

## CIA "Counter-Spy" Countergang Attacks Labor Committee, Protects SLA

June 29 (IPS) — In a hasty and shoddy attempt to offset the continuing exposure of CIA-created terrorist groupings by IPS and *New Solidarity*, the Rockefeller cabal has activated a group of "former" CIA and Air Force Intelligence agents known as the "Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate." This fifth column formation, with financial backing from such moral and intellectual degenerates as Norman Mailer and "advice" from "alternative" CIA agents like Marcus Raskin of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., has in the most recent issue of its quarterly journal *Counter-Spy* completely exposed itself as a CIA-controlled countergang.

Virtually the entire issue of the most recent *Counter-Spy* is devoted to a less than sophisticated cover-up of CIA responsibility for the terrorist formation known as the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), juxtaposed with puerile attempts to link the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) and *New Solidarity* to the SLA!

The intention to link the SLA and NCLC is not left to the reader's imagination. The first paragraph of the issue states: "In this edition, *Counter-Spy* examines two organizations responsible for terrorizing various segments of the American population. The Fifth Estate maintains an on-going interest in the subject of terrorism through our Terrorism Information Project (TIP). Our articles illustrating the activities of the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) and the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) will hopefully shed some light on a subject that lies hidden in the shadows of government secrecy, media sensationalism, public paranoia, and political manipulation."

### SLA Cover-Up

The first article, entitled "The Symbionese Connections," by one Winslow Peck, is exposed as a complete fraud by simple content analysis:

- The entire piece revolves around a "factual" accounting gleaned from newspaper reports, or blow-by-blow description, of the activities of the SLA since the murder of Oakland School Superintendent Marcus Foster. This creates the intended aura of mystery.

- Although giving an acknowledging nod to Donald Freed's Citizens Research and Investigation Committee (CRIC), which has compiled lengthy documentation of the SLA's CIA origins, *Counter-Spy* completely avoids all reference to CIA responsibility. CIA agent Colston Westbrook, exposed by Freed and IPS as the control agent in charge of the SLA's predecessor brainwashed group the Black Cultural Association inside Vacaville Prison, is mentioned only in passing as a "former SLA comrade."

- The article makes no mention of the brainwashing behavior-modification techniques used extensively by the CIA and LEAA in the Vacaville Prison psychiatric facility.

- Thus, the lie is perpetuated that the SLA is an actual political left organization, comprised of "naive" misguided young people. A brief summary of the police agent career of "Field Marshall Cinque" (Donald David DeFreeze) is provided, but even this "expose" (compiled months ago by both Freed and IPS) is a sham, for it contends that DeFreeze's agent role ended in 1969. The Fifth Estate contends that thereafter DeFreeze became a radical.

- Most telling is the fact that the article totally avoids mentioning the full exposure of the SLA by the National Caucus of Labor Committees, IPS, and *New Solidarity*. Hundreds of journalists received press releases from *New Solidarity* documenting CIA responsibility for the SLA operation, beginning with *New Solidarity News Bulletin* No. 75 February 16, 1974 (title: "Press Must Help Labor Committee Attempt to Save Ms. Hearst's Life"). *Counter-Spy* merely remarks in passing that "there is considerable doubt in some circles that the SLA is a leftwing organization."

### Attack on Labor Committee

This Pentagon Papers-style cover-up for the CIA accomplished, the *Counter-Spy* issue then devotes itself to a slanderous attack on the NCLC, cribbed from a Liberation News Service (LNS) article circulated to CIA-controlled left-liberal circles earlier this year. More significant than the fact that this four-page libel contains flagrant falsehoods, the major allegation is that the NCLC (not the SLA!) is controlled by "security agencies." This charge is made with hysterical denunciations of the successful campaign, waged over six years, by which the NCLC became the leading socialist revolutionary organization in the U.S. by organizing the political working class on a classwide international perspective to take over and run the economy. Here too the Fifth Estate coincidentally forgets that the NCLC first exposed the SLA.

### "Are We A Government Front?"

This ploy is timed to coincide with the latest shift in CIA policy, signalled by the recent much-touted publication of the Mark II Pentagon Papers hoax, Victor Marchetti's book, *The CIA and The Cult of Intelligence*. This shift, also telegraphed on the Op Ed page of the June 29 *New York Times* by CIA director William Colby, amounts to a public relations gambit designed to dissolve the Central Intelligence Agency into the very

pores of the governmental apparatus and society as a whole.

Thus the Fifth Estate's revulsion with what they term "excessive government secrecy." A Fifth Estate pamphlet asks the question: "Is the Fifth Estate a Govern-

ment Front?" Their literature should deceive no one. Although they answer no, they ask you to call their office "before stopping by, as we have frequent meetings." IPS suggests that interested persons should drop in, unannounced, at Fifth Estate's offices at Suite 519 of the plush DuPont Circle Building in Washington, D. C.

## U.S. Labor Party to Sue FBI for Detroit Attack

DETROIT, June 28 (IPS) — In a move to prevent further illegal disruption of its socialist organizing by the FBI and related subversive organizations, the U.S. Labor Party (USLP) will shortly file suit against the FBI in Detroit Federal District Court for its part in invading the office of Detroit Labor Party and Detroit Labor Committee illegally and subsequently ransacking and seizing materials from its Party office.

The Labor Party suit seeks a permanent injunction against the FBI for violating its Fourth (search and seizure) and Fourteenth (due process) amendment constitutional rights.

The suit stems from the illegal search-and-seizure operation carried out by the FBI and Detroit Police Department on the Labor Party office here June 20. As reported in IPS, the armed squad of police was ostensibly searching for Vernon Higgins, an FBI informer who, torn apart by conflicting pressures to inform on the Labor Party while simultaneously being drawn closer to its ideas and organizing, had broken down and confessed to Labor Party members the night before that he was a paid FBI informer. Higgins is the second FBI informer in the USLP to crack this year. The other, Bill Rini, is now working with the Cleveland Labor Party.

Trying to convince other agents in the field that FBI is big enough to protect them in case they too are exposed, the FBI is now compounding its blunders.

### FBI Hysterical

The morning after Higgins confessed that he had been assigned by the FBI more than two months ago to infiltrate and inform on the Detroit Labor Committee and Labor Party, he called his FBI control agent, Jones, from the Labor Party office, falsely claiming that he was being held against his will. He then left the office, at the

request of Labor Party organizers. Several hours later, a squad of armed policemen and FBI agents raided the office, armed with a search warrant for Higgins. Although it was immediately obvious that Higgins was not on the premises, the squad ransacked the office, rifled through files, photographed everything in sight, and illegally confiscated information, including a list of Canadian contacts of the North American Labor Party.

Higgins later surfaced on Friday in Pontiac, Michigan, where he filed a complaint against the National Caucus of Labor Committees and USLP. On Monday, the FBI was forced to renege on the complaint, knowing full well that to pursue it would merely open itself up to further ridicule, since the basis of the complaint was patently false.

The suit, which is being brought by U.S. Labor Party candidates, including Pete Signorelli and Andrew Rotstein, seeks a permanent injunction against the FBI and other named parties from further illegal infiltration by FBI informers; search, harassment of members and organizers; and illegal seizure of materials and disruption of electoral campaigns — this last since Higgins was, before revealing his FBI connections, a candidate on the Labor Party ticket.

As perpetrators of these illegal action, the suit names Higgins; the City of Detroit; and Detroit Police Department, including the Chief of Police, and the policemen involved in the raid; the FBI, including the control agents directly implicated in the case and director Clarence Kelley; and U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe. In addition, the suit asks \$5,000,000 in damages for illegal infiltration and disruption of electoral campaigns, and return of the materials illegally confiscated from the Labor Party office during the raid.