

Rockefeller Moves to Set Up U.S. Security Dictatorship;

Liberal Dems in Full Retreat

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Sept. 20 (IPS) — Nelson Rockefeller's drive to establish a police state in the U.S. has gathered steam in the last 48 hours with the temporary collapse of his erstwhile "liberal" Democratic factional opposition, nominally led by Senator Edward Kennedy. The liberal Dems' "Fall Offensive" against Rockefeller's Murder, Inc., publicly advertised by the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence, has turned into a cheerleading apology for a reorganization of the government under a National Security Council (NSC) dictatorship.

With the Democrats in full retreat, Rockefeller is quickly and quietly bombarding Congress with a host of domestic fascist legislation: the notorious Senate Bill 1 (S.1), institutionalizing a Gestapo criminal code reform, is now on its way to the Judiciary Committee — of which Kennedy is a member; and Secretary of Labor Dunlop's corporatist labor-management bill for the construction industry, with Kennedy's sponsorship, is now on the House floor awaiting a vote — a scant ten days after it came into existence!

Rockefeller's reorganization blueprint inspired by the words of the Murphy Commission, calls for expanding the powers and personnel of the NSC to encompass responsibility for international economic policy — the guts of any foreign policy. Under this plan, the Treasury Secretary would immediately join the NSC, with the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, etc. speedily following suit, thereby consolidating a super-cabinet in the NSC. The objective: to establish a top-down, 1984-style economic dictatorship over the world's resources and their allocation, and facilitate the implementation of fascist economic policies domestically. An alternative Murphy Commission proposal is to junk the NSC and create an "overall policy council" for both foreign and domestic matters, an International Economic Policy Board by which the State Department swallows the government whole.

Despite the awesome magnitude of these structural changes, they are without content, and therefore doomed to failure, since Rockefeller has no strategy for putting the depression-racked economy back together. Naked terrorism and triage is all the "policy" the Fang's got.

In the last few days, spokesmen for

the liberal Democratic braintrust have confided to IPS that the antics of Senator Church's Intelligence Committee will result in proposals to abolish covert "dirty tricks" operations, turn the CIA into a "college of analysts," and make the NSC into an economic council that will employ foreign aid, credit, trade, the World Bank as weapons. Robert Borosage, a colleague of former NSC staffer Morton Halperin at the Center for national security Studies, told IPS on Thursday, "My goal is to get rid of thugs. International economics will replace thugs." — boycotts instead of beatings. Squeamishly turning a blind eye to NSC coordination of international terrorism, Borosage added, "Don't worry about the National Security Council...Do you know the Murphy Commission? That's the way they (NSC) are going to go."

Simultaneously, leading liberal fascist Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) introduced a bill into Congress that would make the Secretary of the

Treasury a member of the NSC. Colleague Mike Mansfield jumped to add his name to the Murphy Commission bill. Symington's aide claimed the Senator had formulated the idea himself — inspired by Herbert Hoover's 1948 recommendation that the NSC become economic policy-maker supreme!

On the same day, Symington warned of an impending fascist threat: "There is a great danger in this country. It's comparable to the one that swept Germany in the 1930s. If you look at the economy...New York City, you'll know what I'm talking about."

Symington's schizophrenia epitomizes the "psychology" of the gutless liberal. Once known for unpredictable outbursts of rage, the Senator some 20 years ago underwent a sympathectomy, a procedure whereby his sympathetic nervous system was severed from his spine. This saved Rockefeller the trouble of removing it altogether. Since then, Symington has the reputation of being a docile, well-behaved fellow.

Further clinical symptoms of the same disorder were exhibited by Sargent Shriver at a Washington press conference today where he announced his presidential candidacy as a stalking horse for Kennedy and left observers wondering if he were not a stand-in for Nelson Rockefeller. Among the leaders of the Committee for Shriver," the candidate said, are Cyrus Vance, newly named head of the Rockefeller Foundation, Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, and Richardson Dillworth, Jr., the Rocke-

feller family's personal financial adviser.

In his remarks, Shriver warmly endorsed Secretary of State Kissinger's extortionate speech to the United Nations Special Session, terming it "the beginning of U.S. policy for the Third World." Calling Kennedy "the best and most qualified" Democrat to be President, Shriver also endorsed Rocky's plans to expand the NSC, saying it "would not have adverse effects on East-West trade, especially under a Shriver Administration."

The day before, a Shriver campaign aide told IPS that the candidate welcomed efforts to implement the Murphy Commission proposals which "Mr. Shriver and other Democratic Presidential candidates could act on."

Meanwhile, the candidate behind the candidate held hearings of his Joint Economic Subcommittee on Energy yesterday and warmly welcomed Kissinger to testify, praising the "conciliatory" Fat Henry of Kansas City, the UN, and the International Energy Agency. Kennedy remained expressionless as Kissinger ruled out any U.S. accommodation with the Third World. Kissinger stressed repeatedly in his presentation that current NSC negotiations with the Soviets over grain for oil — an exemplary model of the Murphy Commission "reforms" in action (see article, p. 6) — are "very fruitful" even though he is not at liberty to say anything concrete about them yet. Silent, Kennedy gave his acquiescence to Rockefeller's efforts to put U.S. economic, trading and credit processes under the wraps of the NSC.