

Terrorist Lawyers Fronting For Teamster Dissidents

Spokesmen for the Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) here report that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), a key component of the terrorist support network in the United States, is coordinating a legal deployment on behalf of TDU candidates for local Teamster office across the country. The well-funded operation consisting of more than 75 attorneys banded together in "Lawyers for the TDU" with back-up from NLG-member law students, is reportedly "ready to go with major election fraud cases to tie the Teamsters in knots." One source a NLG member, boasted that the lawyers are already coordinating with allies in the Labor Department.

ENEMIES OF LABOR

The NLG, which has organized defense for almost every countergang and environmental saboteur deployed by the Institute for Policy Studies, Ralph Nader, and similar "controller" operations in the international terrorist network, was said by the member "to have a vital stake" in labor "rank-and-file" reform movements like the TDU and its parallel organization, the FBI-Ralph Nader hybrid PROD.

"We are becoming the legal spokesman for these rank and file dissidents," said an NLG member. "We are their protectors...."

NLG's Goals

The goal of these legal terrorists is to synthesize "labor leaders" who can then be merged with Nader, Barry Commoner, and similar radical environmentalists to form the core of an American fascist movement: the so-called rank-and-file election campaigns are intended by legal and extralegal means to subvert any proprogress tendencies in the labor movement.

The fascist NLG, who passed a resolution to support the TDU "by every means possible" at their most recent convention, is following the script used by IPS and Joe Rauh, Jr. in directing the "rank-and-file" insurgency that has worked the United Mineworkers union and the campaign of Ed "the Fed" Sadlowski to take over the United Steelworkers. In fact, this newspaper has learned that Joe Rauh has decided to let the NLG and its "left-wing lawyers" handle the TDU operation, while he, Rauh, is running the PROD operation with Ralph Nader.

The fascist movement in embryo gathered in Chicago last weekend for two conferences. At the national planning meeting of the IPS-created Mobilization for Survival, an umbrella "action-oriented" environmentalist grouping, 300-400 hippies heard IPS's Richard Barnett and nuclear terrorist Sam Lovejoy lay out next year's antinuclear strategy. Across town, Ed

Sadlowski, Barry Commoner and others gathered to discuss a "strategy for a New America," at a conference sponsored by the counterculture rag *In These Times*. Observers at both events noted that many participants had apparently shuttled from one meeting to the other; in both cases, individuals active in the TDU-PROD conspiracy were present.

Pretty Boy Pete

It was not known whether Pete Camarata, the TDU-PROD member running for Vice-President in Teamster Local 299 here, found time to attend the conference; sources close to Camarata, who is also a member of the International Socialist sectlet, report that he is a "big supporter of environmental activism."

The controllers of TDU-PROD chose Camarata to be built into the "Teamster's Sadlowski" — the linchpin around which they will try to synthesize a national "rank and file" movement. While TDU sources report that they expect to "come close" in several local elections and that the NLG "will harass the hell out of the union to help us," it is Camarata's race that they want bad.

TDU spokesmen are pleased that their "friends in the press" are "coming through with great stories on Pete." The *Detroit News*, which has been carrying favorable articles on the TDU for months now, this week went as far to call him the "heir to (slain Teamster leader) Jimmy Hoffa" and lied that if "Hoffa were alive today he would be in the TDU...."

"If Pete wins," said the NLG member, "It will be the biggest thing to hit the reform movement since (the emergence of) Sadlowski and (UMW President Arnold) Miller...."

TDU Spokesman:

We Have Top-Flight Lawyers

The following is excerpted from an interview with a spokesman for the Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) in Detroit. The spokesman is a member of the campaign staff of Pete Camarata, TDU candidate for vice-president of Local 299.

Q: We have heard that as many as 70 percent of the ballots mailed out have already been returned to the union office. Is that possible?

A: I honestly don't think so. I know for certain that there are quite a few ballots that haven't been sent in yet. Most of the men haven't made up their minds yet.

Q: What is your assessment of the chances of your slate winning?

A: By far our best chance lies with Pete Camarata. He is the best known of the slate and has been getting a lot of attention. We are also confident that Dennis Wade and Walter Ruff will win as trustees.

Q: Are you worried about fraud?

A: Oh, yes. But we have a number of top-flight lawyers working for us and we have already won some concessions from the union. For instance, we are allowed one observer at the counting procedure, plus we have worked out whereby the post office will hold all the ballots and then release them at one time. Little things like that but they indicate some improvement.

Q: Well, what about what happened at Local 237 last

week with Holmes?

A: There is no doubt that the TDU slate either tied Holmes or defeated him. They had massive fraud and we intend to go to court to overturn the results. This week Bob Janeida (TDU candidate who lost his election to Holmes by 400 votes) will be going to court saying he was defrauded...

Q: Has the news media been interested in this campaign?

A: Oh, very much so. Last weekend a *New York Times* reporter spent the whole weekend with us and the *Detroit News* has been giving us very good coverage. We expect to have a lot of TV coverage over the next few weeks as the election comes to the end.

TDU Offers Teamsters 'United Front' Vs. Labor Party

The following is the lead article of the November issue of Convoy, the national newspaper of the Teamsters for a Democratic Union. Sources close to the TDU report that the membership of the organization is consternated by the fact that prior to the article's appearance, the TDU leadership had made no response to the charges in the U.S. Labor Party brief, "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" and feared that the circulation of the brief by Teamsters and others was destroying their ability to organize; so far neither the TDU nor PROD, the Ralph Nader-FBI-controlled countergang in the Teamsters, has responded to the substance of the charges in the brief.

A spokesman for the Labor Party in New York this week termed the TDU offer to the Teamster national leadership of a "united front" against the Party "incredible."

Frank E. Fitzsimmons, General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Dear Brother Fitzsimmons,

It has come to our attention that a number of officers within our union are involved in distributing the literature of the "U.S. Labor Party" and specifically its publication "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters."

The "U.S. Labor Party" has nothing in common with the labor movement and it is not a political party. It is a group of thugs and liars who are known for anti-labor actions such as breaking up union meetings, attacking union members, trying to stop duly authorized strikes of various unions and other such activities.

This is not only the opinion of TDU, but also of the officers of many major unions, including the United Auto Workers and United Steel Workers. The Steelworkers' *Steel Labor* of June, 1975 describes them as "the makings of a fascist movement." The publication, "The Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" is a perfect example of the "Big Lie" technique. This publication claims that the Rocke-

feller family is leading a "plot" that includes President Carter, Ralph Nader, the FBI, the CIA, as well as the AFL-CIO and Teamster rank and file organizations. This bizarre claim is liberally sprinkled with incredible slanders.

Copy of letter to: General Teamsters, Warehouse and Dairy Employees Union Local No. 126 Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed, please find a report put together by the U.S. Labor Party in regard to the Teamsters Union.

Please read this report, because it has some very interesting information contained in it.

If, after reading this report, you have comments to make, please feel free to write to the undersigned giving your views.

Fraternally yours,
Donald F. Wetzel
Secretary-Treasurer
Teamsters Local 126

The disturbing part of this story is that the "U.S. Labor Party" claims in their October 25, 1977 publication that some 60,000 copies of their "Plot to Destroy the Teamsters" booklets have been sold to Teamster locals or affiliates. Evidence obtained by this office substantiates that in some cases Teamster officers are indeed distributing it and even using union funds. Enclosed is a copy of a letter, mailed to a number of members of Local 126 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin by Secretary-Treasurer Donald Wetzel. Evidence is that union funds paid for this anti-labor hate literature and its mailing. Further evidence exists that the officers of Local 641, Jersey City, New Jersey, allowed the "U.S. Labor Party" to display their materials at a local union meeting.