

## WEEP: Schlesinger Plan For National Industrial Shutdown

The United States is already in the grip of a three-phase emergency plan administered and devised by Energy Secretary James Schlesinger to deal with an "expected national coal shortage" — even though the newly created U.S. Energy Department has no legal authority until October 1.

A top aide to Secretary Schlesinger has confirmed the existence of the yet-to-be-made public scenario and reported that the Energy Department is currently putting the plan into effect. "We may be overstepping the letter of the law," he said, "But the Secretary regards the situation as extremely dangerous and warranting the risk."

The coal emergency plan is part of a larger scenario document, the so-called Winter Energy Emergency Plan (WEEP) which deals with "natural gas shortages" and "a new Arab oil embargo triggered by the threat of or an actual Mideast war." Schlesinger intends to use WEEP and the extraordinary powers granted him under the Congressional legislation that created his energy czarship to militarize the economy and impose no-growth energy conservation through back door measures.

### *Still Secret*

Only the barest of hints of the existence of the WEEP plan have appeared in the press. But according to knowledgeable Schlesinger aides, the overall document is "many inches thick" and contains planning down to the "minutest detail" about any number of possible energy emergencies, with "step-by-step plans of action" for meeting them. The WEEP draft, an aide said, reflects "Secretary Schlesinger's fetish for scenario planning that he gets from his RAND experience." The feeling around the Energy Department is that "Schlesinger is all set to run everything...he'll make the decisions, tell people in an emergency what they must do...the law (that created the energy department) gives him enormous discretionary powers, some people might say dictatorial powers..."

The public release of the WEEP document had been scheduled for sometime this week, but according to a Schlesinger spokesman, "will be held up for several weeks." The document as it stands is for "certain eyes only," the aide said. Copies have reportedly been given to selected people on the (Capitol) Hill, in the Administration, in industry and state government. "We're not out to scare anybody," said another spokesman.

It could not be learned if President Carter had been given a copy of the draft WEEP plan.

### *Coal Emergency*

The WEEP document lists three "significant threats" to the nation's coal supply: 1) an "almost certain

national miners' strike or wildcat activity...beginning sometime between mid-October and December"; 2) "severe winter weather," which is termed "likely but difficult to forecast accurately"; 3) a "highly possible national rail strike sometime in the early winter."

The Schlesinger spokesman reported that any single contingency or combination of contingencies would activate the full plan. Schlesinger has spoken about another "trigger factor," the possibility of "terrorist activity" surrounding a national coal strike "which could shut off the nation's rail lines" and seriously affect other energy supply sources.

After assessing the current situation, especially the "instability" in the United Mineworkers Union and the "unfortunate recent wildcat activity," the spokesman indicated that the decision has been made to activate — de facto — the first phase of the scenario. According to WEEP's assessment, there is currently an ample supply of coal and coke for utilities and industry for a "short strike" — 75 days for utilities and 33-60 for industry — but a strike of an extended period would "create severe shortages" and "threaten the national economy."

In phase one activation for this contingency, Schlesinger's staff is meeting with the Commerce and Labor Departments to plan emergency cutbacks in industrial production.

Under the "second phase of the scenario," a "slight or moderate shortage" occurs necessitating initial cutbacks in industrial production and power generation and shifting of some supplies. In the third phase or a "severe shortage," a form of total rationing is imposed, with Schlesinger having the power to order partial cutbacks to industry, plant closings and conversion to other fuels. The spokesman added that the Secretary may also ask the President and Congress to invoke anti-strike provisions of Taft-Hartley. But the "thinking around Washington" is that a Taft-Hartley injunction won't work in the miners situation. If that's the case, the aide said, the Secretary and the President, in concert with local governors, might order the National Guard into the situation. The aide, however, felt no coincidence in that solution either. "It will be the extraordinary powers of the Energy Secretary that will get us through what looks like certain disaster."

### *Miners Angle*

At this moment, a national miners strike or extensive miners wildcat — the "primary trigger" for the Schlesinger scenario — is almost a certainty.

After more than seven years of Institute for Policy Studies-Joe Rauh wrecking operations the union has been turned into a leaderless group. Even if some contract agreement were reached with coal operators before the Dec. 6 strike deadline, the factionalized union leader-

ship could not sell it to the membership. Sources close to the union report that a new wave of wildcats will likely begin next month over the dismal condition of health and benefit funds — a condition created by wildcats incited by IPS plants earlier this year.

But as several industry sources report, a national UMW strike or wildcat *could not alone* cause a coal shortage. The IPS wrecking job on the union has caused a proliferation of non-union mines which now account for more than half the nation's coal production. This accounts for the preoccupation of Schlesinger's office with the possibility of terrorism or the mix of a UMW strike

with unforeseen factors like "severe winter weather."

#### *Congress' Responsibility*

The President of the United States, according to the law that created the Energy Department and granted Schlesinger his power, has the ultimate authority to put a brake on the entire WEEP scenario. "But we don't think he (Carter) will interfere," Schlesinger's aide asserted. Carter's statements yesterday that he will follow the Energy Czar's dictates on gas deregulation and the breeder reactor indicated that the White House may very well accede to WEEP.

## McCrary Cites Pattern Of 1977 Election Fraud; Calls For Emergency Action By Congress And Public

*Colonel Thomas McCrary, Chairman of the National Committee for Fair and Honest Elections, is submitting a statement to the United States Congress on the need for emergency action to restore honest elections. Citing the interlinked pattern of election fraud in recent municipal returns, and the takeover of public offices by individuals with known terrorist connections, McCrary termed the situation a "national emergency."*

*Colonel McCrary is also national chairman of the National Coalition of Independents on Issues — a multipartisan group committed to the developing national policies in the historic interest of the nation. The Fair Elections Committee is part of the National Coalition, representing leaders and activists across the country, Independent and Conservative Parties, plus representation from the Republican, Democrat and U.S. Labor Parties. On behalf of the Fair Elections Committee and its supporters Colonel McCrary testified before the Senate Rules Committee, May 6, against President Carter's proposed Election Reform Bill, and was instrumental in causing the Administration to withdraw the Bill. Colonel McCrary has just returned from a month-long, nationwide tour in which he held policy discussions, press briefings and public meetings, organizing for the Coalition.*

*The following is the full text of his statement:*

"We believe, as we think most Americans believe, that the Right to Vote in a free society should be held sacred. Today that right in the United States is now in jeopardy.

"I should like to call your attention to the massive fraud which took place in the 1976 general elections in New York, Ohio and Wisconsin.

"Now we see that fraud is rampant in the local elections. From the preliminary analyses made available to me of the results and conduct of the elections held earlier this month in Seattle, Detroit, Boston, New York City and Buffalo, I am convinced emergency action is required to restore honest elections.

"This is demonstrated by even a surface examination of the relevant features of the elections and results:

"First, in Seattle and Detroit individuals with known environmentalist-terrorist connections won the primary rounds with astounding totals, despite demonstrated

public disapproval. In Seattle, for example, Chip Marshall won a place in the final City Council run-off, with an unofficial 42 percent of the vote; Marshall is a named co-conspirator in the Weathermen's Chicago "Days of Rage" rioting, and is likewise named in the House Internal Security Committee Report on the Weathermen. In Detroit, a similar figure, Kenneth Cockrell was given a final run-off position.

"Second, the size of the primary turnout in Detroit, New York City and Buffalo is bogus either overall, and-or in several large districts. In Detroit, a supposed 47 percent of the entire electorate turned out, in pouring rain, exceeding the most extravagant predictions of experienced observers. On the basis of this and related facts and complaints, the City Clerk Bradley has officially opened an investigation of the extent of the fraud in the September primary. In Buffalo, 1800 irregularities were cited in a suit filed yesterday by City Council candidate Dougherty.

"Third, in Seattle, the demonstrated malfunction of the Computer Elections System Voting Apparatus, and the lack of sample hand-count double checks, is prima facie evidence of the need for a new, safe-guarded election. In addition to the refusal of election personnel to perform the necessary checks, computer voter cards were processed wet, a circumstance known to affect the results.

"Fourth, an analysis of the results in all three cities, by experienced members of all principal parties, confirms that the results bear no relationship to the range of outcome consistent with voter preference, even considering the most extreme voter choice shifts imaginable. The heavy vote reported for extremist environmentalist-terrorist individuals, plus the light or negligible vote for progrowth candidates such as Seattle mayoral candidate Wayne Larkin, who backed by the United Republicans of Washington and who enjoyed strong labor support, was knocked out with a 17 percent vote and the Labor Party candidates' low showings in all three cities, is only explicable by the existence of massive fraud. In Seattle, Republican pro-growth candidate Jack Cunningham had just defeated environmentalist Democrat Marvin Durning in a special Congressional election upset, nationally recognized as a pro-