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British Labour Government Foisting Rockefeller Politics on Working Class

June 29 (IPS) — The current attempt by the British Labour Party to define the upcoming general election this fall in terms of domestic politics is simply collaboration with Rockefeller to bankrupt the British economy. The only economic function Britain could have in Rockefeller's intended fascist world order is as the clearing bank through the City of London for financing construction of international slave-labor camps.

This is precisely the policy which Finance Minister Denis Healey and Foreign Secretary James Callaghan are actively pursuing in collaboration with Eurotraitors Schmidt and Giscard. Meanwhile at home Anthony Wedgewood Benn, Minister of Trade and Industry and Michael Foot, Minister of Labour, are conspiring to wreck the already decaying British industrial sector.

London: Financial Center

Since the early 1960's when the Eurodollar Market, the main source of financing for the large multinational companies, began to emerge, the London clearing banks have become the center of international finance in Europe. Especially as U.S. multinationals began to spread throughout Europe, London became the point through which large amounts of U.S. capital were funneled. Because Rockefeller's interest, not only in the international banking structure but in the multinationals as well, is overwhelming, the Rockefellers have consolidated fingertip control over the functioning of the City of London.

At this point, the only thing keeping the British economy afloat is Arab money being deposited in London banks. To the extent that Rockefeller can convince the Arabs to use their oil revenue as a lending fund for his Brazil-style plans throughout the world, London will remain the center for these recycled funds. Without them the country will collapse.

Healy at IMF

This point is not lost on Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey. Longtime friend of Helmut Schmidt, from the days in which both of them were instrumental in promoting NATO policy in their respective countries, Healey has moved to the fore in promoting Rockefeller's plans internationally.

IPS reporters at the recent Washington IMF conference noted that the British press was always the first breaking developments, because Healey concentrates on getting the word to them fast. As Healey knows, British

papers such as the *London Times* and the *Financial Times* are authoritative sources among international capitalists.

Upon his return to London from the IMF conference, Healey gave Parliament a detailed account of the Washington meeting, and assured the distinguished Members that he had been instrumental in pushing through the SDR proposal agreed upon at the conference. In fact, on his way home Healey made a special trip to New York, where he lunched with David Rockefeller and other leading bankers.

Callaghan and NATO

While Healey was in Washington, Foreign Secretary James Callaghan was busy preparing for the NATO's recent conference in Ottawa (IPS this issue). Just as Healey was the defense link to his European counterparts in the last Labour government (1964-1970), Callaghan was the finance minister who negotiated a large IMF loan for Britain, and finally ordered the devaluation of the pound.

At the pre-Ottawa meeting in Brussels, Callaghan single-handedly pushed through a re-wording of the joint declaration. He objected to the emphasis on European unity, instead stressing closer European ties with the U.S.

As Healey takes care of the economic front, Callaghan is fast preparing the social support role that NATO will play.

To ensure that this international plot comes off, the industrial guts must be ripped out of Britain, and with them the working class. This is the role of Healey's budget, and of back-up schemes from Minister of Trade and Industry Benn and Labour Minister Foot. As Healey's budget bankrupts large sections of traditional British industry (see Research Report, IPS No. 8) Benn and Foot are right behind to implement the necessary social policies.

Destruction of Industry

Benn has promised British industry that every company which goes bankrupt will be eligible for government aid if they (1) adopt worker participation schemes; (2) agree to government dictation of investment policies; and (3) follow government industrial relocation guidelines. Companies that do not comply need expect no government aid.

Already, one small engineering firm has begged Benn

to take it over, and the government has announced that it is nationalizing one of the largest touring agencies, the Court Line, which went bankrupt last week.

For his part Foot is active enforcing the "social contract" made between the Labour Government and trade unions which places squarely on the shoulders of the working class the responsibility for the failure of British industry. While demanding 50 per cent representation on company boards and Brazilian-style cost of living raises, the trade unions have agreed to limit wage demands, and have been reluctant to strike lest industry collapse just as it is recovering from the three-day-week catastrophe.

The government has effectively created a situation in which it determines how industry will be structured, placing the responsibility for this right on the workers. For this to work, the government must ensure one thing: it cannot allow Rockefeller's intentions to become known to the working class. If this were to happen, the domestic strangulation engineered by the Labour Party would fall

apart as workers began to identify their interests as outside their plant, their city, their island.

Phony Nationalization

The nationalization issue is but one aspect of the plan to disorient the working class. The companies which Benn has named as ripe for take-over are large multinationals, including American-owned Ford Motor Company, which has plants in Britain. The British government could have no more control in reality over these companies than it does over the Arab dollars propping up its economy! By focusing on this phony issue — can the "left" TAKE OVER British industry? — Labour has guaranteed that workers will not worry about their real enemy.

Enoch Powell's Game

Thus Enoch Powell becomes indispensable for Britain. While shooing blacks, Irish, the EEC, under the rug, he assures Britons that there is no outside world; that their neurotic view of their self-contained island existence is reality.

British Military Occupy Heathrow for Second Time in Six Months

LONDON, June 27 (IPS) — In what was called the most intensive operation ever mounted in England, troops and extra armed police today were sent into Heathrow airport, near London, where they are expected to camp for a week or longer.

The maneuver was called because intelligence sources determined that the "terrorist threat" had moved from the World Soccer Cup games in West Germany and probably was not focused on Britain where international "socialist" leaders like Yitzak Rabin of Israel were to meet with Wilson over the weekend.

Travellers are being searched by army and police guards. In January, the last time such a guard was stationed at the airport, troops patrolled during the day only and returned to their bases each night.

Reporters trying to track down the story today were first referred to the Home Office, who told them it was primarily a police operation. The police, however, had no comment and referred all enquiries back to the Home Office.

It was revealed that the decision to occupy Heathrow was made after "top-level discussions between the Army, the police and government officials earlier this week."

The official statement from the Home Office reads: "Security measures at Heathrow need to be intensified from time to time in the light of assessments made about the likelihood of terrorist activity, of which there is a constant extra precautions are being instituted today which include an increase in the number of police and military personnel. These have been in the light of current assessment."