

FEF, Scientists Hit by Attempted Witch-hunt

Sept. 26 (NSIPS) — The Fusion Energy Foundation and its scientific collaborators have come under sustained harassment and attack from the Energy Research and Development Administration and other official agencies over the past several weeks. Among the targets of this witchhunt:

—Dr. Joseph Mather, a pioneer in fusion research and a member of the Advisory Board of the FEF's planned theoretical journal, *International Journal of Fusion Energy*, announced his sudden resignation from the Board two weeks ago. He later revealed that the reason for his withdrawal was the fact that three recent applications for employment following the termination of his summer research project at New Mexico's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory had been rejected unusually quickly; ERDA officials then warned Mather that his prospects for employment would be virtually zero until he severed his association with the fusion journal.

—Baywood Publishing Company of Farmingdale, N.Y., the publisher of the *International Journal*, was hit with a Defense Department cancellation of \$20,000 in subscriptions to several of the company's other publications. The move was understood as blackmail directed against the company's further involvement with the *International Journal*.

—Dr. Harold Grad, an internationally renowned fusion researcher and also a member of the journal's Advisory Board, announced his resignation from the Board last week. Dr. Grad subsequently admitted that although he had not succumbed to direct ERDA threats against his research work should he fail to leave the Board, tremendous pressure from his colleagues on the issue had made it almost impossible for him to continue his work.

—Dr. Dan Wells of the University of Miami, Florida was threatened with cuts in his funding by the National Science Foundation for cooperating with the fusion journal.

U.S. Labor Party:

“Oppenheimer's Slanderers Try Assault Against FEF”

Sept. 22 (NSIPS) — The statement excerpted below was yesterday released by Criton Zoakos, Director of Intelligence of the U.S. Labor Party, from the Labor Party's headquarters in New York City.

Two key Rockefeller operatives, the quack Edward Teller and his close associate Stepan Possonyi (a.k.a. Stephan Possony), the aging Austro-Hungarian associate of the Hoover Institute and a Rockefeller-family infiltrator into California's American Conservative Union, have just been caught red-handed attempting a major witchhunt against the Labor Party-initiated Fusion Energy Foundation. Involved in the McCarthyite conspiracy are Standard Oil of California, Leo Cherne's Freedom House and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, witchhunter Sidney Hook, and Paul Kurtz's Humanist magazine crowd which is now diverting some of its efforts to infiltrate Eastern Europe in order to pay more attention to problems at home. In addition, the conspiracy is utilizing its agents in the Federal government, especially in the Energy Research and Development Administration, in Levi's Justice Department, as well as the Pentagon and the State Department, to attack the Fusion Energy Foundation.

As is well known, both Edward Teller and Stepan Possonyi were the two key figures who coordinated the McCarthyite witchhunt against J. Robert Oppenheimer during the 1950s. As a result of their success at that time, the blow that was delivered to United States science and the scientific community was so heavy that American science has yet to recover its lost ground. Teller and Possonyi are perhaps the two most responsible individuals for the lag of U.S. science so far behind its Soviet counterpart in the field of fusion research today.

The covert operations against the FEF so far involve massive financial pressure against scientists, some of whose cases have already been reported in *New Solidarity*, as well as against entire academic institutions, research laboratories, etc. The most usual type of pressure action comes from ERDA, which

threatens to cut off funding to persons and institutions that in any way maintain liaison with the FEF. In some instances that have come to our attention, major research and academic programs have been threatened with cutoff of funds reaching to tens of millions of dollars. If Teller and Possonyi are allowed to carry out the Rockefeller family's orders this time around as they did in the 1950s absolutely nothing will be left of science in the United States.

In strict terms, this operation against the FEF is wholly illegal. ERDA and individuals employed at the Justice, State and Defense Departments who are participating in the witch-hunt against the FEF are acting completely outside the law. Their activity is not only completely outside government policy, but it is an extension of a conspiracy that is attempting to subvert the U.S. government. . . .

Possonyi, Teller and their cronies have been engaging in “suggesting certain hypotheses” which are then used by Rockefeller agents at ERDA for blackmail, fund cutoffs, threats, etc. The group has admitted to itself that at this time, the direct “McCarthy method would be self-defeating.” It has therefore resolved to complement its blackmailing effort with a parallel countergang operation.

Possonyi and Teller have suggested that “it would be a mistake to organize around an anti-FEF program. The effort has to appear constructive, progressive. We have to enlist scientists, that's important. We're getting a science group together now. The FBI is shot. The FBI couldn't do it. We need an informational program to louse the FEF up.”

No doubt, many U.S. scientists will be highly amused to find out that Edward Teller of all people will be heading a scientific board supporting the development of fusion power whose main task will be to guide the budget-cutting efforts of ERDA bureaucrats. One might rightfully suggest that just as the FBI has been acknowledged by Possonyi, et. al. to be incompetent to deal with the FEF and the Labor Committees, so also Mr. Teller and his thought-policemen in the scientific community are equally incompetent to deal with the country's fusion effort. . . .