

The Madness of Ray Cline

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Dec. 12 (IPS) — It is an "open secret" in most of the world's leading governmental and press circles that Henry Kissinger et. al. are maintaining a massive, unprecedented effort to "contain" the influence of the Labor Committees and myself. In Washington, Paris, Bonn, Rome and elsewhere, leading figures of the Atlanticist faction are conducting the most unusual and often direct campaigns of intimidation against governments and leading elected officials of major parties, creating scandalous incidents at such high levels for the simple purpose of preventing prearranged one or two-hour discussions between me and persons who have wished to explore my views from the advantageous position of direct exchanges.

If the world situation were not so serious, this "containment" effort of Kissinger and his friends would be highly amusing to all involved, Kissinger has violated the best-known principal of "covert operations;" when "covert" methods of this type are deployed on a large scale, they cease to be "covert" and usually backfire against the agency which uses them. Mr. Kissinger and his friends have communicated the opinion that they consider me one of the most important forces in the world today. This has already caused many circles to ask themselves: "What is the mysterious power of the Labor Committees which can explain such behavior by Kissinger and company?"

Now, Mr. Kissinger and his friends are attempting to solve this problem they have created for themselves. They have borrowed the charge first made by Ray Cline this past spring. In some limited circles they seek to explain the importance of the Labor Committees by alleging that we represent one of the most dangerous operations of the Soviet KGB. Since these charges are circulating from the same circles which—for years—have generated the allegation that we are "CIA," such a blundering about-face in the anti-Labor Committee "Black Propaganda" provides all affected high level governmental and other political circles with invaluable information directly related to the current build-up of global thermonuclear confrontation.

For that reason, I am issuing this synopsis as a political intelligence background briefing for use of relevant political and military experts in the U.S., NATO, and elsewhere. I emphasize military experts because they, with their professional understanding of the strategic problems involved and their specialized knowledge of NATO "containment" practices will be immediately best qualified to understand the truth and importance of what I report here.

There are three points to be developed for the use of such qualified specialists: (1) The reasons for the

"CIA" slander campaign; (2) The relevance of Cline's "KGB" charge as exposing the essential incompetence of Cline's assessment of Soviet political leaders' reactions to a scaled-up "Cuba missile" confrontation; and (3) The effect of the "KGB" charge upon European Communist Parties and the Warsaw Pact itself.

The "CIA" Charge

Recent disclosures to the U.S. Congress corroborate our earlier knowledge of National Security Council operations against the Labor Committees as early as 1968. At that time the Labor Committees represented merely 50 members. There were two reasons for this special attention. First, as a tiny force we had successfully "destabilized" important programs of domestic counterinsurgency launched from the RAND Corporation in the New York City region. The Labor Committees' effectiveness in destabilizing a major domestic counterinsurgency deployment, with only handfuls of persons, signified that that organization had political capabilities and should be subjected to special efforts of containment and disruption for that reason. Second, in studies of Labor Committee economic and other analysis, these intelligence agencies estimated that the organization was distinctly superior as a potential socialist political force from the standpoint of comparisons with known analyses and postures of even major Communist forces.

In the aftermath of the mid-1971 dollar crisis, the containment operations against the Labor Committees were escalated with the objective of attempting to prevent the Labor Committees' 'novel' methods and programmatic outlooks from "infecting" significant communist and other forces. For this reason, National Security Council-affiliated agencies, including the FBI and CIA, began circulating the "black propaganda" slander through various conduits, including FBI and CIA agents within communist parties.

Over the winter of 1972-1973, as a result of a Labor Committee destabilization of a new large-scale domestic counter-insurgency operation in the U.S., the black propaganda charges of "CIA-funded" was escalated during the middle and later months of 1973. Special CIA-linked operations against the Labor Committees were launched in a coordinated fashion in both Western Europe and the U.S.

During the spring and summer of 1974, this campaign was escalated to become a significant assignment of the Atlanticist forces within the West German Social Democracy, leading to the "incompatibility" resolution of the SPD Party Executive and other Kissinger-directed operations, including some

coordinated through the International Metalworkers Federation. This was associated with a major campaign against the Labor Committees by Atlanticist social democratic and polycentrist organizations in Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany and Scandinavia. The objective of this operation, including intensified "CIA funding" charges, was to attempt to neutralize the potentiality of "novel" Labor Committee influences upon the communist parties and social democracies. From autumn of 1974 onwards, with the publication of the strategic studies series, "Rockefeller's" Fascism with a Democratic Face," the prominent concern of the Atlanticists became their fear that Labor Committee analysis and programs would influence the policies of Eastern European parties.

The developments of the spring 1975 period represented a qualitative change in this situation. The rapid influence of the "International Development Bank" program and the widespread acceptance of Labor Committee assessment of the military and economic situation outflanked previous Kissinger-directed containment efforts against the Labor Committees. It was at that specific point during April and May 1975 that the hysterical Ray Cline and Jeffrey Record first circulated their allegation that the Labor Committees were "KGB." At that time, experiences quickly showed that such allegations were regarded as unbelievable by most relevant political and military agencies in which such "KGB" charges were circulated; therefore, the "KGB" campaign was almost abandoned until the most recent weeks.

The special difficulty Kissinger and company face in attempting to change from a "CIA" to "KGB" containment black propaganda line against the Labor Committees is that the "KGB" line is circulating from the identical black propaganda conduits through which the former "CIA" rumors were issued. This aspect of the shift in black propaganda is therefore somewhat amusing.

The Case of Ray Cline

The "KGB" charge against the Labor Committees originated with Ray Cline during the spring, prior to his emergency trip to Munich and other relevant European locations. From there, according to Senator Goldwater's office, it was retailed into U.S. right-wing circles from Vice President Rockefeller, and began to be generally used as the black propaganda line on the Labor Committees in connection with those psychological warfare targets most susceptible to hard-line anti-communist psy-war campaigns.

The most relevant point to be made in this connection is the evidence that Ray Cline passionately believed the "KGB" charge at the time he originated it. This fact is sufficient to demonstrate the professional incompetence of Cline as a political intelligence specialist. This is relevant to the fact that the same Cline and his close collaborators are chiefly responsible for the RAND Corporations computer print-

out which asserts that the Soviet political leadership will behave only in the fashion the RAND computer has predicted.

The proof of Cline's incompetence as a political intelligence analyst is summarily demonstrated on two principal points. Cline has direct access to the NSC file on the Labor Committees, which must certainly contain the documents pertaining to the four-year-long, escalated containment campaign around the "CIA funding" black propaganda. This file must contain my personal history in detail from no later than 1942, and also a growing number of assessments of my role and that of the Labor Committees contributed by informants and specialists including RAND Corporation, Hudson Institute, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), IBM, and so forth. In addition, Cline's sources show that the principal, perplexing question which NSC experts have so far been unable to solve for their superiors, is the practical implications of the special development of the dialectical method which is original to me — as that method is elaborated, for example, in my textbook, *Dialectical Economics*. Because the NSC's economics and philosophy specialists have so far been unable to understand that method itself and unable to fit it into their understanding of established Soviet writings and practices of methodology, the "secret" of the writings and practices of methodology, the "secret" of the Labor Committees' effectiveness, remains for them a mysterious thing. Cline's obvious ignoring of such massive studies and biographical materials suggests that he is subject to hysterical judgments based on "emotion" without regard even to massive accumulations of intelligence information.

Such an hysterical misunderstanding of me and of the Labor Committees is not irrelevant to a similarly hysterical assessment of the responses of leading Soviet political figures. In particular, the attempt to make a parallel between the Cuban missile crisis and the thermonuclear confrontation now being developed is absolute idiocy. The essential feature of the Cuban missile crisis is that the placement of Soviet missiles in Cuba did not represent a vital strategic interest of the Warsaw Pact nations, whereas the terms of the developing thermonuclear confrontation represent the clearest confrontation with the absolute self-interests of those states. The attempt to make a parallel between the Cuban missile crisis and today is an idiot's attempt to equate Soviet response on a tertiary issue with Soviet response concerning exactly those primary issues for which Soviet thermonuclear war fighting capabilities have been exclusively developed. The essential strategic points to be considered were developed in my articles "Rockefeller's Fascism with a Democratic Face." Any strategist who has not studied that paper by this date must be considered irresponsible.

In general, the estimates of Soviet war-fighting

postures, capabilities and responses by ordinary professional military men are generally correct, whereas the contrary opinions of the RAND computer printout are insane illusions developed by emotionally unbalanced hysterics such as Cline.

Effects of the "KGB" Black Propaganda

As a result of NSC and NATO political intelligence activities, the "CIA funding" black propaganda against the Labor Committees has been made into the critical internal political issue within every major communist party. The charge that the Labor Committees are "CIA-funded" is the principal political weapon used by NATO intelligence-controlled agents and dupes within communist parties against the left-wing factions which have been accused of "softness" toward the Labor Committee line. A black propaganda campaign alleging the Labor Committees to be "KGB" would permit an early counter-coup against the Marchais bloc in the French Communist Party (PCF) leadership, and revolts against NATO-controlled factions in the Swedish Communist Party (VKP), West German Communist Party (DKP), and the Italian Communist Party (PCI) as well as instantly dissolving the CPUSA.

This fact is known to the NSC and allied forces, such that the actual launching of a large-scale "KGB" black propaganda campaign against the Labor Committees must be regarded as a warning signal of imminent thermonuclear confrontation. Otherwise, within weeks of launching of such a black propaganda campaign, the effect would be Labor Committee hegemony over much of the Communist Party apparatus in Western Europe and elsewhere, and would increase the influence of the Labor Committees among key capitalist political forces. Because of such inevitable short-term consequences of a major "KGB" black propaganda campaign and linked political repression of the Labor Committees — consequences foreknown to Kissinger et al. — such a desperate shift would occur only under circumstances immediately pre-

ceding actual thermonuclear confrontation.

It is true, of course, that Eastern European parties are not exactly ignorant of the existence and activities of the Labor Committees. It is reasonable to say that those forces attribute approximately the same degree of importance to us that Henry Kissinger does, but from an opposite point of view. At this moment, when nearly all of the communist parties of the advanced capitalist sector are in the polycentrist bloc of Carrillo, Amendola, Brandt, and so forth, the Labor Committees represent for informed Eastern Europe leaders the most significant socialist vanguard force presently existing in the advanced capitalist sector, a socialist vanguard force closely allied in programmatic outlook to the leading forces of the developing sector. Since the Eastern European leaders are by no means idiots, they do not fail to constantly assess the actual and further, the potential significance of the Labor Committees from the point of view exactly opposite to that of Henry Kissinger and company.

Unfortunately, provided the world successfully escapes the risk of World War III being caused by the desperate Rockefeller forces, several years will most probably elapse before the full significance of the Labor Committees' role during this present period can be generally understood. The problem is not some hidden set of crucial facts: all the essential facts concerning our activities are regularly published in our newspapers and other public documents. The problem of understanding the astonishing importance of the Labor Committees' influence on current world developments is the inability of most persons to correctly assess the importance of facts already in their possession. They can not yet believe that there is a scientific basis for the effectiveness of our methods, since, if our methods are effective, their prejudices concerning many things are necessarily mistaken. The answer, for those who insist upon understanding this now, is adequately explained in my textbook, *Dialectical Economics*.