

BEHIND THE BYLINES

U.S. 'Free' Press Gags News of Labor Party Fraud Fight

Dec. 2 (NSIPS) — The story behind the bylines that goes unreported in the press and media...the how and why of decisions made to spotlight or censor the news...a "who's who" of press and media personnel, the facts behind shake-ups and shifts in the news reporting industry...that's what this column intends to report through current and historical accounts of the newsmaking story weekly.

The unreported story reported to NSIPS last week tells how the free press didn't report the news in the exemplary cases of the historic vote fraud investigations and legal suits being fought by the U.S. Labor Party in conjunction with the Republican Party, Conservative Party and American Independence Party. The following cases were related to NSIPS by the reporters who experienced the news gag firsthand (and who will not be identified except for newsmedia affiliation).

* A reporter from the Gannett chain's *Tarrytown Daily News* sadly admitted to NSIPS, "I hate to use this word, but I have to call it censorship," when the chain outrageously withheld from its own reporters AP and UPI wire stories on the national vote fraud cases. The journalist was able to get a story on the cases only by going directly to the sources — the principals involved in the suits — and interviewing them on the facts. The result was a top notch front-page lead in the Nov. 28 *Sunday Tarrytown Daily News* — a story the paper can be proud of, no thanks to Gannett's own wire service and Westchester-Rockland chain managing personnel. The article was syndicated by two other papers of Gannett's Westchester-Rockland nine-newspaper chain, the *Yonkers Herald Statesman* and the *White Plains Reporter Dispatch*, both of which had unsuccessfully petitioned Gannett's Albany and Washington, D.C. wire service bureaus and the chain's Westchester headquarters for the story.

* *The New York Times*, master of journalistic deception, runs a much tighter ship than its upstate competition. The *Times* kills its unwanted stories dead and habituates its reporters to lying down and taking it. One of the *Times*' young black reporters found his story on postcard registration and the U.S. Labor Party's New York vote fraud suit pared to one-third its original size in last Tuesday's *Times*. The surgery was performed to remove all mention of the fraud case, the USLP or its co-plaintiffs from the article which was further doctored to read like a paid advertisement for tombstone-voting postcard registration, given the stamp of approval by New York's Democratic Party at its postcard registration hearings last Monday. This reporter is part of a rumored informal caucus of loyal opposition at that press bastion who petitioned token black editorial board member Roger Wilkins to write an Op Ed "rebuttal" to the *Times*' editorial endorsement of racist Daniel Patrick Moynihan's New York Senatorial candidacy last month. The same reporter was assigned to report on the scandal of convicted felons running Ramon Velez' South Bronx methadone maintenance concession on the public dole — a scandal which can be laid right at James Earl Carter's doorstep through his friends and vote-getters Ramon Velez and Jules Sugarman — only to enable his editors to cover up this story too. The operation was performed this time by burying the article in the

back pages of the obscure Sunday night owl edition. No complaints from the *Times*' hand-picked "pack" however. They've been weaned on "all the news that's fit."

* In Cleveland, a gagged press corps has come up with an ingenious solution to the problem of news control. Reporters who are not being permitted to report what they know about the Labor Party's vote fraud investigation and explosive evidence of how the fraud was carried out, are instead calling up the Labor Party with inside scoops, like the UAW region head who did his duty for Carter on election day twice. They know the one paper in town that isn't gagged is *New Solidarity*.

Press Scoops

* A Washington, D.C. reporter confirmed this week the well known gossip on Capitol Hill that the CIA's own counsel, Mitchell Rogovin, "leaked" the Pike Committee Report on illegal CIA activities to former CBS-TV investigative reporter Dan Schorr and to others of the Capitol Hill press corps. Schorr was subsequently fired from his job at CBS and witch-hunted by Congress at the CIA's behest for spilling the agency's "secrets" to the American TV viewing audience. The whole story on this operation was first reported in NSIPS almost one year ago — and denied by every government official and their pet editors and publishers dedicated to protecting the Agency from the free press.

* Sources report to NSIPS that the *Christian Science Monitor's* Washington, D.C.-based "China watcher" reporter, Jeff Stein, is an avid spreader of Institute for Policy Studies slanders on the U.S. Labor Party and the National Caucus of Labor Committees. Stein is notorious for using his press "credentials" to raise the topic of the "violent Labor Committees" to any sizeable press gathering, no matter what the ostensible occasion.

In a testimonial to "objective" news reporting, the *Washington Post's* Nov. 28 front-page article, "U.S. Labor Party, GOP Join Forces in 4 Vote Challenges," was syndicated in the following papers last week with the following regional slants:

Pittsburgh Press — The "local angle" of all remarks by Pennsylvania USLP lawyer, former Republican Party congressional candidate from Pittsburgh John Bradley was edited out.

Wilmington (Dela.) Evening News — Large chunks of the article quoting Republican Congressman Guy Van der Jagt, a key mover of the national vote fraud cases and personal friend of President Gerald Ford, were taken out.

Los Angeles Times — "U.S. Labor Party" was replaced in this paper's reprinting of the *Washington Post* article's headline with "Marxist Group" and the next day's *L.A. Times* presented an editorial page cartoon showing President Ford denying "rumors" that he wants to "overturn the elections"...while furtively asking Fidel Castro to help him overthrow the U.S. government! The *L.A. Times* "morning after" spree also included a psychological warfare warning that Republicans could be investigated for fraud too, in a front-page article "inquiring"

into the circumstances of Republican Senator Hayakawa's victory over Democratic incumbent John Tunney. Gannett's *Plainfield Courier* (N.J.) carried the *Washington Post* article while the rest of the chain adhered to a black-out. *Long Island Newsday* reported the *Washington Post* article, omitting slanderous comments about the Labor Party included in the original version by *Post* reporter William Chapman. *The International Herald-Tribune* also syndicated the article, making its available to numerous international press.

Public Has A Right To Know About Fraud

The following is an article by conservative syndicated news columnist, Ralph de Toledano. It was syndicated by Copley News Service and other unaffiliated newspapers to over 100 daily and weekly U.S. newspapers throughout Illinois, Southern California, New Hampshire and Florida.

The Ralph de Toledano Column

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WASHINGTON — A great silence has fallen over the media on a question of vital importance: Was Jimmy Carter truly elected president, or were enough votes stolen in states which could give President Ford an electoral college victory?

This is not a new question in contemporary American politics. A prima facie case can be made that in 1960 Richard Nixon lost the election because of massive vote fraud in Illinois, Texas and Missouri. For reasons which have never been fully explored, the then vice president refused to allow a test in the courts, and John F. Kennedy became President.

In the recent election, there is reason to believe that questionable and-or illegal voting procedures gave Mr. Carter five states, any two of which would have reversed the outcome. Those states are New York, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Mississippi.

Suits have been filed in New York and Wisconsin, by the U.S. Labor Party, for investigation and recount — but if the media have given them any notice, it has been so small that even a careful reader to the newspapers like this writer has missed it. Yet the American presidency is at stake.

In Ohio, whose 25 electoral votes when added to those of one other state could turn the election around, there is strong evidence of irregularities in the Cleveland area, which is heavily Democratic.

The state went to Mr. Carter by somewhere between 4,500 and 7,500 votes.

In New York, affidavits are on file to show that in three large areas there were no registration lists. What's more, in New York City, many voting machines registered 200 to 300 votes for Mr. Carter even before the polls opened. So far, 120,000 votes have been challenged in the state, on the basis of sworn affidavits, and this is just for starters.

In Wisconsin, where Mr. Carter won by some 34,000, non-registered voters were told by election officials that they could vote merely by showing proof of American citizenship. That proof could be as flimsy as the unsupported word of an accompanying friend — who in turn could be qualified by the person who had just given him voting rights.

There are substantial indications of voting irregularities in Pennsylvania, particularly in the Pittsburgh area. These, too, are supported by affidavits. And Pennsylvania went to Mr. Carter with some 128,000 votes. Mr. Carter carried Mississippi by less than 12,000 votes.

So far, the White House has bowed to President Ford's insistence that he wants to be a "good loser." But Mr. Carter had an answer to that kind of approach. In his book, "Why Not The Best?" he wrote: "Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser."

What is interesting is that Mr. Carter, the nation's First Moralizer, has done nothing to bring this situation to the attention of the reporters camped out in Plains, Ga.

There is an old proverb that a winning candidate never contests an election, but one would think that Mr. Carter would be above this kind of partisanship.

Because of the White House refusal to act, the battle for an investigation and a recount, through actions in the federal courts, is being carried by the U.S. Labor Party which fielded a candidate whose main "third party" thrust was against Mr. Carter.

Since the electoral college does not meet until mid-December, there is ample time for legal action to prevent the certification of Carter votes in the contested states.

Since Nov. 2, the media have been busily patting themselves on the back for their "evenhanded" coverage of the election.

But somehow, the press has no interest in determining whether or not the allegations and the affidavits being presented to the courts by the U.S. Labor Party's lawyers are founded on fact — or even whether acknowledged voting irregularities were of sufficient magnitude to give the election to Jimmy Carter.

What happened in the nation's polling places should be of much greater concern to the legions of "investigative" reporters than what Mr. Carter said to *Playboy* magazine or what Gerald Ford said about Eastern Europe. The public's right to know who won the presidential election is at issue.

But the national press knows that if it maintains the blackout on news about the contested states, very little is likely to happen. I hate to think that this is what's behind the great silence.

Walter Cronkite, where are you when we need you?