

Part III: CIA's Raskin Announces Strategy for Civilian-Military Government

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June 7 (IPS)—For months the National Caucus of Labor Committees, through *New Solidarity*, has warned that the real aim behind the Rockefeller/CIA impeachment campaign conspiracy is to precipitate a constitutional crisis. In the context of a Rockefeller-engineered economic collapse, urban racial conflict provoked by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, and related CIA "special operations," this crisis is designed to pave the way for imposition of military dictatorship.

In a feature article on the Op Ed page of Rockefeller's *New York Times* May 25, Marcus Raskin, co-director of the CIA's "new left" front, the Institute for Policy Studies, has confirmed that the strategy outlined above is precisely the CIA-Rockefeller game-plan.

If the cabal's conspiratorial plot, outlined in detail by Raskin, succeeds, there will military rule in the United States under Rockefeller/CIA control even before President Nixon has been officially impeached.

The Conspirators' Game-Plan

Raskin lays out in a thinly veiled form the main political features of the CIA war-room scheme in his article, "Governing During Impeachment." Raskin's plan would go into effect immediately upon an impeachment vote against Nixon in the House of Representatives.

The CIA/Rockefeller plot will be publicly represented under the cover of the "need to guarantee to the citizenry a functioning Government within the framework of a constitutional democracy" as the impeachment proceeds.

According to Raskin, a House impeachment vote would assert "Congress' loss of confidence in President Nixon," thus making it necessary to strip Nixon of all "Congressionally-granted (sic) national emergency powers." These powers would then revert back to Congress. In the Raskin/CIA outline this would deny the President the power and right to act in the event of "economic difficulties or trade negotiations" and "natural disasters," as well as removing his authority over "internal security, national security and foreign policy, as well as use of the military and control over it" (emphasis added).

How will Congress, a body with a 13 per cent public confidence rating, which is **much weaker** and more fragmented than the Presidency, exercise these enormous powers? Congress would draw up a memorandum to be posted with the (Rockefeller-controlled) Joint Chiefs of Staff, military commanders, the National Guard, **and** the CIA, the FBI, and the Secret Service "that details the meaning of their oaths to

the Constitution, to the authority of Congress and to the laws of the land"! To ensure that "economic difficulties," "national security" crises, etc., are handled during the impeachment period, the cited military and paramilitary organizations are to consult with and report to Congress which will also "receive briefings" from "various Government agencies."

Raskin's CIA program singles out the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as key congressional liaisons to the CIA counter-government. The former is Mike Mansfield, the liberal social fascist member of Rockefeller's Commission for Critical Choices; as recently reported in IPS, Mansfield is behind the plan to turn the Rocky Mountain states into a gigantic slave-labor camp for masses of resettled unemployed American workers.

Senator William Fulbright, long a leading representative of the Rockefeller/CIA cabal in the U.S. Senate, was also picked to play a crucial liaison role. His defeat last week in the Democratic primary in Arkansas will force the CIA back to the drawing board.

Civilian-Military Government of "National Reconciliation"

Raskin's blueprint brings in the full spectrum of the CIA's fascist infrastructure. During the impeachment period, the CIA's men in the suddenly all-powerful Congress would also meet with the heads of television networks such as William Paley, President of CBS, also a member of Rockefeller's Critical Choices Commission and World War II psywar expert. The scenario calls for an intense psychological warfare campaign on TV and radio before, during, and after military takeover.

Raskin's opening shot in what will doubtless become a big CIA propaganda campaign also calls on Congress to set up public meetings and hearings to be held all over the country to discuss the "profound drift" and "profound dislocation" in the U.S. today. This ploy is designed to build up the base of Jesse Jackson, Barbara Sizemore, Leonard Woodcock and other leading Rockefeller/CIA operatives who will push for Rockefeller's program for reconstruction: an updated militarized version of the 1930's New Deal. This time the American working class will not survive.

Raskin's CIA directive also calls for the establishment of a "national committee of reconciliation" that would recommend to Congress "a minimum national program in foreign and domestic policy for the next five years." Readers will recall that Clark Clifford first floated this "government of national unity" trial balloon about a

year ago—also in the *New York Times*—which reprinted his CIA blueprint six months later! This committee, likely to be built upon Rockefeller's Critical Choices Commission, would also streamline national and internal security structures (i.e., CIA and FBI). Thus these agencies would dissolve as **agencies** and would operate as the military-police infrastructure of the new "civilian-military national unity" regime.

To ensure that the ruling class knows that Raskin's recommendations are official Rockefeller/CIA policy, Maxwell Taylor, a leading policy-maker for the cabal, laid out the same line in the April issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the insider publication of David Rockefeller's longterm fascist planning body, the Council on Foreign Relations. The editorial board of *Foreign Affairs* is a

Who's Who in the cabal: William Bundy (Editor), William Langer, John J. McCloy, C. Fred Bergsten, Carl Kaysen et al., all seasoned CIA/Rockefeller hands.

Taylor calls for a "National Policy Council" blending "military and non-military components of national power" to replace the National Security Council to deal with the "energy crisis, runaway inflation, and other national and foreign security matters."

The Raskin plan too would replace the National Security Council with a much broader body, which would include the CIA-controlled Congressmen mentioned earlier and members of the "reconciliation committee." These men would be the civilian front in Rockefeller's military government.