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dangerously low, in fact, "at knife's edge." However, the press has given no factual evidence to show that this is the case.

Repeating the role he played last year, miners union president Joe Gormley has been outspoken in the red smear campaign. Gormley's accusation that Communist Party organizer Bert Ramelson was to blame for the key switch of executive votes, thus engineering the rejection of the Coal Board's offer, immediately was seized on by the press and headlined on the front pages of the Express and the Telegraph, key house organs of the CIA. In an "exclusive" interview with the Daily Telegraph, Gormley whines: "What in hell gives a person who's not even a union member the right to interfere in our negotiations?"

The noted scandal sheets of the Beaverbrook press empire have also conveniently fueled the red scare by printing the names and a short description on each of the men who voted "No," many of whom are Communists in key union posts. Also they have run a biographical sketch of Communist Party member Ramelson which calls him "a Ukranian hard line Communist... who gave interviews on East German radio in which he spelled out Communist hopes of achieving a Labour government committed to its own Moscow-directed policies." The frightening thing, notes the Telegraph, is that Ramelson is "not doing badly in achieving his objectives."

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Two more sections of the union in Wales and Scotland, both Communist-dominated, then made public their rejection of the incentive scheme, as if to bear out the Telegraph's fright. Further, Arthur Scargill, the so-called Marxist leader of the Yorkshire miners, announced provocatively: that if the Coal Board turned down the alternate national productivity scheme offered by the miners themselves the union might be forced to demand a sizeable wage increase. "This is going to be the price of peace," he said.

If it provokes another strike, the red scare will only serve to lay the blame for Rockefeller's Second Energy Hoax squarely at the feet of the rebellious miners and to improve the Trilateral Commission's European options.