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The Carter-Mondale Ticket To Auschwitz

Youth Slave Labor Draft Set To Roll In U.S.

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To get unemployed young people "off the streets" and to reduce the pressure of relief payments on the state budget, German Chancellor Brüning introduced the *Arbeitsdienst*, the Labor Service, on a "voluntary" basis in 1931. By 1932, still "voluntary," it had been extended to include all Germans under the age of 25.

In June 1935 the "law for National Labor Service" was passed in Nazi Germany, making a six-month to one-year period of labor "service" compulsory for all German youth from the ages of 18 to 25. The cornerstone of the Hitler-Schacht forced work policy, the inevitable precurser of the concentration camps, was officially cemented.

Now fascist Rockefeller puppet Jimmy Carter has exactly the same plans for American workers in 1976, plans his string-pullers intend to ram through by any means necessary. Behind closed doors Carter controllers are now hammering out the final details of a National Youth Service or Universal Youth Service plan to set up a centralized control agency, along the lines of the Selective Service System, through which every youth in the country between the ages of 18 and 25 will be registered, profiled, "counseled," and channeled via training camp sessions into a one- to four-year "tour of duty" in "national service" slavery.

The original Labor Service's success was based on manipulation of the terrible fear and guilt associated with joblessness in a working class that had suffered the repeated inflationary collapse of the German mark, prolonged mass unemployment, and a precipitous collapse in industrial production and living standards at the hands of Anglo-American financiers and their German satraps.

The Labor Service pitch, aimed at paralyzing the trade unions and at the same time preventing the formation of effective mass political working-class organizations, was simple and deadly: "You want a steady job, fellow? Sign up with the Labor Service. Reestablish your ties with the blood and soil of the German nation! Help build the 'Peoples' Community'! Your future is guaranteed!"

German youth, working-class leaders, and potential leaders were targeted, profiled, and shipped off to rural camps where their identity as human beings, as members of the working class, was destroyed. Typically, after 15 hours of digging ditches or constructing Autobahn with hand tools, in military formation and at gunpoint, the youth were reassembled back at camp to celebrate the "Strength through Joy" of their labor, and sign ritual praise to the glories of the Volk, the people, and the Reich—the Volksgemeinschaft, the peoples' community, they were helping to build.

The result was a declasse mass of militarized "interchangeable parts," a "manpower allocation" apparatus with which the Third Reich's Rockefeller-Round Table creditors and their Nazi puppets intended to enforce a "recovery." The Labor Service was the crux of the fascist final solution to the depression bank-

ruptcy and collapse of the German economy — the direct, systematic cannibalization of the German working class itself.

Nazi Labor Service — 1976

Today's proposed National Youth Service program is Jimmy Carter's one-way ticket for a return trip to Auschwitz. The name of the slave program is the same. The targeted age group is the same.

The pitch for Carter's conveyor belt to the concentration camps is the same: "Want a job, kid? Seize control of your life from the grip of technology and those big growth-mongering corporations! Help improve the 'quality of life' in America! Join the National Youth Service! Build the 'National Community'!"

The jobs are the same: from the slave-labor ditch-digging and leafraking, coal gassification and "community service" urban refuse collection, to labor-intensive park, road and even building construction.

The aim is the same: to destroy the trade unions and workingclass political organizations and replace them with a "national community" of brainwashed and cannibalized "happy pioneer" slaves.

Carter's "New Deal" Ruse

Carter-Mondale do not of course call themselves Nazis. They prefer to cloak themselves in the sentimental mythology of FDR and the New Deal.

There simply is no "New Deal" in the offing in any sense in which workers recall that 1930s phenomenon. Not because the "New Deal" schemes were not strictly fascist programs — like Carter-Mondale and their braintrusters, Roosevelt and his New Deal "whiz kids" modeled their CCC-PWA-WPA programs on the labor policy "experiments" of Mussolini's corporativist Italy, in particular, as well as the Hitler-Schacht Arbeitsdienst. But then, not only did Wall Street have a "military-industrial" complex to build, but the U.S. takeover of the British Empire's franchise opened up primitive accumulation bonanzas worldwide to the account of a dollar burdened by a mere shadow of present levels of public and private indebtedness, precluding the otherwise certain necessity of direct cannibalization of the U.S. workforce itself.

Today the United States itself is more exactly in the same type of fundamental economic and political-strategic crisis as faced Germany in the 1920s and 1930s; the New York banks' \$300 billion Eurodollar "salad oil swindle" alone has made the debt-bloated dollar Wall Street's universal executor of cannibalism.

The Atlanticist financiers running the Carter-Mondale campaign have trumpeted the domestic corollary of their genocide program for 1 billion "useless eaters" in the Third World — the same program they dictated to their Nazi puppets 40 years ago: deindustrialization, austerity, and sacrifice, top-down "national economic planning" and "manpower allocation" militarization of the economy.

Nazi "Youth Service" Set to Roll

Carter-Mondale do not dare to spell out this program publicly. Instead, borrowing a fig leaf from the 1932 campaign of Franklin

Roosevelt, Carter-Mondale intend to fudge the issue now and lower the police-state boom after they are in office — that is, after their planned November ballot heist has put a phony "popular" imprimatur on their own and their Rockefeller-Fabian controllers' unconstitutional seizure of executive power.

So behind the public evasions and obfuscations, the entire Carter-Mondale machine is geared up and set to roll with the "National Youth Service" slave-labor draft. The scheme has been incorporated in Section 205, a special youth section to replace the "standby Job Corps" provision of the infamous Humphrey-Hawkins enabling legislation for a fascist state, which is already in the Congress. Section 205 mandates the President to submit to Congress, within 90 days of Humphrey-Hawkins' enactment, a plan for a "comprehensive youth employment program." The plan must include "provisions for developing a smoother transition from school to work" and "job opportunities for youth in a variety of tasks, including conservation, public service activities, inner-city cleanup and rehabilitation, and other jobs of value to states, local communities, and the nation."

Carter pimps Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-Brooklyn), Institute for Policy Studies' Cambridge Institute frontman Rep. Michael Harrington (D-Mass), and Harrington sidekick Rep. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass) have already drawn up detailed national legislation for the Nazi youth program. Their bills, floated separately in March and April, were recalled to Carter machine drawing boards in late May for integration and final streamlining. The Rockefeller "invisible government" arm, the National Governors' Conference, has already set up a special task force to "advise" and orchestrate Congressional and Executive implementation of the fascist "youth" program.

Standing orders have been issued to the street-walker level of the Carter machine to local hatchetmen and Carter political operatives like Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, to concoct a "public outcry" for "jobs for youth." Two weeks ago Young issued noisy grunts for a national youth slave-labor program, on cue from a youth gang rampage deliberately staged and orchestrated by Attorney General Edward Levi's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration national political police.

Similarly, in early June Carter running dog and Newark Mayor, Kenneth Gibson, a Prudential Life Insurance house-boy, led the charge to put the National Mayors' Conference on record for a "comprehensive youth policy," in a speech which followed Carter's own featured call for "setting up CCCs — with an urban emphasis." The Mayors' Conference, fresh from their Supreme Court victory in striking down minimum wage guarantees for the municipal sector and laying the basis for deploying "National Youth Service" shocktroops against municipal workers, called for the implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins police-state blueprint.

Nuts and Bolts

Meanwhile a vigorous top-level briefing and organizing drive on the nuts and bolts of the Nazi scheme is going on at private "skull sessions" like the April 9-10 "Universal Youth Conference" at the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and the May 20-23 "Manpower Goals for American Democracy" confab at Averell Harriman's Arden House retreat, headed up by Carter controllers and their contingent of fascist "manpower experts" such as National Commission for Manpower Policy chairman Eli Ginsberg, National Manpower Institute chief Willard Wirtz, and the Russell Sage Foundation's ubiquitous slave-labor agent Donald Eberly.

The youth corps will be run by the military with military discipline and basic training methods, replete with military uniforms, Carter "inner circle" henchman and Rockefeller "house nigger" Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga) told the April 9 planning

session. The Youth Service will indeed "remind people of the Youth Corps in Hitler's Germany," Carter economic advisor and Wharton School professor Bernard Andreson, a featured speaker at the April 9 meeting, acknowledged in a recent private interview. Anderson noted that it is in fact in the training camps, designed as pre-service indoctrination centers, that the youth will be given their first concentrated dose of "discipline, loyalty, and patriotism."

From there they will be sent to work under "individual contract" at minimal or no wages in "public service" jobs, according to Russell Sage Foundation-financed drafters of the "National Service" blueprint. Fingertip control over the administration of the program will be centralized in the "Youth Service" control agency — to be set up within the Department of Labor or as a "quasi-public" corporation. There youth will be registered, "counseled" and channeled into "national service" in either the "Community Service" or "Environmental Service" arms of the Labor Service apparatus.

Slated for incorporation into the "National Youth Service" are already existing slave-labor "community control" and so-called job-training programs like the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) municipal labor recycling machine and various Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-sponsored urban "Neighborhood Youth Corps" self-policing programs on the one hand, and the 'environmental" slave programs like the CCC-modeled Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) on the other. For good measure, selected Green Beret-type "civic action" military counterinsurgency programs will be integrated into the range of "national service opportunities" for youth.

A Weapon to Smash the Working Class

No mere "employment" program, its sponsors insist, Carter's National Youth Service has been designed as a weapon against the trade unions. Just like the Nazi Labor Service, its architects' public lip service to union prerogatives in hiring, firing, and wages is a transparent lie.

Like the CETA apparatus it will encompass, the National Youth Service is being designed to efficiently recycle young unemployed workers into their fathers' and other laid-off workers' municipal, mining, and ultimately labor-intensive manufacturing jobs at plummeting wage and skill levels.

"Manpower planner" Willard Wirtz left nothing to the imagination on that score as he bluntly pointed out to his cohorts at one of their closed-door strategy sessions, "If we're talking about a full youth employment policy we're going to come face to face with a minimum wage issue.... If we're talking about a youth 'service' program, there's some other possible approaches to that matter." Or, as the Atlanticist slave-herders and Democratic policy-makers who met at the Arden House put it in their "final report," "a stipend and graded wage scale congruent with the youth wage scale in the community."

Carter's National Youth Service is furthermore designed as the drivewheel for the Democratic Party's open campaign to build a fascist "national community" — the Nazi's Volksgemeinschaft — keynoted as the Carter-Mondale rallying cry at the party's July convention by Rep.Barbara Jordan (D-Tex). As Willard Wirtz emphasized in his "sum-up" briefing on the Youth Service at the same recent private strategy session, the program "will take its real significance from its development as part of a regeneration of the sense of community in this country."

"Co-participation" and "local control" brainwashing is the paranoid psychological glue that the would-be dictators Carter-Mondale and their accomplices plan to apply to bind and power their "national community" fascist enterprise. The remaining "undeveloped force," Wirtz insisted, is "the participation of the people in their own affairs ... new forms of private citizens'

participation in the administration of these programs.... And that can only be local," Wirtz added emphatically.

Further, the choice of "youth" as the vehicle for this undertaking is in precise accord with the tradition of the Nazi Labor Service. Carter's fascist braintrusters calculate that they can use youth, already turned into labile cannon fodder by pervasive unemployment, depression collapse of education, and the hideous "drug-youth culture" operation, as the battering ram for their Nazi labor policy to paralyze and destroy organized working-class resistance without risking a direct confrontation.

Trail of Evidence

Carter-Mondale and their backers have offered the clearest possible evidence of their plans in the historic and present-day network of slave-labor planning and pilot programs.

One of the pivotal U.S. organizing hubs for labor-regimentation planning is the Russell Sage Foundation, which, together with another key Rockefeller private-intelligence fascist planning center, the University of Chicago, set up the National Service Secretariat in 1966 to openly organize and prepare the way for a "national service" slave-labor youth draft.

The Russell Sage Foundation's unique qualifications for this project are notorious. Set up in the early 1900s to institutionalize the British Fabian Society's "Lady Do Rightly" methods of social control in the U.S., the Foundation pioneered in settlement house-prison "reform," child-labor administration, and other urban pacification and draft labor programs for the Round Table financiers (notably including among its early "local control" efforts the successful cornering of the curbside loansharking market in New York City).

Less well known is the fact that the Russell Sage Foundation not only virtually ran the World War I war mobilization for the Allies, setting up materiel and manpower allocation systems on both sides of the Atlantic, but the Foundation's chief agent in the U.S. War Department dictated the "economic aspects" of the Versailles Treaty, the "war reparations" debt collection operation which set Germany up for the "Nazi experiment."

It is not surprising, therefore, that when the Russell Sage Foundation launched its "National Service" project it was under the "philosophical" banner of William James, top Fabian Society agent in the late-19th and early 20th century U.S. — and of James' 1910 call for a "national service" forced labor draft which he termed "the moral equivalent of war." James, like his philosophical heir Jimmy Carter a religious mystic and drug cultist, was also the man that British Round Tables-creation Mussolini celebrated as the key influence in his life.

James proposed a national draft of the "inferiors" and all youth "to coal and iron mines, to freight trains, to fishing fleets ... to dish-washing, clothes-washing and window-washing, to road-building and tunnel-making, to foundries and stokeholes, and to the frames of skyscrapers" — to pay their "blood tax," to "get the childishness knocked out of them," and to return to society with "healthier sympathies and soberer ideas." War is "the only force that can discipline a whole community," "antimilitarist" James declared in his 1910 Arbeitsdienst proposal to "breed" the "martial type of character ... without war." Through a tour of duty of slave labor for the "good of the commonwealth," the "military ideals of hardihood and discipline" would be "wrought into the fibre of the people."

James' 1910 proposal expresses the kernel of the "science" of "manpower planning" — the academic cover for the Round Table financiers' repeated "experiments" in the construction of slave-labor-brainwashing draft labor systems enforced by military discipline. It is the "philosophical" basis, for instance, for the famous wartime experiments of James' fellow Round Table employee John Rawlings Rees, chief of the Fabian Society's brainwashing and psychological warfare laboratory, the Rocke-

feller-financed London Tavistock Clinic. Working with the British Army, "manpower expert" Rees pioneered in the early 1940s in the use of selection techniques to isolate portions of the population — the "inferior," the "dullards," and the "social problem group" for placement in special "labor companies." There these slave-labor guinea-pigs were systematically conditioned to police themselves in back-breaking work "making roads, humping shells, and erecting huts." In the British Army's "happy" Pioneer Corps the slave laborers would, as Rees put it, be "contributors to the life of the community and not consumers or problem-makers."

The Apparat Today

Today's "manpower planners" have been eargerly assembling the tools and the networks to fully realize the same schemes. Established in 1966 to "inject" the national service draft concept into the Vietnam-era debate over the Selective Service draft, the Russell Sage Foundation's National Service Secretariat and its "independent government agency" arm, ACTION, have since then served as a key propaganda mill and center of slave-labor brainwashing experimentation and organizing in the U.S. Through ACTION, the Foundation founded and runs VISTA, the college "Work Study" program, the Job Corps, and other "pilot programs" in slave labor.

But its basic target for destruction and incorporation into the "national service" labor draft system was education. The Secretariat's founding conference documents pinpointed education along with health and hospitals — the basic municipal services — as the leading focus for massive "national service" job creation. Health and education have been the municipal services hit first and hardest with cutbacks and mass layoffs as bankers dictate the austerity terms for "guaranteeing" the collection of burgeoning municipal debt.

The Secretariat launched a major drive "from the inside" against education with a nationwide campaign for "servicelearning." Their crusade to "break the educational lockstep for a period of full-time community service" was kicked off with a six-month-long "seminar" spearheaded by the Southern Regional Education Board together with the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta Urban Corps, HEW, VISTA, etc., which brought student interns, faculty supervisors, education students and others together in the Democratic peanut farmer's stomping ground of Atlanta for an intensive brainwashing session based on John Dewey's Fabian "total experience" educational theories. The retrograde "service-learning" ideology was spread throughout secondary educational levels by the Russell Sage Foundationmanipulated National Association of Secondary School Principals under the rubric of "action-learning." In fact, the Foundation's "Secretariat" even saw to it that the 1968-69 national high-school debate topic was nothing other than "national service."

In going after education, the fascist National Service operatives deliberately struck at a central ideological and institutional expression of the American working class's commitment to progress. The proliferation of so-called "workstudy" programs under the aegis of ACTION, like the spread of so-called "community colleges" pioneered in New York State under Nelson Rockefeller, marked not the progressive reform or extension of "universal education" but its dismantling and the de facto institutionalization of a broad "tracking system" of the sort prerequisite to the later creation of a Nazi-style Labor Service apparatus. The Institute for Policy Studies-sponsored "deschooling" obscenity only makes this aim more explicit.

Pilot Projects

At the same time, the fascist Secretariat and allied manpower institutes and think tanks have carried out a myriad of "pilot projects." These experiments were aimed at softening up the

population on the one hand and testing for the right psychological warfare "handles" to launch a nationwide "Youth Service" labor draft that would be credible as an institutional "alternative."

While the desperation and thoroughgoing lumpenization of ghetto youth, for instance, had early proven to be fertile ground for their recruitment to numerous "job-training" slave labor and self-policing "chain gang" programs, it remained a major Secretariat goal to formulate a Labor Service plan — without the "stigma of a poor, black, dropout," as Secretariat operative Donald Eberley put it in a recent interview — which could successfully capture the relatively less lumpenized strata of the working class.

The National Service Secretariat is especially proud of its Program for Local Service (PLS) "pilot project" — "the nearest we have come to conducting an experimental Universal Youth Service program," they chirp. Government-funded and conducted during 1973, this program organized 700 young people in the overwhelmingly working-class and unionized south Seattle area into full-time work for both private and public "community agencies" at below minimum wage — and have gotten away with it so far. (South Seattle was similarly targeted, precisely because of its high concentration of union workers, for the creation of synthetic self-help "Unemployed Leagues" during the 1930s, in an attempt to counter the Communist Party-led Unemployed Councils' fight against new Deal public works programs.)

The Ohio Test Case

The latest attempt to establish a solid foot-in-the-door for the National Youth Service forced labor draft was the Carter machine's Ohio "test case" Conservation Corps bill, derailed in early June by a Labor Party-led coalition of Teamsters and state legislators. The Ohio CCC bill, sponsored by Carter conferer Ohio State Senator Arthur Wilkowski after private consultation with the Wall Street Presidential candidate himself, mandated the erection of a system of slave-labor camps for the resettlement of unemployed workers to perform labor-intensive mining and other "resource reclamation" work under military discipline at \$100 per month. Ohio, with the nation's most intensive concentration of basic industry, its most highly skilled workforce, and a nest of Nazi planners in the State University system, has been the special focus of a massive deindustrialization campaign at the same time that welfare benefits and unemployment compensation payments have been arbitrarily terminated for hundreds of thousands of workers.

The Ohio CCC scheme was, moreover, designed as part of the nationwide Young Adult Conservation Corps program that was railroaded through Congress under the cover of a press blackout in May. The YACC slave program was heralded by National Service Secretariat chieftain Eberly himself as "filling in the environmental component" of the Carter-Mondale National Youth Service slave plan.

Both the Ohio "test case" and the YACC bill explicitly dictate "labor-intensive" slave work for their youthful conscripts as the only basis for "getting a return" on the cost of administering the program. "These kids will be using picks and shovels for things you'd ordinarily used cranes and bulldozers for," the YACC bill's co-draftsman in Fabian Rep. Meeds' (D-Wash) office told investigators, adding that Carter advisor Bernard Anderson's Wharton School had supplied the "cost-accounting" for the program.

Carter's First Week In Office?

As the entire string of 20th century "experiments" in "manpower planning" demonstrate — from Mussolini's Italy and the New Deal to the Nazis' Labor Service — the military is integral to the administration and enforcement of a fascist forced-work policy. Thus it is no accident that the U.S. Army's "scenario" for a contemporary "Domestic Service Corps," outlined in a 1973 issue of Military Review, reads like the script for Jimmy Carter's first week in office.

As Lt. Colonel Carl M. Putnam, a graduate of the Air Force Command and Staff College and a veteran of two tours of duty with the U.S. Military Assistance Command and the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam, describes it:

Let us imagine that the urban crisis in the United States continues to worsen.... The unemployment rate slowly climbs through 10.8 per cent, and urban crime is on the upswing. The discouragement of the unemployed has developed into hopelessness. This has increased the danger of insurgency in the cities....

The Secretary of Defense recommended to the President that an ad hoc committee be formed to study the possibility of establishing a program similar to the CCC to help the country out of its dilemma.... The Administration recommended that the Congress enact a bill to establish a two-part Domestic Service Corps.... One part of the Corps would be called the Urban Service Group and the other would be named the Environmental Service Group....

Every youth at the beginning of the senior year of high school or on his 17th birthday, if he is a high-school dropout, is required to register for domestic service.... HEW is responsible for the induction, orientation and preparation of the new trainee.... Aptitude testing and interviews are conducted to determine which of the available vocations would best suit the trainee....

The Urban Service Group, the larger of the two, is under the control of HUD. The trainee lives in a DSC camp located on a military post near the urban area where he is assigned to work. HUD projects run the spectrum from cleaning up the ghetto to construction work on newly designed public living areas.... The environmental trainee also lives in a DSC camp on a military post near his work area....

The youth involved in the DSC would learn to live and work together as a group. They should be physically fit, and many would learn defense-related skills. Leading the DSC trainees would be active-duty officers who are trained and ready to react to any situation. Both factors would greatly reduce mobilization time

Another important gain would be the increased size of the officer corps for peacetime military operations. For the CCC, an additional 9,000 officers were needed, and that program was not set up to accommodate the entire youth population of the country....

Other advantages would include a strengthened enlisted Reserve Corps, a semi-mobilized school system, a larger, better manned supply system....