

While we often disagree with the policies of the current leadership of the IBT, we feel we should be able to agree that the organization calling itself the "U.S. Labor Party" and its literature should not be promoted by any union officer or subsidized by any union treasury.

We urge you to inform all Teamster officers about this organization and its literature. We call on you to urge all officers and affiliates that are distributing this material to stop doing so. We further ask that you inform us of the

relationship of the International Union to the "U.S. Labor Party" or its literature, past or present. Any association whatsoever is to the discredit of the International, as is any failure to inform all affiliates about this organization.

Sincerely,
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Miners, Owners Walk Into Strike Trap

More than 150,000 members of the United Mineworkers union (UMW) struck this week when their contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association expired.

terrorist violence and sabotage, portrayed as "strike support" activity by any one of the several IPS-controlled countergangs.

SPECIAL REPORT

Factors Leading to Chaos

National media are deliberately trying to manipulate the situation to give Schlesinger the "trigger" he needs for an energy dictatorship.

Within hours, the Wall Street-controlled media carried reports of scattered violence between union and non-union miners in Utah and in Ohio. While the incidents are relatively minor at this time, they portend worse things to come. Highly reliable sources in the U.S. intelligence community indicate that terrorist networks, under the overall control of the Institute for Policy Studies, are "ready and in place" in the UMW and in various mining regions, especially in the West, in West Virginia and in Kentucky. Such networks masquerading as angry rank-and-file miners are prepared to commit acts of sabotage against nonunion mines and against railroads that transport nonunion coal. If these "low-intensity operations" achieve their intended effect, then energy czar James Schlesinger will be provided with the excuse he needs to activate "crisis management" energy distribution plans, developed by planning task forces under the rubric of the Energy Department's so-called Winter Energy Emergency Plan (WEEP).

The East Coast press, aside from focusing on the whatever violence can be instigated, have repeatedly attempted to portray the UMW as "weak" and unable to withstand a long strike; both the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have carried editorials which argue that it is primarily the UMW that will suffer in the strike. Such editorials encourage a "hard line" against the union from the neanderthals who make up the BCOA. To the extent that the BCOA people think that they can get away with destroying or severely weakening the already weak union, one knowledgeable source said this week, "They will go in for the kill . . . they will make no compromise and take a long strike..." Our sources also report that the lies put out by the aforementioned newspapers and similar media, to the effect that "the miners' strike will have almost no effect on the economy," are creating a climate that will inhibit intervention into the situation to cool things off by saner industrialist and banking factions.

The UMW and the coal operators are manipulated pawns in this overall gameplan; the optimal situation — from Schlesinger's standpoint — is to "keep the pot boiling" for as long as possible — i.e., have a nice long strike, which leaves open the maximum number of possibilities.

If the strike goes beyond a month, the UMW has announced that all benefits to pensioners and health and welfare payments will be cut off due to depletion of funds; the UMW has no strike fund. This will feed the demoralization in the UMW rank and file, and give IPS operatives additional openings to foment violence. Despite this, stupid spokesmen for the BCOA continue to talk about "lasting the UMW out."

At this point, most observers estimate the length of the strike as likely to be anywhere from three to six months. UMW President Arnold Miller said hours after the strike began that he expected to be out for six months. If any of these estimates prove correct, the strike would completely deplete reported stockpiles of coal amassed by both industry and power utilities, forcing massive layoffs and economic dislocation. The activation of Schlesinger's coal-field terrorists could speed up this chaos, as could a colder-than-expected winter. Already there are reports of "roving pickets" that have shut down some nonunion mines in four states.

The Miller UMW leadership, synthesized by IPS and now weakened by its operations, is the perfect counterpoint to the stupid BCOA. Miller has adopted the demands of IPS-inspired wildcatters for "decentralization" through the local right to strike: a leader in the UMW opposed to Miller termed this act "suicide for the union" and a "capitulation to the disruptors and their chaos."

Spokesmen for Midwest utilities expressed fear this week that their stockpiles might become the target of

The BCOA has indicated that they will never give in to the demand. And Miller has created a situation in which attempts to bring back a contract with the "local right to strike" will allow the "wildcatters" to cry "sell out" and steal what remains of the union out from under him.