

HUMPHREY AND KENNEDY OUT TO BLOCK IDB, EEA

A high Ford Administration source told the U.S. Labor Party late last week that the Labor Party's International Development Bank was "not politically practical" because there was absolutely no chance of it getting through Congress. The source then reported that Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) and a nest of Harriman faction Congressional staffers are acting as the saboteurs of the IDB. By pointing to the Humphrey circle in Congress for the USLP, Ford has admitted that the only chance he has in 1976 is if the USLP sweeps the trade-union and urban machine base out from under the Democratic Party. Knowing that the USLP's Operation Takeover is in the process of doing just that, the policy-makers of the Democratic Party have launched a containment operation against the USLP.

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The Harriman-Ball faction's top three field hands, Senators Hubert Humphrey, Edward Kennedy, and Frank Church, have been charged with the job.

Employed to both implement this corporatist-police state legislation and to slander and contain the USLP and its programs are the field hands' field hands. A network of key Congressional committee staffers has been activated by Harriman, et al through Kennedy, Humphrey and Church to inform all interested parties that the IDB is impractical and that the USLP is best "avoided and ignored."

The ring-leader of this "young-boys" network is former Deputy Secretary of State for International Security Affairs and senior National Security Affairs staffer Morton Halperin. This promising young "radical" led a gaggle of staffers out the State Department and into Congressional Committees and a variety of "left" think tanks such as the Institute for Policy Studies, the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for Peace and Counterspy. As the Ford Administration source explained, they directly slander the USLP, IDB, and EEA as "insignificant" and to be "avoided and ignored." The White House directed the USLP to Humphrey's hit man on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Dick Moose, and his counterpart in the House International Relations Committee, George Ingram.

At the same time they run a major strong-arming operation within the Congress, demanding support for the Humphrey-Kennedy-Church corporatist package. Knowing that the support of the Black Caucus and of old-FDR-urban based Democrats are absolutely necessary for the even minimal working-class acceptance of Humphrey's Full Employment bill, Humphrey staffer Jerry Jasinowski is trying to drag the Black Caucus into suicidal support of the bill. Jasinowski meanwhile has dispatched Brookings Institution economists to the offices of serious urban Democrats to try to disprove the feasibility of the EEA.

The Ball-Harriman containment operation is having the precise opposite effect that is intended. The counterposition of the emerging reality of USLP support in Congressmen's home districts to the obviousness of the Humphrey-Kennedy-Church drive in Congress has left the USLP and its program the main topic of discussion on Capitol Hill.