

U.S. REPORT

Schlesinger's plot to shut down the U.S. economy

Over the week of March 29 to April 5, the U.S. economy was hit by no less than three emergencies — the truckers' strike, the Harrisburg nuclear accident, and Jimmy Carter's declaration of new strict conservation and price-rising measures in the area of fossil fuels. These emergencies are part of one single clandestine conspiracy operating within the U.S. government, a conspiracy aimed at strangling and shutting down major sections of the U.S. economy, and putting its remnants under fascist, militarized control.

These charges are by no means difficult to substantiate. As we document below, there is sufficient evidence in the public domain to demonstrate that Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and inflation chief Alfred Kahn, with the connivance of Federal Reserve Chairman G. W. Miller and National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, have deliberately provoked the national crises in trucking, oil, and nuclear energy. In each case, the predictable and intended result of the measures to "solve the crisis" will have the demonstrable result of shutting down large sections of the U.S. economy, starting with the most productive high-technology industries.

The Schlesinger-Kahn actions are not, however, merely an economic question. They have already activated an emergency control apparatus which has the power and stated intention to put the economy under military controls. This dictatorial apparatus has been a consistent feature of Schlesinger's program of preparation for "limited nuclear war" confrontation with the Soviet Union, a program for which he was ousted from the Ford Administration in the fall of 1975. It is also an intimate feature of the current platform of NATO Commander Alexander Haig, who has been chosen by the New York Council on Foreign Relations as America's next and last President, the President who will lead the country straight into World War III.

If anyone should fail to pick up the parallel in the Carter Administration's program to Nazi Germany, Schlesinger has kindly reminded them with his advocacy of economic autarky, Malthusianism, and Schachtian measures. Like Hitler, Schlesinger has taken his "theory" straight from the British oligarchy and its thinktanks. Unlike Hitler, he will not succeed in totally destroying the U.S. with fascism before 160 million of the U.S.'s citizens are obliterated in total nuclear war.

America's survival literally depends on the defeat of the Schlesinger-Kahn-Haig plot to shut down the economy.

Opposition to austerity

At the forefront of the fight against the shutdown-fascism scenario is the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which has refused to accept the 7 percent austerity guidelines. As a union of nationbuilders, a force for technological progress, the Teamsters union is prepared to collaborate with industry in order to expand the economy. But the Teamsters will not lie down before a government program that will dismantle the transport system of this country and destroy one of its most skilled workforces through wage-gouging and cut-throat competition. For that stance, they should be supported by industry and labor alike.

Outside of the Teamsters, the resistance to the Schlesinger plot is scattered and intimidated, despite the fact that opposition comprises a full 70 percent of the U.S. population. Pockets of industry, particularly in the Midwest, have seen the promise of the European Monetary System, the plan put together by West Germany's Chancellor Schmidt and France's Giscard d'Estaing as a way of avoiding war through technology transfer to industrialize the republics of the developing sector. Most utility companies are appropriately enraged by the plan to force conversion to lower technology fuels in the tradition of the Smokestack Barons before them. They are

much in sympathy with the president of Dow Chemical Company, who called for the resignation of Schlesinger on April 5.

Debate is now raging among these industrial and other union forces over combining a drive to fire Schlesinger and stop austerity with support for the only spokesman for an American program of industrial expansion and link-up with the European Monetary System, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Unless this course is adopted, the hoked-up emergencies that hit the U.S. this week will lead rapidly to destruction far beyond what its architects are dreaming.

— Nancy Spannaus

I. The nuclear hoax

All nuclear safety experts except those contaminated by either a connection to the environmentalist movement or employment by James Schlesinger's Department of Energy agreed that the sequence of in-plant mechanical mishaps leading to the shutdown of the Three-Mile Island nuclear plant near Harrisburg, Pa. was so improbable as to constitute powerful evidence of human intervention — sabotage. In fact, the probability of sabotage is so high that the burden of proof lies with those officials and others who call it an "accident."

A detailed study published years ago, the Rasmussen Report, dealt with a hypothetical nuclear plant accident involving exactly the chain of events which took place at Three-Mile Island. The report concluded that the possibility of such a sequence of valve and system failures occurring "naturally" was .000006 — that is, one chance in 166,666. Dr. Rasmussen, when queried by phone, stuck by his report's conclusion.

What happened at Three-Mile Island could only have been sabotage.

The failure of a valve in a backup cooling system to open immediately after a valve in the primary cooling system also stuck closed, by itself, has a probability of .0001. Or: one time out of 10,000. Any such occurrence would have been possible only by deliberate human action. Furthermore, there is no explanation of why automatic safety backup systems relating to both primary and backup cooling lines were switched off, and why, given normal inspection routine, these extraordinary conditions were not detected — none of them, at any point in the sequence!

Add it all up and any investigation of the incident which does not take sabotage as its premise is suspect and intrinsically incompetent.

The security precautions of a nuclear plant are extraordinary. It must have been an "inside job," but one proceeding on orders from a very high level. How high?

The media extravaganza which ensued was of a type so distant from both general scientific fact and the immediate facts of developments that it suggests a high-level deployment to use the Three-Mile Island incident as the prearranged centerpiece of a campaign to permanently discredit nuclear power in general. The coincidence of the nuclear accident in time with release of a major motion picture, "The China Syndrome," depicting precisely that "meltdown" disaster which press claimed was about to happen at Three-Mile Island, and the coincidence of the accident in time with James Schlesinger's attempt to shut off U.S. oil supplies by creating an "oil shortage," where there is none, more strongly suggest the broader implications of discovering sabotage.

staffs of the U.S. Labor Party were joined by specialists from the Fusion Energy Foundation to develop the following statement of facts concerning the Three-Mile Island "nuclear accident."

What happened at the Three-Mile Island plant?

The reported sequence of misfunctions of cooling systems at the Three-Mile Island nuclear power plant, misfunctions that led to the sharp rise in the pressure and temperature of the reactor core cooling system, could have occurred only as the result of a high-level deployment of a coordinated sabotage team in the plant.

From the beginning of the incident, there have been conflicting stories of what happened from all the parties involved. Although these stories involved variations in the actual sequence of events (for example, which plant components went out at various points), it is clear that the various scenarios put forward by the experts involved equally improbable coincidences of a series of malfunctions.