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NCLC FURTHER EXPOSED--NEWS PROJECT SERVES THE BUSINESS AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

NEW YORK (INS) -- Have you ever heard of a leftist group which viewed its function as providing industrialists and intelligence executives with "strategic economic and military information?"

Well, if there remain any doubts about whether the U.S. Labor Party (formerly known as the National Caucus of Labor Committees) is working for or against the left, this should answer it.

In the past month the organization has begun an active campaign to promote its new "Executive Intelligence Review." Published weekly, at the cost of $20 a month, the digest is explicitly designed for executives in the business, press, intelligence and political fields, and says it will provide a summary of national and international developments.

Among the topics to be covered are: "Foreign exchange, gold, world trade, world stock, and general corporate news" and a "weekly column of news on trade unions." In addition, advice will be offered to clients on "military strategy, and the military strategic capabilities of NATO and the Warsaw Pact," as well as special reports, like one already in circulation, entitled "The Grotesque Plutonium Hoax," which the Labor Party says "exposes the sham of anti-nuclear agitation."

Known For Anti-Left Violence

The U.S. Labor Party (USLP) --more commonly known by its former name, NCLC-- gained notoriety over the past few years for its violent attacks on leftist and trade union groups. Recently, the USLP has used the same tactics against the various Public Interest Research Groups and anti-nuclear groups.

At the same time, the organization insists it is the only viable leftist party, which will lead the country once capitalism fails.

"But their whole digest is pitched towards the right," explains Rodney Larson, of Research Associates International (RAI)--a West Coast group that researches international labor, multinational corporations and their links to government. Representatives of the USLP recently called RAI's office and spent several hours talking to Larson, describing the service and trying to persuade him to subscribe.

"In the process of conversation they said they had no connections with labor groups and that labor groups were not using the service, nor was it designed for them. They also made a lot of statements like, 'The only people who can stop the deindustrialization of the country, which the Naderites and others are attempting to do, are the industrialists.'"

Allied With Conservatives And Industrialists

In conversations with Larson, another USLP representative emphasized that, "Our allies have tended to be with conservative, pro-industrial forces.

The conclusions of the booklet, "NCLC: Brownshirts of the Seventies," published by the Terrorist Information Project (now known as the Repression Information Project),

"The NCLC/USLP is clearly working in the interests of big money capitalists," concluded the report: "They admit to receiving money from a group of Chicago-based industrialists...the economic alternative they provide is not an alternative for the majority of American people but for finance capital itself.

Where Does the Money Come From?

The question most often asked about NCLC is: where do they get their money? Careful analyses of their financial reports put their annual expenses at $14 million--which can hardly be accounted for by newspaper sales or membership dues.

According to a pamphlet put out by one NCLC front group, the Labor Organizers Defense Fund, the NCLC budget includes a world-wide telex system, the twice-weekly newspaper New Solidarity, the New Solidarity printout sheet, the monthly Campaigner magazine position papers and numerous leaflets; the rent for offices in 11 cities in the U.S. and Europe, and monthly phone bills of $11,000 or more; travel costs roving this country and abroad; a $1,000 budget for legal suits; and well financed election campaigns.

The Repression Information Project has continued to investigate the NCLC/USLP and has just released a copy of their federal election campaign contributions. Among the people who contributed money to the campaign were people in business and management positions, Republicans and a few industrialists.

Intelligence Connections?

The extent of the Party's operation has led many to suspect intelligence connections. None have as yet been documented, but three years ago the Swedish government of Olof Palme expelled NCLC from the country, charging that they were working for a Western intelligence operation.

And Larson said INS of an incident in Mexico in 1973 when the Mexican government raided their headquarters, arrested two people and seized all their documents. "Within 24 hours," Larson said, "they were out of jail and their documents returned to them. And for anyone who knows Mexico, that's absolutely unheard of." "They (NCLC/USLP) are always calling up media people and giving background on current events," Larson continued "and by the time a media person gets through talking to this so-called socialist group, they're not ready to listen to any leftist..."

And Larson suspects that there's more to NCLC than he terms "the common view of people on the left--that they're a bunch of books or cops. I think they're both, but I think there must be more."

(Copies of "NCLC: Brownshirts Of the Seventies" are available from the Repression Information Project Box 3278, Washington D.C. 200010)
BIRDS OF A FEATHER...
TOP LEFT: Birds of a feather.

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