

Human Rights Violations Brought Before International Tribunal

Appropriate documentary material on the gross violations of the human rights of the U.S. Labor Party now being committed by the U.S. Federal Elections Commission has been submitted by the party to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States.

Mr. Jakon Moller, Chief, Communications Unit for the UN Division of Human Rights has referred the matter to both the UN Commission on Human Rights and its Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities which meets this August in Geneva, Switzerland. This Subcommittee is empowered to investigate "questions of the violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms" and to strive for a friendly solution to these violations.

The submitted documentation shows that the Carter Administration, which has sanctimoniously and abrasively chastised government after government for supposed human rights violations, is at home breaking every international accord the United States has signed for the protection of individuals' freedoms.

Specifically, in persecuting the U.S. Labor Party and its individual members through the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), the Carter Administration is in violation of many aspects of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including Article 9 which guarantees each individual the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

The Carter Administration now also stands in violation of Articles 1 and 4 of the American Convention on Human Rights of the Organization of American States which asserts that every human being has the right to liberty and security of person and to freedom of expression and dissemination of ideas.

The FEC's actions are also in direct violation of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe signed by the United States in Helsinki in 1975.

LeRoy Jones, retired railway worker who contributed to the LaRouche Presidential campaign and who was subsequently threatened and terrorized by FEC agents, has filed suit against Unknown Agents of the Federal Elections Commission in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The plaintiff cites as impelling grounds for court action, Part I, Section VII of the Helsinki accords under which the U.S. agreed to:

respect human rights and fundamental freedoms including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, for all (and) . . . promote and encourage the effective exercise of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and other rights and freedoms all of which derive from the inherent dignity of the human person and are essential for his free and full development . . .

With its attacks on the U.S. Labor Party, Liberty Lobby, Gov. Meldrim Thomson and others through the Federal Elections Commission, the Carter Administration has demonstrated that it has no concern for human rights except as a political bludgeon against governments. The international arena is, however, an important court of appeals for domestic U.S. forces mobilizing to preserve the U.S. Constitution.

Countries with representatives on the UN Subcommittee on Protection of Minorities include: France, Britain, the Soviet Union, Italy, Mexico, Rumania, Iraq, India, Egypt, Yugoslavia, and sixteen others. These countries have an important role in guaranteeing that most fundamental right — the right of peoples to organize for their economic survival and development.

Question Before Congress: Investigation Of FEC

Testimony presented by the U.S. Labor Party this week before the House Administration Committee on campaign financing laws brought to light widespread opposition to the Federal Elections Commission and deepening sentiment in favor of holding oversight hearings to review FEC activities.

Richard Cohen, U.S. Labor Party spokesman detailed for the committee how the FEC is working as an Administration plumbers unit to squash opposition, violating First Amendment rights of the Labor Party and other candidates and supporters through its illegal "investigations" of campaign financing. Cohen asked the committee to table legislation to expand FEC powers until the results of a congressional investigation into the FEC.

Despite Administration Committee Chairman Thompson's (D-N.J.) claim that the current hearings

were not the place for oversight review of the FEC, Rep. Cleveland (R-N.H.) stated that the very issue of the continued existence of the FEC is raised by the legislation under consideration.

Congress currently has before it at least 18 bills, in the lower house alone, which would extend current public financing campaign laws from presidential campaigns to congressional races, and further extend the grossly abused authority of the FEC. One committee member's aide reported that "Internecine warfare has broken out in the committee over the question of holding oversight hearings on the FEC." The Labor Party's dossier of evidence on the FEC, including FEC collusion with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to wage financial warfare against the Labor Party and Committee to Elect LaRouche, served to solidify already widespread sentiment against the FEC. That opposition ranges from