

He further explained, however, that the ESC had contracts with the United Steel Workers and the AFL-CIO to place workers with the Work Incentive welfare slave labor program, and that these did not prove to be very productive.

CPUSA ASKS CIA TO CONTEMPLATE SELF

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 26 (IPS)--Proving the adage that history repeats itself as farce, the Dec. 24 issue of the Communist Party USA rag, the Daily World, carried a front-page article on Ed Schwartz's demands for an investigation into the CIA's domestic activities. Schwartz, a self-proclaimed National Socialist, was exposed by the Daily World as a CIA agent while he was head of the National Student Association (NSA) in 1967.

Adding insult to injury, Daily World staff writer Mike Zagarell quotes Schwartz specifically on the CIA's activities during the time he ran the NSA for the Agency. Complains Schwartz: "There was supposed to be a full investigation of the CIA after the exposures of CIA involvement in the NSA in 1967...and we can see that nothing has changed."

That the Daily World chooses to give such prominent coverage to CIA agent Schwartz simply underscores recent IPS revelations that the Ford Foundation and David Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank funded CPUSA member Angela Davis' book, If They Come in the Morning.

CHEMICAL, MACHINE TOOL COLLAPSE SPELLS 20 PER CENT UNEMPLOYMENT

Dec. 26 (IPS)--The self-feeding contraction of the United States economy continues at a pace which promises at least 20 per cent unemployment by late winter. In an abrupt turnabout after 18 months of boom, both the giant chemical and machine tool industries have begun to plunge at breakneck speed.

Newly released figures reveal that the output of the two mainstays of the chemical industry--plastics and synthetic fibre--plummeted 25 per cent during the month of November alone. As a result, layoffs have already swept across the industry by the same amount.

During the same month, the sale of used machine tools dropped off by 20 per cent, reflecting the almost complete elimination of a market for that industry. As machine tools represent the life and breath of the industrial reproductive process, it is clear how far the Rockefeller deindustrialization of the United States has advanced.

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The state of these two industries adds to the mounting evidence that the U.S. economy has entered the uncontrollable phase of a depression tailspin. Their precipitous collapse is simply the delayed spin-off effect of the steep rate of contraction which has characterized such depression-ridden industries as auto, construction, textiles, and apparel since late September.

U.S. AUTO WORKERS REJECT "SWEDISH WAY" TO SPEEDUP

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 26 (IPS)--A group of six U.S. auto workers who just completed an experimental month working at the model speed-up Swedish Saab engine plant in Sodertaelje, Sweden rejected the work methods there because the work pace was "too fast." Coming from workers who endure the hellish speedup of Detroit's auto plants, the statement is the most damning indictment imaginable of the much-touted "Swedish Way."

The experiment was part of a frantic effort by the Ford Foundation and the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations to sell fascist "Swedish Way" work reorganization methods to U.S. workers. The Swedish Way--workers' "control" of their own speedup--is an industrial brainwashing technique developed by the Rockefeller-funded Tavistock Institute in London. It was subsequently exported to Sweden in the 1960s where it was implemented by the Social Democratic Party of Rockefeller agent Olof Palme under the guise of "humanizing the workplace."

The man behind this particular experiment, Prof. Arthur Weinberg of Cornell, accompanied the six workers to Sweden, where they worked in a typical engine production unit in which production is broken down into small subgroups of three to five workers. Each "team" is then responsible for enforcing discipline on its members. Under such a self-policing situation, workers generally turn on their teammates, demanding more speedup in order to meet higher and higher productivity quotas. The result of prolonged exposure to such aggravating processes is eventual psychosis.

Even under the psychological inducements of international publicity and a general red carpet treatment, the U.S. auto workers refused to support these hideous practices. Five out of the six expressed complete opposition to the Swedish brainwash methods.

WEST GERMAN CP AT CROSSROADS: ROCKY OR WORKERS?

Dec. 26 (IPS)--Under pressure from the left turn of key European Communist Parties, the West German Communist Party (DKP) has edged toward a working-class political perspective in the past