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Rockefeller Endorses Carter, Orders Attack on SALT as Ford Gains Maneuvering Room

Aug. 7 (NSIPS) — With the Republican nomination more firmly within his grasp, President Ford this week gained maneuvering room for moves to undercut Wall Street's program of war, fascism and plague. Using the added freedom afforded by the collapse of the Schweiker gambit to lure Ford delegates into the Reagan camp, as well as the Washington Star's publication of an in-depth interview with U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche in which LaRouche was quoted as placing Jimmy Carter outside of the human race, the President held firm against Rockefeller-originated attacks on his swine flu vaccine program, and stuck to his insistence on the need for an early SALT II strategic arms limitation agreement. The President also moved to tighten his own control of the Kansas City convention.

Awareness of the President's growing strength prompted the most open and flagrant attacks on the Administration's policies to date by Nelson Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger personally. Interviewed on page one of the Washington Post, Rockefeller effusively praised Democratic stooge Jimmy Carter's politics of love and national unity, and repeated his prediction that Ford does not stand a chance in the South. Rockefeller also endorsed Wall Street-ally John Connally as Ford's Vice Presidential selection. At the same time, Kissinger — in flat contradiction to the official views of the Administration — charged that the Soviet Union had violated the SALT I arms limitation agreement, and invited fading challenger Ronald Reagan to make SALT an issue at the Republican convention.

Prodding the Rockefeller forces in their desperate moves is the fact that the nation's secondary, regional banking interests and allied political forces have shifted behind Ford in moves to curb Arthur Burns' hyperinflationary bail-outs of the red ink-plagued Wall Street banking community. With a faction fighting raging in the Securities and Exchange Commission and even within William Simon's Treasury Department, a senior Vice President in one of the Midwest's largest banks reported that "90 per cent of the banks in this country would accept Third World debt moratorium" in preference to hyperinflation. In other words, all U.S. banks except for the New York banks and a handful of interior banks such as First National Bank of Chicago and Continental Illinois. The banker added that the White House staff, led by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's protege Richard Cheney, is giving Ford room to resist Wall Street's demands.

The Ford versus Wall Street battle, which has been rumbling in the background over the issue of forcing a revaluation of the Japanese currency, the yen, and over the appointment of a new Comptroller of the Currency, burst into the open Aug. 6 when thin-skinned Treasury Secretary and Wall Street ally Simon complained in an interview in the New York Daily News that

"backbiters" on the White House staff were waging a personal campaign against him and his not-sufficiently-conservative monetary policies.

Rockefeller, Kissinger Stab at Ford

With the U.S. Presidential election which will determine the fate of his Atlanticist faction barely 12 weeks away, and with Third World nations on the verge of declaring generalized debt moratorium at next week's Colombo Non-Aligned conference, Nelson Rockefeller gave his most effusive endorsement to Wall Street stooge Jimmy Carter to date.

In a page one interview in the Washington Post Aug. 6, Rockefeller gushed: "Now I have great respect for Carter...because of what he has achieved as a politician and a Baptist (Rockefeller is also a Baptist — ed.). I think that the fact that he's willing to talk about love, for instance, and make it an acceptable thing again in this country...is a great thing, because I've always believed in love....This is great because national unity is wonderful. I'm crazy about it....And of course love and brotherhood have been very big."

Predicting a Carter sweep of the South, Rockefeller went on to attempt to stick Ford with Atlanticist John Connally as his running mate, enthusing, "Connally might go in and really do what we're really talking about to Carter, get him out so he gets upset and gets on the issues. Also singing praises to Connally's electrifying style and support among the delegates is none other than Reagan campaign manager John Sears, who midwived Reagan's nomination of Schweiker as Vice Presidential nominee. If Ford falls for the Connally trap, the Rockefeller-Carter forces plan to go all out to snarl the President with Watergate, scandals, slush funds, and other seamy operations with which Connally is closely and publicly associated.

Kissinger Moves to Sabotage SALT

Kissinger himself surfaced this week as central in an open drive to prepare for confrontation with the Soviets. On Aug. 5, aboard his plane to Teheran, Kissinger seconded charges by State Department conduit columnists Evans and Novak that the Soviets have detonated underground nuclear explosions in "violation" of two unsigned test ban treaties. Kissinger further signaled the Reagan campaign to make an issue of SALT and the alleged Soviet violations an issue in the campaign and the Republican convention, stating that he thought the "violations" might well become an election issue.

The charge that Ford has been "soft" on the Soviets because he wants to sign a SALT II agreement before the fall election — and because he has refused to be sucked in to the dangerous Atlanticist war provocations that reached a fever-pitch this week with Lord Chalfont's call that "detente has become an

alibi for the weak (and) a drug for the fearful" — is the planned line of attack of a newly-formed, Kissinger-directed grouping self-described as the "Committee on the Present Danger." Including former Defense Secretary and "limited nuclear war" advocate James Schlesinger and nuclear maniac Eugene Rostow, the Committee declares that its intentions are to "educate" the public to the fact that the world is in a "pre-war" situation and that President Ford, for reason of electoral gain, is holding back from the necessary confrontationist policies.

Ford Maintains Control

President Ford held firm against the week's barrage of Rockefeller-inspired attacks and sabotage moves.

Countering Kissinger's charge of Soviet SALT violations, White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen noted simply that the Soviet test could not be in violation of a treaty which has not yet been ratified. The President himself, meanwhile, in greeting visiting Finnish Premier Kekkonen this week, boldly praised Finland for the great role which a small country is playing in furthering world peace, an obvious reference to the mediating role Finland has played between the U.S. and the USSR.

Ford yesterday came out strongly defending his swine flu vaccination program and warning Congress to immediately pass on this issue "vital to the health of the nation." With the criminal obstruction of the urgently-needed vaccine program being carried out directly by Rockefeller's Senate liberals — Kennedy, Walter Mondale, Schweiker, and the rest of the members of the Senate Health Committee — one White House staffer vehemently insisted, "There will be no coverup of the Philadelphia fever, and the vaccine program will go through. We'll not play Russian roulette with peoples' lives."

Ford has also tightened his control on the Republican convention. Rockefeller's bid to make one of the nominating speeches for Ford, a platform which the Vice President might attempt to use for a repeat of his raving 1964 attack on extremists in the party, has been quietly nixed. Instead Rockefeller has been assigned an innocuous convening speech in which his target is ostensibly safely partisan — the Democrats.

At the same time, there is every indication that Ford and, importantly, his close advisors, are not falling for the Connally trap. The Aug. 2 Chicago Tribune reports that Cheney and the rest of the White House staff are vehemently opposed to Connally. Ford met with leading Senate Republicans on Aug. 5, among them Michigan's Sen. Robert Griffin who has cautioned Ford about Connally, and Sen. Howard Baker, who along with Connally is the most-mentioned, Ford Vice Presidential running-mate. Baker emerged from the meeting wreathed in smiles.

Sections of the GOP are making tentative moves in the direction of serious programmatic discussion. In a last minute decision, the GOP Platform Committee invited the director of the Fusion Energy Foundation, which has connections to the U.S. Labor Party, to testify at the energy subcommittee of the

Platform hearings. In addition to Ford's strong defense of his swine flu vaccination program, Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) entered into the Aug. 4 Congressional Record an attack on the predictions of world famine, mass deaths, and stagnation in world food production of Atlanticist operatives William and Paul Paddock. The Paddocks are closely allied with the circle of Carter advisors who are advocating the murder of 30 million Mexicans and the driving of illegal Mexican immigrants in the U.S. back into labor-intensive slave camps in southern Mexico. Hruska declares that, contrary to their predictions, famine is not inevitable, and that food production can be increased by the introduction and worldwide application of new agricultural technologies.

Atlanticist Forces Still Strong

While Ford has gained breathing room this week, his position remains tenuous. The Rockefeller-Atlanticist faction retains intact its immense capacity for acting on world and national affairs irrespective of who is in the White House. Particularly, Rockefeller's capability for disrupting the Republican convention is still great. While Kissinger raised the inflammatory SALT issue this week, Ronald Reagan promised to "reserve his right to take his platform discussions to the floor of the convention." Reagan has also refused to back a convention "justice rule" which would bind pro-Reagan delegates in delegations committed by law to the President to vote for him on the first ballot.

Looking past the convention, the Wall Street forces are focussing their attention on rigging the elections for Carter in November. As USLP Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche outlined in a front-page article in the Washington Star Aug. 3, in a fair election the USLP will take at least 20 to 30 per cent of votes which would otherwise tend to go for Carter. Hence the USLP must be a decisive factor in the Ford strategy. The openly fraudulent "third party primary" in Michigan Aug. 3 which threw the USLP off the ballot is exemplary of Rockefeller's desperate efforts — working through his Institute for Policy Studies-Justice Department vote fraud machine — to deliver the election to the pathetic Carter.

Besides this, Carter is personally trying to force the enactment of a nation-wide post-card voter registration bill which would open the way for the registration of every tombstone in the country. The bill, which was brought to the floor of Congress by a personal phone call from Carter to House Speaker Carl Albert, would provide the Carter forces with a mammoth vote-rigging capability. Though the Carter-allied liberals in Congress had hoped to call an early vote on the issue, opposition from Republicans and traditional Democrats (remoralized in part by the LaRouche Washington Star interview) has been intense, and the traditional forces in Congress are ready for a fight after their bruising defeat of Ted Kennedy's corporatist tax reform proposals this week.