

## CIA, FBI Harrassment Increases

June 28 (IPS) — In an attempt to cancel their embarrassing and costly mistake in Detroit last week (see accompanying article), the CIA and FBI have stepped up harassment and threats against Labor Committee members and periphery. In the Detroit area, organizers were detained at the Canadian end of the Windsor tunnel by an hysterical undercover Mounted Policeman. In Seattle, two Labor Committee members brought into the police station to pay back traffic tickets were greeted with: "Oh, hello, Commies." In Philadelphia, a prison van drove up to an unemployment center where *New Solidarity* was being sold and threatened to arrest the distributors unless they paid a fee.

In at least two cases, Labor Committee members' relatives have been visited, partly for purposes of obtaining psychological profiles. The landlord of leading Buffalo organizer Ira Liebowitz rebuffed two visits from the FBI. At the same time, Labor Committee regional offices are receiving letters from ex-Labor Committee members in a renewal of last winter's NAG\*-CIA rumor-mill. The FBI's questions and statements are revealing indicators as to the areas where Labor Committee organizing is most immediately threatening to Rockefeller.

The question, "Is the Labor Committee planning to bust up the United Auto Workers?" was put by the FBI to a leading Cleveland member of the North American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization. The FBI told this organizer that the LEAA had nothing to do with the FBI; that the Symbionese Liberation Army was prison-created but DeFreeze was not CIA-linked; and that the Labor Committee will "get violent" with "shotguns in New York." The visitors matched the descriptions of the contacts of exposed FBI infiltrator William Rini, whose names are Kenney and Shoe. The next day, the Cleveland Labor Committee office received a bomb threat by telephone, and within minutes of the NCLC's summonns to the bomb squad, Agent Kenney was seen driving past the office. Seven squad cars and three unmarked police cars arrived with the special investigations squad, who found nothing.

\*NAG — The "New Alternatives Group" — is a countergang composed of brainwashed ex-Labor Committee members formed by CIA operatives and behavior-modification experts last January to harass the Labor Committees and relatives of LC members.