

Labor in Focus by Mel Klenetsky

Mondale's 'Partially Employed Society'

The Quality of Working Life crew at Wharton has well-developed plans for post-industrialism.

The corporatist wing of the Democratic Party is planning to force American labor into the "Partially Employed Society," a secret draft of a speech on productivity obtained by *EIR* reveals.

The speech has been drafted for Carter's Vice-President Walter Mondale. It recommends accepting the permanent loss of "up to 45 million industrial jobs, more than 45 percent of all U.S. industrial jobs, by the year 2000." The goal is to reorganize the U.S. government itself. "This means the decline of organized labor as we know it, the end of traditional collective bargaining, and the rise of a Swedish-type industrial democracy," one writer told reporters.

Mondale, or "Prince Valium" as he was known in the 1970s, isn't coming up with this himself. The protégé of Orville Freeman, a member of the pro-genocide Draper Fund, is being programmed by the labor brainwashers at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Behind Wharton stands the British oligarchy's Tavistock Institute, the behavioral-science clinic assigned to profile populations by degree into the "post-industrial society."

The Mondale speech was written by former Chairman of the Tavistock Institute Dr. Eric Trist, who received the Order of the British Empire in 1946 for inducing speed-up in the British army. Trist, now Chairman of the Wharton Management and Behavioral Science

Center in Philadelphia, drew on Dr. Tom Burns, Associate Director of the Center, as co-author of the speech and made it available to Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign.

The speech states that the United States is now in "turbulence," a terminal economic breakdown crisis, and must totally junk traditional institutions. "We are in the midst of deeper and more pervasive changes in our society, that are having profound effects on our most basic values about work, family, education, and leisure . . . [as] part of a transition to the post-industrial society.

"One worrying new aspect of this is what a Wharton social scientist has termed the 'partially employed society.' current worsening unemployment and regional decline may be only the beginning of a deep and long-term shift toward a society where a much smaller proportion of the population works. . . . Between now and the year 2000, as many as 45 million jobs . . . will be affected by accelerated automation."

Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and his high interest rates are in fact to blame for the U.S. industrial decline, but Mondale only cursorily mentions that rates should be brought down, and lays the chief blame on American workers for low productivity.

Trist and Burns take as inevitable and irreversible the "turbulence" Volcker has created, then

propose a top-down reorganization of the U.S. government itself. "These new stresses will require institutional responses on a scale we may have difficulty imagining," the speech says. Current macroeconomic frameworks of the U.S. government such as "Keynesian or supply-side economic policies" are "inadequate . . . The real challenge lies in the invention of new frameworks and mechanisms."

"New structures" on the industry, city-wide, and plant-floor level, are to be imposed through the "Quality of Working Life" movement. QWL structures are the same in-plant speed-up and brainwashing programs organized labor—or sections of it—have been resisting for years: programs under which workers give up benefits, wages, and job security in return for not being fired and being allowed more "autonomy" on the job.

Specifically proposed are:

- Establishment of QWL teams in every U.S. company, on the "Swedish model" of "industrial democracy";

- A "new partnership" between government, business, and labor, that is, corporatist boards, to run individual industries and their contracts; and

- "New partnerships on the community level" of similar corporatist boards to run major cities. Cited are the Greater Philadelphia Partnership and the New York Partnership, which are sponsoring Hong Kong sweat shops in the name of "free-enterprise zones."

A major concern of labor has been that QWL efforts might undermine established collective bargaining mechanisms," Trist writes. But now the depression will force the QWL issue, he concludes.

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