

This kind of plodding self-satisfaction demonstrates that the Soviets and their allies have learned nothing at all.

Moscow Hegemony As Shaky As Detente

With Moscow blundering in this fashion, Communist Party leaders in Europe who know the Labor Committees' United Front organizing have an anxious sense of how dreadfully inadequate they themselves are to the present task of revolutionary leadership. This growing sense sent a reporter from the West German Communist Party (DKP) newspaper *Unsere Zeit* to the Labor Committee press briefing in Bonn last week, where he scribbled copious notes on the details of the Labor Committees' analysis of Rockefeller's Watergate and post-Watergate moves. He dashed out before the question period, probably to transmit his intelligence to

DKP leader Herbert Mies, on vacation in Moscow for talks with the Central Committee Secretary for non-ruling Communist Parties, Boris Ponomarev.

Unsere Zeit, while keeping hands off the Rockefeller question, wrote that Nixon was sacked because his presidency no longer served the interests of "a small clique of multimillionaires" who dominate the economy. After the Labor Committee press conference, *Unsere Zeit* followed up with an editorial on Ford as a political weakling. Although *Unsere Zeit* tried to cover its tracks with an article on the dead Communist Party as a political force in the USA, the message came through: even in the eyes of Moscow's hacks, the Labor Committees are wresting intellectual hegemony--the authority to lead the socialist movement--from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Radio Moscow Puffs CPUSA

August 15 (IPS) — The USSR is giving air time to a story on the Communist Party USA's attempt to get itself included in Gerald Ford's domestic summit conference on inflation — continuing its effort to prove that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union still has a functioning franchise in the United States.

Radio Moscow reported August 15 that Gus Hall, decrepit chairman of the bedraggled Communist Party USA, has sent a telegram to Ford begging to be included in the government's inflation whitewash conference on the grounds that Americans who "do not support monopoly capitalism" deserve to be represented. But as

the Soviet Union well knows (although it wishes otherwise), the Communist Party USA represents no one except the police agents and tired oldsters in the party itself. With Nixon's resignation, it has even lost its only political position — namely, "Impeach Nixon."

This latest piece comes on the heels of a lengthy article in a Russian Communist Party theoretical journal on the current 'activities' of the geriatric American Communists. The article devoted several paragraphs to slanders against the National Caucus of Labor Committees.