

SPECIAL REPORT ON LABOR COMMITTEE YEAR-END CONFERENCE

WORLD STRATEGIC DOCTRINE SET TO DEFEAT ROCKEFELLER

Dec. 29 (IPS)--The National Caucus of Labor Committees' Strategy for Socialism Conference yesterday and today in New York City, along with the preceeding week's Cadre School sessions, forged and prepared for deployment the most terrifying armamentarium of weapons for political and psychological warfare yet.

Coinciding with a general stalemate in tactical initiatives on the part of the Rockefeller faction--now in its third week--the conference represents the first instance in the history of the human species where socialist cadre organized their immediate tactical orientation for the next six months explicitly on the epistemological foundations of hylozoic monism contained in Karl Marx's "Theses on Feuerbach."

Among the approximately 800 delegates, members, and guests at the conference, there were organizers from as far as Japan, Mexico, and various parts of Europe. Included were key trade unionists and heavy-industry organizers from especially auto and steel. These key working-class leaders had been recruited on the basis of the theoretical principles further elaborated during this conference.

Carol White of the Labor Committees' National Executive Committee best identified the significance of the conference proceedings when, in her revolutionizing address on "The Laws of the Universe," she located the Labor Committees' scientific and epistemological advances "on the frontiers of human culture."

The scientific breakthroughs elaborated in the course of this conference represent a decisive turning point in the history of Marxian thought and political practice. What classical Marxian scholars have academically contemplated as the "ending of alienation between man and nature" will now become directly accessible as a political weapon to ever increasing numbers of revolutionary workers as a result of this conference.

In this sense, the meeting could justify the name Conference of the Intellectual Renaissance. Precisely this upheaval in powers of mentation of millions of workers is the primary super weapon that the Labor Committees will be fielding over the next six months, declared Costas Axios, Labor Committee Chief of Staff and National Executive Committee member in his keynote address on the organizing process.

Strategic Position

Comrade Axios reported on the present extremely labile world political situation that has dictated to the Labor Committees the

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immediate task of undertaking this intellectual renaissance. By the end of 1974, Axios reported, we are witnessing the Rockefeller drive grinding to a halt as major decisions must be made portending either a Weimar-type hyperinflation in the world dollar sector or a 1931-style collapse of production in the first half of 1975. Summarizing the strategic shift in the world situation over the last six months, Axios identified the important contributing role that the ICLC's international deployments played in frustrating Rockefeller's intentions to engineer a new Mideast war last November, to throw the U.S. working class into a psychotic tailspin with a pre-planned coal strike and to create the legislative and psychological basis for massive slave-labor projects through the various NERA-type relocation bills.

The Labor Committees, therefore, find themselves in the dead center of the following international situation: the world is now poised on the edge of a catastrophic, 1931-style collapse of production that will immediately result in tens of millions of unemployed and social chaos. In terms of social forces, there are the massive Communist Parties and trade unions in Western Europe and the Communist Parties and socialist states of the Soviet bloc. Dispelling any illusion about the potential of the Communist Parties' "Left Turn," Axios portrayed the outer limits of the capabilities of these institutions: they will at best commit the utmost of their resources to the most "militant" defense of their delimited national and otherwise parochially defined particular interests. At no point can these social formations be expected to develop a worldwide strategic counterpunch to match the Rockefeller faction's globally coordinated drive.

The Labor Committee tendency internationally, Axios elaborated, must, with no margins for error allowed, alone create in the next few months ahead, the strategic contributions for a United Front of all these potentially powerful working-class forces around a unified strategic counterthrust to smash the Rockefellers' worldwide drive once and for all. The strategic and tactical conceptions that are demanded of Labor Committee organizers and the scientific and moral qualities that must be awakened within the working class in order to successfully meet the challenges of class warfare in the months ahead require nothing less than the deliberate unleashing of creative powers among workers which is now being experienced within the Labor Committees. Unless the working class is armed with the tools of scientific understanding of the universe, unless it is educated in the science of organizing social production, unless it acquires the scientific tools for actually governing society, then it would be that much more difficult to establish the political preconditions for the capture of political power.

Lyn Marcus, the National Chairman of the Labor Committees, who publicly advanced the thesis on the necessity for an Intellectual Renaissance about a year and a half ago in his groundbreaking "Beyond Psychoanalysis," addressed the conference on the issue of "Strategic Doctrine: Theirs and Ours." Capping the overall tasks of the conference, Marcus located the Labor Committees'

strategic superiority in the fundamental epistemological advances that the organization has forged in the frontiers of human culture. Counterposing the organization's present tasks and capabilities to those of the Comintern, Marcus developed the ICLC's fundamental superiority over the strategies developed by the Lenin-Trotsky leadership of the Third International. Pointing out that that earlier organization could not carry out one single successful revolution, Marcus emphasized that there is no other body of strategic thought in any of the world's working-class organizations outside the Labor Committees capable of meeting the political challenges of the present breakdown crisis of capitalism. Outlining the epistemological foundations for building an effective international United Front with the existing Communist, Socialist, and trade union working-class institutions, Marcus emphasized that the responsibility for forging and pushing forward working-class strategic initiative is the Labor Committees' alone. This is a task to be viewed only as a responsibility--not some imagined bureaucratic privilege: the responsibility of forcing self-consciousness on the masses of workers fighting today through their available institutions.

The Crisis

The implication of a conceivable failure of the ICLC to meet this unique responsibility, i.e., the implications of a possible Rockefeller victory were drawn for the audience in a devastating report by Eric Lerner. Lerner is a founding member of the organization and leading Labor Committee Intelligence Officer who heads up the Economic Planning and Intelligence group of the organization. Reporting on the conclusions of a combined research effort of a number of specialists, Lerner presented a blow-by-blow account of the devastating ecological holocaust that will necessarily be triggered off should Rockefeller succeed in his Schachtian economic programs on a worldwide scale. Reporting that the process toward such a catastrophe, though still reversible, has already started, Comrade Lerner synthesized the consequences of Rockefeller's Zero Growth commitments on the ecosphere of the entire planet. The massive reduction of food, energy, and cultural consumption of the world's human population is bound to have devastating effects, very soon, on the general health standards of the population, leading to further weakening of man-maintained nature to provide required economic goods, thus further fueling capitalism's need for further primitive accumulation at the expense of the world population, leading to further lowering of living standards and further encouraging the outbreak of epidemics on a global scale. This self-propelled downward spiral, if not stopped, would cause a total breakdown of all civilized life by the middle of the 1980s, reducing world population to a mere few bestialized hundreds of millions by the 1990s.

For human beings not afflicted by the Rockefeller psychosis the urgent problem is how to prevent this looming catastrophe. Lerner, pausing at a highly charged emotional moment, suddenly drew his audience's attention to an earlier similar disastrous period of human history.

Four hundred years ago, he recalled, half of Europe's population was wiped out by the Black Death in a similar ecological-economic breakdown. Our ancestors saw then the way out of extinction in the human mind's refusal to submit to blind, brute heteronomic destruction. Man's triumph over the destruction of Black Death was then eminently subjective: the Renaissance.

Psychotic Holocaust

Following Lerner's analysis of the ecological holocaust, NCLC Director of Organization Ed Spannaus outlined the destruction of the labor process which would occur simultaneously if Rockefeller's Schachtian and Lewinite programs were to be completely implemented. After describing how the intensification of labor which occurs under Schachtian methods leads to a crisis of skilled labor--as it did in Nazi Germany repeatedly from 1936 to 1944, Spannaus warned that what Rockefeller is planning would lead to consequences far more severe than those experienced in Nazi Germany or in Brazil today.

Rockefeller's leading brainwashers, basing their methods on the studies of Nazi Germany, intend to deliberately destroy the cognitive powers of labor through fascist forms of "voluntary" intensification of labor. The mass brainwashing programs of Kurt Lewin and Eric Trist, in which workers are induced to speed themselves up, would inevitably lead to mass psychosis among workers as they are reduced to an infantile state.

Using examples from Nazi Germany and the concentration camps, Spannaus graphically portrayed how a controlled environment quickly reduces the victim to an infantile, paranoid state; as the individual loses belief in the rationality and predictability of the world, he abandons his adult patterns of thought, and thus his intellectual and moral level declines drastically. As many in the audience began to display increasing discomfort, Spannaus warned that the susceptibility to such brainwashing exists within everyone there, but then he sharply posed the remedy.

To inoculate the working class against the deliberate destruction of its cognitive powers, we must develop and strengthen the highest cognitive powers of workers. This demands that we convey to the working class the highest scientific outlook, so that workers have the internal superego strength of basing their actions upon the needs of the working class as a whole. The worker whose self-conception and world-outlook is based upon a sensuous understanding of the rationality and coherence of the universe cannot be brainwashed.

The Coherence of the Universe

The participants in the conference--the first delegated conference in the history of the organization--were already carrying with them the qualities of tempered campaigners, and the qualities of mentation and morality that Carol White evoked in her address

on the Fundamental Laws of the Universe were readily accessible. The task now is to deliberately direct the growth and flowering of these human qualities, to make them accessible to millions of workers.

Carol White's speech, a compassionate polemic against the intellectual and moral limitations of even the best representatives of the empiricist worldview of the physical universe, such as Albert Einstein, has pushed forward the outer limits of human knowledge as it established the man-centered conception of negentropy as the necessary epistemological premise from which any future advances in natural sciences must necessarily proceed:

"In these moments when we feel that creative expansion within ourselves, when our universe changes, internally, that knowledge of human love--and we can convey it--only then can we begin to conceptualize the actual law of the expansion of the universe. We can look backward and account for everything and formulate mathematical laws which can explain the chemical evolution of the universe and the physical universe and describe the events which brought us to this point. But there are no mathematical laws yet which can describe this period, this revolutionary period, which we are going through, and the constant revolutionary periods which will be the normal existence of self-conscious human beings who are at a faster and faster rate able to assimilate a change in their universe to direct it, to deliberately make it happen and to assimilate a greater and greater velocity of such change without being overwhelmed with fear of chaos and confusion.

"Only if we begin to locate that force of mind in ourselves initially by such things as understanding the achievements and limitations of someone like Einstein, only then are we in a position to realize the progress from one energy level to the next. A negentropic view of the universe, as opposed to a simple notion of throughput of energy, of negative energy, of flow of energy being more and more complex, is predicated on our realization that the tendency of the universe has been to qualitative transfinite transinitely higher levels of energy that we express this in ourselves, in our social formations, as we see ourselves as a class in which each of us is located as a necessary creative part..."

After Comrade White elaborated the ideas that necessarily will become the bases of new advances in physical science which the world working class needs now in order to win its battle for the survival of the human race, Dr. Moe Levitt, a leading physicist of the Labor Committees, discussed in the final panel the policy of the political working class toward the social layers of scientists and other specialists whose creative contributions are the absolutely essential elements of the emerging socialist intellectual and scientific renaissance.

Levitt, locating the present tactical tasks in organizing for the appropriate forms of organization within which theoretical work is possible, expanded on the two crucial elements of social

life that the working class has to contribute for a triumphant takeoff of the new scientific renaissance: the epistemological clarity as best exemplified by the contribution in the conference itself and by the mobilization of the psychological-moral resources of the working class.

Sketching the sociological history of modern, empiricism-based science, Levitt developed the specific policies required for the social realization of what Karl Marx identified as the "this sidedness" of science. The real terror that scientists who collaborate with the Labor Committees experience is not the "terror" of collaborating with communists but the more profound psychological terror of the need for conceptual leaps outside the empiricist confines of presently established science, the terror of the responsibility for organizing research for fusion energy breakthroughs that are the underlying programmatic commitment of the working class in this period. It is the need for a psychologically-morally supportive social environment that must be answered by the working class' commitment to its scientist allies.

Historic Juncture

On the whole, this conference has been an unprecedented event in the history of socialist politics internationally. With the vistas opened up by Marcus' groundbreaking ICLC Strategic Studies document, and with the actual organizing experiences and the demonstrated political effectiveness of the organization over the last six months, we reached the point, today, of being able to field a thousand-off force of organizers with the highest level of understanding of scientific principles. The conference itself was a significant consolidation of these capabilities. The immediate political objective set by the conference is to disseminate this scientific competence among ever increasing masses of workers, to organize them, under the rapid fire of the upcoming social collapse into formations capable of imposing the necessary programs for restoring social reproduction.

We are propelled to act in this fashion and with this urgency at this time of history, on penalty of extinction of the human race within this century should we fail. Eric Lerner's and Ed Spannaus' reports to the conference leave absolutely no doubt as to the reality and imminence of this danger. It is the relentless necessity to avert this disaster that is fueling the explosive growth of the new renaissance--the new freedom and the promise of a flowering of humanity that a Labor Committee strategic victory in 1975 will mean.

There are no margins for error, nor is there any way to avert the destruction of the human race except by Labor Committee strategy and program. The time for great decisions for mankind is here.