

Several weeks ago a Labor Party contact in Portland was beaten by police who identified themselves as members of the John Birch Society.

The Labor Party is mobilizing its cells and networks to bring pressure on the press, police, and local politicians to insure that there is a full investigation of the attempted murders.

TRILATERAL TRYING TO SUBVERT CP LEFT TURN FACTION FIGHT

Dec. 26 (IPS)--Briefings by the European Labor Committees to cadres of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) on the significance of the left turn now developing among the world's Communist Parties are creating such a stir inside the PCI that Giorgio Amendola was forced this week personally to counterattack. Amendola, the self-admitted CIA infiltrator in the PCI Politburo, in a piece for the pro-Communist Rome daily Paese Sera, denounced the "extremist, maximalist faction" inside the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and declared that the PCI will not permit a similar faction in its midst. The only "extremist" tendency within the PSI is the Unity for Socialism faction collaborating with the ELC.

Meanwhile, Trilateral Commission director Zbigniew Brzezinski--the CIA's most celebrated "expert on Communist," who recently met with Amendola in Rome and drafted marching orders for the PCI to push "freedom of speech" and "free elections" in the Soviet bloc--has escalated the bogus "free opposition" issue in Yugoslavia in an attempt to subvert the left-turn organizing of international Communist Party hardliners.

A feature article appearing this week in Corriere della Sera, Italy's major bourgeois daily, highlighted Yugoslav government "persecution" of a group of anti-Communist Yugoslav "intellectuals" led by Mihail Makrovic who propose to "review" the principles of Marxism. This self-styled "Praxis" group (similar to the countergang led by Mark Rudd against the Labor Committees during the 1968 Columbia University student strike in the United States) emerged directly out of the May 1968 French student movement, which was misled by CIA-trained sociologists from the University of Nanterre. As the Corriere article details, the Praxis group opposes Marxist conceptions of centralized control of the economy and of international class struggle, favoring instead "self-management [local control] pushed to the extreme." Thus the Praxis group opposes the entire policy laid down by Marshall Tito at the recent Tenth Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia (LCY).

Today's New York Times carries a letter signed by four U.S. academics, including Brzezinski and his fellow Trilateral member Stanley Hoffman, which protests the LCY's "violation of the intellectual freedom" of the Praxis group, in the classic manner of

witch-hunting Sidney Hook's University Center for Rational Alternatives, with which the Praxis group is allied.

Given the key role of Yugoslavia in the current strategic situation, Brzezinski and his Trilateral agents are desperately seeking to maintain within Yugoslavia the tiny remaining pockets of subversive adherence to anti-Soviet non-alignment and local control economic policies, against the pro-revolutionary policy of Tito and the LCY.

PSYWAR ENFORCES FORD'S RETIREMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 26 (IPS)--In the week since he turned over control of the U.S. government to Nelson Rockefeller, President Ford has been subjected to a barrage of psywar articles and operations continuously reminding him that he is expendable.

In a bizarre incident, reminiscent of the time during the waning days of the Nixon presidency when an AWOL serviceman parked a stolen helicopter on the White House lawn, an obviously brainwashed man dressed as an Arab crashed his car into the White House grounds and played "tag" with Secret Servicemen for four hours Christmas morning.

The Rockefeller-controlled press has played this example of the CIA's domestic shenanigans as a "breach in security at the White House." President Ford, who was 2,000 miles away in Vail, Colorado, was awakened early Christmas morning to be briefed on the "tense confrontation."

It has since been made known that the would-be "Arab" assassin was Marshall Field, an American black who learned to speak Arabic in Libya, where his father worked for the Agency for International Development, a CIA front.

Meanwhile, the Colorado media have been slyly assaulting the vacationing Ford with numerous stories about the dangerous skiing conditions there ("over 100 avalanches this winter") and the dreadful lack of medical facilities at Vail ("the nearest hospital is 100 miles away on icy roads"). Juxtaposed to the story about Ford's vacation, yesterday's Denver Post ran the following headline: "Sheriff Calls Off Search for Skier Missing Four Days."

Ford has certainly gotten the message. Displaying a gallow's sense of humor, Ford joked with reporters yesterday, "You make me a justice of the peace [at Vail], and I'll quit [the Presidency]."