

LaRouche belie Vance-Brzezinski 'split'

told an inquirer, "I don't know whether or not the Labor Party has ties to the KGB... However, they have ties to West German leftist groups, Trotskyist groups in particular... they are a paranoid bunch of kooks.... I'm surprised you found anything interesting in what they had to say about the European Monetary System.

"Their main idea is that there is a Rockefeller-Kissinger alliance to destroy the world. They're very paranoid. They are an offshoot of the political turbulence of the 1960s. Even if they do have links with the KGB, they're a very silly group," Huff said.

This meddling into U.S. electoral politics extends high up the Foggy Bottom ladder. John Trattner, executive assistant to Vance's No. 2 man, Deputy Secretary Warren Christopher, declared

that the USLP is "not worth being with or talking to. They believe in this plot led by Nelson Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, the Trilateral Commission and the Financial Community of London. I don't know if they're KGB, but they favor Soviet viewpoints."

"They claim to be connected to the European Monetary System but they don't have even the remotest connection to the EMS. I'd be shocked if they worked with any Germans or French," Trattner continued. "For further information call the American Socialist Party. Call the political science departments at universities in New York, and talk to the League of Women Voters."

State Department avowals that these remarks represent "the opinions of a lone individual or individuals" can hardly be taken at face value. Huff recommended

for "more information on the USLP" the *Washington Post*, which one day before LaRouche's D.C. appearance ran a top British journalist's vicious slander of the USLP leader as a "cult leader" comparable to Jim Jones or Sun Myung Moon. In a *Post* guest feature, the *Times* of London's Patrick Brogan reported that LaRouche's followers "believe in his vision of a world conspiracy directed by the Rockefellers which controls everything from the SLA to the PLO by way of the White House."

The appearance of Brogan's piece was widely interpreted as signalling a live British assassination threat against candidate LaRouche on the eve of his announcement — an assassination which could then be palmed off as a mere phenomenon of the "kook cult" world.

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French Foreign Minister takes chair of the EC

French Foreign Minister Francois-Poncet made clear last week that France will use its chairmanship of the European Community Council of Ministers over the next six months as a political lever to promote cooperation of Europe and its Third World allies around the economic growth goals of the new European Monetary System. Key to this effort, Francois-Poncet made clear, is swift economic recovery European-wide, and an orientation to the industrial development needs of the rest of the world. Following are excerpts from his speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Jan. 17.

"First, concerning the internal affairs of the community, before dealing with technical affairs we must first think of the men and women who inhabit our countries and who will not really believe in Europe until it helps them satisfy their needs and their aspirations. This means

that together we must seek a satisfactory level of economic activity and a reabsorption of unemployment.

"Five years after the great trauma of 1973, the economic situation of the member states, is not, on the whole, satisfactory; each of us, though to different degrees, still feels the effects of slow growth, high inflation and unemployment. The first imperative for Europe is therefore to get out of the crisis.... The ambitions of the Community must complement the national efforts, adding that which can only be realized together, introducing a multiplying coefficient into the various national efforts....

"A durable solution to the problem of unemployment necessitates action to adapt the industrial structures to the conditions of the new world economic order. It is on this basis that the Community has taken on the difficulties hitting the steel industry...."

Later in his speech Francois-Poncet made clear that the new world economic order will be met only with an advance in energy technology into the era of controlled thermonuclear fusion. The recent increase in oil prices decided by OPEC confirms the importance of a Community energy policy, and we must not be stopped by the disappointments of the past. The Presidency (of the EEC Council of Ministers) will notably commit itself to bring to fruition the discussions on energy savings and new energies, as well as the efforts concerning the second four-year plan for energy research and development, as well as the program for research and teaching in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion, in which the hoped-for success of the JET project (Joint European Torus, Europe's joint fusion project — ed.) can manifest in an overwhelming way the eminent place of Europe."