Conservatives Push Back Against Mondale Option



Inside sources in Washington, D.C. are giving Jimmy Carter no more than a month until he finds himself back in Plains, Ga. with his financially troubled friend and budget director, Burt Lance. Last Sunday's public call by the Americans for Democratic Action for Lance's dismissal, a barely disguised demand for Carter's own resignation, was followed up throughout the week with a parade of new charges by congressmen and federal officials on Lance's political and financial shenanigans.

Most interesting, however, is the fact that the loudest voices raised in the call for Lance's ouster are those of close associates of Vice President Walter "Fritz" Mondale. The arrival on the scene this week of Mondale protégé Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Mondale-allied Senators Abe Ribicoff and Charles Percy demanding Lance's dumping opened up a new line of questioning in the escalating scandal. Is Lancegate being used to boot Carter from the White House and replace him with the Lazard Freres and City of London-backed Mondale as the next step in David Rockefeller's drive for a fascist U.S. economy?

Over the past weeks, the U.S. Labor Party has identified this gameplan as the bankrupt bankers' "Mondale Option" for saving the U.S. dollar through deindustrialization and slave labor. Worse still than a Carter presidency, a Mondale White House would serve as lower

Manhattan's stepping stone to domestic fascism, the USLP has warned, and no effort should be spared to insure that Mondale is bounced from executive office before Carter is impeached or forced into resignation.

Conservative opposition to the Carter Administration in the U.S. Congress got a taste of what's in store for them under the Mondale Option this week. Mondale and his cohorts revved up the Koreagate scandal, announcing the indictment of Korean businessmen Tongsun Park and naming a number of U.S. political figures for probable future indictment. In addition, the friends of Lazard Freres have targeted John Connally, a foremost mediator between U.S. industrialists and their counterparts in the Mideast, for immediate neutralization, if not political destruction.

Congressional backlash to the implications of Carter's no-growth, no-industry energy package is the most significant indication thus far that U.S. conservative opposition to the Administration will jettison Carter, Mondale and the Administration's fascist policies — all in one package. The Senate this week vetoed a bid for forced conversion of industrial plants to coal fueling, a major plank in the deindustrialization program, and a major fight is expected in the Senate where the House and Senate versions of the entire energy package must now be resolved.

'Lancegate' Escalates To Calls For Carter's Ouster

The commencement earlier this week of several Congressional investigations into the continuing saga of Bert Lance's financial troubles together with the intensity of the Eastern Establishment media onslaught against the beleaguered OMB director and his Presidential protector, indicate that both Jimmy and Bert could find themselves out of office before the end of September—leaving the Presidency in the hands of Lazard Freres-puppet Walter "Queen Fritz" Mondale.

The newest round in the "Mondale Option" scenario unfolded last Sunday when Carter was advised publicly to fire Lance by the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)—a political mafioso unit created in the late 1940s by networks connected to Hubert Humphrey and Joe Rauh of the Institute for Policy Studies' labor infiltrating unit, and whose first student director was Humphrey's protege, Mondale. The call was a barely disguised demand for Carter's own resignation, since according to inside sources, Carter has confided to his closest asso-

ciates that if Lance is forced to resign, he himself will not survive in office much longer.

The ADA salvo was followed immediately by a slew of charges of complicity in his budget director's financial shenanigans. In what the media characterized as "the most explosive charge yet levelled" during the Lance affair, Acting Comptroller of the Currency Robert Bloom, in testimony before the House banking subcommittee on financial institutions, Sept. 6, accused Carter of deliberately withholding information concerning Lance's money troubles from the Senate Government Affairs Committee which confirmed Lance in January.

Only hours later, Comptroller of the Currency John Heimann turned over to the Justice Department, the IRS, and the Federal Elections Unit (FEU) for possible criminal prosecution, a report concerning Lance's alleged misuse of a plane owned by his National Bank of Georgia for political purposes. In reporting on Heimann's action, the Sept. 7 Washington Post quoted

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