

FEC Drives Labor Party To Verge Of Bankruptcy

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Even as the stench of "Cartergate" rises from the White House, the Carter-Mondale Administration, operating through its political "plumber's unit," the Federal Election Commission, has nearly succeeded in its top domestic political priority — forcing the U.S. Labor Party out of business.

Following Labor Party chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s nationwide half-hour television broadcast on Nov. 1, 1976, high-level Washington sources informed the party leadership that the Carter campaign apparatus had put the USLP at the top of its "enemies list" and was initiating an all-out campaign to "get the Labor Party." LaRouche's televised announcement that the Carter-Mondale team was preparing massive vote fraud, and if installed in the White House would pursue a policy of global fascist austerity leading to general thermonuclear war during 1977, made him a "marked man," the sources said.

During the transition period and first months of the Carter-Mondale Administration, the USLP received additional warnings from sources in the U.S. intelligence community that direct harassment against the party itself having proved insufficient, the Administration was pursuing a policy of "financial warfare" against the USLP, coordinated through National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and the Federal Election Commission. An April target date had been set for bankrupting the Committee to Elect LaRouche, the USLP, its parent organization the National Caucus of Labor Committees, and its intelligence gathering and news agency, *New Solidarity International Press Service*.

How 'Financial Warfare' Works

As the "financial warfare" operation unfolded, three basic components were revealed.

First, the Federal Election Commission illegally withheld \$110,000 in federal matching funds owed to the Committee to Elect LaRouche; threatened criminal indictments against CTEL officials for alleged unlawful campaign financing practices; conducted extensive, open intimidations against CTEL contributors, and potential contributors, including pre-dawn visits by FEC "investigators." Meanwhile, massive Carter campaign financing irregularities apparent from a cursory inspection of its own reports were blithely ignored by the FEC.

Second, operating through the FBI and such notorious private intelligence channels as the Institute for Policy Studies terrorist-running networks, a massive, semi-clandestine campaign of slander, threats, illegal arrests and harassment was mounted against party members,

supporters and financial contributors. The aim was to "contain" and then quickly contract the financial base of the party's organizing. This has been a multi-million dollar operation; in New Jersey, for example, an estimated 60 percent of *New Solidarity* subscribers have been subjected to some form of intimidation.

Third, the FEC zeroed in on debts owed to vendors of communications, printing and other services by the USLP, NSIPS, CTEL, etc. Although the aggregate of those debts was not large relative to income if measured by normal business standards, and was positively miniscule compared to the millions of dollars owed for years by various Democratic Party campaign organizations, the FEC told vendors that debt owed to them by the Labor Party and CTEL constituted "illegal campaign contributions" for which the vendors themselves could be prosecuted, effectively ordering the vendors to collect all back debt forthwith or face government reprisals.

Through a continuous "Valley Forge" political mobilization during the spring and summer months, the party was able to hold the line against the bankruptcy scenario, although suffering severe attrition of its immediate operation capabilities. In early August as Europe appeared on the edge of open revolt against Carter, high-level intelligence sources confirmed earlier warnings that the Administration had targeted LaRouche and USLP executive committee members in the USA and Europe for political assassination, and outlined a "September Scenario" of physical assaults, arrests, murder, and stepped up financial warfare culminating with the crushing of the party.

'Operation Shutdown'

Now, with the political demise of Carter in view as the press writes openly of "Lancegate"; with major national newspapers and broadcasting outlets fully informed about Carter's plumbers at the FEC and the massive fraud of the 1976 elections; with the coming together of the American Whig coalition for scientific and industrial progress and global economic development, most dramatically illustrated by the Washington Post's front-page 3,000 word coverage this week of the USLP's enormous impact on U.S. conservative circles; now, the Carter Administration's "Get the Labor Party" freakout has precipitated a make or break situation for the party and the U.S. population.

Since Carter came into office, Administration "containment" operations against USLP organizing have forced an estimated 40 percent cut in volume of political intelligence materials available to the party, a 50 percent cut in available party manpower, and an approximate 35 percent cut in overall evaluative capability. Meanwhile the FEC is succeeding in contracting the party's financial base; during a recent three week period, sales

of party publications including New Solidarity have declined sharply, in contrast with the previous months' steady rise in sales.

As a result of this "financial warfare," the information infrastructure on which the party depends is now being dismantled piece by piece by frightened creditors escalating their demands for payment on back debt.

The following services are shut down or in the process of being shut down:

*The teletype machines which link twelve North American cities with NSIPS's New York headquarters are being removed from all NSIPS offices, after a breakdown in negotiations with the leasing company. The company has rejected a comprehensive offer including reduction of service and payment of all back debt.

*The two major bus companies handling New Solidarity east coast and midwest shipments now refuse to ship either on credit or collect. Credit shipments were terminated without notification early this month. Party officials suspect government collusion in view of the fact that these couriers are regulated by government agencies.

*The landlord of the USLP's Philadelphia headquarters has filed for eviction after rejecting an offer to pay all outstanding bills, totalling one month's rent and two months' utilities. In a Chicago eviction case against the party in 1975, the FBI has now admitted in official government documents that it had contacted the Chicago landlord prior to eviction.

*The phones of the USLP's mayoralty candidate in Seattle, William Wertz, have been cut with one month's bill outstanding. The disconnection came immediately following threats on Wertz's life from an IPS-connected network.

The following services are now threatened with shutdown:

*The vendor which maintains 24-hour communication links between NSIPS's New York and Wiesbaden, West Germany headquarters has demanded \$24,000 be paid by August 26 or service would be terminated. When the company was called to negotiate payments, NSIPS was informed that the representative who normally handles the account was "on vacation."

*The landlord of the USLP's New York headquarters sued for eviction in June, one day after records of his dealings with CTEL and the NCLC were subpoenaed by

the FEC. The NCLC then agreed to pay \$6000 per month, 50 percent more than the current rent, or face immediate eviction.

*Michigan Bell Telephone agreed to maintain service only after a USLP member posted bond of \$5000 and signed a legal agreement to pay \$800 per week for the next ten weeks.

Counterattack For Your Future

Labor Party officials have announced an immediate legal counterattack against Carter-Mondale and the FEC. Plumbers unit chief Thomas Harris of the FEC will be sued personally for \$5 million in damages, as part of legal action against the FEC already filed in federal court by contributors to the LaRouche campaign. In addition, an immediate court injunction will be sought against the FEC itself to stop its use of the campaign financing laws for unconstitutional harassment of the party's political organizing.

These actions are necessary but not in themselves sufficient. What is required is an immediate outpouring of open political and financial support for the Labor Party — from institutions and individuals — by trade unionists, business and industry, public officials and all political circles independent of the Carter-Mondale conspiracy against the United States. A "show of force" by American Whigs openly rallying behind the USLP is the quickest road to complete the job of Cartergate. All the evidence is in the hands of press and the relevant public officials — now the nation must express its political will.

Speaking from West Germany tonight, Labor Party chairman Lyndon LaRouche declared, "Everyone who regards himself as a member of the human race has a fundamental interest in maintaining the Labor Party as an effective political instrument. Those in the corridors of power in the United States and Western Europe know well that I and my associates are indispensable to prevent the outbreak of general thermonuclear war — indeed we have been informed that nuclear war would already have occurred were it not for our efforts. The millions of Americans who heard my election-eve address in the USA know that the dangers of which I forewarned were not exaggerated in the slightest detail. Now they must act on that knowledge if humanity is to survive."

A Chronology Of Gestapo Terror

The Carter Administration has ordered full-scale physical disruptions of U.S. Labor Party organizing and electoral campaigning using a wide variety of federal and state agencies and "left-right" terrorist networks. This gestapo deployment, documented below, is currently coordinated out of the U.S. Department of Justice and, in particular, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). State Police units in several states have been identified as the "enforcers" of this illegal campaign, and individual office-holders in these state bureaucracies are directly implicated.

The following grid will provide the reader with a sampling of the past three week's events. The grid is broken down into two categories:

CATEGORY I: Police Deployments includes all incidents against the U.S. Labor Party by police agencies operating under Justice Department orders.

CATEGORY II: Terrorist Deployments comprises incidents against the USLP by Institute for Policy Studies or Buckley family-controlled "left" or "right" terrorist networks.

CATEGORY I: POLICE DEPLOYMENTS

Michigan: The Michigan State Police, operating under the political control of Governor William Milliken and State Attorney General Frank Kelly and in conjunction with the FBI, have directed a massive illegal harassment campaign against the Labor Party of over 150 incidents of arrests, summons and detainments. A Michigan State Police "secret memo" currently circulating orders local law enforcement agencies to stop all U.S. Labor Party campaign workers, check organizers for identification and arrest or detain these individuals on any available pretext. The State Police's LEAA computer system is used to provide up-to-the-minute "case" information on all Labor Party representatives, and local police officials are being hounded by State Police personnel to enter all Labor Party "offenses" into the computer.

- ** July 28 — Joe D'Urso, former USLP congressional candidate from Detroit, and Rick Merloti, a student, were arrested in Detroit on "soliciting without a permit" and held for three hours on \$50 bond each. An LEAA computer check produced erroneous data that was used to hold D'Urso for an additional 13 hours in jail on demand for an additional \$400 bail.
- ** July 29 — Judge Silverman of Detroit Recorders Court set bail at \$150 for D'Urso during his arraignment. Later, a police officer admitted to the USLP that Judge Silverman has personally committed himself to convicting all Labor Party cases brought before him.
- ** Aug. 2 — In Troy, Michigan Labor Party organizers Laura Komm and Robert Perry were arrested for

"soliciting without a permit" and held on \$50 bond each. Computer checks produced past "interfering with traffic offenses" summons on both organizers used to raise the amount of bail and hold both organizers in jail for eight hours.

- ** Aug. 2 — Joe D'Urso fined \$50 by Judge Probert of the Municipal Court in Wyoming. Judge Probert later revealed he had been the target of an FBI dirty trick — an FBI informant, claiming to be a Labor Party representative, wrote a "hate letter" to the Judge.
 - ** Aug. 3 — Labor Party organizer John Rosendahl was arrested in Rockford Township, one hour after a warrant for "failure to appear" in court was issued. Rosendahl was held in jail for eight hours on \$100 bond.
 - ** Aug. 6 — Greg Jenkins, a 26-year old black autoworker and Vietnam veteran, was checked by police for identification in Lincoln Park and arrested on an 18-month old Detroit \$15 parking ticket. It was later discovered that the warrant was one week old. A further computer check on Jenkins produced a back fine for "interfering with traffic" dating from a case that had been settled — yet Jenkins was transported to Dearborn Heights and held for eight hours.
 - ** Aug. 10 — Detroit organizers Laura Komm, Larry Evans, and Greg Jenkins are ticketed by Detroit Police for "interfering with traffic." When this was not enough to force organizers off the distribution site, minutes after the ticketing the organizers were assaulted by a man on a motorcycle and another man in a truck.
 - ** Aug. 15 — In Farmington Hills, Ivy D'Urso, 28 year-old full-time campaign coordinator for the U.S. Labor Party Detroit mayoralty campaign of Mel Brown, was arrested by State Police on soliciting charges before an onlooking crowd, frisked, handcuffed behind the back, tossed into a waiting State Police patrol car and driven to a State Police station 30 miles away where she was abusively "strip searched" and held for two hours in a cell stained with fresh blood. She was later released 30 miles from her home without transportation.
 - ** Aug. 15 — In Detroit, Greg Jenkins was again arrested, this time without charges. He was told by police, "Boy, don't show your face around here again." Jenkins had been frisked, handcuffed and fingerprinted.
- This arrest was a direct violation of an "order of stay" issued Aug. 8 by Judge Canham of the Wayne County Circuit Court. Judge Canham ordered there be no further arrests of Labor Party representatives for apst traffic violations until his court issues a final ruling on the inordinate number of incidents against the Labor Party.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

- ** Aug. 4 — Two organizers were detained in southern New Jersey for two hours while computer checks were run on them.

- ** *Aug. 10* — In Milwaukee, Wisconsin a Labor Party organizer was checked for identification and then arrested for a past minor traffic violation.
- ** *Aug. 16* — Milwaukee police summons two Labor Party organizers despite written permission for Labor Party campaign activities from the Milwaukee District Attorney.
- ** *Aug. 17* — New Jersey Labor Party gubernatorial candidate Leif Johnson is surveilled for twenty minutes by Irvington Police, while campaigning. After stepping into a roadway, Johnson was ticketed for "blocking traffic."
- ** *Aug. 16-17* — In three separate incidents USLP organizers in Rochester, New York are stopped by New York State Police and checked for identification.
- ** *Aug. 18* — In Milwaukee, Labor Party organizers on a tour throughout Wisconsin are stopped by State Police every twenty minutes for identification checks.

CATEGORY II: TERRORIST DEPLOYMENTS

In several U.S. cities Institute for Policy Studies-controlled "left" and Buckley family-controlled "right" terrorist networks are programmed for physical attacks and assassinations against U.S. Labor Party candidates and representatives. The "left" side of the deployment is being geared up around the slander that the Labor Party is "fascist," and "police agents" while the "right" side is using the slander that the Labor Party is "Communist and KGB." Most of the incidents below are still under police investigation.

- ** *Aug. 6* — A Labor Party supporter in Baltimore, who had been planning to make a large financial contribution, found his house deliberately set on fire. The house was completely destroyed.
- ** *Aug. 11* — Baltimore Labor Party organizer Nancy Warm was physically assaulted by three would-be

kidnappers who identified themselves as member of the October League, a Maoist terror network led by a Larry Miller who Baltimore police had previously held in connection with assassination threats against Lyndon H. LaRouche, U.S. Labor Party Chairman. The three assailants attempted to drag Mrs. Warm into their vehicle.

- ** *Aug. 13* — Three New York City Labor Party organizers narrowly avoided a serious auto accident when a large rock thrown from a highway overpass missed their moving car by inches. A few months ago, the driver of that vehicle had her car windshield smashed in a similar incident.
- ** *Aug. 15* — In Vancouver, British Columbia, a member of the Hare Krishna physically assaulted a Labor Party organizer.
- ** *Aug. 15* — U.S. Labor Party Maryland gubernatorial candidate William Salisbury received a death threat while campaigning at a Baltimore traffic intersection. Salisbury, a black postal worker and decorated Vietnam veteran, was threatened by a white male shouting, "Commie, I'm going to be back here in three hours and blow your head off."
- ** *Aug. 15* — In Seattle, Washington, Labor Party campaigners were approached by an individual threatening, "You people are playing with fire. Something is going to happen to your office one of these days." The day before, a Labor Party spokesman was approached in a car by another individual who said, "Your paper is shit," and handed him xerox copies of two George Jackson Brigade bombing "communiques."
- ** *Aug. 16* — Mel Brown, USLP Detroit mayoralty candidate, was physically attacked by a female member of the Moon cult. The disturbance was used by police to terminate the Labor Party campaign rally.
- ** *Aug. 16* — In Detroit, U.S. Labor Party organizer Greg Jenkins received a death threat from a white middle-aged male, who pointed a gun at Jenkins saying, "This is what I have for Communists."