

a short article in a local paper. Contacted by the Labor Party, Major Holland, chief of planning and operations for the Army in the area, claimed that "Operation Earthquake" was planned and paid for completely by the hospital, and that the Army was only cooperating.

Lou Cambou, medical coordinator of the mayor's office of emergency services, claimed that he'd never heard of "Operation Earthquake," and began to question the Labor Party caller on what he knew about it. As to the legality of the operation, Cambou stated that any legal questions about the exercise were supposed to cross his desk.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party has discovered that rehearsals similar to "Operation Earthquake" will be held every six months, presumably on a larger and larger scale; but the Labor Party intends to close down "Operation Earthquake" before it gets off the ground.

#### FBI STALLS IN U.S. LABOR PARTY SUIT

DETROIT, Jan. 12 (IPS)--In a Jan. 7 court hearing in court here, the FBI asked Federal District Judge Damon Keith for further time to compile arguments for preventing the U.S. Labor Party from proceeding with its suit against FBI interference in its election campaigns. Keith granted the FBI one week's continuance to allow it to write an additional brief arguing for dismissal of the U.S. Labor Party suit.

If the court rules against the FBI's motion to dismiss, the U.S. Labor Party will be able to proceed to subpoena and take depositions from FBI agents gathering evidence on illegal surveillance, disruption, and sabotage of Labor Party election campaigns, and on illegal search and seizure of materials from the Labor Party office in Detroit. This discovery of evidence will be particularly interesting because of strong indications that the FBI operations in the Detroit area involving infiltrator Vernon Higgins utilized well-known CIA operating procedures. At a time when CIA "self-exposures" are threatening to get out of hand, evidence of joint FBI-CIA operations would be especially significant.

At the Jan. 7 hearings, U.S. Attorney William Ivershoff was unable to refute a Labor Party brief giving legal arguments for the suit. His plea for more time to prepare further arguments suggests that the FBI will fight all the way to the Supreme Court to prevent Labor Party evidence on illegal FBI activities from becoming public.

A background brief on illegal FBI and CIA domestic activities will be prepared and circulated to Congressmen and other interested parties.