

that they are being harassed by the FEC.

In the case of the U.S. Labor Party its spokesmen say the FEC launched its investigation because the party has not paid bills owed to corporations that were contracted during the campaign. Under an FEC regulation the commission can construe an unpaid debt to a corporation as an illegal campaign contribution if the corporation or the candidate, committee or persons has not undertaken "commercially reasonable" efforts to satisfy the debt.

Thus the FEC, at its discretion, can declare certain debts to corporations as illegal campaign contributions. This is not part of the law but it has the force of law because Congress gave the FEC the power to make such regulations.

It seems odd that the FEC chose the Labor Party as its target for this regulation when the Democratic National Committee has had millions of dollars in unpaid debts for years.

So while there is much talk about openness in government, Congress gives agencies a cloak behind which they can hide their operations. And it also gives them a blank check to write regulations of highly dubious value and then the power to enforce them as law.

Congress should keep tabs on the FEC to make sure that it does not abuse its tremendous powers. Under the present setup the FEC could become a Gestapo and almost no one but those being victimized would know about it.

The FEC should be required to report on its investigations and observe the mandate to conduct them expeditiously. Congress should suspend the right of the FEC and other agencies to make regulations ad infinitum. This undeserved privilege has allowed these agencies to act as a second unelected Congress, drafting regulations that have the power of law at the rate of more than 70,000 a year.

Carter Scandals Multiply... But Congress Becalmed

In an echo of the first exposés to hit Richard Nixon, Congressman Paul McCloskey released documents this week suggesting that Jimmy Carter was influenced by political campaign commitments in supporting protectionist shipping legislation. Passing over the advice of his economic advisers, who warned that such action would increase unemployment, Carter supported legislation to require a fixed percentage of U.S. oil imports to be shipped in American-flag ships. Carter took the advice of his domestic policy adviser, Stu Eizenstat, that such action was "politically necessary"...

Carter may soon get caught in the KCIA hullabaloo as well. Investigators have uncovered photographs of the President with Korean Mata Hari Suzi Park Thompson, an expert on Capitol Hill affairs. There is no indication the photographs show Carter to be in more than a compromised position...

Carter is already in such political trouble around the country that even the latest CBS-New York Times survey shows that the population gives him little support

for his programs, and only somewhat more support for his style. As for Carter's intelligence — here's one story that is making the rounds:

There were four men in an airplane: a pilot, a priest, a hippie, and Jimmy Carter. Suddenly the plane experienced severe engine

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trouble. There were only three parachutes aboard. The pilot, saying he was of value to his country and deserved to live, grabbed a chute and bailed out. Jimmy Carter piped up "I'm the smartest man alive," and also bailed out. Then the priest told the hippie that, as a man of the cloth, he was ready for his maker and would stay. Replied the hippie, "You're outta sight Father, but we're both saved. The smartest man alive just bailed out with my knapsack..."

Despite the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" that Senator Lawton Chiles awarded Budget Director Bert Lance this week,

"Carter's personal banker" is still in deep trouble over the millions of dollars in loans he received from First National Bank of Chicago and Manufacturers Hanover Trust. Comptroller of the Currency John Heimann is still conducting investigations into possible violations of the National Banking Act in connection with Lance's loans. Rumors are flying in Washington that Lance may suddenly resign. Carter is reportedly terrified the scandal may expand and embroil him, and is hoping to keep Lance at a distance. Apparently some angry words were spilled when Hamilton Jordan announced this week that Bert Lance was one of the President's closest friends.

David Smith, the Atlanta businessman, who has reportedly offered to relieve Lance of his embarrassing bank stock at \$5 above market value, is a man of many business skills. Several years ago Smith ran an overseas encyclopedia sales firm; unfortunately his credit lines were cut off and he was forced into liquidation.

Smith's new firm, International Horizons, produce biorhythm

calculators — handheld gadgets designed to “program” various emotional, physical and mental aspects of your personality. It is rumored that a shipment of the calculators destined for the Yerkes Primate Center founded by Dr. Peter Bourne’s father ended up at the White House. Judging from the monkey business there, the rumors may well be true...

That paragon of objectivity, the *New York Times* last month devoted a full column of its Sunday edition to attacking John McGoff’s Panax newspapers chain for its reporting on *Times*’ darling Jimmy Carter and his friends. Panax had tackled the pot-smoking Bourne, Carter’s head of the Office of Drug Abuse Policy, in an article on the moral imbecility characteristic of the Carter regime. “Vietnam Veterans Against the War co-founder” Bourne, the man known as the “Rasputin behind the White House Throne,” Panax reported, has “never treated a private patient” but spends all his time on “community (mental) health projects” — otherwise known as community drug pushing.

Speaking of Dr. Bourne, Bourne also revealed, according to Panax, that “Carter condones promiscuity among his male staff members.” Apparently Bourne has become a liability...his office of Drug Abuse Policy is scheduled to be eliminated if the OMB reorganization plan gets Carter’s okay...

Apparently agreeing with her brother’s permissiveness, psychological healer and born-again Christian Ruth Carter Stapleton, just back from a revival in Kansas City, was caught dancing a mean boogie in a smoke-filled New York disco last week. Mrs. Stapleton told reporters she thought it was good for Christians to enjoy themselves in a loving atmosphere...God is everywhere...

American University professor H.H.A. Cooper, told Congress last week that there is a “strong connection between sex and terrorism.” Cooper, who insiders say is one of the leading coordinators of terrorist activities, should know. Our short curly-haired, moustached Britisher has

often been seen in the company of another terrorist controller Nicholas Kittrey, a man who flaunts his dyed red hair, hippie beads and cowboy boots...

Capitol Hill has recently been decimated by two epidemics: hoof-in-mouth disease and cat-got-your-tongue. Senator Robert Dole, one-time Vice-Presidential candidate with presidential ambitions, has been touring the country pulling together a conservative coalition by attempting to out-Carter Jimmy on human rights. “If we are to condemn our traditional allies in Latin America, Africa, and Asia for their violations of internationally recognized standards of human rights, can we be any less attentive to the flagrant violations which abound in Communist-governed nations?” Dole is challenging his audiences. On the Senate floor, Dole has offered a series of amendments forbidding aid or concessions to Vietnam or Cuba.

Only a few short weeks ago, the Senator was warning that Carter has a “dangerously superficial understanding of fundamental geopolitics” which threaten to lead the country into nuclear war. Has Mr. Dole flipped his Whig, or is he just suffering from a temporary mental aberration?

The newly formed anti-Carter Defense Task Force, announced by Rep. Phil Crane and Sen. Jake Garn at a July 19 press conference, has gone into hiding. Embarrassed by its inability to get organized, and traumatized by internal squabbling over what to do now that it’s gone public, it’s quietly folded its tents and stolen away.

“A steamroller named Tip O’Neill is mowing down everything in sight in the Congressional hallways and committee rooms,” Capitol Hill sources report. The 255-pound House Speaker, affectionately known as Carter’s “Enforcer,” announced July 26 that the Justice Department will seek indictments against five to ten former and current Congressmen in August and September in connection with the South Korean influence-buying scandal. Fellow Democrats are cringing under the

whiplash of their leader, each afraid he is one of the targets. Republicans are gleefully crowing that Koreagate will be the Democrats’ Waterloo.

Abba Eban, former Israeli Foreign Minister just flew into New York. Word is out that Eban has decided to make a deal with the new Israeli government and is here to promote Begin in return for having charges against him for currency rules violation, dropped. Two consecutive wire reports from Jerusalem to Europe last week noted, first that Eban was coming to the U.S. on a tour arranged with the Begin government to ask support for Israel; second that the Israeli currency charges against him have suddenly been shelved...

If you’ve been wondering what the Kennedys have been up to lately those in the know say one of the The Family’s big operations is to gain control of the media, in light of the recent rough treatment JFK has been receiving. Kennedy hands Sander Vanocur and Pierre Salinger have been brought in to handle the ABC’s network news operation. Kennedy intimate David Burke will head up the network’s New York TV news...

Speaking of the networks, sources at NBC confirm that NBC’s Weekend Show producer James Gannon purchased a slanderous story on the U.S. Labor Party from FBI agent Greg Rose, at a cost of \$200, after NBC declared the Labor Party feature they planned had been killed. Weekend Show executive producer Reuven Frank could not explain why Gannon made the extravagant investment for a show which had already reportedly been cancelled.

Hubert Humphrey isn’t dead yet, but his friends have already decided to erect a memorial to his memory. So far, Humphrey’s old Minnesota cronies have contributed \$2.3 million towards a projected “Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.” Rumor has it that the cornerstone of the Institute’s new building will contain some of Hubert’s most beloved personal effects — including his larynx and his bladder.