

the misled United Rubber Workers strike, now dragging into its fourth month, is the demoralizing weapon being used against rubber workers and industrialists to psychologically prepare them for the shipping of the Akron, Ohio-based rubber industry to the "Sunbelt" South. Secretary of Labor William Usery emerged from talks between rubber industry representatives and the URW this week to predict that talks in the strike will go on indefinitely. The URW leadership passed up an opportunity to settle the strike over a month ago, when the rubber industry offered it a \$1.30 per hour raise over three years with a Cost-of-Living escalator clause included — equivalent to the 33 per cent wage increase won by the Teamsters on April 1.

Firestone Rubber Co. now operates five plants in the South; one plant claims savings of over \$2 per tire from the price of tires produced in the North. In addition, the French giant, Michelin has invested over \$600 million in the U.S., all in the South. This week, Business Week, the Wall Street weekly, confidently predicted that Michelin's invasion of the South could start an irreversible trend of moves by other rubber companies that would knock apart the Akron-based rubber industry.

Feeding into the deindustrialization scenario is the miners' wildcat strike which by mid-week had cut U.S. coal output by 20 million tons.

As the coal wildcat and the rubber strike bring sections of industry to a screeching halt, such Wall Street arms as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have leveled their sights on the steel industry's jugular. The Wall Street Journal July 27 splashed across its front pages the EPA's decision to

give exemptions to the Mahoning Valley's (Ohio) steel plants (in the towns of Niles, Warren and Youngstown) from compliance with the most stringent set of federal clean-water standards. However, the eight steel plants operating along the Mahoning will be subjected to a less demanding set of federal anti-water pollution standards as well as a stringent set of anti-air pollution standards, including installation of various filtering devices. If the steel industry cannot meet the cost of the EPA's "less demanding" but dearly expensive standards, the plants may be forced to close, throwing 20,000 steel workers out of work and indirectly sacrificing the jobs of another 30,000 workers in areas whose economies depend on the steel industry.

The Director of the Academy for the Study of Contemporary Problems, Ralph Widner, who has been a close friend of Carter since the days when he worked for Carter and was president of the Ford Foundation's South Growth Policy Board, boasted in an interview recently, "We are moving into a post-industrial economy. By this I mean from a manufacturing to a service economy that will be labor-intensive. This will be a painful experience for workers who have been on the assembly line for 30 years and find themselves making lettuce and tomato sandwiches in Walgreens. We want to make that experience as painless as possible."

**COMING NEXT WEEK: UAW and Mineworkers agents team up to fund steelworkers "insurgent" Ed Sadlowski. ALSO: Who is Joe Rauh and why is he wrecking your union?**

## West German Atlanticist Puts Carter In Hitler Tradition

July 31 (NSIPS) — *Countess Marion von Doenhoff, owner and publisher of West Germany's political weekly Die Zeit, and a leading Atlanticist spokesman internationally, unambiguously situated Democratic Party Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter in the tradition of Adolf Hitler this week in her lead column which we excerpt below. Doenhoff touts Carter's drive to establish civilian work corps to establish full employment, a policy she accurately plays up as "a form of organized Labor Service" (Arbeitsdienst). In the 1930s, the German Arbeitsdienst formed the immediate foundation both for the destruction of any German labor organization, and simultaneously generated the tradition of "labor intensive" domestic looting policies which formed the stepping stone to Hitler's late 1930s war policy and the 1940s concentration camp extermination policy.*

*Doenhoff was a founding member of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, the fascist supranational planning apparatus which created Carter's career. Theo Sommer, Die Zeit's editor-in-chief, is also a Commission member. Doenhoff's comparison of Carter's economic policy with "reformist" policies in Europe is a direct reference to the economies now being instituted in Western Europe, especially under pressure from West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.*

*"Jimmy Carter's America:*

*If He Becomes President, There Will Be Many Reforms and More Planning — Just Like In Europe*

*by Countess von Doenhoff*

*...Naturally, a European would be concerned about the readiness with which skeptics and intellectuals accepted the entirely unknown Jimmy Carter. Many politicians, professors, journalists have asked: 'But he doesn't understand...?' The counter-response: 'But he has first class liberal advisors, Cyrus Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, George Ball, Dick Gardener...'*

*...Jimmy Carter is thinking apparently about a public 'civilian conservation corps' for the cities, just as (Franklin) Roosevelt set up during the New Deal — i.e., a form of organized Labor Service (Arbeitsdienst). His most important advisors on economics are Lawrence R. Klein from Pennsylvania and for international monetary question, Professor Richard Cooper from Yale University... (It is unusual in America) for someone to strive for the highest office, or even a high post, without being, before, observed through the strict political establishment of the country, and to be evaluated. The Council on Foreign Relations in New York, which was founded in 1921, embodying the foreign policy establishment of the country, poses an incomparable alliance of mind, money and power. All leading people belong to it: Jack McCloy, Averell Harriman, George Kennan, the Rockefellers, Dillons and other greats of the economic and financial world; the most important professors from Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale. All of these, who normally eye every candidate in every statement and speech, have never seen Jimmy Carter. The only one who knows him is Zbigniew Brzezinski — and he must really have a memorial established for him, because he took Carter into the Trilateral Commission... Professor Brzezinski knows the exact presidential candidate for three years now...*

*...If Jimmy Carter moves into the White House, then the United States in many respects will develop more in the sense of Europe, just as it has become popular in Europe to move corporations and capital to the U.S. out of fear of so-called socialism in Europe. More will be done for the welfare of the masses, there will be more planning than until now, major efforts for saving the cities are foreseen — this will also cost money. Carter will not shy back from introducing wage and price controls, but he hopes, so he says, that this will not be necessary...*

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