fascist U.S. economy?

Over the past weeks, the U.S. Labor Party has identified this gameplan as the bankrupt bankers' "Mondale Option" for saving the U.S. dollar through deindustrialization and slave labor. Worse still than a Carter presidency, a Mondale White House would serve as lower

Manhattan's stepping stone to domestic fascism, the USLP has warned, and no effort should be spared to insure that Mondale is bounced from executive office before Carter is impeached or forced into resignation.

Conservative opposition to the Carter Administration in the U.S. Congress got a taste of what's in store for them under the Mondale Option this week. Mondale and his cohorts revved up the Koreagate scandal, announcing the indictment of Korean businessmen Tongsun Park and naming a number of U.S. political figures for probable future indictment. In addition, the friends of Lazard Freres have targeted John Connally, a foremost mediator between U.S. industrialists and their counterparts in the Mideast, for immediate neutralization, if not political destruction.

Congressional backlash to the implications of Carter's no-growth, no-industry energy package is the most significant indication thus far that U.S. conservative opposition to the Administration will jettison Carter, Mondale and the Administration's fascist policies — all in one package. The Senate this week vetoed a bid for forced conversion of industrial plants to coal fueling, a major plank in the deindustrialization program, and a major fight is expected in the Senate where the House and Senate versions of the entire energy package must now be resolved.

'Lancegate' Escalates To Calls For Carter's Ouster

The commencement earlier this week of several Congressional investigations into the continuing saga of Bert Lance's financial troubles together with the intensity of the Eastern Establishment media onslaught against the beleaguered OMB director and his Presidential protector, indicate that both Jimmy and Bert could find themselves out of office before the end of September—leaving the Presidency in the hands of Lazard Freres-puppet Walter "Queen Fritz" Mondale.

The newest round in the "Mondale Option" scenario unfolded last Sunday when Carter was advised publicly to fire Lance by the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)—a political mafioso unit created in the late 1940s by networks connected to Hubert Humphrey and Joe Rauh of the Institute for Policy Studies' labor infiltrating unit, and whose first student director was Humphrey's protege, Mondale. The call was a barely disguised demand for Carter's own resignation, since according to inside sources, Carter has confided to his closest asso-

ciates that if Lance is forced to resign, he himself will not survive in office much longer.

The ADA salvo was followed immediately by a slew of charges of complicity in his budget director's financial shenanigans. In what the media characterized as "the most explosive charge yet levelled" during the Lance affair, Acting Comptroller of the Currency Robert Bloom, in testimony before the House banking subcommittee on financial institutions, Sept. 6, accused Carter of deliberately withholding information concerning Lance's money troubles from the Senate Government Affairs Committee which confirmed Lance in January.

Only hours later, Comptroller of the Currency John Heimann turned over to the Justice Department, the IRS, and the Federal Elections Unit (FEU) for possible criminal prosecution, a report concerning Lance's alleged misuse of a plane owned by his National Bank of Georgia for political purposes. In reporting on Heimann's action, the Sept. 7 *Washington Post* quoted

one unnamed senator that "almost every one you ever heard of around the White House" is implicated by the report.

Clearly, Carter is an intended victim: just two weeks ago, the White House was forced to concede that Carter had flown on Lance's plane during campaign tours, but had "overlooked" reporting this on campaign financial statements.

Adding to the barrage against the Lance-Carter twosome, the Senate Government Affairs Committee voted Tuesday to conduct a full-scale investigation into the entire Lance affair, complete with subpoena power. The two co-chairmen of the committee, Senators Ribicoff (D-Conn) and Percy (R-Ill), announced Wednesday that they will also broaden investigations into the conduct of all federal agencies involved in holding back evidence from the Committee at the time of Lance's nomination. Foremost on the list are the Comptroller's Office and the FBI.

Ribicoff and Percy—who on Labor Day briefed Carter on what they called "new, serious allegations of illegality" against Lance and urged him to fire the OMB head at once—have also vowed to pursue full-scale hearings into the Lance case even if the budget director leaves office, a move which can only be interpreted as targeting Carter.

Thus far Carter has stood adamantly behind his budget chief, insisting that he be given his "day in court." This unexpected stubbornness has prompted the Lazard Freres crew into rushing their drive to get Lance out of office, fearing that Carter and Lance may actually fight back in some way. These fears were augmented when White House press secretary Jody Powell told the press Sept. 7 that Carter, who had met with the Black Congressional Caucus to discuss minority unemployment earlier, still had serious reservations about the inflationary, make-work aspects of the Humphrey-Hawkins slave labor bill, which is one of the foremost proposals of the Mondale-Lazard Freres faction.

Signalling other troubles ahead for the Mondale sup-

porters, Comptroller of the Currency John Heimann encountered some rough sailing when he appeared before the Government Affairs Committee Sept. 8. Under angry questioning from Senators Nunn (D-Ga) and Sasser (D-Tenn), Heimann was forced to concede that Lance has been guilty of no illegalities, and that press coverage of the OMB head's troubles has been generally unfair. Nunn then read into the record a Department of Justice memo, never reported in the major media, which essentially clears Lance of the charges against him.

Today, Evans and Novak devote their syndicated column to reporting on the widespread sentiment in the Senate that Lance is victim of a witchhunt, and note that most members of the Senate Government Affairs Committee were "unimpressed" with Heimann's anti-Lance testimony yesterday.

The Lazard Freres crew does not want Lance to have his "day in court." Ribicoff unsuccessfully attempted to postpone Lance's appearance before their Government Affairs committee indefinitely, Clark Clifford—an agent of the New York investment houses who has insinuated himself into the position of Lance's counsel—succeeded only in putting off Lance's appearance before the committee until Sept. 15.

However, with one orchestrated voice, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *New York Daily News* all editorially demanded Lance's immediate resignation September 8. The *Washington Post* claimed that since nothing Lance could say could possibly clear him, he should get out of office right now. To Carter, the paper issued a pointed warning as to his own fate: "It keeps getting worse and worse for Carter...but Carter is very stubborn. He's suffering a great erosion...will he be able to see the truth?"

On Sept. 9, James Wechsler, editorial page editor of the *New York Post* and a Kuhn, Loeb spokesman, lit into Carter with a vengeance not seen since the final days of the Nixon Watergate: "Now it is the President himself who is hourly being more deeply entrapped in 'the tangled web' despite clear, clanging warning signals..."

Who's Kissinger Now?

Some people may wonder why the Grand Old Party is spending the festivities around the Lance scandal in the Washington backrooms. The answer to that question is in two words: Henry Kissinger.

Nelson Rockefeller protégé Kissinger and his political backers have duped a significant number of mainstream Republicans into the belief that the Lance affair will allow for greater Republican input into the White House and — "if they play their cards right" — open the way for the GOP to win the presidency in 1980. One Washington source close to the Republican National Committee proclaimed that top Republicans around the country, with the notable exception of Ronald Reagan, consider Henry Kissinger the party's "number one foreign policy asset."

The irony is that while these Republicans are lying low, waiting for the gate receipts to roll in, the

same Mondale-for-President crowd which is conducting Lancegate has begun to fill the national press with nasty leaks on Dr. K's and Rocky's dirty past, giving the lie to illusions that "Republican input" in the White House would increase with Lance and Carter out of the way.

Meanwhile, Henry Kissinger himself has guaranteed himself an office and a paycheck by stepping into Zbigniew Brzezinski's old shoes. Dr. Kissinger has just accepted a position on the executive committee of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission — the supranational fascist body which created Jimmy Carter and whose "former" members number 13 top members of the current Administration, including Carter and Fritz Mondale himself. This is the Republicans' "top foreign policy asset"?

his public opinion polls are slipping...The earlier view that Carter was motivated by tenacious friendship is even being replaced by dark rumors that he is Lance's captive... Has Carter succumbed to some paranoid theory of persecution? Is he determined at any cost to give Lance a final public show before lowering the curtain?... The irrationalities of politics did not vanish when Richard Nixon left Washington...."

Of course, the Lower Manhattan press is complement-

ing its attacks on Carter with a blitz of favorable coverage of their intended President, Walter Mondale. In the most blatant case thus far, the Sept. 7 *Washington Post* waxed effusive over Mondale, complimenting Carter for his wisdom in bringing Mondale and his protege, Hamilton Jordan, into the making and execution of foreign policy.

—Kathy Murphy

Koreagate Witchhunt In Congress Set To Begin With Park Indictment

A 36-count felony indictment served against Korean businessman Tongsun Park has begun a sweeping witch-hunt against the U.S. Congress.

The indictment of Park, handed up by the U.S. District Court grand jury Aug. 26 and announced Sept. 6, is aimed at returning Park to the U.S. for the ostensible purpose of facing criminal charges of conspiracy, bribery, mail fraud, illegal campaign contributions, failure to register as a foreign agent, and other charges. The real reason for Park's return, according to the game plan concocted by the investment-bank controllers of Vice-President Walter Mondale, is to use the Korean's testimony before the House Ethics and International Relations committees to frame up largely conservative and constitutionalist congressmen on acceptance of bribery charges.

Pressures for Park's return have flowed largely from the *Washington Post* — the official mouthpiece of the Lazard Frères investment bank, which first broke the "Koreagate" scandal over a year ago. In near-daily editorials and news articles, the *Post* has reported the ins and outs of this engineered scandal, leaking congressional targets and generating hostility toward South Korea. At the same time, seasoned Watergater Leon Jaworski, the recently appointed special counsel to the House Ethics Committee which will lead the congressional witchhunt, has been plotting with associates of Vice-President Mondale on ways to intensify Koreagate. Jaworski, who takes orders from the terrorist-connected J.M. Kaplan Fund, recently paid a 20-minute call on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance — a close Mondale associate — to work out ways to pressure Park and the South Korean government into complying with the indictment.

"Just the First"

The indictment lists, but does not formally indict, about 30 leading U.S. politicians, mainly present and former congressmen. "This is just the first indictment," Attorney General Griffin Bell commented when asked why no Congressmen were indicted. One former member of Congress, Richard T. Hanna of California, was identified as an unindicted co-conspirator, and several present and former Representatives and Senators were listed as the recipients of campaign

contributions.

The bulk of the congressmen named are conservative, like Sen. Harry Byrd (Ind.-Va.) or industry-labor-linked, like former Senator Stuart Symington (D.-Mo.). A clear demonstration of the anti-conservative thrust of the scandal is the naming of Louisiana Governor Edwin W. Edwards as the major beneficiary of Park's largesse.

Edwards, a conservative Democrat with close ties to independent oil producers, has been a strong critic of the Carter Administration's no-growth energy policies.

Jaworski and his Fabian accomplice Rep. Donald Fraser (D.-Minn.), a front man for Mondale who heads up a House investigation parallel to that of Jaworski's Ethics Committee, are doing everything in their power to pressure the South Koreans into extraditing Park. One of their primary tactics, the threat of cutting off economic and military aid to South Korea, fizzled this week. An amendment by Rep. Bruce F. Caputo (R.-N.Y.) to cut off Food for Peace assistance was rejected, although by an unexpectedly close 205-to-181 vote, while a similar amendment by Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D.-Ind.) to cut all South Korean aid, including military aid, was rejected by an overwhelming 268 to 120.

Many Congressmen, as admitted by Rep. Richardson Preyer (D.-N.C.), voted yes only "to make it appear that they were innocent of any connection with the Koreans."

Not only have the Mondale crew's intimidation efforts failed in Congress; they have failed more dramatically vis-à-vis South Korea. Thus far, Seoul government officials have refused to cooperate with the Lazard Frères faction on any terms. In a message released by the South Korean embassy Sept. 7, it was flatly denied that Park had ever been appointed a government agent; the statement denied that "what he did or did not do was done with the foreknowledge, approval or cooperation of the government of the Republic of Korea."

In a story now running in major press outlets, it is reported that U.S. government officials who met this week with Korean president Park raised two separate subjects: "human rights" and the extradition of Tongsun Park. When the U.S. officials recommended forcibly placing the businessman on a plane, however, the Korean president declared the idea a violation of "human rights."