

USLP Urges IBT Support BRD Workers' Nuclear Stance

On Oct. 27 the Executive Committee of the U.S. Labor Party and its chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. sent the following telegram to Frank Fitzsimmons and Ray Schoessling, president and secretary treasurer respectively of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

We wish you the warmest congratulations for your speech of Oct. 26 in Dallas, Texas. Your move to rally the entire labor movement at this time by naming its enemies is critically important.

We urge you to take the opportunity of publically endorsing the prodevelopment, pronuclear power, antiterrorism demonstration being organized by the West German Trade Union Federation. The terrorists in West Germany and our own enemies are the same. Such a move of solidarity at this time, coupled with a mobilization of trade unions here such as you have begun, can be the essential ingredient in realizing a nuclear, high-technology energy policy for this country adequate to sustain labor needs.

money to pay pensions and now the mineworkers are facing contract negotiations split asunder and without the unity needed to meet the coal owners on an equal basis.

But I want you to know that as long as I have a breath of air in my body, no one, nobody is going to do to the Teamsters what they have done to the Mineworkers Union.

But let's look at something else. Recently, the United Steelworkers held an election for national officers. It was a story which appeared almost daily in every major newspaper in the nation.

And the darling of the press was a fellow by the name of Ed Sadlowski.

Who supported Sadlowski, the great reformer who was going to turn the union into a utopia? Don't take my word for it, because Lloyd McBride went into court and got Sadlowski's financial records and what did they reveal?

He was receiving money for his campaign from corporations. Money came from Beverly Hills, Calif. It poured in from San Francisco. Yes, it came from Cambridge, Mass., where Harvard professors lift nothing heavier than a book or a research paper, and walk between ivy covered halls instead of the job site.

Yes, money poured into Sadlowski's coffers from New York-based tax-exempt foundations. And in Beverly Hills or San Francisco, or Cambridge or New York City, I'll be damned if I can locate one steel mill.

Well, there is a brighter ending to the steelworkers' story. While the rank and file of the mineworkers swallowed the bait like catfish in a pool, the rank and file of the steelworkers shouted a resounding no to the outsiders and elected Lloyd McBride — a veteran trade union leader who had a reputation for building instead of destroying.

For a moment, let's look at the press and its coverage of the steelworkers' election. It was so flagrantly one-sided that a reporter from Pittsburgh — and there are steel mills in Pittsburgh — wrote in the *Columbia Journalism Review* that the press was caught redhanded on the side of Sadlowski and against McBride. But steelworkers believe what they read in their union contracts, and not what they read in the newspapers.

Yes, it is the outsiders who are trying to destroy organized labor, including the Teamsters' Union. Who are they:

* The Kaplan Fund of New York City, with assets of \$23 million.

* The Stern Fund of New York City, with assets of more than \$3 million.

* The New World Foundation of New York City with assets of more than \$12 million.

* The Samuel Rubin Foundation of New York City with assets of more than \$16 million.

* The Field Foundation of New York City with assets of more than \$16 million.

* And of course, the Rockefeller Family Foundation (And a lot of people would like to know how many millions are in that fund).

Yes. Millions and millions of dollars, all tax exempt, being used to destroy the labor movement in this country.

Being used to destroy your wages, hours, and conditions.

Being used to destroy your unions which speak not only for you — but for millions and millions of Americans who have no spokesman.

That is what is afoot in this country today and it should send painful chills up and down your spine.

But I want to say this now, and I want you to heed what I say:

Our business is to represent Teamsters. According to their rights, they may also belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Elks, the Baptist or Catholic Church. Yes some of them may belong to PROD or TDU or other groups financed by outsiders.

But I want you to know — if they are Teamster members, they are represented to the full extent — and if I hear otherwise the guilty party will have hell to pay with me and long before sundown.

What do these outsiders accuse me of?

They say that I am a dictator.

And they say that the union is undemocratic.

You name it, and we have been accused of it. And according to their technique, these charges don't go through our grievance procedures, and our constitution, which work for the good of all.

They go to the same newspapers and TV stations who aided and abetted in destroying the UMW and who tried to destroy the steelworkers union.

What concerns me is that we do have a procedure for solving our problems — and I don't know of an organization anywhere which doesn't have a few problems — but they refuse to use it.

Obviously, they have learned that publicity comes from a willing press, not from a bona fide grievance procedure. And that is the reason I question their motives.