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Wedgewood Benn's Call to British Workers: Police Yourself

August 24 (IPS) — With the announcement last Thursday of leftwing fascist Anthony Wedgewood Benn's plans for the reorganization of British industry under the control of a so-called National Enterprise Board (NEB), the history of Tavistock-inspired counterinsurgency for the Rockefeller family and their allies, like the domesticated British branch of the Rothschilds, has come full circle. For Tavistock's planners the immediate item on the agenda is a forced march into fascist holocaust. But that very development creates the conditions in which British workers can, with outside assistance, cast off their self-imposed chains of psychological slavery, and fight.

Wedgewood Benn proposes to reorganize the British economy along lines similar to the institutions of corporatism in Mussolini's Italy; indeed, the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, the precursor of the proposed NEB, was explicitly modeled on the institutions of Mussolini's Italy by Harold Wilson during his previous tenure in government in 1964.

For Tavistock, the more immediate parallel for these proposals, however, is necessarily drawn from the British worker's experience of his own demoralization. Tavistock planners, through their minute studies of the neuroses of family (i.e., mother-centered) life in different national sectors, and the sado-masochistic feelings of worthlessness refracted through these neuroses, assume that all human behavior is essentially predictable. Accordingly, the Italian worker must prepare for a replay of his 1921, the German worker for a rerun of his 1933 — both moments of total defeat for impotent forms of working-class struggle.

Benn's proposed National Enterprise Board would take control of planning and investment policy of even so-called profitable British industry. It would ensure that investment priorities were established whereby funding would go only into areas of special need and industries that supplied a "socially necessary" function. Particular attention would be paid to the interest of the consumer. Given the absolute priority for investment in British industry already established through various development programs — for example, the Newcastle-Teeside area and the North Sea Oil projects — it is obvious that Benn proposes the systematic centralization and administration of all such genocidal kinds of policies. British management and labor would be united with the government in the planning and im-

plementation of the final destruction of the working class.

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Accordingly, the British worker is now being prepared for a rerun of his experience in the fall of 1931. Wedgewood Benn, long the intangible element in the higher echelons of the Labour Party, now emerges as a remodeled version of the authentic expression of radicalized ideology in the British working class: Sir Oswald Mosley! Like Mosley before him, Benn is well prepared. For more than two years he has carefully built himself a position on the left of the Party, espousing such genuine foci of class discontent as housing and unemployment, to push for the acceptance of his fascist reorganization plans within the ranks of the Labour Left. His behavior at the party conference in the fall of 1972 and at the CIA "leftist" Institute for Workers' Control Conference in 1973, is exemplary of this tendency.

But the key to the parallel with Mosley is not provided by the specific propaganda thrust of his proposals. It is located in the way in which he has used and developed those specific features of the British worker's ideology which keep him chained to the capitalist system. The British worker is the slave of his own illusions which portray his relationship to the capitalist class as eternally permanent. His reactions to attacks by the ruling class thus take two principal forms: the militant's infantile refusal to obey the master's orders ("No, I won't do it") and the more passive but equally vicious desire to **participate in those attacks.**

Fascism from the "Left"

Benn, like Mosley, before him an ex-aristocrat who has descended to the ranks to find out what it's like down there, takes these tendencies and shapes them into appropriate political form. So now he proposes the destruction of the British working class through the extension of the corporatist model of fascist forms of state control. Cries of outrage erupt from the British press and industry to the effect that Benn plans to introduce Soviet forms of government to maintain the "left" cover of his implicit threats of "nationalization" of the economy. Press discussion of military takeover is stepped up as psychological counter-weight.

But Benn runs into a real human problem at this point. The Tavistock institutions of control, most im-

portantly the contemporary Labour Party and trade union movement, were built by the collaboration of those left Labourites in the 1930s like Aneurin Bevan and Stafford Cripps, with capitalists of the Beaverbrook-Churchill circle, who mutually distrusted Mosley's split from Labour to form the British Union of Fascists. The ideology which Benn now manipulates is not separable

from the "traditional" institutions in which it is rooted. Thus Benn's destruction of the Tavistock institutional infrastructure renders inappropriate continued adherence to the particular ideological flaw characterizing the British worker. All the British worker now needs is help from outside that tight little island to take his place in the creation of a socialist Europe.

Benn's Fascist 'Nationalization' Gambit

August 24 (IPS) — Britain's Labour government is now openly pushing fascist economic programs. Last Friday, the Minister for Trade and Industry Anthony Wedgwood Benn announced the ruling Labour government's plan for the **nationalization of British Industry**. Benn's program is a direct copy of the 1931 National Employment Program proposed by then Labour member of Parliament Oswald Mosley. Mosley's plan was formulated with the aid of the liberal fascist economist John Maynard Keynes and was endorsed by the leading so-called left-wingers of the day. When the Labour Party refused to accept his program as part of their platform, Mosley left the party. Taking his 1931 plan to its logical conclusion, Mosley founded the British Nazi Party two years later!

The present Labour government is not so fastidious. Its announced willingness to implement Rockefeller's fascist plan for Britain merely makes official the policy which the Labour Party has been pushing for the last 10 years. For British workers Benn's recently released white paper *The Regeneration of British Industry* means slaving in concentration camps in isolated parts of the country or being shipped out to work in colonies.

The keystone of fascist "regeneration" of Britain is the formation of development pockets in depressed regions

of the country such as Wales. The government is relocating nationalized industries like steel and oil in these pockets to be operated as labor-intensive work camps. Close to a million British workers will wind up in these places as they cross the country desperately looking for any available job to keep their families alive.

While whole sectors of Britain's traditional industries, like auto and engineering, are falling victim to Rockefeller's crisis, Rockefeller has arranged special funding for these projects. Industries like North Sea oil and petro-chemicals have direct ties to Rockefeller oil companies. Others are financed through special loans from a consortium of banks, headed by Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan and First National City. For the nationalized British industries which have no direct links to his financial interests, Rockefeller has arranged a \$3 billion loan from his satrap the Shah of Iran.

Hysterical British industrialists are screaming about the threat of Benn's so-called "left-wing" proposal, too blind to realize that the mastermind is Rockefeller. By destroying the Labour government, the industrialists will leave the way open for a so-called government of national unity, which in turn will quickly make way for a fascist takeover, led by the rabid Enoch Powell.

CIA 'Controlled Leaks' Fill British Press; Rightwing Groups Mushroom

August 23 (IPS) — The CIA-NATO network in Europe is fast executing the plans for Britain that have been on the agenda since the military first moved into London's Heathrow Airport last January. While bombarding the working class simultaneously with reports of the formation of right-wing military support groups and with the "impracticality" of a real coup, this network is creating the conditions for an outright military takeover under the pretense of protecting democratic rights.

Already Roy Mason, Minister of Defense, has lent credence to the reports, previously considered outlandish, that a military coup is imminent by announcing yesterday that extreme rightwing and neo-fascist bands are forming in Britain to overthrow the government. Coupled with reports in the *New York Times* that military activity around Heathrow is being stepped up, this announcement makes Brigadier Hunt's statement in last Sunday's *Observer* seem all the more credible: