

Washington Report

Congressional Coverup on Rocky Planned

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 12 (IPS) — There is every immediate indication that the upcoming Congressional investigation and hearings on the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice President will, in effect, not take place! Preliminary reports point to an outright attempt by the Rockefeller forces, with the passive assistance of frightened members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to pull off a carefully orchestrated coverup.

William Cochrane, staff director of the Rules Committee and aide to its chairman Senator Howard Cannon (D-Nevada), told IPS today that the Committee's hearings will begin September 23 and **may last only four or five days!**

Phony Opposition

The *Washington Post* nervously reported today that the so-called "anti-Rockefeller" pseudo-opposition likely to receive Rocky's okay to testify at the hearings will consist of CIA "leftists" and a select chorus of impotent zanies: Angela Davis, the protege of former OSS operative Herbert Marcuse and the CIA's choice to lead the final transformation of the CPUSA into a nationalist, police-controlled counter gang; the National Lawyers Guild,

whose New York branch supports the CIA's own Symbionese Liberation Army; the Liberty Lobby, a right-wing group under effective CIA control, which has been slated to perform a counter gang role to the U.S. Labor Party's documentation of the Rockefeller fascist conspiracy; and the Right-to-Life zealots, who will simply heave and moan about Rockefeller's stand on abortion in New York.

Testimony may be forced into closed Committee sessions to "avoid defamatory statements" against Rockefeller or demonstrations outside the hearing rooms.

Reports from the staff of the Judiciary Committee and the office of its chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) indicate that the entire affair on the House side will be a quiet and slightly more drawn-out coverup for Nelson Rockefeller, while no date has yet been set for the start of hearings before the Committee. IPS has learned that former Naval Intelligence officer and FBI agent Rep. Don Edwards (D-Cal.) has been placed at the head of a special Judiciary subcommittee to set the format and procedures for the hearings.

Abzug Plans to Spur Fake Fight Against Rocky

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 14 (IPS) — IPS has learned that Rockefeller forces in the House are planning a fraudulent "fight" against Rocky, led by Congressmen Seiberling, Jordan, Moss, and Danielson and designed to provide a cover for ushering Rockefeller into office.

The linchpin to this development is Bella Abzug's plan to introduce a House Resolution Monday which would call on President Ford to answer questions on his role in the Watergate affair, specifically whether as Vice President he made a deal with Nixon to grant a pardon in exchange for Nixon's resignation.

Both the Watergating of Ford and the phony Rockefeller opposition in Congress are geared to discredit

Constitutional government and to dissipate legitimate opposition to Rockefeller's confirmation, opening the way for his takeover of the government.

Playing Dead

Interest in Congress continues to run strong, particularly among Conservatives, around the U.S. Labor Party's Brief to Congress on Rockefeller's Political and Financial Empire. [See IPS Nos. 18 and 19. Reprints available at \$2.50 each.] Despite acknowledgement that the Labor Party analysis is correct, that Rockefeller intends fascist rule, these Conservatives are fearful of a fight — they prefer to hold on to their correct views silently, giving up and playing dead before their time.