

Despite the local press' cry about "fabulous" wage increases, Herbert Bienstock, New York regional director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced that real wages had dropped at least 4 per cent during a recent period.

Meanwhile New York City hospital workers, members of local 1199, have only a "gentleman's agreement" with the city's near-bankrupt Hospital Corporation. The Hospital Corporation has already stated that they will make no assurances about their ability to pay.

A recently issued Columbia University study, to be published by Praeger, a notorious CIA publishing house, has discovered that the principal fat in municipal budgets is workers' paychecks. The study calls for "efficiency rather than equity," and maintains that it is not at all unfair to pay a hospital orderly less than a welfare mother. It concludes that if its recommendations had been implemented nearly half the public school

budget and two-thirds of the health and hospitals budget in 1971 could have been cut.

#### **Slave-Labor To Cut Costs**

The city has already announced its desire to subcontract further sanitation and parks operations to Wildcat Services, a methadone addict scabbing agency. Last week the *New York Post* ran a series of articles on "lazy bums" in the Parks Department, concluding that over half the parks employees could be fired with no loss in productivity, since the only productive workers were the department's 1900 workfare recipients, working under the Work Relief Employment Program (WREP). District 37 (AFSCME) Vice-President Lillian Roberts is on the board of Wildcat Services and Executive Director Victor Gotbaum has already accepted WREP slave laborers into the union in exchange for a dues checkoff.

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## **LC Campaign Wrecks Mondale Bill; Reuss Bill to Create Fascist Labor Front**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 10 (IPS) — The Labor Committee campaign to halt Rockefeller's attempt to Brazilianize the North American working class has achieved a major success. The National Employment Priorities Act known as the NERA bill is apparently on the rocks. A piece of fascist legislation providing forced relocation and compulsory behavior modification, the NERA bill was sponsored by Senator Walter Mondale (D-Minn) and written by the legislative department of the United Auto Workers.

Information gathered by the Labor Committee intelligence staff on Capitol Hill indicates that the Labor Committees' international exposure of the Mondale bill as the centerpiece of the Rockefeller social fascist legislative package has made NERA too hot to handle. "No one around here wants to touch it with a ten foot pole," a congressional aide told Labor Committee organizers. George Nelson, legislative director of the AFL-CIO, corroborated this today in an interview with IPS. "At this point Mondale isn't even supporting the bill," Nelson remarked.

#### **Full Employment Act of 1976**

Waiting in the wings is the Reuss-Hawkins bill, the so-called Equal Opportunity and Full Employment Act of 1976 — a bill that outlines a labor policy in many ways even more vicious than that of NERA.

Part of the "full employment" legislative package of

the Committee of 100, the Reuss-Hawkins bill, introduced June 19, already lists among its supporters the social fascist cabal that's backing NERA. This includes the UAW president Leonard Woodcock, Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), Nazi Doctor Frank Reissman, and the entire nest of State Department socialists around Michael Harrington (D-Mass.).

The House sponsors of the bill are both experienced Rockefeller organizers. Hawkins, (D-Calif.) is a leading member of the Rockefeller controlled Black Congressional Caucus. Henry Reuss, (D-Wisconsin) has for years served Rockefeller banking interests from his critical position as ranking Democratic member of the House Banking and Currency Committee and as chairman of the Joint International Economics Subcommittee. In addition, Reuss is a member of the Rockefeller-controlled international planning body, the Council on Foreign Relations. When the democrats needed someone to rebut Nixon's most recent speech on economic matters, they chose Reuss, who proceeded to push the social fascist program.

The Reuss-Hawkins bill is designed to plug directly into the machinery set up by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 and into the community policing apparatus set up by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to provide localized, fascist implementation of full employment.

The intention of the Reuss-Hawkins bill is to create a

fascist labor front from the ranks of the unemployed, coordinated on a national level and administered by local communities, making its policing all the more effective. The present form of the labor movement is to be destroyed, while wages and living standards will be driven down to Brazilian levels.

The salient features of the legislation are as follows:

- **Locally Controlled Slave-Labor; Full Employment on Your Block** The bill takes advantage of so-called Local Planning Councils created and funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. These would be empowered to develop job positions for the unemployed in their areas — baby sitters in day care centers, bus drivers, garbage collectors, auxiliary police and block watchers, environmental improvement workers, drug prevention teams, construction, repair and maintenance of public buildings, and many others.

- **National Coordination of Community Level Activities** The bill is actually very tightly controlled from above. It calls for the creation of the U.S. Full Employment Service to serve as a central clearing house for job placement. All eligible job-seekers (anyone who does not wish to starve in the depression) must register for the "Standby Job Corps," the new labor front. Their profiles will be placed through the regional job bank

computers which will "allocate" workers to various community boards for deployment.

Those who are to be resettled will be doled out relocation assistance and given counseling and training (read: brainwashing), provided through the expansion of already existing Comprehensive Employment and Training Act programs.

- **Slave Wages** Wage levels will hover around the minimum wage — \$2.00 an hour. Workers "allocated" for deployment at development projects in the West or slotted to fill manpower needs in sped-up factories will be paid the same. This starvation level is justified under the pretext of "encouraging workers" to "advance from the Standby Corps to other employment" — a trick borrowed from the New Deal legislation of the last depression.

- **Child Labor** By redefining what constitutes an "adult American," in the administrative regulations of the bill, a loophole effectively will bring back child labor in the United States.

Although this bill, if passed, is not slated to go into effect until 1976, it contains a provision enabling full implementation by an "unspecified date." In other words, the bill can be put into effect any time after it becomes law.

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## "Liberal" Judge Faces Political Dilemma in NCLC Suit Against FBI

DETROIT, July 19 (IPS)— Attorneys for the National Caucus of Labor Committees and U.S. Labor Party today submitted a legal brief to Judge Damon J. Keith of Detroit Federal District Court to rebut expected argument by attorneys for the FBI and Detroit Police Department that the suit the Labor Party filed against these agencies July 3 should be dismissed.

The suit, which will be heard July 24, seeks an injunction against FBI and police subversion of its working-class organizing and electoral campaigns and \$4 million in damages. It was filed following Labor Party discovery and exposure of FBI agent Vernon Higgins as a paid infiltrator and saboteur of the Party's work in Detroit and a subsequent police/FBI raid on the Detroit Labor Party office in which Party material was stolen.

The FBI, U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe, FBI Director Clarence Kelly, and Detroit Police Chief Phillip Tannian, all named as defendants in the suit, have pressing political reasons to seek its suppression. The Labor Party has caught them in a blunder and plans to take advantage of this opportunity to expose the real masterminds behind the operations of the bumbling FBI

and Detroit police. The spectre of legal exposure of the Rockefeller CIA network is the real basis for whatever "legal" arguments the government attorneys will offer.

The Labor Party case will expose Higgins as the FBI agent who helped organize the school bus bombings in Pontiac, Michigan in 1972. The operation directed by agents Jones and Mercado, whose main target now is the Labor Party, was part of the CIA's busing hysteria and race-riot strategy. It will be shown in court that the FBI was in a position to stop the violence in Pontiac had it not been intimately involved in fomenting it through its operative, demolitions expert Higgins!

The heart of the case lies in baring the network of Rockefeller agents in Michigan, including United Auto Workers officials, CIA counterinsurgents, and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration planners who orchestrate the FBI's moves. This extensive web involves Michigan Governor William G. Milliken, longtime Rockefeller flunky; CIA agent and LEAA planner A.F. Brandstatter of Michigan State University and the Metropolitan Fund; and Rockefeller's labor lieutenant, UAW head Leonard Woodcock.