

While scandal, incompetence, and parochialism envelop the Congress and parts of the Administration, Nelson Rockefeller intends to quietly emerge with his Murphy Commission's recommendations for the reorganization of the government and the total subordination of domestic policy by supranational policy.

Rockefeller established the Murphy Commission almost two years ago with the straightforward orders to gather together the best, supranationally oriented experts in the field of government reorganization. Besides Trilateral Commission member David Abshire of the Georgetown Center of Strategic and International Studies, the Commission is composed of or has working for it: Samuel P. Huntington, a Trilateral Commission member responsible for turning out the Trilateral report on the "problems of governing democracies"; Peter Szanton, formerly of RAND Corporation, the Department of Defense, and the President's Task Force on Government Reorganization; Clark Clifford, author of the original plan for a civilian-military government to succeed Nixon which appeared in the New York Times Op Ed pages under the name of Marcus Raskin; Francis Wilcox, author of "Congress, the Executive and Foreign Policy"; Robert Murphy, president of Corning Glass, former Undersecretary of State and head of the transition team between the Johnson and Nixon Administrations. Senator Mike Mansfield also serves on the Commission and was instrumental in passing the legislation which made the Commission an official government organization.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Executive Director of the Trilateral Commission, described in the Winter edition of Foreign Policy precisely how the Murphy Commission, Nelson Rockefeller, and the CIA self-destruction come together as a single punch. The article is entitled "Recognizing the Crisis"--a crisis which has now been created by the CIA scandal--and states "the deliberate synchronization of international economic policies [must begin with] commensurate institutional and personal realignments in the policy-making processes of the U.S. government....This, perhaps, could best be done by the new Vice President."

INVESTORS RUSH INTO NEW "GOLDEN AGE"

Jan. 1 (IPS)--Gold fever, indigenous to France, where for centuries peasants have hoarded the metal under their mattresses, in their gardens, and in other secret spots, is again spreading to the more advanced countries of the world.

Last weekend the French daily Le Monde put the perennial appeal of gold in historical perspective: "During the second half of the fifteenth century, the population was bled by war and plague. It stagnated at a very low level. Hell was breaking loose. Nothing

could be sold. All prices were at their lowest level. One thing was afloat, gold and silver, refuge values."

The end of the article suggested that something like the late Middle Ages is nearing, that again the appeal of gold is going up as world economic crisis and the collapse of paper money accelerate. Le Monde reflects the panic of the French bourgeoisie and Giscard's paper government that Rockefeller's control over the world economy is now slipping.

The near \$200 an ounce price of gold is a sign of capitalists' total loss of confidence in national currencies--that is, in the ability of the state to loot, the basis of all capitalist transactions. In Italy commercial banks are denying loans to government workers on the grounds that their employer is by no means sure to go on paying salaries. However, no one has had such confidence in the Italian lira in years. The more significant development is the uncertainty in the ability of dollar-denominated investments to deliver profits at an increasing rate. If the profitability of investments in a country collapses, so does the international value of its currency.

Out of sheer panic that nothing else is stable, investors are grabbing up gold, a totally useless commodity. The investors now rushing into gold--including the U.S. citizens who have been given their first chance to hoard the stuff in over 40 years--will find out what French peasants found out four centuries ago amidst the Black Death--that gold can't be eaten.

LABOR SHORTAGES STALL RIO DE LA PLATA PROJECT

Jan. 1 (IPS)--Rockefeller's major development project in Latin America--the Rio de la Plata zone covering southern Brazil and northern Argentina--is faced with a major slowdown or collapse in the months ahead, according to estimates by the Labor Committee intelligence staff. This will occur not because there is any major shortage of real or financial capital in the area--as is the case for the Athabasca Tar Sands or various Iranian pipeline projects--but rather because there is a devastating shortage of skilled labor.

The internal South American supply of skilled workers is rapidly becoming depleted, as predicted over six months ago by the International Press Service. Even more significant, virtually no unemployed European workers have been willing to be shipped to the Plata hellhole contrary to the cabal's plans. In addition to the fizzling of his petrodollar recycling plans, Rockefeller now faces a recalcitrant European working class. This political resistance, sparked by the left turn of the European Communist Parties, has become a major obstacle to the institution of massive recycling in Latin America.