

will allow local CETA boards to recycle laid-off industrial workers at similar wage cuts.

Area CETA boards have indicated that they are in the process of developing plans for a major overhaul of their existing programs to handle the increased number of unemployed. The director of the Chicago area CETA stated the board was about to scrap all retraining programs in favor of "direct" recycling measures.

SANITATION HEAD SUGGESTS LAYOFF STRATEGY

Dec. 23 (IPS)--The head of the New York City Sanitation Department Robert T. Groh suggested two new proposals for handling the municipal layoffs caused by the city's decision to slash workers and services in order to keep paying its debt service to the banks. According to today's New York Times, Groh proposed that workers should be fired in reverse order of seniority, laying off first the older workers with more seniority. But Groh's second proposal tops even that: he proposed that layoffs should be based on "productivity considerations," axing those who are "absent or seem disinclined to work hard."

Last week, Groh admitted to IPS that sanitation workers here already have been pushed to "the limits of human endurance."

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MEMBER CONFIRMS TRILATERAL MIDEAST STRATEGY FOR USSR

Dec. 23 (IPS)--A member of the Council on Foreign Relations today confirmed that a Geneva-style conference could be used to resuscitate detente, which he admits is on the rocks. This is exactly the line David Rockefeller's supranational planning body, the Trilateral Commission, is pushing: that the only "resolution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict rests in Soviet-U.S. intervention. The current heating up of the Middle East on a number of fronts creates just those urgent psychological preconditions to get the Soviets to the negotiating table with the United States, where the Soviet left turn could be righted.

The Council on Foreign Relations member admitted, "I guess the Soviets must not feel that the gains from detente are that great," and he indicated that their change of mood toward the West is "puzzling." When it was suggested that the Shah could be toppled by a firm Soviet defense of Iraq in the event of an escalation of fighting between the two countries, he lapsed into silence and then began to stutter. Admitting that the Trade Bill represented a test of the Soviets, the Council on Foreign Relations member argued that the poor treatment of the Soviet Jew was the issue, but then confessed, "Well, yes, it's a slap in the face" for the USSR.