LATE EVENING NEWS ROUND-UP
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I. INTERNATIONAL

CONTINUED FIGHTING, GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN LEBANON

JUNE 27 (IPS)--REUTERS DISPATCHES TODAY INDICATE THAT "HEAVY FIGHTING" HAS EXPLODED IN BEIRUT, LEBANON'S CAPITAL, OVER THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT, LEADING TO TEN NEW DEATHS AND BRINGING THE DEATH TOTAL TO 30 IN CLASHES OVER THE PAST FOUR DAYS. UPI WIRE MEANWHILE REPORT THAT THE FIGHTING, THE "MOST INTENSE" IN THE RECENT ROUND, HAS "PARALYZED BEIRUT."

UPI FURTHER REPORTS THAT THE LEBANESE MILITARY CABINET, WHICH IS ACTING AS A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNTIL AN ACTUAL GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, IS "MEETING WITH URGENCY" TODAY TO TRY TO FORMULATE A GOVERNMENT. WITH THE CRUCIAL STUMBLING BLOCK BEING WHETHER OR NOT THE CIA-CONTROLLED FASCIST CHRISTIAN PHALANGE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT OVER THE HEATED OBJECTIONS OF SECOND INTERNATIONAL-LINKED "SOCIALIST" KAMAL JUMBLATT, A LEBANESE DIPLOMAT INFORMED IPS THAT AN ARRANGEMENT HAD IN fact BEEN WORKED OUT SEVERAL DAYS AGO TO FORM A GOVERNMENT EXCLUDING BOTH THE PHALANGE AND JUMBLATT, AT WHICH POINT FIGHTING BROKE OUT. THE NEW ROUND OF FIGHTING "COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY PROVOCATEURS," THE DIPLOMAT ADDED.

THE CONTINUED TENSION MAINTAINS THE DANGER OF LEBANON BEING MADE INTO A FLASHPOINT OF A SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT LEADING TO A MAJOR MID EAST WAR, AS BOTH COUNTRIES THREATEN TO INTERFERE TO PROTECT THEIR PERCEIVED "INTERESTS." SUPPORTING THIS POSSIBILITY, JUMBLATT HAS JUST COMPLETED MEETINGS IN DAMASCUS WITH THE AGENT SYRIAN REGIME AND IS BEING HEAVILY WOODED BY CIA-CONTROLLED LIBYAN DICTATOR COLONEL COLONEL GADDAFI, WHO HAS CHOSEN JUMBLATT AS AN ALLY FOR HIS MUSLIM FANATICISM WHILE PROVIDING EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S "RADICAL" MOSLEM GANGS.

GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS
"NEW AMERICAN STRATEGY OF 'LIMITED' NUCLEAR WAR"

JUNE 27 (IPS)--IN A JUNE 25 ARTICLE TITLED "NEW AMERICAN STRATEGY," THE PRO-MOSCOW GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY (KKE) NEWSPAPER ZIROS-SPASTIS ATTACKED THE SCHELSINGER DOCTRINE OF "LIMITED" NUCLEAR WAR AS "A HOAX." "SCHLESINGER IS TRYING TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT THIS NEW STRATEGY WILL ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF A NEW WORLD WAR," RIZOS-SPASTIS INSISTS, "WHO COULD BELIEVE THAT THE 'LIMITED' USE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD NOT LEAD TO A GENERAL NUCLEAR WAR?"

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THIS ARTICLE FOLLOWS CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF A STRONG KKE AT-TACK AGAINST WEST GERMAN NAZI WILLY BRANDT AS A NATO AGENT AND IS THUS THE SECOND STRONG ASSERTION OF THE KKE'S KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE GROWING INTERNATIONALISM OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AFTER THE RECENT VISIT OF FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER ROLAND LEROY TO GREECE.

PONIATOWSKI MOVES TO REGROUP PRO-ROCKEFELLER CENTREISTS, BLASTS MITTERRAND/PCF


SIMULTANEOUSLY, PONIATOWSKI LAUNCHED INTO A VICIOUS, ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-WORKING-CLASS TIRADE, CLEARLY POINTING OUT WHO HIS REAL ENEMIES ARE. REPEATING EARLIER WARNINGS TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF FRANCOIS MITTERRAND ABOUT THE POLITICAL DANGERS OF AFFILIATING WITH THE PCF, PONIATOWSKI BLASTED MITTERRAND FOR "LEADING HIS TROOPS INTO PASSES WHERE THEY ARE DESTROYED BY THE COMMunist PARTY." PINPOINTING THE MILITARY CAMPAIGN NAGED BY THE PCF LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST MONTH IN DEFENSE OF WORKERS' CIVIL LIBERTIES AND AGAINST BRUTAL POLICE ATTACKS AND MANAGEMENT GOONERY, PONIATOWSKI DENOUNCED THIS CRITICAL PRO-WORKING-CLASS OFFENSIVE AS "CLOAKED IN A JAIL."

NORWEGIAN CP ATTACKS SECOND INTERNATIONAL-DOMINATED NORWEGIAN LABOR ORGANIZATION


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NOTING THAT AFL-CIO "INTERNATIONAL DIVISION" CIA AGENTS EARNEST S. LEE AND MARTIN WARD HAD RECENTLY VISITED NORWAY, PRIHETEN COMMENTED: "THE WHOLE THING STINKS WHEN IT COMES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS BEEN HERE." THE INP PAPER ADDED: "MUCH POINTS TO THE FACT THAT THIS INTRODUCTION TO THE COLD WAR OF THE SEVENTIES HAS ITS BACKGROUND IN A COORDINATED NATO OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION CONFERENCE."

CHINA PROCLAIMS PARTS AS SOLUTION TO WORLD ENERGY CRISIS; CHINA'S ENERGY POLICY IS FOR SHIT

JUNE 27 (IPS)--AN AFP DISPATCH BYLINE REVE FLIPO AND DATED IN JUNE 25, PEKING, APPEARING IN YESTERDAY'S CARACAS DAILY EL UNIVERSAL, REVEALS THAT OFFICIAL MARXIST ENERGY POLICY IS BASED ON SHIT. "A GAS DERIVED FROM HUMAN AND ANIMAL EXCREMENT," THE ARTICLE STATES, "IS RESOLVING IN PRACTICE IN CHINA THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY FOR DOMESTIC USES, ACCORDING TO PEKING PRESS."

ACCORDING TO THE AFP WIRE, THE ORG OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, PEOPLE'S DAILY, WROTE THAT THE USE OF THIS GAS "IS A MODERNIZATION COMPLETELY APART FROM INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS."

II. LATIN AMERICA

GENERAL STRIKE PARALYZES ARGENTINA, THREATENS ISABEL'S REGIME


PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON HAS THUS FAR REFUSED TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE STRIKE, BUT HAS CONVENED AN EMERGENCY MEETING WITH THE CABINET, MILITARY LEADERS AND CCT LEADERS. UPI SOURCES REPORT THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR RESERVED SUPPORT FOR ISABEL.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE ALLEGEDLY DESCRIBED THE STRIKE AS LIKELY TO FORCE A PARTIAL OR TOTAL CHANGE OF THE PERONIST CABINET. THE PRESENT INSTABILITY OF PERON'S REGIME HAS BEEN SNRITED BY A RECENT SERIES OF RESIGNATIONS BY DISSIDENT MEMBERS OF THE PERONIST APPARATUS.

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FULL STATE OF SIEGE IMPLEMENTED IN COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, JUNE 27 (IPS)—A NATIONWIDE, INDEFINITE STATE OF SIEGE WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSON. THREE PROVINCES HAVE BEEN UNDER MILITARY CONTROL FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

LAST NIGHT'S ACTION TO EXTEND MARTIAL LAW WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO A "GUERRILLA AMBUSH" OF AN ARMY UNIT IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE OF MAGDALENA MEDIO. IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE REAL REASON FOR THE STATE OF SIEGE WAS THE COMMUNIST PARTY-LED STRIKE WAVE AND POPULAR UPSURGE PRESENTLY SPEWING THE COUNTRY.

DESCRIBED BY LOCAL PRESS AS THE "MOST GRAVE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND GUERRILLAS" SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION TEN MONTHS AGO, THE AMBUSH IS REPORTED TO HAVE INVOLVED ONLY A SMALL BAND OF 20 GUERRILLAS. THE ARMY IS NOW REPORTED TO HAVE SURROUNDED THESE 20 WITH SIX BATTALIONS INVOLVING 2,000 ARMY TROOPS! THE PRESS IS ADDING FURTHER FUEL TO THE FIRE WITH REPORTS OF AN EXPECTED "RESURGENCE OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THE STATE OF SIEGE REPLACES CIVILIAN JUSTICE WITH SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL BEFORE MILITARY COURTS. PRESIDENT LOPEZ ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW TO BE CONSIDERED "CRIMES:" REBELLION, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES, RIOTING AND "ASSOCIATION AND INSTIGATION TO COMMIT A CRIME."

NAZI DOCTORS AT WORK IN BRAZIL

JUNE 27 (IPS)—THOUSANDS OF IMPOVERISHED BRAZILIANS, THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE JECUITHONHA VALLEY IN MINAS GERAIS STATE, ARE BEING DENIED ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES SO THAT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED NAZI DOCTORS CAN OBSERVE THE INTERACTION OF THE VARIOUS DISEASES NOW RUNNING Rampant—TUBERCULOSIS, MEASLES, SCHISTOSOMIASIS, CHAGAS AND MANY OTHERS. THE "DOCTORS" ARE COMPARING THESE "TEST-TUBE" CASES WITH OTHER POPULATIONS BEING TREATED WITH MASS DRUG THERAPY, SUCH AS THE NOTORIOUS USE OF HY- CANTHONE FOR SCHISTOSOMIASIS. ALUISIO PRATA, CHIEF HEALTH POLICY MAKER IN BRAZIL, IS REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRUG-INTENSIVE TRIAGE METHODS. PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT PRATA IS HEAVILY FUNDED BY THE FORD FOUNDATION.

III. CONTINENTAL

FEDERAL BIG MAC IN THE WORKS

WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 27 (IPS)—TESTIFYING YESTERDAY BEFORE A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE MUNICIPAL DEBT CRISIS, WILLIAM SIMON, THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. TREASURY, DEMANDED GREATER CUTS IN CITY SERVICES BEFORE ANY FEDERAL INSURANCE COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR CITY DEBTS. "NEW YORK CITY HAS 49 EMPLOYEES FOR EVERY 1,000 CITIZENS, WHILE MOST OTHER CITIES HAVE BETWEEN 30 (MORE)
AND 35," he moaned. "NEW YORK PROVIDES A FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY."

GEORGE MITCHELL, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, TESTIFIED TWO DAYS AGO THAT IF SUCH A DEBT INSURANCE FACILITY, IN EFFECT A FEDERAL BIG MAC, WERE SET UP TO HELP THE CITIES, "IT MUST HAVE SUFFICIENT OVERSIGHT POWERS TO PERMIT IT TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN CORRECTING THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF CLIENT COMMUNITIES." IN OTHER WORDS, MAC-TYPE DICTATORIAL POWERS TO CUT SERVICES, COLLEGES AND OTHER "FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS."

A BILL TO GIVE MAC-STYLE POWERS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALREADY EXISTS, S. 1833, SUBMITTED BY SENATORS JAVITS (R-NY), BUCKLEY (C-NY) AND OTHERS, WHICH DEMANDS THAT CITIES GUARANTEE A BALANCED BUDGET IN EXCHANGE FOR FEDERAL HELP.

YESTERDAY'S HEARINGS WERE SPONSORED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER AND MONETARY AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL (D-NY), DID NOT PERMIT THE U.S. LABOR PARTY TO TESTIFY, DESPITE THE PARTY'S PROVEN COMPETENCE AND INFLUENCE ON THE TOPIC. SECRETARY SIMON, HOWEVER, REPLIED TO AN IPS CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MUNICIPAL DEBT MORATORIUM: "THAT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. YOU WOULD SHUT THE CITIES OUT OF THE CREDIT MARKET IN THE FUTURE."

SANITATION WORKERS BEGIN MANHATTAN WILDCATS

JUNE 27 (IPS)—ENRAGED BY THE IMPENDING LAYOFF OF 3,000 UNIFORMED SANITATION MEN BY NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BEAME ON MONDAY, HUNDREDS OF SANITATION WORKERS BEGAN STAGING WILDCAT WALK-OUTS IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN TODAY. THE MEN HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE CHARGE OF TRUCKS OUT FROM AT LEAST FOUR SANITATION BARNs, LEAVING THE LOWER HALF OF MANHATTAN WITHOUT A GARBAGE PICK-UP. A FRIGHTENED JOHN DE LURY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIFORMED SANITATION MEN'S ASSOCIATION (USA), WHICH REPRESENTS THE WORKERS, TOLD THE PRESS THAT "THIS IS NOT A UNION AUTHORIZED STRIKE."

ONE SANIT WORKER, EXPRESSING THE GENERAL MOOD OF THE NEW YORK SANITATION WORKERS, TOLD THE NEW YORK POST THAT "THE MEN ARE FED UP NOW BECAUSE THE CITY WANTS TO BREAK THE CONTRACT... THEY CAN, BUT BECAUSE OF THE TAYLOR LAW, WE CAN'T STRIKE."

STATE SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF SANIT UNION

JUNE 27 (IPS)—ACCORDING TO A UPI REPORT, THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT TODAY ISSUED A RULING AND A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AGAINST NEW YORK CITY'S PLANNED LAYOFFS OF SANITATION WORKERS. THE RULING UPHOLDS THE CLAUSE IN THE SANIT CONTRACT WHICH STIPULATES THAT NO LAYOFFS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION INDICATED TO IPS THAT THE CITY WAS IMMEDIATELY APPEALING TO THE STATE COURT OF APPEALS AND THAT A RULING ON THE APPEAL WOULD PROBABLY BE RUSHED THROUGH IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

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PRESS SECRETARY NESSEN ATTACKS WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS

JUNE 27 (IPS)--AT HIS PRESS BRIEFING YESTERDAY, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN ATTACKED THE WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS FOR FORCING PRESIDENT FORD'S ADMISSION THAT THE SCHLESINGER LIMITED NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION DOCTRINE HAS BECOME U.S. POLICY. AFTER NUMEROUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RECENT SHIFT IN U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS NESSEN ACCUSED THE PRESS OF "BLIND, MINDLESS, IRRATIONAL SUSPICION AND CYNICISM AND DIS- TRUST." HE REFUSED TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS, STATING THAT "MOST OF US ON BOTH SIDES HERE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT"--TO WHICH ONE REPORTER RESPONDED "I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT."

MAOIST OCTOBER LEAGUE ACQUITTED OF ATTACKS AGAINST USLP

BALTIMORE, JUNE 27 (IPS)--IN A TRIAL WHICH STANDS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO GOVERNMENT VIGOR IN PROSECUTING LEADERS OF THE U.S. LABOR PARTY AT MOUNTAIN LAKES, MEMBERS OF THE POLICE-RUN MAOIST GROUP, THE "OCTOBER LEAGUE," WERE ACQUITTED WEDNESDAY OF CHARGES BROUGHT AFTER THEY LED TWO PREMEDITATED ATTACKS--ONE ARMED--AGAINST U.S. LABOR PARTY ORGANIZERS HERE LAST MONTH.

OL LAWYER BUCKMAN, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN IMPLICATED IN HARASSMENT AGAINST THE USLP, DISQUALIFIED THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BY CALLING THE BROTHER OF THE PROSECUTOR'S BEST FRIEND AS A DEFENSE WITNESS.

THE "SUBSTITUTE" PROSECUTOR, HILDEBRAND, THEN DECLINED TO CALL A NUMBER OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES, CONDUCTED ONLY A PERFUNCTORY CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE OL DEFENDANTS AND, IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENT, DID NOT EVEN TELL THE COURT THAT A CRIME HAD TAKEN PLACE.

WITH THE OL DEFENSE CASE BASED ON THE ASSERTION THAT "THE USLP IS KNOWN FOR BEATING UP LEFT GROUPS" UNCHALLENGED BY THE PROSECUTION, THE JUDGE ACCEPTED THE POLICE AGENTS' CLAIM THAT THE ATTACKS STEMMED FROM A SQUABBLE AMONG LEFT GROUPS.

READING SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES

READING, JUNE 27 (IPS)--LAST NIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A POURING RAIN STORM, VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE MOBILE UNIT OF THE READING POLICE--FOUR SQUAD CARS--WAS DEPLOYED TO THE LOCATION OF A TELEPHONE BOOTH WHERE U.S. LABOR PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER STEVEN DOUGLAS WAS MAKING A CALL. THE POLICE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE DOGS.

USLP LEGAL STAFF ADVISERS ARE PREPARING FOR PUBLICATION COMPLETENESS DOCUMENTATION OF ILLEGAL DOMESTIC OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE CIA, FBI AND LEAA AGAINST LP ORGANIZERS. WITH THE RECENT ARREST OF SIX WORKING-CLASS ORGANIZERS, FIVE OF THE USLP MEMBERS, FOR "DISTRIBUTING POLITICAL LITERATURE" AND THE JUNE 25 KIDNAPPING AND INTERROGATION OF USLP MEMBER MIKE BRENNAN, READING HAS BECOME A FOCUS FOR SUCH HARASSMENT.

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TO EXPLAIN THEIR CURIOSITY, THE SQUAD HASTILY RAN A NATIONWIDE COMPUTERIZED STOLEN CAR CHECK, USING LEAA-PROVIDED COMPUTER TERMINALS, ON A NEARBY VEHICLE WHICH CONTAINED U.S. LABOR PARTY MAYORAL CANDIDATE MIKE BRENAN.

AFTER THE POLICE LEFT, A LATE MODEL CADILLAC, PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE NUMBER 023-283, PARKED ACROSS THE STREET WHILE ITS OCCUPANT BEGAN READING A NEWSPAPER AT 2:00 A.M., AS THE RAIN CONTINUED. THE CAR QUICKLY DROVE OFF WHEN USLP MEMBERS WALKED TOWARD IT.

MEANWHILE, THREE CARS WITH NEW YORK PLATES WERE SEEN CRUISING PAST THE STALL SEVERAL TIMES. THESE CARS WERE LATE MODEL PLYMOUTHS OF THE SORT FREQUENTLY USED BY PLAINCLOTHES LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

CANADIAN DEFENSE INSIDER FORECASTS NUCLEAR CONfrontATION "TOWARDS SEPTEMBER" JUNE 27 (IPS) -- ANOTHER CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH THE TALKS HELD BY TOP ROCKEFELLER-ALLIED DEFENSE PLANNERS AT ANnapolis LAST WEEK TOLD IPS YESTERDAY: "I THINK (NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION) IS BUILDING TOWARDS SEPTEMBER," THE SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT "THE RUSSIANS THINK AMERICA ISN'T WILLING TO FIGHT ANY MORE; THEY THINK THEY CAN DO ANYTHING. BUT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS MAKING IT VERY CLEAR."

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MOUNTAIN LAKES JURY ACQUITS BOYD, CONVICTS AXIOS & WASSERMAN


LAST WEEK, A WORKING CLASS JURY IN NEWARK ACQUITTED LABOR PARTY DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING BOYD AND AXIOS, OF FRAME-UP ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGES BROUGHT AFTER POLICE STAGED A 1973 RIOT IN THE NEWARK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
THE SUBURBAN MORRISTOWN JURY CONDUCTED ITS DELIBERATIONS IN A TIGHT, LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION-CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT. UNDER A NEW JERSEY LEAA LAW, THE DEFENSE WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO QUESTION PROSPECTIVE JURORS. MOREOVER, MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JURY HAD SERVED ONLY LAST WEEK ON ANOTHER CASE WHICH ENDED IN A HUNG JURY: ROSMARIN CONSCIOUSLY PLAYED ON THE SUBURBANITES' FEARS THAT THEY WOULD "OFFEND" THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IF THEY FAILED IN TWO SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS TO REACH A DECISION.

ROSMARIN'S CASE WAS AN ELABORATE WEB OF LIES, CONTRADICTION, AND CONFUSION, DESIGNED TO CONCEAL THE FACT THAT THE FRAME-UP WAS CREATED BY THE FBI AND CIA THROUGH THE USE OF ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE, WIRETAPS AND PLANTED EVIDENCE. THE POLICE WITNESSES CONTRADICTED THEMSELVES, EACH OTHER, AND JURY TESTIMONY.

IN JANUARY, THE DEFENSE LAWYERS ARGUED THAT THE CASE SHOULD BE THROWN OUT OF COURT ALTOGETHER ON THESE GROUNDS. AT THAT TIME, LEAA JUDGE BERTRAM POLLON ARBITRARILY RULED THAT THE FBI COULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO MAKE WIRETAP TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE, AND ORDERED THAT THERE BE NO EVIDENCE OF FBI OR CIA INVOLVEMENT ADMITTED IN THE CASE.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY THEIR OTHERWISE-ILLEGAL SEARCH OF THE CAR, POLICE CLAIMED THAT THE DEFENDANTS WERE ROBBERY SUSPECTS. BUT THEY ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD ONLY SEARCHED THE CAR FOR 25 SECONDS BEFORE LOCATING THE PLANTED WEAPON; THEY MADE NO FURTHER SEARCH FOR STOLEN GOODS OR MONEY. POLICE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THEY FOUND A "GUN CLEANING KIT" ON THE FRONT SEAT OF THE CAR, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PRODUCE THE KIT IN COURT.

THE VERDICT IS INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT: ON THE BASIS OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE PROSECUTION, THE JURY HAD TO CONVICT ALL THE DEFENDANTS, OR ACQUIT THEM.

THAT THE JURORS "COMPROMISED", WITH A DECISION UNRELATED TO THE EVIDENCE, SHOWS THAT THEY WERE ONCE AGAIN HEADED FOR DEADLOCK, AND THAT PRESSURE WAS EXERTED TO ENSURE THAT THE DEADLOCK ENDED NOT IN A MISTRIAL BUT A "PARTIAL CONVICTION."

THE CONVICTED DEFENDANTS, AXIOS AND WASSERMAN, REMAIN FREE ON BAIL PENDING SENTENCING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6. U.S. LABOR PARTY LAWYERS ARE PLANNING AN APPEAL AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.