

have endorsed a resolution circulated by the U.S. Labor Party calling for a crash nuclear energy development program centered around achieving working fusion power by the 1990s.

The USW is currently split down the middle on whether to adopt the U.S. Labor Party's energy resolution. Meanwhile, more and more district Executive Committees have bucked intense arm-twisting to endorse the resolution. The Teamsters are sending national representation to the Pittsburgh conference; a top California Teamster official is considering joining a labor-industry coalition for expanded industrial production.

The AFL-CIO — controlled at its national headquarters by Carter stalwart and Trilateral Commission member Lane Kirkland — is fissuring on the state and local level. On April 13, California State AFL-CIO Chairman Robert Henning denounced in no uncertain terms the Administration's zero growth policies at a speech before the Comstock Club in Sacramento: "We remind the President and the Governor, we (the nation) need industrial growth. In this labor shares with business an unflinching commitment. Either we have growth or face

desolation." On the same day, Henning gave his complete support to an AFL-CIO-sponsored demonstration, which was led by the sawmill workers and the Teamsters, against the Administration-backed proposal to expand the Redwood National Forest, which would effectively wipe out the state's logging industry. The Eureka, Calif. demonstration drew 10,000 workers and was followed the next day by a demonstration of 1,000 workers in San Francisco where the U.S. Labor Party addressed the rally.

Industry: Cautiously Looking Towards A Labor Alliance

U.S. industry, particularly those companies tied to the capital goods sector or the nuclear energy industry, has become increasingly vocal over the past week in its opposition to the Administration's energy program. Leading corporations involved in nuclear energy production — Westinghouse, Union Carbide, Gulf Oil, etc. — have taken the lead in organizing broad-based opposition. Union Carbide, which operated the Ten-

Tennessee Legislature Backs The Breeder

The Tennessee State legislature passed almost unanimously a resolution calling on the federal government to continue funding on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. The resolution, introduced by State Rep. Keith Bissell, passed the House 75-2 and the Senate 27-0 early last week. The resolution has already been signed by Gov. Ray Blanton (D) and a copy has been forwarded to President Carter, the Assistant Administrator for Nuclear Energy within ERDA and to Congress.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

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A RESOLUTION to urge continuation of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant Project.

WHEREAS, The nation faces a growing energy crisis as our fossil fuel resources decline and the needs of the people continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient energy is essential to heat and cool our homes, power our industry, transport our goods, and provide resources for the jobs and services required for a good quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Wise, efficient, and environmentally acceptable use of coal, conservation, and nuclear power must be expanded considerably to meet a major part of those needs; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power, and particularly the breeder reactor, is clearly an important option

to this nation to bridge the gap between present energy resources and other promising but less assured possibilities for the future; and

WHEREAS, This state's confidence in nuclear technology is based on the experience and knowledge gained in Tennessee and throughout the nation by some 30 years of experience and many important applications of the atom in science, medicine, and industry; and

WHEREAS, The Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant Project is a key step in demonstrating breeder technology — an achievement which would lead to safe, clean, reasonably priced, and environmentally acceptable electrical energy for centuries; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has asked for comment from concerned citizens about the Clinch River Project and the overall breeder development program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERALLY ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; THE SENATE CONCURRING; That the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor of the State of Tennessee do firmly support the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant Project and urge the continuation of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President James Earl Carter and a copy to the Assistant Administrator for Nuclear Energy, Energy Research and Development Administration, Washington, D.C. 20545.