

**EXCLUSIVE**

# Justice Department Implicated In Teamster Murder?

At approximately 3:00 pm on May 17, John Nardi, the Secretary-Treasurer of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 410 was assassinated in front of the Teamster offices in Cleveland by a bomb planted in his car.

Information provided to NSIPS by informed sources in the intelligence community strongly suggests that the assassination is part of the 20-year campaign by several federal agencies, notably including the Justice Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation, to destroy the IBT, the nation's largest union and, potentially, a major opponent of the Rockefeller interests. This new information demonstrates that sections of the government conducted a virtual war with the Teamsters — including assassinations of union leaders like Jimmy Hoffa — with the full knowledge and complicity of Attorney Generals from Robert Kennedy, through Ramsey Clark, Nicholas Katzenbach and Edward Levi, to Griffin Bell, the current office-holder.

Any investigation of the Nardi murder which does not inquire into the known Justice Department assassination capability against the IBT will be a coverup. The following are avenues of investigation already confirmed by this news service which must be incorporated into the Nardi case:

\* The Detroit FBI office is the central coordinating point for all "black operations" directed against the IBT, and Special Agent William Graybill is in charge of these deployments. The Detroit FBI office is known to have an assassination capability: Graybill has been identified as the controller of Vernon Higgins, who was involved in the 1971 Pontiac, Mich. school bus bombing and who was later deployed to infiltrate the U.S. Labor Party. According to sources, the kidnapping-assassination of James Hoffa was ordered by FBI officials in Washington and carried out by networks under the control of Special Agent Graybill.

\* These operations are interfaced with deployments by the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force and the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Both agencies are known to possess and use assassination capabilities. The networks under their control are responsible for domestic drug- and gun-running, as was exposed in court in a USLP-initiated suit in Reading, Pa. last year. As dope- and gun-runners, they interface with the Mafia and other "employable" components of what is commonly referred to as "organized crime." The penetration and subversion of the Teamsters by organized criminal elements was

## Teamsters Say: 'We Stop Turning The Other Cheek'

*The following are major excerpts from a signed article by International Brotherhood of Teamsters Vice-President Jackie Presser appearing in the April-May issue of the Ohio Teamster. Presser was appointed last month the propaganda coordinator for the union's national counterattack against their accusers. It should be noted that Cleveland Teamster official John Nardi, assassinated last week, was an aide to Presser.*

Remember the ad "Who is attacking the Teamsters"? (printed two months ago in several major newspapers around the country-ed.) That ad signalled the end of an era. For years we have ignored our enemies — confident in our strength and unity. We now find that we must counterattack because it is becoming increasingly clear that these attacks upon the Teamsters are part of a cleverly orchestrated campaign that is directed against other unions and if left unchecked could destroy our economy and our society...

Members have a right to responsibly disagree with their elected leaders and have a right to oppose them in elections. That is the American way...

We can only assume that it must be those radical forces who seek to destroy democracy and responsible capitalism. We are beginning to see a curious alliance among those who attack the Teamsters. Alliances between self-proclaimed social reformers and self-confessed socialists and powerful money interests including tax protected foundations. Recall if you will that it was foundations that were revealed (by the Church Cite-ed.) as frequent conduits for "dirty money" from the CIA.

The attacks and subversive activities against the Teamsters have been observed in other unions. Radical forces in the mine workers union have forced illegal wildcat strikes — these strikes have placed that union in danger. Outside eastern elite forces attempted to swing the steelworkers election in the direction of left wing unionism — they failed this time but what about the next time...

carried out with knowledge and encouragement of the Justice Department. These criminal networks provide the cover and often personnel for assassination and related operations against the Teamsters.

\* Walter Sheridan, the "former" FBI agent and former National Security Agency counterintelligence officer who was Bobby Kennedy's chief hatchetman against Jimmy Hoffa, now operates in the Fund for Investigative Journalism, a front for the National Security Council's Institute for Policy Studies which specializes in watergating Rockefeller's opponents. Sheridan is known to particularly be interested in destroying IBT International Vice President Jackie Presser and former IBT Vice President William Presser, both Hoffa supporters. Nardi, a member of IBT Joint Council 41 headed by Jackie Presser, was recently fingered as a "mafioso" in a FIJ-style exposé run in the Cleveland press.

\* The PROD "anti-leadership" countergang within the Teamsters union was founded in 1971 by the FBI with personnel, such as John Sikorski and Arthur Fox, borrowed from Ralph Nader's organization. Set up with laundered FBI funds, PROD serves as a paid informants network, assisting in the profiling of vulnerable Team-

ster leaders for watergating or assassination.

\* As in similar Justice-FBI deployments against Rockefeller enemies, there is a fifth column of paid-off collaborators and agents in place within the Teamster "official family." Sources indicate that such penetration has taken place in the highest ranks of the Teamster leadership. An example of such inside operations is the case of Edward Grady Partin, a convicted criminal who was released from prison under FBI supervision and insinuated into the confidence of then Teamster President James Hoffa. Partin later became the "crucial" witness in the 1967 trial that produced Hoffa's conviction on trumped-up jury tampering charges.

The existence of these FBI-controlled networks is not unknown to the Teamster leadership. Such networks are, however, protected by threats of violence. Sources report that Jimmy Hoffa's threat to blow the FBI networks in the union was the major factor in the decision to kill him.

The Nardi assassination and other yet-to-be carried out, FBI-directed murders are aimed at establishing the climate for a McClellan-style Congressional witch-hunt against the IBT. What is immediately required is a full Congressional investigation of the Justice Department-FBI deployment against the Teamsters to get the real corruption-murder scandal out from under "national security" wraps.

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