

U.S. Labor Party Nuclear Energy Mobilization Report

The following report was prepared by the U.S. Labor Party national headquarters in New York City at the request of Senators Talmadge and Long, who have indicated their interest in sponsoring legislation for nuclear power development and have asked for a show of support from the American population for such action.

The rapidity and depth of the response which the Labor Party has organized indicates that the U.S. population is fully committed to the rapid development of nuclear energy and adamantly opposes the no-growth energy policies of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger.

The U.S. Labor Party initiated a nationwide lobbying campaign on Oct. 5, 1977 to mobilize labor and industry constituencies in support of a nuclear energy policy to replace the now stalemated Carter "conservation" program in the U.S. Congress. In light of a recent endorsement by Senator Russell Long for the "concept" of a \$100 billion-funded Energy Development Corporation, the USLP specifically proposes that its "Nuclear Energy Development Act of 1977" become the centerpiece of Sen. Long's actual EDC.

During the approximate 10-day period from Oct. 5 to 15, USLP campaign workers sold 56,586 copies of the twice-weekly newspaper *New Solidarity*, each of which included a "clipout" coupon addressed to Senators Long and Talmadge urging their support for nuclear power. (See attached copy.) Our campaign workers solicited thousands of cards and letters in distributions of *New Solidarity* in more than 40 cities and 20 states where the USLP has affiliated chapters, including industrial centers in the Northeast, Midwest, and Far West. USLP phone solicitations also criss-crossed the entire sunbelt from California to South Carolina.

In addition, organizers sold 16,750 \$1 Campaigner "Special Reports" featuring USLP energy and steel legislation: 6,450 nuclear briefs, entitled "Nuclear Power—Core of U.S. and World Energy Policy," and 4,885 steel briefs, "Steel's Only Chance for Survival—The USLP Program for the American Steel Industry." Another 1,676 Teamster briefs were delivered to various Teamster locals to fulfill over 10,000 advance orders placed in the last month. These *Campaigners*, exposing "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters," advise the International Teamsters Union to stop the Ralph Nader-inspired attempts to smear it by heading up a labor-industry alliance for expanded energy production and industrialization policies.

As the following report indicates, response to USLP campaign workers has been overwhelmingly positive. It includes pledges of support from constituencies as diverse as inner city minorities to highly skilled industrial workers, engineers, and corporate executives. The USLP National Operations Staff estimates that this broad-based constituency, which Congress can depend on to support nuclear power, is sending up to 1,000 cards and letters a day from the Midwest alone, the heart of our Party's strength.

Our staff hopes that the full breadth of this support

reaches the relevant Congressmen, particularly, Senator Long, to enable them to move boldly for an energy development program. We would welcome "feedback" from you to ascertain the actual measure of support that reaches your office, even down to the precinct level. This information can then be "crossfired" to our field organizers for followup of the many commitments we receive daily.

Baltimore Region

(including Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

- Oct. 7 — 20 mailgrams were sent mostly by steelworkers in Dundalk, Md. — near Baltimore.
10 Baltimore Labor Party members sent telegrams; 6 LPers are urging friends to do the same.
- Oct. 8 — Westinghouse and Martin Marietta workers are sending telegrams and-or *New Solidarity* clipout forms.
- Oct. 14 — Walking tours in Baltimore are netting bulk sales of *New Solidarity* (NS) with clipout, and setting up speaking engagements for Labor Party spokesmen.
— Distributions throughout Baltimore are receiving up to \$10 per hour; one construction contractor bought extra nuclear briefs for friends.
- Oct. 16 — 20 LPers are writing letters to Congress.

Institutions

- Oct. 5 — "Greater Salisbury (Md.) Committee" businessmen will solicit postcards to Talmadge.
- Oct. 7 — Virginia Polytech Institute newspaper featured frontpage article on Ogden gubernatorial campaign, USLP nuclear energy policy, urging students to send postcards to Sen. Talmadge.
— HEW, Naval Weapons Lab personnel are sending messages to Sen. Talmadge.
- Oct. 8 — Lynchburg, Va. IBEW official will mobilize membership to write to Senators Talmadge and Long.
- Oct. 12 — 23 signatures were solicited at American Society of Quality Control Conference in D.C.
— Pro-Life representative will organize letters to Congress.
- Oct. 14 — Goucher College student leaders initiated letter writing campaign to Sen. Talmadge; will print and circulate NS clipout at tables in dormitories.
- Oct. 16 — Calvert Cliffs nuclear engineer bought several nuclear briefs and will organize friends to write letters. Senior engineer at the plant posted the NS centerfold on nuclear power in the plant.
— USLP gubernatorial candidate William Salisbury addressed local steelworkers meeting sponsored by Citizens Concerned About Foreign Imports: proposed massive nuclear energy and steel modernization program to reverse steel collapse, not import curbs. Well received, spoke several times, endorsed by local steelworkers.

Press Coverage

- Oct. 6 — USLP gubernatorial candidate Alan Ogden

addressed Pulaski TV live for five minutes, urging citizens to write Congress demanding energy development. Toured 15 cities in one week, with 23 press interviews.

— *Energy Daily* reporter going to Sen. Talmadge's office to ascertain constituent response.

Boston Region

(including all of New England)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 16 — Workers at Groton submarine base in New London, Conn. will send letters to Congress.

— Regional headquarters is mobilizing all NS subscribers in trade unions to send letters.

— Excellent response at campuses of MIT, U. of Mass. and others: 109 NS sold at U. Mass. in one day, students sending in clipouts.

Institutions

— Former USLP City Council candidate George Geller addressed Boston Central Labor Council meeting; considering bulk order of nuclear briefs from the USLP.

— USLP spokesmen to address IBEW and LIUNA local in Boston.

Press Coverage

— Waterbury Newspaper ran Op-Ed by USLP on nuclear energy.

— "*New London Day*" will run article by USLP on nuclear energy.

— Mayoral candidate Donna McDonough was interviewed for one-and-one-half hours on local radio show after opponents failed to show for debate. She presented USLP nuclear energy policy.

— Hartford Southside Community News will run full page article on USLP energy policy.

— McDonough will appear on Public TV in campaign appearance.

— Holyoke newspaper ran USLP Op-Ed entitled "ENCONO To Bankrupt Northeast," counterposing high-technology nuclear energy production of the "hard technology" variety.

Buffalo Region

(including all of upstate New York and eastern Canada)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 10-16 — North Buffalo chapter of USLP sent 80-100 cards, telegrams, and letters to Senators Talmadge and Long. Representative sampling includes United Auto Workers (UAW) committeemen, Western New York Hospitals Assn. Shop Steward, Harrison Radiator worker.

— Democratic National Committee member, representatives of Muslims, Niagara County Nursing Assn. are sending mail to both Senators.

— In Rochester, General Signal worker solicited 6 signatures in the plant to Congress, paid telegram by plant engineer.

— Gleasons Co. LPer is sending several telegrams and letters.

Institutions

— Rochester-Kodak executive sending telegram, as well as letters and cards from 12 corporate executives in Rochester, including Execs from Kodak, Garlock, Rochester Gas and Electric.

— LIUNA official (Laborers International) bought 6 nuclear briefs and is considering bulk order for membership.

— Rochester CSEA shop steward circulating petition to the Senators.

— Messina, New York Building Trades Council will organize all 8 member union locals to write letters.

— Irondequoit Board of Education member is sending telegram to Sen. Talmadge.

— Two Syracuse area Building Trades locals are sending letters.

— 2 Buffalo IBEW locals and 4 engineering societies will solicit letters to Congress.

— Upstate letters from people in Berea Oil and Gas, Grouse Hinds Co., Agway.

— USLP Buffalo mayoral candidate Khushro Gandhi addressed several candidates nights on USLP energy program, including Handicapped Childrens group and small Business Assn.

Press Coverage

— Buffalo "Criterion," a local black newspaper, will print 600-word article on USLP energy policy.

— U. Rochester will run 1000-word Op-Ed. by USLP on nuclear power.

North American Labor Party

Recently organized in support of pronuclear demonstration by local construction unions; IBEW union now running series of educationals for memberships on nuclear power.

Montreal NALP is soliciting postcards to the U.S. Congress.

Chicago Region

(including all central states, especially Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 5 — A well-respected Reverend in Chicago church has bent out a letter on church stationary supporting the USLP energy program.

— Pipefitter who works at nuclear facility has organized friends to send mailgrams to the Senators.

Oct. 6 — St. Louis solicited 15 calls to Senator Talmadge.

Oct. 7 — USLP squad raised \$285 at O'Hare airport, netting 250 signatures from businessmen to the Senators.

Oct. 16 — USLP squad raised \$270 at airport from nuclear brief sales and NS.

On Saturday alone, organizing squads in Milwaukee, St. Louis and Shalomburg mobilized 110 letters, calls, to Congress.

Institutions

Oct. 9 — 11 different organizations in Chicago pledged to solicit over 1800 signatures on letters to the Senators.

— Wisconsin State Rep. Klicka will get 15-30 State delegates to sign petition to Congress for full nuclear

energy program as centerpiece of national energy policy.

— Muslims in area pledged another 400 signatures.

Oct. 12 — Labor-industry groups in the Chicago region pledged another 700 signatures.

— Milwaukee ILA president will urge letter-writing campaign at his local meeting, and expects 100 signatures on petition as immediate response.

— The VP of a machine tool company, who also heads up a conservative group, will mobilize up to 500 signatures.

Oct. 14 — Overheard at Milwaukee airport: businessmen comments, "Nuclear power, you must be the Labor Party, you're all over Detroit."

Press Coverage

-- *Kansas City Star* interviewed LP spokesman Leo Scanlon on two-tier credit system to finance nuclear development and PROD operations against Teamsters.

— Kansas City radio WKMBZ interviewed Scanlon on nuclear program.

Detroit Region

(includes Cleveland, Indianapolis and Cincinnati)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 6 — Purdue engineering school student will get 35 members of his nuclear engineering fraternity to send letters, and will get petition signatures from his department of 100 people.

Oct. 11 — 400 clipout sections from NS sent.

Oct. 14 — "Several hundred signatures a day" on petitions reported. 800 postcards reported sold this one day.

Oct. 16 — USLP organizers sent to campaign among municipal workers, autoworkers and students.

Institutions

Oct. 8 — An executive of Indiana Power and Light Company and an official of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers both organizing signatures for Senators Long and Talmadge. An executive of Republic Steel company promised to call Senator Talmadge.

Oct. 12 — USLP addressed Building Trades union meeting in Ypsilanti, which is considering a bulk purchase of the Party's brief on nuclear power. Official of a large Ohio utility agreed to send its lobbyist to speak with Senator Talmadge.

Oct. 14 — Executives of Youngstown Sheet and Tube (steel) Company and Babcock and Wilcox are considering bulk purchases of Party's nuclear legislation.

Newark And New York Region

(includes New York State south of Albany, and all of New Jersey)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 5 — A rally for USLP mayoral candidate Elijah Boyd outside an engineering company at lunch hour

generate many pledges to send postcards to the Senate.

Oct. 7 — Faculty members at the State University at Stony Brook (Long Island) and at Mercer County College (New Jersey) are sending telegrams. Fifteen USLP members in New Jersey sent telegrams.

Oct. 8 — 80 signatures on petitions urging legislation for expanded nuclear power,

Oct. 11 — 200 clipouts from NS reported sent to the Senate.

Oct. 12 — 225 signatures gathered from travelers at LaGuardia Airport, New York, in one day; most signers are businessmen.

Oct. 13 — Supporters on the USLP network are calling their friends to call and write to the Senate.

Institutions

Oct. 7 — Officials of Brookhaven National Laboratory (Long Island) send telegrams to Congress.

Oct. 7 — President of an investment bank promised that he will ask Senators Long and Talmadge for a personal meeting; bought copies of the USLP's legislation.

Oct. 7 — 3 New York State legislators took their own poll of constituents' wishes on nuclear power; will send results of poll to U.S. Senate.

Oct. 8 — New Jersey State Representatives signed statement asking expanded nuclear power funding, sent it to Senator Talmadge; four more asked to sign.

Oct. 12 — Brooklyn College students sent telegram to Senator Talmadge after forum at college by Elijah Boyd of USLP.

Philadelphia Region

(includes all of Pennsylvania and Delaware, southern New Jersey)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

Oct. 7 — Signatures and petitions mailed to Senate from Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Delaware and University of Pittsburgh.

Oct. 7 — 300 signatures sent from Teamsters and steelworkers in Philadelphia and Bethlehem, Pa. to U.S. Senate.

Oct. 7 — \$44 raised from sale of pre-addressed postcards in Pittsburgh.

Oct. 11 — 150 signatures mailed.

Institutional Activity

Oct. 6 — President of an International Brotherhood of Teamsters local in Reading, Pa. promised to write letters to Senators Long and Talmadge.

Oct. 8 — Philadelphia Teamsters sent telegram; State Representative Ivan Itkin (Pittsburgh) called Senator Long; executive of Philadelphia Electric Company sent telegram to Senate; Philadelphia office of *Nuclear News*, the trade publication, promised to send letter to Senate.

Oct. 11 — The President of the Republican Club of Slippery Rock, Pa. agreed to cosponsor a conference on industrial development at which the USLP's legislation will be discussed.

Oct. 14 — An aide to the president of the United Steel Workers of America is considering bulk purchases of

the Labor Party's brief on the decline of the steel industry.

Press Coverage

— Articles on nuclear fusion printed by the student newspapers of the University of Delaware, Drexel, University of Pennsylvania and Villanova.

San Francisco Region

(includes all of California)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activity

- Oct. 8 — Workers at General Electric and Pacific Gas And Electric took petitions to mail, as did striking workers at Lockheed in San Jose.
- Oct. 16 — Petitioning at a rapid clip at the nuclear research facilities at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, Livermore, Cal.

Institutions

- Oct. 5 — High official of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters sent statements to Congress calling for greatly increased production through use of advanced technologies.
- Oct. 5 — An official of the Cannery Workers Union, in northern California, invited the Labor Party to present its legislation to a meeting of the union.
- Oct. 12 — Member of the Energy Committee of the State Legislature agreed to submit bill written by the USLP to the Committee. Bill would put State Legislature on record as urging U.S. Congress to increase funding for nuclear power.

Oct. 12 — Organization of farmers in the Imperial Valley hired USLP to give classes explaining reasons behind the Party's proposed legislation.

Oct. 14 — Organization representing industry and labor in Oakland make bulk purchase of USLP legislation for consideration by its membership organizations.

Seattle Region

(includes states of Washington and Oregon, and British Columbia, Canada)

U.S. Labor Party Campaign Activities

- Oct. 5 — Organizers report "postcards sold, filled out and mailed in at a rapid clip" in Portland — sent in to Senators Packwood and Hatfield.
- Oct. 13 — 60 signatures gathered at the University of Washington.
- Oct. 14 — "200 to 300 signatures a day" reported.

Institutions

- Oct. 6 — Washington Association of Professional Engineers energy committee has put on its agenda a USLP proposal that the Association mobilize its members to write letters to their congressmen in favor of expanded nuclear programs. A similar proposal was put on the agenda by the Western Environmental Trades Council.
- Oct. 12 — A local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers passed a Labor Party resolution calling for greater funding for nuclear power, and more government-encouraged capital formation.

Harriman Steers White House Foreign Policy Shift

Former New York governor Averell Harriman has emerged publicly once again to act as the key determinant factor in a shift in the foreign policy of the Carter Administration. While the White House has denied that a shift has even occurred, the joint U.S.-USSR communique on Geneva, recent progress by the two powers on SALT, and a toning down of the Carter commitment to lead his foreign policy with a campaign around human rights, is weighty evidence to the contrary.

Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance were concluding their joint agreement for Geneva with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, the most forward step of what observers have called a "deal between the superpowers."

Only the day before, Harriman had emerged from a dinner party in New York to announce that he had formed a Committee of Americans for the Panama Canal Treaty. The Committee, which has grown to over 100 members, is composed of primarily Eastern Establishment figures associated with Harriman and Nelson Rockefeller. To name a few: Gerald Ford; William Coleman, former Transportation Secretary in the Ford Administration; John Marsh of the Ford White House staff; Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.; former Senators Hugh Scott (R-Pa.); John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.); Stuart Symington (D-Mo.); Irving Shapiro, Chairman of DuPont Corporation; Thomas Watson of IBM; George Meany, AFL-CIO; Glenn Watts, President of the Communication Workers of America; General Maxwell Taylor and Matthew Ridgeway; John J. McCloy, former High Commissioner of West Germany, and Ladybird Johnson.

THE ADMINISTRATION

It has historically been the view of Harriman, who was Franklin Roosevelt's ambassador to the Soviet Union, that U.S. policy toward the USSR should be one of containment short of nuclear war. As Harriman motivated his own outlook in an Oct. 9 interview which appeared in the New York Times: The Soviet Union exists and you have to learn to live with it. As he spoke, President