

SPECIAL REPORT

Opposition to Humphrey-Hawkins in U.S. is Overwhelming

March 28 (IPS) — This weekend the U.S. Labor Party will put one million leaflets in the United States in circulation, targeting any congressman who supports Humphrey-Hawkins legislation as a Nuremberg criminal to be removed from office in the November, 1976 election. These leaflets will be distributed in 25 states, concentrating on key industrial areas such as the Detroit auto complex, Chicago Steel, the Ohio steel, electrical and machine tool concentrations on the east coast, with special attention to municipal workers and the unemployed.

Congressmen who consider themselves to be labor-based will be the first targets of the U.S. Labor Party's drive to destroy Humphrey-Hawkins, including Reps. Rostenkowski, Collins, Metcalfe, Russo, Conyers, Diggs, Brodhead, Ashley, Gradison, Jacobs, Carney, John and Philip Burton, Dellums, Adams, Pritchard, Hicks, Meeds, Sarasin, Daniels, Rodino, Patten, Drinan, O' Neill, Dodd, LaFalce, Hanley, Dent, Moorhead, Edgar, Green, Eilberg, Rooney, Duncan, Railsback, Sarbanes, Mitchell, Long, Abzug, Rangel, Badillo, and Chisolm. With an estimated 2500 calls a week to congressional district offices generated in two days, the circulation of the U.S. Labor Party mass leaflet will increase calls to targeted district congressional offices exponentially.

The mass of U.S. workers whom Congressmen tamely refer as "constituents" are enraged by what they call Humphrey's "chain gang" legislation. The Labor Party's mass leaflet identifies Humphrey's latest scheme as what UAW president Leonard Woodcock advocated last year as "Fascism with a Human Face." The U.S. Labor Party has learned that Woodcock's reported "unanimous" endorsement of the Humphrey Hawkins legislation at the UAW's Collective Bargaining Conference in Detroit last week came from a vote from which a full two-thirds of the delegates abstained. On the basis of one third who voted, Woodcock proclaimed the UAW endorsement "unanimous" and ordered petitions, rallies and other trappings to kick off the Nazi labor front organizing.

In Chicago, the reaction of leading industrialist spokesmen to the Labor Party's threat to capture the industrial working class of the Midwest by offering the only opposition to Humphrey-Hawkins has been more astute than that of most congressmen. Dr. Beryl Sprinkel, executive vice-president and top economist for Harris Bank and Trust called a highly unusual press conference to denounce the Humphrey Hawkins bill to more than twenty top midwest reporters as "The most potentially dangerous bill to come out of Congress in twenty years. . . . Passage of the bill . . . would be a reckless experimentation with national resources."

Sen Adlai Stevenson (D-Ill.) has made his opposition to Humphrey Hawkins known, while Rep. Abner Mikva's (D-Ill) district office is reporting Mikva's opposition to Humphrey Hawkins as "Mikva is for full employment, but not that kind of full employment." The opposition of Chicago industrialist-linked forces to Humphrey's slave labor bill can also be understood from the point of view that numbers of

midwest corporations are now investigating the immediate feasibility of fusion energy technology.

In Rep. Madden's Gary, Ind. Inland Steel district, 100 New Solidarity newspapers were sold yesterday in an unprecedented response to the Humphrey-Hawkins campaign. Radiating from the U.S. Labor Party's penetration at Inland steel, highly-placed Indiana Black Caucus officials are now seriously discussing the USLP debt moratorium and Emergency Employment Act (EEA) legislation as an alternative. In Rep. Clay's St. Louis district, one irritated worker reversing Humphrey's statement of last week: "There will be social revolution if Humphrey Hawkins is enacted. . ." In Milwaukee, a USLP leaflet targeting Humphrey co-sponsor Rep. Reuss as a Nuremberg criminal together with Sen. Gaylord Nelson is generating hundreds of calls from skilled working class concentrations in Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee itself.

In Rep. Ford's Detroit Dearborn Heights, Mich district, workers were so enraged to learn of Ford's support for Humphrey Hawkins that in a three-hour evening walking tour there on March 21, 502 copies of New Solidarity and 110 EEA copies were sold with 235 signatures gathered to put USLP presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche on the ballot. Such neighborhood walking tours with USLP candidates will be duplicated across the United States in the coming weeks.

Union officials who mediate congressional labor support will also be put under intense pressure. Calls made yesterday to Buffalo area UAW officials showed that UAW region nearly unanimous in backing off any support of the Woodcock-endorsed Humphrey legislation. Nevertheless, the USLP will target "Good Germans" in the UAW and in Congress who oppose this Nazi labor front legislation but won't do anything to stop it. Yesterday, the USLP began the campaign against Good Germans with a leaflet targeting Jordan Sims, president of UAW 961 at Eldon Gear and Axle, who has simply refused to make his opposition to the bill active.

In Toledo, Rep. Ashley received 60 calls yesterday from workers enraged at statistical manipulations which will force 50,000 unemployed Ohio workers to scramble for welfare on April 3. New Solidarity sales hit four times normal levels at Toldeo Jeep, where workers hung out the windows to hear briefings on Humphrey Hawkins.

One hundred ten calls were placed to Washington congressmen yesterday largely by skilled Boeing workers from Renton, where 95 copies of New Solidarity were sold yesterday. Workers were eager to discuss Humphrey's latest trick, offering "I'm for Humphrey . . . I'm for getting him right off the ballot. You've got to stop him." At a Seattle Unemployment center, an employee was sent outside to plead with Labor Party organizers to stop selling New Solidarity because workers inside were enraged at the prospect of a cutoff of unemployment benefits and forced slave labor.

Despite the location of the advanced Boeing complex in his district with its highly-skilled laid off workers who refuse to

tolerate any approximation of WPA-type jobs, Rep. Joel Pritchard has not yet made up his mind on the Humphrey Hawkins bill according to his district office. Rep. Brock Adams' office reported more sensibly that they found "Sections of the bill frightening and extraordinary. . . it is difficult to imagine any congressmen supporting it." Two weeks ago, the Washington State Legislature's Financial Institutions Committee nearly passed the USLP's EEA, with old-line Democrats including Reps. Ceccarelli and Bagnariol and Republican Reps. Pardini and Blair voting for the EEA. With the now overwhelming working class support, it is anticipated that a second coalition of old-line Democrats, Republicans and industrialists will seize on the fascist Humphrey-Hawkins legislation as the weapon to destroy counterinsurgent Democrats such as Rep. Lloyd Meeds.

In San Francisco on March 22, three USLP organizers took over a 1,000 person Service Employees International Union meeting with a briefing on the threatened municipal layoffs and Humphrey Hawkins recycling. With open Teamster and International Longshoremen Workers Union (ILWU) support, the SEIU March 31 contract deadline may turn into a general strike demanding no layoffs or recycling from Rep. Phil and John Burton, Dellulms and avowed Humphrey-Hawkins supporter Rep. Don Edwards.

In Kannapolis, N. C., Congressman Hefner is attempting to postpone taking a position on Humphrey Hawkins, along with

Congressmen Neal and Preyor. Rank-and-file textile union pressure on the issue has already forced TWUA president Freeman to begate the USLP. Senator Morgan's district office, initially responding that Morgan would wait to hear the floor debate on the bill, changed its mind and called Washington for an immediate answer when informed that USLP polls in North Carolina found 90 per cent worker opposition.

Yesterday Rep. Long's Bethlehem Steel district in Baltimore, 50 New Solidarities and 23 EEAs were sold. Three USWA officials met at the distribution stated their opposition to Humphrey Hawkins because of its slave labor provisions.

In Boston, Rep. Moakley's Dorchester district is being mobilized by several municipal workers who bought multiple copies of New Solidarity on a walking tour on Monday, pledging to "Give Moakley 24 hours to denounce Humphrey Hawkins." In a similar South Philadelphia walking tour, 100 people agreed to call Congressman Barrett as 90 New Solidarity and 23 EEAs were sold in two hours. Brooklyn, N.Y. Radio station WNYC approached the Labor Party this week commenting that its analysis of the Humphrey-Hawkins legislation is entirely correct and is not attempting to set up a debate between the Labor Party and Brooklyn Humphrey-Hawkins supporter Rep. Shirley Chisholm.