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USLP Campaign Report: NSC Rips Up Labor Party Votes to Protect Myth of Shift to the Right

May 15 (IPS) — The following is the second in IPS continuing series of reports on the US Labor Party campaign prepared by the Party's national campaign staff in New York City. This weeks report covers elections in San Francisco and Perth Amboy, N.J.

With the Republican and Democratic parties a shambles of Schachtian austerity programs and campaign phrasemongering, and voter support for the U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. at an acknowledged 20 per cent of the population and growing, the National Security Council ordered its local affiliates to rig scheduled democratic elections in California and New Jersey yesterday. Michael Schlanger USLP candidate for Mayor of Perth Amboy, N.J., who was expected to win outright, and Pat Dolbeare, USLP candidate for State Senator in San Francisco whose vote was expected to exceed 20 per cent, received less than one half of one per cent of the vote.

The across-the-board vote fraud, carried out with absolutely no attempt to disguise the violent contradiction between the Labor Party's highly visible mass support in the two cities and the election totals, betrays the Rockefeller faction's overpowering fear that a significant Labor Party showing in either race would finish off their programmed "shift to the right" scenarios for the 1976 elections.

The Dolbeare Race

This highway robbery was still not enough to prevent Dolbeare, listed on the ballot as an independent because of restrictive state election law, from winning a spot in the June 8 runoff election. Dolbeare's 421 votes outpolled the American Independence Party candidate by 52 votes; beating out one of the state's official parties in a primary guarantees a candidate a place in the final election.

Awarded the "victory" in the 8-way race for San Francisco Mayor George Moscone's old seat was Democrat Foran, a "pro-labor" faker in the mold of AFL-CIO backed strike-breaker Moscone. The reported turnout in both San Francisco and suburban San Mateo county was less than 35 per cent, the lowest ever.

Known throughout the city as the leading spokesman for the USLP's debt moratorium campaign in support of striking San Francisco municipal workers, Dolbeare figured to pull a solid bloc of working class votes against a gaggle of Republican and Democratic baby-kissing non-entities led by Foran. The USLP was selling 750 copies of New Solidarity a week and distributed a total of 15,000 leaflets in the 200,000 person district in the two weeks before the election.

The Schlanger Race

In the working class city of Perth Amboy, where the USLP has been organizing nearly every day for the past three years, the fraud was even more blatant. The USLP has 85 per cent penetration of its propaganda in the city and in the three days before the election, the Schlanger campaign sold 400 copies of New Solidarity — approximately one for every 50 adults in the city — and distributed 2000 leaflets — one for every 10 adults. In the past three weeks, local press has carried three substantial articles on the campaign, featuring Schlanger's statement on the threat of plague, the necessity of debt moratorium, and the fight to remove Henry Kissinger. During the campaign workers have repeatedly approached Schlanger to tell him "You're the only qualified candidate."

But yesterday Schlanger was assigned the laughable total of 63 votes — no more than 7 votes in any district in the city. The voting took place in an atmosphere of general lawlessness: Labor Party pollwatchers observed open vote-buying, illegal electioneering inside the polls, and even special squads of gusanos deployed to the voting booths to tell workers, "Don't vote for the communists." Two USLP pollwatchers were arrested when they protested such practices and released without charges shortly afterwards; another pollwatcher was assaulted.

Preparatory to initiating legal action, the USLP has already gathered affidavits demonstrating fraud in two districts — in one where three USLP votes were recorded, the party has affidavits from 10 Labor Party voters; in another, where two votes were assigned, eight workers have signed affidavits.