

New York Times, Sept. 16, column by James Reston, "Lance Wins Round One":

Bert Lance clearly won the first round of his battle with the United States Senate, but in politics, there are some battles you can't afford to win. Mr. Lance chose to put the Senate committee on the defensive, to attack his attackers, but it is fairly clear that he was trying to save

himself and not his job.

...There is no way, after Mr. Lance's battles with the Senate, that he can be anything but a problem for his friend, Jimmy Carter, in the Congress and with the budget. His problem now is how to go home again to Georgia and somehow try to re-establish the old confidence and the old life among his friends.

Lazard Press Goes After Rocky

One day after Nelson Rockefeller testified before the Senate Finance Committee on his proposal for a new Project Independence, the *New York Post* and other outlets associated with the Lazard Freres investment banking house suddenly came alive with disclosures of the crimes of Nelson Rockefeller and his brother David.

The brothers are being smeared with an initial finding of the two-year old New York State Assembly investigation into the use of state police during Rockefeller's term as governor and leaks from the Security Exchange Commission's report on Chase Manhattan's role in dumping \$158 million in New York City notes in 1974-75.

No competent person would argue with the allegations and in fact, this news service was the first to break the story on Nelson Rockefeller's illegal state police files as early as 1975. The important point is the timing of the attacks: evidently the financiers gathered around Lazard are angry that Nelson Rockefeller's fascist boondoggle scheme may disrupt their own, the energy Corporation of the Northeast.

Morris Abrams, a partner in Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton, and Garrison law firm, which prepared Felix Rohatyn's energy proposal, indicated that the press attacks are just the beginning. Abrams said that if either Ed Koch or Mario Cuomo win the New York mayoralty, he will request a commission to investigate Rockefeller's activities as governor.

Below we print a sampling of the informative press attacks so far:

Village Voice: "Exclusive" On David Rockefeller's "Mafia" Tactics

(article by Jack Newfield)

"This week I read the still secret executive session testimony of David Rockefeller before the SEC....

"Reading and rereading these hundreds of pages of evasive and inarticulate testimony, it struck me how similar the management of Chase bank is to the management of the Mafia...

"David Rockefeller and his vice-presidents conduct business just about the same way Carmine Galante and his underbosses do...

"In late 1974 Chase bank created a "management committee" to meet on a regular basis and make decisions regarding New York City's fiscal crisis, its debt and borrowing practices... The SEC staff lawyers, who questioned Rockefeller on July 28, 1975, asked the Godfather of finance to provide the SEC with the minutes

of these crucial meetings at which the city's fiscal fate was determined. Rockefeller testified: "We don't keep minutes of the management meetings."

"... Rockefeller has perfected the method of insulating himself from potentially criminal conspiracies. He has mastered the technique of the cover-up. He has learned the great Mafia secret that it doesn't matter what the public thinks, only what the courts can prove. He understands the imperative of not producing one incriminating piece of paper..."

New York Post: Rocky's State Cop Spying

The New York Post on Sept. 14 ran a page-one headline "State Cops Spied on Thousands"

"The state police during the Rockefeller Administration investigated thousands of citizens by impersonating reporters, logging mail, taking pictures from helicopters, studying telephone and credit records and questioning neighbors, a State Assembly probe has found.

"The assembly investigation found 'several violations of state law', but 'no pattern of illegal acts'...

"Police investigated the formation of at least two underground newspapers and the first black-owned, black-operated radio station upstate. They started files on all authors and letter-writers mentioned in certain issues of *The Nation* magazine..."

"The task force intends to hold hearings this fall on a series of recommendations that includes setting up an outside review board of state police activities."

Rocky Accused Of "Lying" In Nursing Home Scandal

Earlier this month, the Soho Weekly ran an article accusing Nelson Rockefeller as having committed perjury before the Moreland Act Commission hearings on New York nursing homes:

"Abram asked the Vice President about a meeting he had on May 4, 1973 with Samuel Hausman, a longtime friend and political associate. What Abrams wanted to know was whether Rockefeller's one-hour meeting with Hausman that day was spent on nursing home czar Bernard Bergman's problems with the state health department.

"... If Rockefeller's recollection is correct, then

Hausman was lying to the Moreland State Commission.
"If Hausman was telling the truth, then Rockefeller was lying.
"... The worst thing about all this is it sounds very much like Richard Nixon and Watergate. It seems that

everyone in the Rockefeller Administration was meeting with Bernard Bergman... That does not sound like the man who ran the tightest governmental ship in state history. Too bad the Governor didn't bug his offices."

FBI Drops Investigation Of USLP

The following press release was issued on Sept. 15 by the U.S. Labor Party and the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

This afternoon Michael Kelly, special assistant to U.S. attorney General Griffin Bell, informed Warren Hamerman, of the National Caucus of Labor Committees Executive Committee, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has formally closed its nine-year investigation of the NCLC and U.S. Labor Party. "The file is closed," Kelly stated. "The FBI is no longer investigating you."

Kelly said, "The Justice Department and Attorney General are now reviewing the FBI decision. The likelihood is overwhelming that the file will remain closed. In fact, it seems inconceivable to me that the Attorney General will order the investigation to be reopened. The primary purpose of the Attorney General's review is to look into the reasons why the FBI initiated and then came to this decision to end the investigation."

The FBI investigation has functioned as part of a much larger, long-term effort to contain Labor Party and NCLC influence through harassment and intimidation of supporters, financial warfare, illegal intelligence operations, and a vast assortment of dirty tricks. The

containment effort involves the documented collaboration of private organizations, like the United Auto Workers, with the FBI and other government agencies.

In 1975, seven years after the FBI began its investigation, the USLP uncovered FBI informant-provocateur Vernon Higgins, who had infiltrated into the organization in Michigan. Immediately following the exposure of Higgins, the FBI and Justice Department claimed that the NCLC merited ongoing investigation because it was a "violence-prone" organization--despite the fact that not one case of "violence" had been successfully prosecuted against NCLC members.

Journalist Carl Stern, who independently investigated the "violence-prone" charge, reported on NBC network TV news in 1977 that he had found no evidence to substantiate it. Now, after years of the FBI informing Congressmen, other public officials, potential Labor Party and NCLC supporters and contributors and others that the NCLC is a "violence-prone" organization, the Bureau has decided its "investigation" of the NCLC should end.

The FBI's decision clears the way for an investigation of the real instigators of continuing financial warfare, harassment, intimidation, and dirty tricks against the NCLC and USLP.