Key Leaders of Cabal Break With Rockefeller

July 31 — Key sections of what used to be the Rockefeller cabal broke decisively with their leader this week and began immediately to dismantle Rockefeller's control of world capitalist political and financial policy.

In a sharp turn, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) - formerly a chief Rockefeller spokesman was transformed into the major conduit for these anti-Rockefeller attacks starting July 28 as the network gave prime-time TV coverage to the USLP's charges of Rockefeller-Kissinger covert gun-running operations. The CBS story - including an interview with ex-agent Roy Frankhauser on CIA-FBI control of many right and left groups - has since been published by several newspapers and radio networks and has been picked up by the international wire services. CBS noted' that the Frankhauser interview had been arranged by the "pro-communist U.S. Labor Party."

It is probable that this new, anti-Rockefeller group countermanded a Kissinger-ordered press blackout in order to get the USLP evidence aired at this time: the CBS story broke simultaneously with an outpouring of anti-Rockefeller venom by normally pro-Rockefeller commentators and by what had been the "brains" of the Cabal.

The uniform theme of the statements was that Rockefeller, Kissinger and Schlesinger have absolutely no competent policy to deal with the breakup of the Dollar Empire, and the successful Soviet peace and economic initiatives. The clear implication of the statements by these top capitalists is that the drunken Rockefeller is no longer capable of containing the revolutionary situation which would eliminate them as a class, and therefore he must be replaced.

On July 27, George Kennan, former ambassador to the Soviet Union and Rockefeller's architect of the 1950s Cold War policy of "containment" told CBS's Eric Severeid that Henry Kissinger had bungled his "abrasive diplomacy" with the Soviets. Instead, noted Kennan, the U.S. should "retrench" into a "neo-isolationism:" the Soviets will be unable to fill the vacuum left by the American withdrawal and a

new, more flexible capitalist leadership will be able to re-negotiate a "Popular Front" with them, thus forestalling world revolution.

Kennan ridiculed the CIA and RAND Corporation covert operations that have become the backbone of Rockefeller's anti-communist capability. Admitting that he had taken part in planning many covert operations himself, Kennan noted that these activities easily turn into detriments to the capitalist class once they become known—as they are now.

Picking up on Kennan's signal, several high-level pro-Rockefeller spokesmen rushed to register denunciations of Rockefeller-Kissinger diplomacy — though most were not as lucid as Kennan's call for an orderly transfer of capitalist power from Rockefeller. On July 29, CBS quoted Illinois Senator Adlai Stevenson III, of the old breeding family for Rockefeller diplomats, as calling for "a new direction in foreign policy to gain detente."

The next day, the Christian Science Monitor editorialized that the "Drag on Foreign Policy" in the U.S. is "the predominant influence of Henry Kissinger."

New York Post columnist Clayton Fritchey on July 29 scored critics of the current Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) as "excessive" and a danger to detente. The CSCE accords, now being signed by 35 heads of state in Helsinki, had been a major goal of Soviet diplomatic efforts for peace and development, and had been previously either downplayed or attacked outright by Rockefeller spokesmen including Kissinger.

More level-headed capitalist spokesmen like George Ball, a top Rockefeller policy-maker since 1942 now with the Lehman Brothers investment house, have warned that this anti-Kissinger hysteria must now turn into a dissolution of the capitalist class' fundamental anti-communist posture. In an Op-Ed article entitled "Capitulation at Helsinki" in this week's Newsweek magazine, Ball sternly reminds that the Soviet Union does indeed "gain rich benefits" from the CSCE victory while "the West's harvest...is meagre." But, Ball notes, this was only due to the "bravura diplomacy" of Kissinger, whose incompetence will allow Communist victory in Portugal and increased Soviet influence in the Mideast.

Dam Breaks

Despite Ball's call for restraint in these hard times for capitalist leadership, the dam broke once it became clear that Rockefeller himself was fair game. On July 28, Dave Marish, a CBS TV news reporter made—in what appears to be a spontaneous comment on a report on New York's fiscal crisis—an open attack on Rockefeller "sitting in Pocantico" (the Rockefeller estate) while New York suffers.

Nicholas Von Hoffman, a long-time social democratic counterinsurgent, filled his July 29 New York Post column with a several-months-old report on the Bildeberg group — an annual capitalist policy-making conference which - as Yon Hoffman conspicuously notes always included Nelson and David Rockefeller, Cord Meyer of the CIA and George Ball. Rehashing reports previously published by this newspaper and several right wing groups, the social democrat Von Hoffman writes that the "suspicious" Bildeberg is responsible for planning the April, 1974 Spinola coup in Portugal and for engineering "the alarming union of capitalists and social democrats here and abroad."

Washington-based sources confirmed to IPS that the Cabal's breakaway group would follow Kennan's suggestion and dismantle Rockefeller's highly-prized covert operations before exposure of it by the Labor Committees continues to fuel mass strike ferment. A former State Department official connected with Rockefeller, urged IPS to get the evidence of Rockefeller-Kissinger gun and drug-running into other former Rockefeller conduits like the Washington Post and New York Times.

In fact, every politician and think tanker contacted yesterday had already heard of the CBS interview and most urged IPS to publicize it broadly. The only agency which claimed not to have seen the show was the office of Kissinger, National Security Council which immediately oversees the gunrunning. The NSC aid labeled the charges "preposterous."