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FBI HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN TARGETS LABOR PARTY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

April 28 (IPS) -- National Caucus of Labor Committee security officers are currently investigating the massive FBI harassment of Labor Party members and supporters over the past 72 hours. Most recent was a 24-48 hour FBI mobilization against strike captains and Labor Party supporters in the Detroit area, 250 of whom had made solid commitments to attend yesterday's Detroit Regional Conference. As a result of FBI harassment, only 40 workers attended.

SPRINGFIELD MAYORAL CANDIDATE ATTACKED

April 29 (IPS) -- Steve Desmond, U.S. Labor Party candidate for Mayor in Springfield, Mass. was beaten and then arrested on false charges of breach of peace last night by three security guards at Bay State Shopping Mall.

Today, Desmond pressed counter charges against the three guards. Local congressmen, municipal officials and press are being pressured by Labor Party networks to investigate this attack.

DETROIT FREE PRESS DESPERATION SHOWS

April 30 (IPS) -- To counter the devastating effect of the U.S. Labor Party-organized boycott, the Detroit Free Press intends to circulate stickers bearing the slogan "Buy the Free Press, It's Still Free," according to a Flint distributor of the newspaper.

The Free Press circulation department told a store owner who recently called to inquire about the boycott, "Don't worry, what do you care if people call you a scab?"

Labor Party strike headquarters reports 17 Free Press outlets not carrying the paper at all. Sales are down in several more. Some of the 17 outlets are carrying New Solidarity instead.

NEW YORK TIMES "GENERALLY BELIEVES" WORKERS WILL EAT SHIT...

April 30 (IPS) -- New York Governor Carey yesterday rejected the recommendation of his duly appointed fact-finding panel to award the New York Civil Service Employees Association a 6 per cent wage increase in present contract negotiations. In lieu of a wage increase, Carey volunteered a \$250 "bonus" for each worker. According to the New York Times today, it is "generally believed that the union...would accept...just about whatever is offered."

...DETROIT FREE PRESS CONCURS

April 30 (IPS) -- The Detroit Free Press published an editorial to-

day entitled "Intransigence Will Cost Jobs" demanding that city workers follow the example of the Detroit Building Trades Unions who agreed to "forfeit both work and pay to protect the jobs of our members." The Free Press praises the "Mayor's...reasonable alternatives: (a) the city would lay off enough city employees to cancel the debt or (b) the city employees could voluntarily forego scheduled pay raises or accept reduced work weeks."

WEIMAR AND BUST...BURNS OPENS THE SPIGGOT

May 1 (IPS) -- Seeing visions of a "vigorous" recovery for the U.S. economy in the near future, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur Burns today told the Senate Banking Committee that the Fed plans to double the present rate of increase of the money supply to a minimum of 5-7.5 per cent.

Burns, widely known for the inaccuracy of his predictions, termed this rate of monetary and credit expansion "sufficient" to finance a recovery. Current debt rollover requirements however would require an inflationary explosion of at least 30-40 per cent to postpone a collapse of the capitalist monetary system by this June.

CONGRESS MOVES HANDS AND FEET; IMPEACHMENT SENTIMENT BEGINS TO SURFACE

May 2 (IPS) -- With the controlled environment broken decisively with George McGovern's attack on the Rockefeller-Schlesinger strategic doctrine as a "hairtrigger to nuclear war," the idea of ridding the country and the world once and for all of the Rockefeller menace began to surface on Capitol Hill.

McGovern's aide, when told that Congress should convene an extraordinary session of Congress, declare Rockefeller non composmentis and impeach him, replied, "In theory the Congress could convene such a session." Normally, aides refuse to consider such a possibility.

NALP MEMBERS IN ST. CATHERINES THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION

May 2 (IPS) -- Yesterday in St. Catherines, Ontario, members of the North American Labor Party were illegally detained by police and their records were searched to find an excuse for deportation after NALP members while on a neighborhood organizing tour, inadvertently stopped at the house of Officer Turner (who had arrested them for "creating a disturbance by shouting" during a street corner rally in St. Catherines on March 15). Last Friday, the organizers were convicted of this charge which is now being appealed.

USLP BETHLEHEM STEEL ORGANIZER CONVICTED

BALTIMORE, May 2 (IPS) -- A local kangaroo court railroaded a conviction of a Labor Party member charged with "trespassing"

at Bethlehem's Sparrows Point works. Before the trial, the Prosecutor told the defendant's supporters that the trial was postponed, a flagrant lie which ensured that no workers were present to witness Bethlehem justice.

ACQUITTAL IN NEW JERSEY

May 2 (IPS) -- A municipal judge in Kearny, New Jersey, found six USLP organizers "not guilty" today on trespassing charges that stemmed from the distribution of New Solidarity at a Two Guys shopping center. The judge allowed political testimony in the 2.5 hour trial and ruled that the organizers' activity did not constitute a restraint of trade and that the shopping center is quasi-public property.

FIREFIGHTERS UP IN AIR ON IDB, DFP STRIKES

May 2 (IPS) -- Following a see-saw debate last night, Flint Firefighters Local 352 voted to table U.S. Labor Party resolutions supporting a debt moratorium, the International Development Bank, and the Detroit Free Press strike. The 35-to-3 vote to table followed intense debate on the presentation by USLP Mayoral candidate Tom Peyser which included the remark by Local President Brandon that "what the Labor Party says about the Free Press is true. I just read another stinking editorial pushing municipal cuts."

DETROIT FREE PRESS CIRCULATION DROPS; CONTEMPLATE PRICE CUT

May 2 (IPS) -- Following a drop in circulation estimated at 60,000 out of 580,000 since the beginning of a U.S. Labor Party-led boycott, the Detroit Free Press will probably lower its newsstand price from 15 to 10 cents, sources at the paper have told IPS.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPLOYED AS "STEELWORKERS"

May 2 (IPS) -- Prosecutors trying a U.S. Labor Party member on trespassing charges here yesterday revealed that the Bethlehem Steel Corp. retains as "official employees" an unspecified number of "Special Maryland State Police Officers."

MUNICIPAL TRIAGE ESCALATES; THREATENS EPIDEMICS THIS SUMMER

May 3 (IPS) -- A wave of municipal cutbacks will generate Fourth World type conditions throughout U.S. cities this summer. Thirteen sanitation crews, or 25 per cent of the work force, were laid off yesterday in Richmond, Va. The remaining work force will work a four day/10 hour work week pursued by "teams of observers" empowered to fire, on the spot, any sanitation worker who is "not working."

James Watt, head of Detroit's Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department, has announced the layoff of 100 of its 133 Rodent Control and Litter Inspectors July 1. Rat and litter control will essentially stop for a month at the height of the

rubbish collection season.

IMPEACH ROCKEFELLER GROUNDSWELL JOLTS CONGRESSMEN

May 3 (IPS) -- Congressional field officers are responding directly to the groundswell developing around the Rockefeller Impeachment campaign. Yesterday, Congressman Frank Thompson's office in Trenton, N.J. called the Labor Party office to say that "the crimes cited in the petitions are not impeachable offenses." "He will not put a resolution on the floor...But if someone else does, he'd reconsider...." Thompson had just received 700 impeachment signatures earlier this week.

North Carolina Congressman Martin's office has begun its own "Impeach Rocky Poll" informing a Labor Party supporter that "that seems to be a popular opinion in Charlotte these days."

STAGED RIOTS IN BOSTON LEADS TO ATTACKS ON USLP

May 4 (IPS) -- A staged riot yesterday morning in South Boston involving the Progressive Labor Party, now openly a fascist organization, and members of local FBI-controlled anti-busing groups was used to directly attack the U.S. Labor Party.

Approximately 300 members of PLP-led "strike teams" in paramilitary uniform armed with heavy wooden canes charged a crowd of South Boston residents that had been mobilized by local counter-insurgents to keep the PLP march out of the area. To insure that the psychotic PLPers would attack on cue, several fights were provoked on the march route.

Hours after the staged brawl, two squads of USLP organizers were attacked at separate locations in the south part of the city. In both cases, well-organized teams of white men in their 30s carried out the attacks, aimed more at driving USLP organizers out of the area and terrorizing the large number of passive Labor Party supporters than at causing physical damage.