

A: By far our best chance lies with Pete Camarata. He is the best known of the slate and has been getting a lot of attention. We are also confident that Dennis Wade and Walter Ruff will win as trustees.

Q: Are you worried about fraud?

A: Oh, yes. But we have a number of top-flight lawyers working for us and we have already won some concessions from the union. For instance, we are allowed one observer at the counting procedure, plus we have worked out whereby the post office will hold all the ballots and then release them at one time. Little things like that but they indicate some improvement.

Q: Well, what about what happened at Local 237 last

week with Holmes?

A: There is no doubt that the TDU slate either tied Holmes or defeated him. They had massive fraud and we intend to go to court to overturn the results. This week Bob Janeida (TDU candidate who lost his election to Holmes by 400 votes) will be going to court saying he was defrauded...

Q: Has the news media been interested in this campaign?

A: Oh, very much so. Last weekend a *New York Times* reporter spent the whole weekend with us and the *Detroit News* has been giving us very good coverage. We expect to have a lot of TV coverage over the next few weeks as the election comes to the end.

TDU Offers Teamsters 'United Front' Vs. Labor Party

The following is the lead article of the November issue of Convoy, the national newspaper of the Teamsters for a Democratic Union. Sources close to the TDU report that the membership of the organization is consternated by the fact that prior to the article's appearance, the TDU leadership had made no response to the charges in the U.S. Labor Party brief, "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" and feared that the circulation of the brief by Teamsters and others was destroying their ability to organize; so far neither the TDU nor PROD, the Ralph Nader-FBI-controlled countergang in the Teamsters, has responded to the substance of the charges in the brief.

A spokesman for the Labor Party in New York this week termed the TDU offer to the Teamster national leadership of a "united front" against the Party "incredible."

Frank E. Fitzsimmons, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Dear Brother Fitzsimmons,

It has come to our attention that a number of officers within our union are involved in distributing the literature of the "U.S. Labor Party" and specifically its publication "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters."

The "U.S. Labor Party" has nothing in common with the labor movement and it is not a political party. It is a group of thugs and liars who are known for anti-labor actions such as breaking up union meetings, attacking union members, trying to stop duly authorized strikes of various unions and other such activities.

This is not only the opinion of TDU, but also of the officers of many major unions, including the United Auto Workers and United Steel Workers. The Steelworkers' *Steel Labor* of June, 1975 describes them as "the makings of a fascist movement." The publication, "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" is a perfect example of the "Big Lie" technique. This publication claims that the Rocke-

feller family is leading a "plot" that includes President Carter, Ralph Nader, the FBI, the CIA, as well as the AFL-CIO and Teamster rank and file organizations. This bizarre claim is liberally sprinkled with incredible slanders.

Copy of letter to: General Teamsters, Warehouse and Dairy Employees Union Local No. 126 Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed, please find a report put together by the U.S. Labor Party in regard to the Teamsters Union.

Please read this report, because it has some very interesting information contained in it.

If, after reading this report, you have comments to make, please feel free to write to the undersigned giving your views.

Fraternally yours,
Donald F. Wetzel
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 126

The disturbing part of this story is that the "U.S. Labor Party" claims in their October 25, 1977 publication that some 60,000 copies of their "Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" booklets have been sold to Teamster locals or affiliates. Evidence obtained by this office substantiates that in some cases Teamster officers are indeed distributing it and even using union funds. Enclosed is a copy of a letter, mailed to a number of members of Local 126 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin by Secretary-Treasurer Donald Wetzel. Evidence is that union funds paid for this anti-labor hate literature and its mailing. Further evidence exists that the officers of Local 641, Jersey City, New Jersey, allowed the "U.S. Labor Party" to display their materials at a local union meeting.

While we often disagree with the policies of the current leadership of the IBT, we feel we should be able to agree that the organization calling itself the "U.S. Labor Party" and its literature should not be promoted by any union officer or subsidized by any union treasury.

We urge you to inform all Teamster officers about this organization and its literature. We call on you to urge all officers and affiliates that are distributing this material to stop doing so. We further ask that you inform us of the

relationship of the International Union to the "U.S. Labor Party" or its literature, past or present. Any association whatsoever is to the discredit of the International, as is any failure to inform all affiliates about this organization.

Sincerely,
Ken Paff
National Secretary, TDU

Miners, Owners Walk Into Strike Trap

More than 150,000 members of the United Mineworkers union (UMW) struck this week when their contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association expired.

terrorist violence and sabotage, portrayed as "strike support" activity by any one of the several IPS-controlled countergangs.

SPECIAL REPORT

Factors Leading to Chaos

National media are deliberately trying to manipulate the situation to give Schlesinger the "trigger" he needs for an energy dictatorship.

Within hours, the Wall Street-controlled media carried reports of scattered violence between union and non-union miners in Utah and in Ohio. While the incidents are relatively minor at this time, they portend worse things to come. Highly reliable sources in the U.S. intelligence community indicate that terrorist networks, under the overall control of the Institute for Policy Studies, are "ready and in place" in the UMW and in various mining regions, especially in the West, in West Virginia and in Kentucky. Such networks masquerading as angry rank-and-file miners are prepared to commit acts of sabotage against nonunion mines and against railroads that transport nonunion coal. If these "low-intensity operations" achieve their intended effect, then energy czar James Schlesinger will be provided with the excuse he needs to activate "crisis management" energy distribution plans, developed by planning task forces under the rubric of the Energy Department's so-called Winter Energy Emergency Plan (WEEP).

The East Coast press, aside from focusing on the whatever violence can be instigated, have repeatedly attempted to portray the UMW as "weak" and unable to withstand a long strike; both the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have carried editorials which argue that it is primarily the UMW that will suffer in the strike. Such editorials encourage a "hard line" against the union from the neanderthals who make up the BCOA. To the extent that the BCOA people think that they can get away with destroying or severely weakening the already weak union, one knowledgeable source said this week, "They will go in for the kill . . . they will make no compromise and take a long strike..." Our sources also report that the lies put out by the aforementioned newspapers and similar media, to the effect that "the miners' strike will have almost no effect on the economy," are creating a climate that will inhibit intervention into the situation to cool things off by saner industrialist and banking factions.

The UMW and the coal operators are manipulated pawns in this overall gameplan; the optimal situation — from Schlesinger's standpoint — is to "keep the pot boiling" for as long as possible — i.e., have a nice long strike, which leaves open the maximum number of possibilities.

If the strike goes beyond a month, the UMW has announced that all benefits to pensioners and health and welfare payments will be cut off due to depletion of funds; the UMW has no strike fund. This will feed the demoralization in the UMW rank and file, and give IPS operatives additional openings to foment violence. Despite this, stupid spokesmen for the BCOA continue to talk about "lasting the UMW out."

At this point, most observers estimate the length of the strike as likely to be anywhere from three to six months. UMW President Arnold Miller said hours after the strike began that he expected to be out for six months. If any of these estimates prove correct, the strike would completely deplete reported stockpiles of coal amassed by both industry and power utilities, forcing massive layoffs and economic dislocation. The activation of Schlesinger's coal-field terrorists could speed up this chaos, as could a colder-than-expected winter. Already there are reports of "roving pickets" that have shut down some nonunion mines in four states.

The Miller UMW leadership, synthesized by IPS and now weakened by its operations, is the perfect counterpoint to the stupid BCOA. Miller has adopted the demands of IPS-inspired wildcatters for "decentralization" through the local right to strike: a leader in the UMW opposed to Miller termed this act "suicide for the union" and a "capitulation to the disruptors and their chaos."

Spokesmen for Midwest utilities expressed fear this week that their stockpiles might become the target of

The BCOA has indicated that they will never give in to the demand. And Miller has created a situation in which attempts to bring back a contract with the "local right to strike" will allow the "wildcatters" to cry "sell out" and steal what remains of the union out from under him.