exclaim. More or less. The point is that Ole Dumb-bunny Jimmy Carter no longer has the credibility needed to push that Ole Program through. The boys who are just waiting to pick David Rockefeller’s pinfeathers, come the monetary bust-out, think that by dumping Carter and getting a “fresh face” into the White House, they might have a good chance to push Ye Olde Bigge Swindle through the Congress — under the pressure of a monetary collapse situation.

Not The Only Game In Town
Senator Humphrey and Senator Kennedy are not running the only games in town. Nelson Rockefeller’s crowd has one of the prettiest collection of dockers a man could dream of owning. If Nelson digs down deeply enough into his archives, a lot of material some people hope had been “deep-sixed” will suddenly find its way into public print. Then there is the Whig game — which has the big card: the possibility of securing a package-agreement with the Arabs and Soviets.

On the Whig side, if certain industrialists needed to learn that lesson, the 48-hour emergency mobilization by certain AFL-CIO and other labor leaders around the Clinch River breeder reactor proves that the trade-union movement is the decisive margin of political power in the United States. If industrialists and high-technology farmers, together with the corresponding political combinations, move as a unit for an alternative economic policy, Senator Hubert Humphrey would be compelled to begin representing the industrial and agricultural interests of Minnesota, rather than scheming to impose fascist schemes upon the United States.

Congress Threatens Carter With ‘Constitutional Confrontation’ Over Breeder

Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn) warned Jimmy Carter late last week that any move from the White House to unilaterally phase out the Clinch River fission breeder reactor program will provoke a full-fledged “legal or constitutional confrontation.”

Conservatives in Congress — hard-pressed by industrialists and a U.S. Labor Party-mobilized trade union movement — have already set the stage for such a confrontation with the Administration. On June 27, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted 12-5 to fund the breeder reactor at $150 million, in contrast to the Administration’s worse-than-nothing $33 million. Now all four committees with primary jurisdiction over the Energy Research and Development Administration’s (ERDA) nuclear energy budget — the Senate Energy Committee, the House Science and Technology Committee and both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees — have recommended funding at a level exceeding nearly five-fold the amount Carter threatened to veto.

The chief problem at the moment is that only a small portion of the industrialist, farmer, and trade-union leaderships have paid serious and competent attention to the monetary-economic issues. We Whigs are fairly solid on the energy issue, but only a fraction of the Whig leaders have caught up with the importance and urgency of the establishment of a new monetary system.

For example, tens of billions of dollars of union pension funds are presently sitting in Chase Manhattan and other banks which are on the verge of a chain-reaction monetary collapse. Billions of those pension funds and other savings are already lost through the New York City and similarly unsalvageable swindles. Some industrial interests have their financial positions hanging out for the big chop in the same way.

Meanwhile, the Carter Administration and Arthur Burns are printing money at rates in the order of 20 percent annually in a shrinking economy, while New York bankers’ austerity demands for indebted Third World nations are collapsing world and U.S. basic production levels and producing, as a result, a whopping balance of trade and balance of payments deficit.

When the trade-union leaderships and more of the industrialists wake up — at last — to the economic reality, and ignore the wild lies pouring out of an hysterical New York financial community, we can pull those forces together.

Until that happens, unless Nelson Rockefeller digs into his files and begins publishing Quaint Facts About Certain Fabians, it appears that Carter is going to make a tearful resignation rather soon, and a sleepy-eyed President Mondale will be grinning at you from the boob-tube.

Sen. Baker’s warning of a constitutional crisis is the public side of the largely backroom-based anti-Carter bloc which, according to knowledgeable Capitol Hill sources, has “chosen the breeder to fight and defeat the Carter Administration.” This bloc, mostly conservative Republicans and southern Democrats, tactically allied with some liberal Democrats dissatisfied with Carter’s bankrupted foreign policy, is now thrashing out whether or not to use the upcoming vote on the breeder to Carter- gate the Trilateral Commission’s puppet President.

A recent ruling by the Government Accounting Office (GAO) gives Congress all the legal ammunition needed to carry out impeachment. The ruling, made at the request of Senators Henry Jackson (D-Wash) and Baker, states that in the GAO’s opinion the Administration “lacks the legal authority to implement the President’s plan” in that it preempts congressional prerogatives. Carter may have violated federal law by demanding that Congress eliminate the breeder program before repealing the original statutes, which authorize the government...
to continue funding the Clinch River project until it is fully commercialized. Baker called this ruling "devastating," the June 27 Wall Street Journal reports.

Vote Postponed

While Congress has its finger on the trigger, it has thus far been unwilling to pull it. The full Senate vote on legislation to appropriate funds for ERDA's nuclear budget, including the breeder program, was first scheduled for June 29 but was postponed one day following heavy pressure from Carter backers, who, according to one White House source, felt that "Carter's ass would be roasted" if the vote had occurred. Conservative congressmen regrouped and agreed to bring the fight to a head before the July 4 recess began July 1. Rescheduled for June 30, the vote was again postponed on the initiative of Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.) who was desperate for more time to organize Congress around the Administration's kill-the-breeder program. Now the floor vote will not occur before July 11, when the Senate Energy Committee's authorization recommendations will be voted on.

Deal?

The main danger facing the anti-Carter bloc is fool-hardy compromise. From the start, a primary strategy of the Administration has been to pit fission against fusion. While the breeder reactor, a form of fission power, is an important transitional source of energy, only unlimited fusion power can supply the vast amounts of energy needed by a highly industrialized world economy.

Already, the very same congressmen who voted for the five-fold increase over Carter's proposed breeder budget — itself a compromised figure compared to President Ford's $237 million budget request — totally capitulated when it came to fusion energy. All four committees earlier cited for their jurisdiction over ERDA's nuclear budget gave full support to Carter's lethal near-20 percent cut in the fusion budget.

While several congressmen say they will stage a floor fight to increase the fusion budget, most are stupidly insisting that the energy battle can be won by fighting one issue at a time, and that they have chosen the breeder as their single weapon. Carter has upped the ante by submitting his 1979 fusion budget request to ERDA with an additional 8 percent cutback, a source in the Senate Energy Committee disclosed.

This "spirit of compromise" leaves the congressmen vulnerable even when it comes to the breeder. Sen. Frank Church (D-Id), who chairs the Senate Energy subcommittee with jurisdiction over the breeder, is championing a $75 million compromise on funding for the breeder — an amount which he admits would mothball the project for two years — and in fact would kill it. Church, in no way committed to developing the breeder for its scientific and technological advantages, speaks for a faction of "liberals" who are using the breeder fight to ditch a discredited Carter so that they can more expeditiously push their own fascist austerity program.

In contrast, conservative congressmen like House Science and Technology Committee Rep. Olin Teague (D-Tex) base their support of the breeder on its technological role in solving the energy crisis. In a letter to the New York Times published today, Rep. Teague, joined by Rep. John W. Wyler (R-NY), attacked the paper for having "uncritically swallowed the Administration's arguments" on the breeder and for promoting "nuclear isolation" abroad. Just returned from an oversight trip to Europe, the congressmen wrote, "In our meetings we did not find any officials who claimed to understand the Carter position."

Rocky's Hacks Plot Intelligence Takeover

The Nelson Rockefeller-Henry Kissinger clique of finance capital is promoting a campaign to centralize the United States intelligence apparatus under the incompetent Admiral Stansfield Turner. If their traitorous scheme succeeds, Turner will be named "Director for National Intelligence," in charge of the National Security Agency (NSA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the CIA, as well as the counterintelligence section of the FBI and the intelligence analysis groups at the State Department and Treasury.

To facilitate this plot to control strategic intelligence estimates and policy, overseas operations including counterintelligence, and covert action, Rocky’s flunky Secretary of Defense Harold "B-1" Brown is being assigned to contain strong Whig opposition at the Pentagon to the takeover scheme. Brown is promising the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) that it will remain "independent" — that is, it will report directly to him! He is also offering certain concessions — like the recent appointment of General Keegan-linked head of Air Force Intelligence Eugene Tighe as chief of the DIA — and boondoggle bait, including production of the already obsolete B-1 bomber.

The Story Is Out

The story on Turner's power grab surfaced in the June 20 issue of Time magazine in an "exclusive spread" which according to informed sources was prepared and leaked by forces allied with Nelson Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger. Time proudly declares that "the creation of an overall Intelligence Czar with Cabinet status is being considered favorably. This intelligence boss would supervise the budgets of all the intelligence agencies, including those of the military."

In an effort to give Rockefeller insider Harold Brown a cover with anti-monetarist groupings in the Pentagon. Time adds: "Congress and the White House still must work out how much control the new Czar should have over military