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## Beyond Humphrey-Hawkins—Part 1

Apr. 3 (IPS)—Wall Street announced its intentions this week to go “beyond Humphrey-Hawkins” — the omnibus blueprint for fascism in the United States (see IPS, last issue). In a lead editorial in the March 30 Washington Post, the Atlanticists attack Humphrey-Hawkins for being “too pro-labor” for not grappling with the issue of “hyperinflationary wage increases.” Humphrey and the Brookings Institution are currently engaged in a “debate” over full employment policy. Brookings, the Wall Street Journal and their political hatchetmen are charging that Humphrey-Hawkins is pro-labor and hyperinflationary. Humphrey is demanding an as yet unelaborated Marshall Plan for the cities which includes massive federal funding of urban slave-labor public service jobs. There is no real debate taking place, simply the elaboration of two successive phases of the same program.

Wall Street has no quarrels with the overall fascist intent, structure and programs of Humphrey-Hawkins — the top-down corporatist control of the economy, the slave labor and recycling of the workforce, the elimination of welfare and unemployment compensation, etc. However, as this week's strike developments underscore, unless the trade union movement is completely crushed, and wages slashed and contracts torn up, the fascist structures of Humphrey-Hawkins cannot be implemented.

“Beyond Humphrey-Hawkins” means a headlong attack on the trade unions and an immediate cut in the living standards of the workforce by at least 20 per cent — the Italianization of the U.S. working class. The Edwards-Rodino Municipal Bankruptcy Act, which was quietly pushed through Congress last week and awaits the President's signature is a major weapon in the bankers' arsenal. As the April 2 Wall Street Journal gloat, a municipal declaration of bankruptcy under this bill would allow the suspension of all labor contracts — union contracts would simply be torn up and wages cut by whatever amount necessary to feed the banks ever-growing debt requirements.

The ending of extended unemployment benefits, in such states as Ohio and North Carolina, the pending termination of hundreds of thousands of already subsistence-wage CETA jobs under the program, and a threatened Administration cutback of the food stamp program are immediately on Wall Street's agenda.

**Hoping** that this overt assault, coupled with a string of brutal strike defeats, will finish off the trade unions, Wall Street is geared up to go with round two — the fascist labor structure — a revised Humphrey-Hawkins and a package of complementary legislation. Humphrey-Hawkins as it goes through the Congress will be reworked to include tougher “anti-inflationary” policies. As the Brookings Institution outlines them, this means an “incomes policy” for the working class — the deadly Brazilian system of indexing

wages which has reduced real wages by nearly 50 per cent in 10 years, and the maintenance of a “reserve pool of labor” by “maintaining” unemployment levels at 5 or 6 per cent.

This “reserve pool” of unemployed scabs will be both utilized against the remaining unionized workforce to bust strikes and keep down wage demands and recycled into a variety of slave labor projects. Legislation introduced by Senators John Tunney (D-Cal) and Richard Schweiker (R-Pa) and Representatives Richard Ottinger (D-NY) and John Conyers (D-Mi) provide a variety of slave-labor, labor-intensive jobs in the forestry, cleaning up the cities and engaged in building energy projects based on pyramid-like technology. Complementary legislation sets up a Nazi psychological profiling apparatus of the workforce. “Beyond Humphrey-Hawkins,” there is fascism.

### Slave Labor Legislation

#### The Jobs Creation Act of 1976 (S. 3210)

Referred to Public Works Cttee. and Labor and Public Welfare Cttee.

#### Sponsor

#### Sen. John Tunney (D-Calif)

This bill, which would allocate a total of \$5 billion for 400,000 slave-labor jobs, has three major components: 1) Title II mandates the expenditure of \$1 billion over the next 18 months by the Commerce Department's so-called Economic Development Administration to employ 200,000 unemployed in “**labor-intensive**, high-priority public works jobs—projects to foster economic development.” (Emphasis added) Tunney makes no mention of wage levels for these jobs, leaving the door open wide to herding large numbers of unemployed workers into brute-force jobs at wages far below prevailing or union rates. 2) Title III authorizes tax credits to private-sector employers who hire long-term unemployed workers equalling 20-30 per cent of wages paid. The bill describes this direct hand-out to Wall Street as representing “the most flexible and efficient way to stimulate job creation.” 3) Title IV calls for \$4 billion to hire the out-of-work in public service jobs paying a measly \$5000 per year under Title VI of the existing Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program. Sen. Tunney's self-image as a leading proponent of fusion technology development notwithstanding, his sponsorship of this monstrosity, and particularly his emphasis on labor-intensive jobs demonstrates that his effective commitment lies in plunging the human species back to Stone Age levels of existence and production.

Although his office denied that he backed Humphrey-Hawkins, Tunney himself notes in his opening remarks concerning his legislation that he supports the Humphrey legislation and believes his own bill "is consistent with its concept."

**Opportunities Industrialization Centers  
Job Creation and Training Act of 1976 (S. 2939)**

**Sponsors**

**Sen. Richard Schweiker (R - Pa.)**

This bill provides \$1 billion over a 5-year period for the establishment in high-unemployment areas of Opportunities Industrialization Centers modelled after the one run by block slave-herder Leon Sullivan in Philadelphia and elsewhere. These centers would provide job training and counseling (i.e. brainwashing) and would seek to hire out its "trainees" to local employers. The Nixon Administration proselytized Sullivan's Opportunities Industrialization Center as a model for ghetto employment-training programs. The Center's programs were built around Sullivan's ghetto-run sweatshops and predicated upon mandatory intensive indoctrination "counseling" sessions, designed to inculcate in the low-income population a docile slave mentality.

**Young Adult Conservation Corps Act (H.R. 10138)**

**Sponsors**

**Rep. Lloyd Meeds (D-Wash)  
Rep. Dominick Daniels (D-NJ)**

Apparently aimed at implementing Sen. Henry Jackson's (D-Wash) recent admonition during a New York campaign appearance that all jobless youth be swept off the cities' streets and sent into the forests, this bill — sponsored by a member of Jackson's state delegation — allocates a total of \$9.9 billion over 4 years to employ 1,300,000 youth in year-round conservation projects such as "reforestation, timber stand improvement, fighting forest fires, trail and campground improvements, and control of insects, diseases, soil erosion and floods." (Sec. 206). Unlucky participants in this neo-Nazi "back to the land" scheme are to be housed in military barracks. Although the bill says workers will be paid the current federal minimum wage, Sec. 206 indicates that housing, food, transportation, medical, "and other direct benefits of employment" will be deducted from the regular paycheck. The Nazis found that shipping young

workers off into the middle of nowhere to "work on the land" was an effective way to control and brainwash this easily politicized layer. The practice was copied by the Schachtian planners of Roosevelt's "New Deal" and is being revived again here. Similar legislation has been introduced on a state level by California's Maoist Gov. Gerry Brown.

**The Ottinger-Conyers Full Employment Budget Proposal  
Presented to House Budget Committee, Mar. 17, 1976  
(Not submitted in bill form but a recommendation for amendment of existing legislation.)**

**Sponsors**

**Rep. Richard Ottinger (D-NY)  
Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich)**

This proposal, fielded by "ultra-liberal" Ottinger and Congressional Black Caucus member Conyers, offers a comprehensive framework on which to hang the more specific "Beyond Humphrey-Hawkins" legislation. It calls for an expansion of already-existing or proposed slave-labor programs including the Northeast Corridor Rail Program, CETA Titles II and VI, the Rail Transportation Improvement and Employment Act of 1975, the Urban Mass Transit Act, the Counter-Cyclical Assistance Program and Title X of the Public Works and Economic Development Act (which calls for "highly labor-intensive projects which can be initiated and completed within one year"), which would create a total of 3,500,000 jobs over the four fiscal years 1977-1980. The gross cost of this program is estimated at \$36 billion. According to its sponsors, the proposal puts "first priority on job creation in the private sector, generating as many jobs as possible with such measures as the employment tax credit, with jobs provided by the government to the extent necessary...This is the basic thesis underlying the very commendable and highly desirable" Humphrey-Hawkins legislation. One of the proposal's more insidious features is its call for an annual report by the President "paralleling the report on the State of the Economy, on the psychological state of the U.S. population. Specifically, Ottinger and Conyers urge that, "In order to drive home the devastating impact of unemployment to mobilize opinion behind a full employment policy, the Congressional Budget Act should be amended to provide for an annual audit of the quality of life in America, of the sociological and psychological state of the American people." This proposal is a battle plan for locating and destroying pockets of resistance to the "Beyond Humphrey-Hawkins" fascist package by carrying out extensive psychological profiling of the American working class.