

Uranium Cartel Scandal Covers 'Watergate' Against Rocky's Enemies

SPECIAL REPORT

New revelations regarding the now-famous "uranium cartel scandal" confirm that the Rockefeller financial interests are using what the *London Financial Times* called "the incredible Westinghouse affair with its worldwide legal ramifications" to begin "Watergate"-style attacks on several corporations and governments and to pave the way for the Carter Administration's world anti-energy program.

Investigations into the affair have already been begun by the U.S. Congressional Oversight and Investigations Committee chaired by Rep. John Moss (D-Cal), the U.S. Department of Justice, a Federal Grand Jury, and the New York State Assembly's Office of Legislative Oversight and Analysis. The scandal atmosphere for these Watergate-type probes was set in London this week, where the chairman of the powerful Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation, Sir Mark Turner, appeared at a precedent-setting hearing before U.S. Federal District Judge Robert Mehridge at a makeshift courtroom in the U.S. Embassy building. Sir Mark pleaded the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as a defense against self-incrimination.

The Canadian government, one of the top targets of Rockefeller financial destabilization, has been the first to denounce the probes as politically motivated. Canadian Finance Minister Donald MacDonald angrily condemned the U.S. Congressional investigations into the matter, including involvement of Canadian government officials insisting that Canada had become involved in order to protect its uranium industry from "predatory" pricing policies of the U.S. companies which, he alleged, had received support from Washington. MacDonald urged President Carter to stop the Congressional investigation, "If he wanted good relations with Canada."

At the center of the storm is an international conspiracy orchestrated by Rio Tinto Zinc in 1972 involving at least 28 major mining companies and several governments including Australia, Canada, the United States, Britain, France and South Africa, which rigged up the price of yellow cake uranium nearly 800 percent from 1972 to 1976. The story broke when the Westinghouse Corporation was unable to deliver uranium to several U.S. utilities because of the price increase, and was sued by them for breach of contract. In the fall of 1976, Westinghouse sued the mining companies for damages resulting from their conspiracy. Gulf Oil Company, which has been targeted in the recent investigations, was

a defendant in the Westinghouse suit because Gulf's uranium mining subsidiary in Canada had participated as a conspirator.

While the original affair was largely a matter of predominantly non-Rockefeller multinationals attempting to swindle more out of the world market, the current scandal is being engineered by the Rockefeller interests to weaken their opponents in government and industry and to generally disrupt the world production of uranium — a disruption which would fit exactly the Carter-Trilateral Administration's plans for the end of nuclear energy use.

Canada has been hit by U.S. court disclosures of classified Ottawa documents, detailing government complexity in the scandal. The French Atomic Energy Authority, (FAEA), which has consistently opposed the Carter Administration's anti-nuclear energy policies, has been attacked because the headquarters of the uranium cartel was located in independent offices inside the headquarters building of the FAEA. Gulf and Westinghouse, long-time rivals of Rockefeller's Exxon and General Electric, have been maneuvered into center-stage, tearing each other apart.

Sam Harris Connection

Ignored in the affair has been the curious role of RTZ attorney-director and former head of "Wall Street Lawyers for Carter," Sam Harris. Named several times in the Westinghouse legal brief, Harris is a director of RTZ (UK), RTZ's Canadian subsidiary Rio Algom and RTZ's U.S. subsidiaries. Harris is believed to be responsible for the scandal, acting as a Trojan Horse inside the cartel.

The original documents which led to public exposure of the conspiracy were "leaked" last year to the zero-growth-environmentalist Friends of the Earth (FOE) by Kathleen Uranium, an Australian RTZ subsidiary! FOE is funded by the Kaplan Fund, which is represented by the Harris firm. In 1967 *Newsweek* identified the Kaplan Fund as a CIA conduit. During recent weeks, charges have been raised that the CIA had infiltrated Australian labor unions and meddled in the affairs of the Australian government. Public reports from this winter indicate that FOE in Australia had been very active within Australian transport workers unions, successfully lobbying against uranium exports — in conformity with RTZ's policy of reducing Australian uranium exports in favor of South African uranium exports. On June 17, the *Montreal Gazette* revealed that one of the motivating purposes of RTZ in the conspiracy was to insure that its large Rossing uranium mine in South West Africa would be profitable.