

for the job. But for other reasons Mr. Ford is being advised to bypass Mr. Rumsfeld.

For one thing, Mr. Rumsfeld is almost the devil incarnate to friends of Mr. Rockefeller, still a potent political force in the Northeast at least. They hold him almost personally responsible for the chain of events that forced Mr. Rockefeller to announce his withdrawal from the 1976 ticket, beginning with the short-lived appointment of Bo Callaway as campaign chief. The unpopular and clumsily handled ouster of James Schlesinger as Defense Secretary also was orchestrated by Mr. Rumsfeld they believe.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ford's advisers are throwing all sorts of hats in the ring. Some tell him that what he needs on the ticket is a silver-haired Southern spellbinder who could confront Jimmy Carter in the Sunbelt. Others are plugging a polished Northeastern Brahmin who could out-moderate Walter Mondale in the North. Still others tell him his only hope is an ex-California governor and that otherwise the working half of the GOP — the true believers — will sit out the campaign.

What to do?

The irony of it all is that if Mr. Ford had picked Mr. Rumsfeld to begin with two years ago, he probably wouldn't be in the fix he's in today.

It's not easy to say that Mr. Ford's choosing of Nelson Rockefeller was his presidential mistake...As it turned out, once Mr. Rockefeller got close to the prime fulcrum of power that he had eyed for a generation, he simply couldn't keep his exuberance for action under control. Mr. Rumsfeld, whom Mr.

Ford brought back from Brussels to be his White House chief-of-staff, tried to keep a lid on by requiring that the various Rockefeller projects in the Domestic Council be screened through his office. But the Rockefeller zest couldn't be contained and in no time at all the Vice President had leaped over the head of the chief-of-staff and sold the President on his \$100 billion Energy Independence Authority.

The moment he announced this gigantic spending program it was clear Mr. Rockefeller wouldn't be on the ticket in 1976. GOP true believers, the kind who vote in primaries, could no longer abide the possibility of a Ford-Rockefeller slate in 1976 ... Unfortunately, however, in his (Rumsfeld's) absence the White House staff was going to pieces. The new chief, Richard Cheney, is highly regarded as an astute fellow. But he wasn't present in 1965 when Mr. Rumsfeld was part of the congressional cabal that made Mr. Ford the House Republican leader. So he didn't have the clout or the impertinence to dissuade Mr. Ford from signing the energy bill, strongly opposed by Mr. Rumsfeld who was now far from the action. With the signing of this bill, Mr. Ford lost the hearts of the party's conservatives, not to mention Texas. The ideologues assumed that if he could sign this bill, he would sign anything...

Who should Mr. Ford choose as his running mate if he is nominated next week? One suggestion might be that he depend more on his own instincts and judgement that so often have proved superior to more politically oriented recommendations foisted upon him in the past by his close advisers.

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Labor Newsletter

USWA's 'Steel Labor' Hits Back At Victor Reuther-Sadlowski Wrecking Operation

The latest issue of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) union newspaper, Steel Labor, has blasted the Victor Reuther-Institute for Policy Studies wrecking operation designed to take control of the giant union through the bid for the USWA presidency by IPS stooge Ed Sadlowski, head of USWA District 31. The prominently displayed editorial, which reflects the influence of the U.S. Labor Party exposé of the IPS conspiracy behind Sadlowski and Reuther, is the opening move by traditionalist USWA leaders to expose and crush the Sadlowski operation.

Steel Labor cited Reuther's recent public fundraising letter on behalf of the fascist Sadlowski campaign, which called for the wiping out of what Reuther termed "tuxedo unionism" in the USWA, a reference to the machine behind retiring incumbent President I.W. Abel. Reuther called the USWA apparatus the key obstacle to the takeover of the AFL-CIO by the United Auto Workers-Joseph Rauh-IPS faction of fascist labor agents, and the establishment of a Nazi Labor Front in the United States as advocated by the UAW and Democratic Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter. The editorial states, "(Reuther's) course is reckless and irresponsible because he is enlisting forces alien, even hostile, to labor in his feud with the AFL-CIO."

Top officials in the USWA recently revealed to NSIPS that they were planning to expose the Sadlowski campaign before the union's constitutional convention, which will be held Aug. 31. Since early July, the U.S. Labor Party's exposé of the IPS

takeover of the United Mine Workers union, along with related intelligence on labor lawyer and key Sadlowski controller Joseph Rauh, Victor Reuther and other agents active in the conspiracy to bust the USWA, has circulated throughout the USWA's top leadership strata, as well as among related union layers.

To provide the positive basis for mobilizing the union memberships to crush the IPS plot, the USLP will bring its full employment program — expanded industrial production featuring the immediate introduction of the Jordan steel process into steel plants, mines and union halls through the USA. The USLP will also introduce resolutions in support of the program, which would allow the doubling of steel output and require expanded coal production, at the Aug. 30 USWA Constitutional Convention and the Sept. 23 UMW Convention.

Faced with this mounting political opposition to his union takeover drive, Joseph Rauh, controller of the Sadlowski campaign and a key man behind the IPS Arnold Miller takeover of the United Mineworkers, has indicated he will seek outside federal intervention to win where his man Sadlowski has no membership support. Rauh said in an interview last week that he is planning to haul Abel and the rest of the USWA leadership into court — "hopefully within weeks" — for supposed violations of the Landrum-Griffin Act in their conduct in the upcoming union elections scheduled for next spring. Rauh used the same tactic to install IPS puppet Miller in the presidency of the UMW,

and brought in Federal Labor Department officials to throw the District 31 presidency to Sadlowski in 1974 after Sadlowski had been soundly trounced in elections the previous fall.

Elaborating broader plans centered on seizure of control of the USWA, Rauh proclaimed that he was "proud to be number one on the USWA and AFL-CIO shit list," and stressed that AFL-CIO head George Meany, who is not reconciled to the corporatist fascist "progressive" line of the UAW-Carter Nazi labor Front, would be forced to toe the Woodcock-Carter line, if Ed Sadlowski succeeded Abel as the next USWA President. Even so, the growing concern of top Institute policymakers over the reliability of even a Meany-Sadlowski team has caused informed circles within the AFL-CIO to increasingly speculate on the possibility of an imminent Meany retirement based upon the succession of Trilateral Commission member Lane Kirkland, who is now AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer.

A Sadlowski spokesman, contacted in Chicago, refused to disclose when Sadlowski would formally announce his candidacy, even though nomination elections will be held during the first week of November. Sadlowski has no support outside of District 31. Although Sadlowski spokesmen will give no reason for the delay in the Sadlowski announcement, there is speculation that Sadlowski, despite the publicity given his campaign by the New York Times et al., is waiting to see what Rauh puts together before he sticks his neck out. During the 1971 UMW election campaign, for instance, Rauh got the Labor Dept. to take over the union newspaper to insure "equal coverage" for Miller, and then had government officials oversee and rig the election.

UMW Traditionalists Assert Leadership To End Strike. Local Chiefs Begin Back to Work Movement.

Traditionalist miners' union forces grouped principally around UMW Vice President Mike Trbovitch rallied together Aug. 11 in Charleston, West Virginia, in a show of strength that put an end to the four-week-old Institute-provoked UMW "wildcat." With implications that could return leadership of the United Mine Workers' Union to traditionalist hands, 300 local union officials representing 100 locals in the powerful UMW District 17 — previously a Miller stronghold — gave Trbovitch and the UMW Executive board unanimous support in an executive effort to end the strike with a back-to-work movement. Local 1759, the psychologically key local that precipitated the "wildcat," affirmed the Executive Board call in a vote to return to work as soon as possible. AP wire reports indicated late in the afternoon of Aug. 11 that the return to work effort was succeeding and the bulk of the 100,000 affected miners were expected to go back to work by the end of the day.

The end of the "wildcat" has thrown the IPS forces on the defensive. An Aug. 6 article by A.H. Raskin, top labor columnist for the New York Times points to the growing weakness of the IPS operation. Raskin cautions the labor agents to go slow in their effort to plunge the UMW into union wrecking anarchy. Obviously fearful that the UMW faction centered around union Vice President Mike Trbovitch would move to expose IPS, Raskin warned that the UMW stooge President Arnold Miller and his circle of controllers might be forced into early retirement at the September convention.

UMW sources have estimated that 80 per cent of the convention delegates would support a Trbovitch move to oust Miller if he exposed IPS.

At the same time, enraged UMW officials in West Virginia, close to the center of the strike, in telephone conversations this week revealed details of blatantly falsified reporting of the strike by the New York Times and other major media. Robert

Holstein, President of UMW local 1759 — the controversial West Virginia local that's been the center of the strike, revealed that a major dissident "wildcat" spokesman, Dallas Allen, quoted extensively in the New York Times series on the UMW situation, does not exist. Holstein also reported that the so-called Miners News Service that according to the Times Allen heads up is also bogus. Holstein himself — attributed by the Times to be the chief spokesman for the strike — revealed "do you know how I got to be a spokesman for the strike? Dave Dick from CBS News came down here a few weeks ago asking about the strike. Nobody would talk to him or answer any questions. So I answered his questions and the next thing I knew I was leader of the strike."

In a related situation the Times covered this week for a lie they printed last week reporting that William Presser had resigned from the powerful Teamster Pension Fund as a trustee. The Times revealed the truth: William Presser did not resign.

30 Per Cent Rubber Settlement Ends Four-Month Strike

Firestone and striking United Rubber Workers negotiators this week announced a settlement of the 114-day-old rubber strike, based on a 38 per cent wage increase package. The settlement to the long strike comes amid growing moves against Jimmy Carter and Leonard Woodcock-allied corporatist agents within the United Steelworkers and United Mineworkers, and growing awareness among Midwest industrialist layers that the dragged out strike was feeding the slave labor-"deindustrialization" plans of Carter and his Wall Street controllers.

Sources in the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service indicated that a catalyst for ending the strike — the longest in rubber — was Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery's suggestion that "in contrast to their previous contract, rubber workers should not be the only major labor sector without protection against inflation."

On Aug. 12, Firestone and URW officials reached "an understanding on basic economic issues that closely parallels recommendations of Secretary Usery," and the next day the URW revealed the details of a 38 per cent package: a \$1.35 per hour wage increase coupled with a \$.75 per hour "uncapped" COL over three years.

Despite the fact that URW members have gone nearly four months without pay and nearly that long without strike benefits, URW President Peter Bommarito said that final negotiations and full ratification of the new contract would take three weeks, and declined to say when workers would be back to work. Early in the strike, Bommarito, who has close ties to the UAW's fascist "International Labor Organization," had rejected an industry offer of a \$1.30 increase. Instead, the pro-Zero Growth Bommarito, an advocate of Woodcock and IPS agent Ralph Nader's "health and safety" corporatist quality of work schemes who is on record as once having said that "if the plants have to be shut down to make them safe, so be it," had injected numerous such issues into the negotiations to prolong the strike and demoralize workers. Bommarito also cut off strike benefits early in the strike, and employed FBI-Institute for Policy Studies Maoist gangs and Cesar Chavez-style consumer boycotts — ineffectually seconded by the ILO in Europe.

Despite the sabotage by their agent President, URW members are expected to ratify the contract's 38 per cent gain, which is the highest percentage increase won since the onset of "Phase I" austerity in 1971, and approaches the \$1.65 gain of the Teamsters last April in cash increases. This settlement will clearly make it difficult for Carter bedfellow Leonard Woodcock, to focus the up-coming UAW negotiations onto corporatist "non-monetary demands."