

PSP FALLS FOR CIA TERRORISM IN PUERTO RICO

Jan. 12(IPS)--A bomb placed in a Mayaguez restaurant filled with Puerto Rican Socialist (PSP) supporters and other independents killed two people in Puerto Rico yesterday afternoon, shortly before a PSP rally was scheduled in that city. The island police subsequently issued a statement warning that a "war of terrorism" was building between right and left groups.

The island PSP, which has shown increasing support for terrorist activity, is in danger of being taken over by CIA-agent and pro-terrorist Ramon Arbona. It has continued to move into the CIA trap of Argentina-style "right" and "left" terrorism, exposed by New Solidarity in early December.

The Latin American Labor Committees have written an open letter to Puerto Rican Socialist leaders Pedro Grant and Juan Mari Bras demanding that they disassociate themselves from this suicidal policy and initiate a pro-working class united front for expanded production on an international basis.

CANADIAN TROOPS PRACTICE FOR STRIKE-BREAKING

Jan. 12(IPS)--During the first week of December, the Canadian militia concluded an exercise at Camp Debert in Nova Scotia to give the troops practice in busting strikes and crushing any ferment in the working class.

The domestic war games pitted "military" troops of militia members from the Prince Edward Island regiment, the Nova Scotia Highlanders and the Prince Louise Fusiliers, against "striking or dissident workers" simulated by two field squadrons from Camp Gagetown.

The "workers" were depicted as violent terrorists, the actual scenario which the CIA hopes to create.

As psychological warfare against the Canadian working class, the CIA news conduit, United Press International (UPI), released this information. It was picked up by the Montreal Gazette in January as a direct warning to the Quebec working class that the military is prepared to quell any ferment.

LABOR PARTY DEBT MORATORIUM SHAKES UP N.Y.C. POLS

NEW YORK, Jan.12-- The U.S. Labor Party (USLP) kicked off its school board campaign here Jan.7 with candidates Paul Arnest and Jennette Washington delivering to the City Council Labor Party petitions signed by more than 1,000 workers demanding a moratorium on the city's debt.

The inauguration of the LP campaign comes smack in the middle of a significant upturn in workers' interest in the LP program-

especially the auto-to-tractor reconversion and debt moratoria demands-- on the one hand and a renewed assault on the city's workers, on the other. Local politicians, especially those with a trade-union or liberal base, are being caught in the middle.

Yesterday, radio station WCBS reported that a municipal bond dealer was urging New York City to file for bankruptcy under Title IX of the bankruptcy laws. Such a move would give David Rockefeller's banks first lien on the city's income. All city agreements on employment, wages, services, etc. could be legally abrogated in order to keep money flowing to the banks. The Labor Committee Intelligence Staff is investigating exactly who is behind the bond dealer's proposal.

The change in City Council president Paul O'Dwyer's response to the Labor Party petitions shows how the city's political mood is shifting. The day Arnest and Washington delivered the LP petitions, O'Dwyer's secretary called the Labor Party office, screaming: "Mr. O'Dwyer does not want to see them! Take them away." Just three days later, O'Dwyer's aide called the Labor Party back, hastening to assure them that the secretary's remarks were ill-considered. The LP petitions, the aide said, were being most carefully copied, and would be nicely bound and presented to the City Council for careful study.

Why the Change?

O'Dwyer's new-found interest in the LP debt moratorium came just a few days after 200 angry tunnel construction workers, thrown out of work when the city halted construction on their project, jammed a Board of Estimates meeting, demanding that O'Dwyer and others get them their jobs back. A nervous O'Dwyer had to recess the meeting.

O'Dwyer was doubly frightened by this outpouring of rage since it's among construction workers especially that Labor Party influence has soared in the past weeks. The response which Labor Party organizers met at a Long Island City construction site last week is becoming more and more typical of employed and unemployed construction workers alike. At the site, older white workers discussed the problems of "mobilizing forces on a world scale" to implement the LP program.

This kind of ferment among his former supporters is what's behind O'Dwyer's apparent "change of heart." But workers who once voted for O'Dwyer have little use for him now. Many workers commented to LP organizers, "I figured as much," when told of O'Dwyer's first response to the petitions. One woman said, "I'm going to call O'Dwyer right now about this debt moratorium. He may take my job away next."