

## ROCKEFELLER PLANS ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEATHCAMPS FROM CANADA TO SOUTH WEST

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May 31 (IPS) — Continued investigation of Rockefeller-created resettlement schemes reveals plans to convert the spine of the North American continent, the Rocky Mountains, running from the Mexican Border to the Arctic circle into a series of labor-intensive work camps — the Kruppwerke of this depression.

This fascist zero growth policy is receiving political support from the liberal cabal around Rockefeller agents Mansfield, Mondale and Javits and their cohorts in the U.S. Senate and in the labor movement, including Leonard Woodcock of the UAW. Other Rockefeller conspirators are lending support at appropriate Congressional committee levels and in the backrooms of various departments of Federal and state governments, especially the departments of Interior and Labor. In Canada, Rockefeller agents David Lewis and David Barrett of the New Democratic Party (NDP) and their cronies in the Canadian Labor Congress are serving a similar function.

In both the United States and Canada, the scheme is being sold as part of so-called energy development projects calling for intensified exploitation of *existing* energy sources, especially coal, hydro-electric, petroleum, and fissionable materials. Additionally, the plans call for the construction of infrastructure — dams, pipelines for coal slurry, oil transmission lines, aqueducts and roads — far outstripping anything done on the continent during the last depression by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) or the Works Progress Administration under Roosevelt's New Deal.

### Absolute Insanity

From a technical standpoint, this enormous undertaking represents absolute insanity. A *sane* energy policy would have as its cornerstone a brute force type project to develop fusion power within the next five years while efficiently using already existing energy sources. Anyone who discounts the potential of fusion power, and advocates workers being sent to work in the frozen wastes around the Arctic Circle to "develop" energy reserves, is criminally insane at best.

Aside from the North Central Power study, Rocky Mountain oil shale development schemes, and the notorious Athabasca Tar Sands project in Alberta, Canada — all of which have been thoroughly documented in IPS — our research has found similar plans for the Southwest region of the United States, British Columbia and Alberta. Additionally, labor-intensive agricultural

projects are underway in the plains region of Canada.

The *simultaneous* mobilization of political forces on both sides of the border, calling for *similar* energy policies, occurs while Rockefeller-controlled banking, public utility, and industrial interests (especially the oil cartels) *simultaneously* begin to activate *identical* plans. This circumstantial evidence is sufficient to prove that a conspiracy lies behind these developments. The simple fact is that only the Rockefeller cabal has both the political and financial power to orchestrate a move of this scale.

In Canada, plans formulated in Rockefeller-controlled think-tanks in the U.S., including coordination with Herman Kahn's Hudson Institute, the Rand Corporation, the Ford Foundation, the Energy Group of Chase Manhattan Bank, the North American Committee, and the Conference Board, called as early as 1970 for the development of Canada's untapped energy resources. Studies by these same agencies revealed that the plans would have no "saleability" in the absence of social crisis.

In depression conditions, including the total collapse of the construction industry, Lewis and Barrett of the NDP pushed the development schemes as the solution to both Canada's employment problems and "energy crisis."

### A Ticket North

As a result of these actions, Canadian workers now face "a ticket north" in the months ahead to work in the unbearable climate of James Bay-type projects that criss-cross the frozen wastes of Canada's north. Besides the infamous James Bay, these projects include:

- Massive hydro-electric projects along the Nelson River in Manitoba;
- Construction of huge port and hydro-electric facilities along Hudson Bay, including a Northern terminal for the Canadian National Railway;
- \$7.6 billion hydro-electric facilities along the British Columbia and Alberta border and the Peace River.

These projects are dwarfed by projects both in the planning stages and underway in British Columbia. Under the direction of NDP provincial fuehrer David Barrett, all opposition to Northern Development projects has efficiently been smashed. Indicating that he will make British Columbia the model for Canada's provincialized energy and natural resource development schemes, Barrett's project in the unpopulated hinterlands of the port of Prince Rupert calls for hydro-electric construction, forestry, and extraction of large quantities of metals. With this infrastructure, Barrett can resettle hundreds of thousands within his "unspoiled" domain.

Meanwhile, operations are already underway to resettle as yet undetermined numbers of unemployed workers in agricultural work camps in the three prairie

provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba. The project is being coordinated, at least indirectly, under Jane Abramson, member of the editorial board of Tavistock's Journal, *Human Relations!*

#### "Labor Removals"

As research director for the Canadian Center for Community Studies in Saskatchewan, Abramson coordinated a 1968 psychological study that determined the directions for rural development. Abramson found that workers would resist resettlement unless collapsing social conditions made "migration" a question of economic necessity. Her studies proposed "labor-intensive agriculture" on newly acquired government resettlement farms — total soil depletion. Workers not needed for agricultural work should be resettled into industrial projects. Previous government programs under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act (ARDA) were criticized for trying to improve the land and stressing alternative land use rather than outright "labor removals."

Work is in progress on two other resettlement projects — the Alaska Pipeline and the Athabasca Tar Sands project. Last year's capitulation of major continental trade unions, including the AFL-CIO Building Trades Council and the Teamsters, to the terms of a slave-labor, no-strike contract, formulated in part by labor relations specialists from the CIA-linked Bechtel Corporation, allowed preliminary infrastructure development to begin on the trans-Alaska pipeline. Workers are reported by the *New York Times* to be blissfully happy working in subzero cold — under Bechtel management.

Work is also proceeding on schedule with infrastructure development for the Athabasca project. While generally tight-lipped, Bechtel, the prime contractor, revealed that things were going better than could be expected considering the extreme cold.

In a debate in the Alberta parliament over a proposal to give one-man dictatorial power over the development policies for the tar sands, the Minister for Public Works called the situation comparable to a wartime emergency. "Look," he exclaimed, "if we find that we put an Adolf Hitler in Fort McMurray [the center of the project] we can always get him out."

No real opposition to these proposals exists in either Canada or the U.S., save a few squawkings from zero growth environmentalists. The NDP has offered itself as left cover, praising the plan's foresight, while bemoaning the lack of local community input. The NDP proposes that fascist local control be added to this hideous array.

#### And In the U.S....

A major drive is underway in the United States to clear the decks for similar slave-labor projects. *The Wall Street Journal* lashed out at Senator Mike Mansfield's

proposed bill banning strip mining in the key region of the North Central Power Supply. The editorial asks for a more rational proposal to regulate strip mining while acknowledging the necessity of rapidly beginning the project.

Rockefeller forces have shifted into high gear. The Mansfield Amendment was never more than a clever ruse to divert attention away from the slave-labor aspects of the proposals while establishing the prerequisites for a populist-sounding environmental compromise.

Additional projects will be taken out from under wraps and put forward as part of the public works/energy development program of the liberal social fascists around Mansfield. Labor Committee intelligence staffs have come across at least one such specimen entitled the "Southwest Energy Study," which calls for the development of additional coal and waste-burning power facilities covering Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Southern Nevada and California, Western Colorado and part of Mexico, while calling for development of oil shale, desalinization plants, and coal gassification factories. It cites as a prototype the huge Four Corners power facility — the nation's largest power plant and its largest single polluter.

While the study makes no estimates of the number of people to be relocated or employed in public works and infrastructure development, based on figures for similar projects in the North Central Power Study, *at least* 250,000 people will be involved in the construction of the power plants and related infrastructure alone.

Simultaneously, Rockefeller agents in the labor movement on both sides of the border have moved to organize support for this insane fascist energy policy. Proposals submitted by the executive council of the Canadian Labor Congress to the Canadian Parliament support every development scheme. In the United States, UAW President Leonard Woodcock's proposals for energy development mention the Rocky Mountain region while calling for planned public works jobs of the type proposed by Democrats Mansfield and Mondale.

The United Mine Workers under the leadership of Rockefeller agent Arnold Miller recently organized demonstrations against importation of foreign coal, calling instead for the development of "native" coal reserves, *especially* those in the Rocky Mountain region.

The collapse of the continental construction industry over the last few months has left the construction unions smashed and hundreds of thousands unemployed, searching in vain for work. Exhibiting complete panic, the Building Trade Council of the AFL-CIO is lobbying hard for public works projects.