

"THE PARANOIDS ARE AFTER US!"

Dec. 4 (IPS)--Calls to government officials by IPS reporters have recently indicated that some of these gentlemen have had one too many briefings from the CIA.

On Dec. 2, an IPS reporter innocently called Mr. Robert Frances, the Director of "Mobilization Readiness" within the Department of Commerce, on the recommendation of a local Department of Commerce official. The reporter was inquiring about the recent training exercise for the National Defense Executive Reserve in Pennsylvania.

After the reporter introduced himself, Mr. Frances shouted, "IPS! Do you know Mr. Marques and Miss Wagner? They say they are from IPS and I know they're not."

Mr. Marques and Miss Wagner are both IPS correspondents. When Mr. Marques spoke to Mr. Frances, he did so as a concerned private citizen and did not identify himself as being with IPS. Miss Wagner has never spoken to Mr. Frances.

Frances then nervously added, "But if you want to know about the NDER, write me a letter with your questions. This information is public even to the United States Labor Party!"

THREAT TO BLOW UP LABOR COMMITTEE OFFICE AND ASSASSINATE MEMBERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 4 (IPS)--At 5:30 p.m. today, the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) national headquarters in New York City received the following telephone threat from a caller identifying himself as "Cacho," a member of the "Brigadas Anti-Comunistas":

"Is LALC there? I have a message for Fernando. I know him. I have four to five people from the Alianza Anti-Comunista Argentina [AAA: Argentinian Anti-Communist Alliance] in New York.

"I know Fernando Quijana. He has 48 hours to live, and I'll put a bullet in his head. Your group has printed things about us [AAA] and this is why we are going to get you. [repeated several times] I want Fernando Quijana. [repeated several times].

"You're [LALC] linked to MLN [Movimiento Liberacion Nacional, Tupermaros]. It was legal for you to print things about AAA in the U.S., but once you moved into our territory, we cannot tolerate this. We are going to bomb your office and attack your people in the street, and it is a shame that poor innocent slobbs will have to suffer. You will be responsible for that. We have 9MM shells....We will assassinate your members."

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The caller spoke in a hysterical and frightened fashion in an accent identified as Argentinian. The effect was that of reading from a prepared message. During the call, the caller spoke in both Spanish and English, repeatedly asking for Fernando "Quijana," the Spanish feminine form of Quijano, the name of the Labor Committee member.

The NCLC has informed the New York Police Department (mid-Manhattan South Precinct), New York Police Intelligence Division, and the Argentinian Embassy. It is investigating the caller's identity and/or organization.

The AAA claims credit for the murders of dozens of revolutionaries, trade union leaders, and liberals in Argentina. If indeed this organization has extended its operation to the United States, we will ensure that their murderous activities are brought to halt. Alternatively, the NCLC is investigating the possible connection of the caller to left countergang organizations such as the Socialist Workers Party, Puerto Rican Socialist Party, Puerto Rican Independence Party, Partido Revolucionario Socialista, or the Gusanos (the CIA-run Cuban refugee terrorist apparatus, which recently announced an increase of its activities against U.S. left organization).