

## UMW Contract Reportedly Has "No Strike" Pledge

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 29 (IPS) — The United Mine Workers (UMW) and the Eastover Mining Co., a subsidiary of Duke Power Co., reached a contract agreement yesterday, ending a 13-month, often violent strike in Harlan, Kentucky.

Only last weekend, a striker was slain in a gun battle with a foreman. A few days earlier, the UMW held a 3,000-person march and rally in Harlan as a "display of solidarity" during its week-long Memorial Strike called to protest health and safety conditions.

Rockefeller's chief labor controller, Assistant Secretary of Labor William J. Usery, released only the barest essentials of the contract agreement, expressing his "relief" that the long strike was finally over. The strike settlement is expected to be used as a trump card for Usery's anticipated drive to become the new Secretary of Labor.

### "No Strike" Pledge

Reliable sources have informed IPS that the contract contains a UMW pledge not to strike Eastover regardless of the outcome of industry-wide negotiations between the Bituminous Coal Operators Association and the UMW. The present national contract expires Nov. 12. In addition, these sources indicate that the UMW has made a "handshake agreement" not to organize other mines in

the Harlan area for an indeterminate period. UMW President Arnold Miller repeatedly has blustered that the UMW intends to "organize the whole region."

The settlement is being used to boost the credibility of the UMW as it prepares to pull off a national strike when its contract expires. Such a strike effectively would knock out portions of heavy industry, especially steel, necessitating widespread layoffs.

The press, led by CIA conduits the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, already have begun a scare campaign around the threat of a miners strike. These papers geared up in last week's Memorial Strike — which idled 120,000 miners — by reporting on dwindling coal reserves in the steel industry and the possibility of severe shortages of coal for winter heating and power needs. In addition, the *Post* published laments from various utility companies blaming the UMW contract demands and threatened strike activity for scheduled rate increases.

The CIA-controlled UMW leadership of Arnold Miller has contributed to this set-up by putting forward a super-militant front. Let everyone else be damned, Miller has stated in the best tradition of John L. Lewis, the late UMW head known for his pompous rodomontade.

## Rockefeller Resurrects "Clean Gene"

Aug. 29 (IPS) — Former Senator Eugene McCarthy, darling of the *New York Times* as liberal standard-bearer of the CIA-controlled anti-war movement in 1968, has been resurrected by Rockefeller after years in a political coffin.

On Monday McCarthy announced that he was leading a new political organization, the Committee for a Constitutional Presidency, which will run a citizens candidate for President — probably "Clean Gene" himself — in 1976.

Echoing the "critical choices" rhetoric of the Rockefeller conspirators, McCarthy declared that the traditional bourgeois parties had failed to offer the voters "realistic choices." The "Constitutional Presidency"

label assumed by the McCarthy group identifies it with the whole Rockefeller-CIA Watergating operation to emasculate the Presidency and ensure that Rockefeller-run superagencies, independent of executive or Congressional control, will be able to freely make and administer fascist policies.

McCarthy, of course, is no threat to win the Presidency in 1976, by which time Rockefeller will have either crushed all opposition or face a large mass based socialist movement ready to rip state power from his grasp. Meanwhile, the McCarthy organization joins Common Cause and similar groups hiding behind a "good government" cover in mobilizing grassroots liberal fascist support for Rockefeller's anti-working class policy.