

HEW Secretary — while routinely approving eight others. Sources close to the Intelligence Committee stated flatly in the wake of Sorensen's withdrawal, "Nobody associated with Team B (i.e. the Committee on the Present Danger) or with the Trilateral Commission is acceptable to head up the CIA." Inouye in his opening statement Monday stressed that the primary consideration in deciding whether to confirm or reject key

Cabinet-level nominees is the attitude of foreign governments toward them.

Behind the scenes several influential Senate offices have begun an exhaustive preliminary investigation of the Trilateral Commission and its illegal relationship to the Carter Administration and are considering calling for an official Congressional inquiry.

Republican National Committee Comes Under Trilateral Leadership

William Brock, who last week was elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., is a member of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission. Like more than a dozen members of the Carter administration, including Carter himself, the former Senator from Tennessee has served on David Rockefeller's private political machine for more than two years. His election as Chairman of the RNC effectively extends Rockefeller control over the Republican Party apparatus as well as the White House.

The Brock choice appears to have followed a meeting at the White House where President Ford, Governor Reagan, Nelson Rockefeller and John Connally attempted to determine the party's future. Also emerging from that meeting was a proposal floated by Ford that the GOP form a shadow cabinet of 35 persons "to coordinate policy." This proposal smacks of the stratagem advanced by Averell Harriman in the 1950s from which emerged the Democratic Advisory Council that effectively shifted policy initiative away from that party's elected leadership in Congress to a self-appointed coordinating committee.

This is all the more striking because no elected official participated in the White House summit meeting. Barry Goldwater, the only former national candidate of the Republican party still holding elective office, was excluded. Goldwater sharply reacted by denouncing the meeting and effectively announcing his withdrawal from future Party fundraising efforts.

In his acceptance speech Brock talked of enlarging the party's base, enhancing its appeal to minorities and the disenfranchised. These are code terms for Rockefeller Republicans' efforts to push the party toward Fabian pluralist policies, and to fragment the party's genuine

conservative base.

Under the Rockefeller-Brock Fabian "alternative leadership," Republicans can expect to see so little in the way of policy alternatives to Carter's Trilateralism emerge from their Party that the bad old days of "metooism" may soon seem like the party's golden age. The key issues Republicans need to stress — despite anticipated opposition from Brock et al.—are expanding East-West trade and with it a national energy policy that can provide for increased agricultural and industrial production through the 1980's. A firm stand on such policies — which are at the core of basic Republicanism — is especially urgent now in view of the Carter Administration's avowed commitment to attacking the ability of U.S. industry to produce.

In the early 1960s, faced with a similar problem, the GOP developed a partially successful strategy of providing its congressional leadership with well-developed white papers on key policy issues. The Republican leadership then seized the initiative from the Kennedy administration by initiating debates in Congress that shaped the nation's political climate. This was the origin of the unjustly belittled "Ev and Charley Show," featuring then-Senate Minority leader Everett Dirksen and House Minority Leader Charles Halleck.

Testimony by the U.S. Labor Party in support of such policies at confirmation hearings for Carter appointees, as well as the USLP's widely-circulated energy policy statements, have already had a significant impact on Capitol Hill Republicans, and, judging from recent statements by Goldwater and Schmitt (R.-New Mexico) have been used to good effect. But if the GOP is to save itself from the miasma of Rockefeller's Trilateralism, the fight begun by the Senators will have to be greatly expanded.