

## LABOR PERISCOPE

### IBT's Fitzsimmons slams dereg

Frank Fitzsimmons, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, strongly attacked deregulation of the trucking industry in testimony before Senate Commerce Committee hearings June 26. Senator Ted Kennedy, a voluble supporter of deregulation, teamed with Carter administration officials Brock Adams, Secretary of Transportation; White House inflation poobah Alfred Kahn; and presidential economic adviser Charles Schultze to back the administration plan to "cut away some Federal regulation" of the industry on the pretext of saving energy and saving the consumer \$5 billion a year.

"Even if there were some solid basis to deregulation," Fitzsimmons told the Commerce Committee, "the risk to the lives and livelihoods of our members and ... the lives of anyone using the intercity highways is so great that deregulation should be rejected." Fitzsimmons said the administration plan would flood the highways with tens of thousands of independent truckers "responsible to no one and under extreme economic pressures to disregard highway speed limits and hours-of-service regulations."

Fitzsimmons's denunciation was similar on many points to a forthcoming U.S. Labor Party brief on Kennedy's deregulation schemes. Using presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche's com-

puter economic model, the Labor Party has shown that deregulation will cost an additional 33,000 lives each year on the highways. The modeling also identifies the future point at which trucking industry deregulation would irreversibly disrupt the country's economic life.

#### IAM's Wimpy: 'I'm gonna bust OPEC'

William Wimpisinger, self-proclaimed leader of the "liberal left" wing of the AFL-CIO and president of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), has again demonstrated why he is Ted Kennedy's closest cohort in the labor movement. Last week, Wimpy brought into the limelight an IAM suit filed six months ago in Los Angeles federal district court accusing the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and each member nation of violating federal anti-trust laws!

By making OPEC an "illegal cartel," the suit seeks to impound all moneys now being paid to individual OPEC countries for oil.

In addition to ballyhooing Kennedy, Wimpisinger works closely with such environmentalist notorieties as Ralph Nader and Barry Commoner in the Citizens' Energy-Labor Coalition, of which Wimpy is a founder. A little less than a year ago Wimpisinger announced his complete political agreement with Doug Fraser,

president of the United Auto Workers union. Fraser had called, in so many words, for a "people's party/class war" onslaught against industry and the government, which Fraser and Wimpisinger pledged jointly to organize.

#### AFL energy adviser describes her 'Zionist politics'

*A reporter in Boston, Massachusetts has made the following report available to the Executive Intelligence Review.*

On June 11, I had a chat with the new AFL-CIO energy adviser to the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. I thought her remarks enlightening. The adviser, Janet Weiss, has reportedly been hired with federal funds through an arrangement with the office of House Majority leader and Kennedy sidekick Tip O'Neill.

Weiss's 'energy advice' to the AFL-CIO is as follows: 'Conservation is the key. ... Solar used to be seen by labor as the enemy, but no more.... People have a lot of doubts (about nuclear). ...' How did she come by this advice? Ms. Weiss described how the Department of Energy funded the Massachusetts State Labor Council to hire her, ostensibly as a representative of Americans for Energy Independence. But, she admitted, "I actually came to this job by way of my Zionist politics."

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