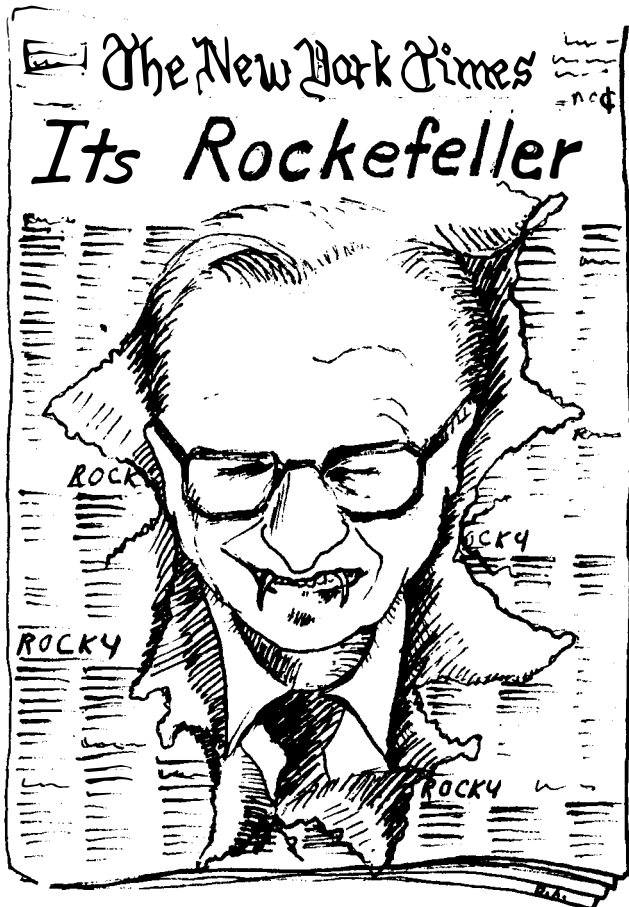


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## Rockefeller Freaks Out



NEWPORT, R.I., Aug. 22 (IPS) — In a raving attack against the U.S. Labor Party here yesterday at a posh Republican fundraising affair where Labor Party organizers had staked him out, Nelson Rockefeller acknowledged the growing working-class party as the only opposition to his dictatorial bid for the post of assistant President to Gerry Ford.

"This is a Marxist group," Rockefeller screamed at the press. "They publish the bi-weekly newspaper *New Solidarity*," he continued, in response to a U.S. Labor Party briefing outlining what Rockefeller rule portends to an hysterical crowd of hundred-dollar-a-plate dinner guests and attendant press. As Nelson's herd of tuxedoed and diamond-necklaced supporters rioted, physically assaulting the USLP organizers, reporters converged on USLP representatives for interviews and more information.

Coverage of the Rockefeller outburst and the Labor Party's hegemony in the anti-Rockefeller fight was the lead item on the UPI wire, the front page in the *San Francisco Examiner*, and was carried on several major news networks today.

With this latest freak-out, Nelson Rockefeller has leaped from the frying pan into the fire. Rockefeller has compounded the potentially suicidal political blunder of grabbing openly for the vice-presidency — egomaniacally ignoring the warnings of more seasoned cabal cronies. He has publicly identified his enemy at a time when any actual overt move against the USLP bears a terrific cost to the would-be official enforcer of the Rockefeller family's fascist program for Zero Growth mass genocide.

Preliminary nationwide polls now being conducted by the Labor Party show decisively that 80 to 90 per cent of the nation's working class and the vast majority of farmers are infused with profound hatred of and accelerating opposition to Rockefeller. His foolish, headstrong leap into the headlines two weeks ago on the heels of his careful stage-managing of the scapegoating and ouster of Richard Nixon, shattered the illusions of millions of workers about their own immediate future. As one worker told a USLP organizer, "Now that Rocky is out in the open, people will have to take *New Solidarity* more seriously."

### Labor Party Channels Rage

And they are doing just that. The waves of anger and restlessness which swept the working class immediately following Nixon's bum's rush and the first rumors of a Rockefeller nomination have already begun to crystallize around Labor Party organizing to Stop Rockefeller. At a Seattle unemployment center a worker shouted, "We have to kill this guy [Rockefeller]," only to have the woman standing next to him reply, "No, we have to build a political organization of the working class to stop him." Precisely what the cabal dreads is happening — the rage of the working class is being channeled into classwide political forms.

Workers' immediate and intense response to the actual nomination of Nelson to the vice-presidency by the hapless Ford was tinged with fear, but this fear stems from their realization of the gravity of the situation confronting them and the absolute bestiality of the enemy they face. Often workers remarked, "You lost, Rocky's in." But the expression of this fear was in many cases a subtle testing of the Labor Party's response to the rapidly escalating battle. A Pontiac auto worker exclaimed characteristically, "Jesus Christ, this is amazing...But it's too late." He then promptly took a *New Solidarity* and gave Labor Party organizers his name. Known Labor Party organizers and periphery

were besieged with questions at their jobs or among friends. In Philadelphia the response was, "Well, there's nothing you can do...but give me that paper!"

### Rocky's Press

In an obvious attempt to cow the working class and the rest of the population into frightened passivity, the CIA press has shifted into high gear around the Rockefeller nomination, openly publicizing Rockefeller's goals and printing columns of documentation of his credentials. Leading CIA columnist at the *New York Times* James Reston touted the nomination as heralding "the changing of the political guard...in the free world," while the *Washington Post* asked rhetorically "whether Mr. Rockefeller can accept the junior partnership in this new enterprise — whether he will restrain his natural urge, if not to take over, at least to expand his reach and influence to a point that no President could accept."

The *Wall Street Journal* lauds his special abilities in the areas of government reorganization and urban affairs — obviously referring to the Watergate coup and to the vast brainwashing and community control network which he personally established throughout the country with the creation of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in the 1950's. Both the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* hail the Critical Choices Commission, Rockefeller's private planning body for the most efficient implementation of fascism.

The psywar message is clear: the Rockefeller "vice-presidency" is an accomplished fact; nothing can stop such an "ambitious politician" with such a remarkable array of accomplishments and institutional resources.

### Resistance Growing

The CIA press bluster, however, can hardly cover over the brooding resistance to Rockefeller's takeover moves within the press itself, on Capitol Hill, in the nation's ghettos, factories, and working class communities — a resistance heightened virtually every day by Rockefeller's own egomaniacal blunders.

Significantly, French coverage of the Rockefeller nomination by *Le Nouveau Journal* pointedly referred to resistance to the move from certain sections of the U.S. working class. As a result of Nelson's Newport caper, the word was out immediately in Boston and Hartford, not to mention on the major national networks: the USLP is the rallying point for resistance to Rockefeller. In both Charlotte and Chicago, talk-show moderators are desperately searching for pro-Rockefeller spokesmen willing to debate the USLP. TV and radio stations in Baltimore and Seattle have sought out the Labor Party. One radio announcer told us that 90 per cent of the callers to his show opposed Rockefeller, with a half-dozen of them citing the Labor Party analysis of the Rockefeller conspiracy. In Buffalo, a WGR-Radio representative took a USLP press release saying, "I've got to admit, you weren't far off."



"The Role of the Vice President Depends on the President"  
Nelson Rockefeller,  
*New York Times*, Aug. 20, 1974

### Stop Rockefeller!

Underneath the tense mood on the Hill, where Labor Party organizers have been regularly briefing Representatives, Senators, and their aides on the Rockefeller takeover plot since January, contempt is brewing among Congressional aides for the fearful wait-and-see attitude of their bosses. "Everyone knows you're the only ones doing anything," they say, pointing to the USLP's growing reputation as the only legitimate anti-Rockefeller force.

At the present time, the U.S. Labor Party is receiving considerable support in its ongoing effort to transform the upcoming mid-September confirmation hearing into a decisive indictment of Nelson A. Rockefeller — and thus abort his bid for the Vice Presidency.

The Representatives and Senators who left for home today for the three-week Congressional recess will be deafened by the roaring anti-Rockefeller rage of their constituencies. When they go back to Capitol Hill to open the Vice Presidential confirmation hearings, the U.S. Labor Party will have made it crystal clear that the coming November elections are going to be an anti-Rockefeller plebiscite. Politicians unwilling to fight to stop Rockefeller will face the prospect of being stopped themselves at the ballot box.