

In the Question Period:

Averell Harriman: "The Soviets, especially recently, have made some major breakthroughs at the frontiers of scientific research which could have major and immediate military applications, which might not be 'verifiable.'...It will be necessary to reach a comprehensive test ban outlawing tests of new kinds of weapons..."

"Changes in the Soviet Union will have to come from within, and they will come, because of the urge of humanity, which is on our side, on the side of human dig-

nity, and it will be impossible to keep so many people of such diverse cultures in line. Stalin had a problem with the nationalities; he had to use heavy repression. This will be a problem again."

Rep. Rosenthal: "Yes, there will be a struggle of nationalist groupings that are very hard to control."

Richard Barnet: "The Soviet Union is concerned with relations with the rest of the world, and they know that military competition and domestic repression interferes with economic relations. They are very influenced by world opinion."

EXCLUSIVE

Fusion Energy Foundation Tour Builds Political Alternative To Carter No-Energy Program

In the past week, Dr. Morris Levitt, director of the Fusion Energy Foundation, has initiated a tour of West Coast campus and industrial complexes, drawing attendance of approximately 100 at forums at Occidental College, California Polytechnic Institute, and elsewhere. On Monday, Feb. 14, Levitt told an overflow crowd of 400 at the prestigious Comstock Club in Sacramento that the influence of such people as Jerry Brown and Ralph Nader must be removed before they completely sabotage U.S. industrial development, and, amid resounding cheers, declared that it is a necessity for the U.S. to develop fusion power.

It was the second energy-oriented address in a month for the Comstock Club, which last month heard Joseph R. Rensch, president of Pacific Lighting Corporation, rip into "negative growth" advocates who are playing "energy brinkmanship" in holding back the development of new energy supplies, and heavy press coverage of the Levitt speech has confirmed the depth of public interest in the subject of energy growth. The Sacramento *Bee* summed up its report of Levitt's address by saying, "California has gone off the deep end on restrictions on growth of industry;" the story also made the points that the energy shortage has been contrived by certain political interests, that California Governor Jerry Brown's philosophies run counter to humanity's highest achievements, and that nuclear and other future energy sources must be developed. KFBK radio carried a story on Levitt's charge that the drought afflicting California has been caused by the deforestation of the Amazon jungle of

Brazil five times in 24 hours, plus five spots discussing fusion energy, why it is preferable to fission, and Levitt's charges that the U.S. fusion program is being sabotaged.

U.S. Labor Party energy program memorials, calling on the U.S. Congress to speed the development of fusion and make maximum use of presently available resources including fission energy, have now been introduced in the Connecticut, Oregon and Washington state legislatures, and are now being drafted in Wisconsin, Vermont, Colorado and Ohio. In addition, the proposal is in preparation or receiving intense consideration in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Missouri, South Carolina and California. At the same time that Levitt was in San Francisco, Rep. John Burton volunteered in a speech to constituents that he would introduce the USLP legislation to Congress.

After an appearance at the University of Washington Feb. 15, Levitt testified before the Washington State Senate Energy Committee — which is considering the memorialization bill — and immediately drew a sharp political response. One member of the Senate Committee, confronted with the proposal which has been sponsored by both the leading Democrats and Republicans in the State Senate, attacked the bill as "an insult to President Carter." The Washington proposal calls for the development of fusion and the fostering of scientific education.

Similar responses have surfaced during the tour of FEF spokesman Dr. Stephen Bardwell of Pittsburgh, Michigan and Ohio. Following Bardwell's speech at

Michigan State University, attended by 110 students and representatives of industries, the Grand Rapids Press carried a report emphasizing the need for mankind to progress and attacking Naderism as a fraud. At a Detroit presentation Feb. 13, 80 people in attendance purchased copies of the USLP exposé, "Stop Ralph Nader, the Nuclear Saboteur," and several utilities representatives began planning joint town meetings with the USLP to further this grass-roots mobilization of the base of the Democratic Party in particular.

In Ohio, the Senate Energy Committee is planning a hearing for FEF testimony on March 4 on the USLP energy memorial now being drafted. The memorial has the sponsorship of the conservative Republican grouping, as well as the Democratic chairman of the House Energy Committee, State Rep. Carney of Youngstown. The bill's sponsors are formulating a resolution condemning Environmental Protection Agency anti-pollution guidelines now being imposed on the state's industry to help pull the coal industry-oriented layers in the state, such as the United Mine Workers, into a pro-energy growth coalition. In addition, a March 10 FEF forum slated in Columbus will be attended by local steel, utilities, Democratic and Republican legislators and possibly members of Ohio's congressional delegation.

In the South, U.S. Labor Party regional executive

Harley Schlanger held a press conference Feb. 16 in Columbia, South Carolina, calling on Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) to pursue his opposition to Carter's nominee to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Paul Warnke, by a full exposure of Warnke's ties to the Trilateral Commission. Schlanger's conference was covered by the local NBC-TV, the *Spartanburg Herald*, and other press in attendance followed up with a full line of questions on what is the Trilateral Commission, who are its other members, and what are its policies.

At stake in the South's energy fight is, significantly, the Bardwell, S.C. nuclear fuel reprocessing plant, the only one in the country, which is completed but not yet licensed.

In a speech to the American Society of Civil Engineers in Birmingham this week, Tennessee Valley Authority Chairman Aubrey Wagner called on engineers to speak out for a sound energy policy for the U.S.: "It's high time we who are in the best positions to understand the real energy problems of the nation be just as visible and vocal (as the Naderites-ed.)... (The nation must) quit vacillating on nuclear energy." Wagner proposed an end to the sabotaging of nuclear licensing procedures and a strong push behind the breeder reactor program.

Energy And Industrial Policy For The United States

The following is the text of an address by Dr. Morris Levitt, Executive Director of the Fusion Energy Foundation, to the Comstock Club, Sacramento, California; Feb. 14, 1977.

The present threatened energy and water shortfalls in the state of California — a state which has been the paradigm of educational, technological, and agricultural excellence for the country — is symptomatic of a more profound threat to the continued existence of the United States as the world's leading industrial democracy. Despite the clear potential availability of abundant energy and other resources, our nation immediately faces the piece-by-piece dismantling of our industrial and agricultural infrastructure through what is *publicly* admitted by its proponents to be an *artificially imposed* energy shortage. These deliberate policies of deindustrialization furthermore deny the fact that 1976 witnessed confirmation of the feasibility of our needed long-range energy source, fusion power.

In the last several weeks, the following policy statements and proposals have been delivered: In his fireside address to the nation at the height of the natural gas shortages, President Carter declared national energy policy to be "conservation" — cutbacks up to 40 percent, the program of anti-nuclear presidential energy policy director James Schlesinger. Shortly thereafter, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund-sponsored Environmental Agenda Task Force — an umbrella for every major anti-industrial organization — released its hastily assembled document entitled "The Unfinished Agenda" (otherwise

known in perceptive circles as "The Final Solution"), which proposed the phasing out of central station electricity production and an escalating tax on fuels so that a five-fold increase in prices would make solar energy "cost competitive."

To top off such modest proposals, last week Senators Humphrey and Percy announced the formation of the Alliance to Save Energy, presenting the Naderite argument that every unit of energy not consumed as undefined "waste" was equivalent to a new unit of energy produced and consumed. Percy further claimed that nuclear power should be eliminated because it produced more heat than useful energy, neglecting the fact that this is the case for *all* electricity generators at present. People who should know better, such as House Republican Leader Rhodes and AFL-CIO President Meany, incredibly lent their names to this cause, even though the membership of the United Steelworkers Union had just rejected by a two-to-one margin exactly such policies as represented by the candidacy of Ed Sadlowski for USWA president.

Arguments for Devolution

The candor of the presentation of these negative growth policies — most closely identified with the programmatic outlook of the Trilateral Commission, the creation of David Rockefeller which has provided no less than 13 top cabinet and sub-cabinet members of the Carter Executive — is due to the presumption by the negative growthers that the public is resigned to their fate because of two related circumstances. One is