

Ford Foundation—MITRE Report Previews Carter's Energy Program

A 418-page report issued March 21 by the Ford Foundation serves as an ominous preview of the energy program that President Carter is expected to release next month. The Ford Foundation team, which coheres tightly with the advisors who are constructing the Carter policy, recommends the cancellation of development programs on all the more advanced nuclear technologies, including fusion power, in favor of far costlier and less efficient — but “safer” — energy sources.

The report, titled *Nuclear Policy: Issues and Choices*, eschews the hysterical anti-growth rhetoric of the Ford Foundation's “radical ecologist” fronts in order to present a “reasoned and objective” argument for a certain amount of economic growth and nuclear energy development. This is merely the bait, however. The hook is the fact that under the incompetent investment and development policies advocated by the report, energy costs will shoot up phenomenally, making even the most harebrained coal gasification and solar power pork-barrels economically competitive with conventional energy modes.

This study is therefore simply a “moderate” version of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund “Unfinished Agenda” proposals for strangling U.S. energy use, in the interest of making profitable the energy boondoggles of the Rockefeller brothers and their circle and allowing them to use “high energy costs” as a vehicle to grab the loot they need to keep their financial operations afloat. The Ford Foundation sponsorship of the report is clear enough evidence that the Rockefeller group's political impetus is behind it. Further, the report was administered by the MITRE Corporation, a Defense Department adjunct that serves as a haven for “former” intelligence officers and that has been a leading promoter of the “nuclear terrorism” operation against nuclear energy.

The report states candidly that “the long-range energy problem is one of higher costs.” Yet, the results of greatly increased energy costs on the U.S. and world economy will not be great, the study says, adding, “There is no direct relationship between energy cost and the number of jobs.” But with business organs like the Journal of Commerce predicting (for example), a near-term four- to 20-fold increase in natural gas prices (see below), and others mootting comparable giant leaps in other energy costs, businessmen and the workers they employ will have a hard time swallowing the Ford Foundation report's breezy assurances.

All the more frightening, then, is the study's Aesopean description of the national security measures which “nuclear terrorists” may force the government to employ — a full array of police state tactics against foreign and domestic “dissidents.” This 1984, the report says, can only be forestalled by the timely banning of plu-

tonium reprocessing and some other nuclear technologies, and tight restrictions on the export of nuclear technologies generally to especially the developing sector.

What Is The Ford Foundation ?

The Ford Foundation, the largest in the world, representing a full third of all the foundation money circulated annually, also constitutes the largest private intelligence and counterinsurgency operation.

The entire Ford operation took on an upgraded character in 1966 with the appointment of McGeorge Bundy as the foundation's president. Bundy's experience as national security advisor to President Kennedy enabled him to direct the creation of the “radical” black nationalist apartheid strategy, associated domestic race war operations, and the creation of a nationwide Gestapo-modeled policing apparatus, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

By 1968, the Ford Foundation was openly funding domestic terrorism. The Weatherman organization represents the most open case, although during the 1968 New York City teachers strike the Foundation bankrolled the Progressive Labor Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Communist Party USA — all by that point under the control of the National Security Council-created Institute for Policy Studies. By 1970 New York City's Lower East Side District One, run by thug Luis Fuentes on the basis of gun- and drug-running, prostitution, and street gang violence, represented a fairly typical Ford Foundation inner city project.

In the late 1960s the Ford Foundation turned particular attention toward building the so-called environmental movement. The Foundation funds practically every one of these organizations including the Laurance Rockefeller-led Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund and Friends of the Earth.

This counterinsurgency thrust proved too blatant for Henry Ford II, who recently resigned from his position as chairman of the Foundation's board, denouncing the Foundation as too “anti-capitalist” and condemning the “philantropoids” who work there.