

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

MEXICO DESTABILIZATION AND

KIDNAPPING OF LALC MEMBERS

LALC LEADER KIDNAPPED; ROCKEFELLER SIGNALS INTERNATIONAL RED-HUNT

March 25 (IPS)--In a rapid escalation of police terror, Mexican President Luis Echeverria moved against the Latin American Labor Committees (LALC) today and kidnapped leading LALC member and official International Press Service correspondent in Mexico City Carlos De Hoyos Perez. This is the second time in four months that de Hoyos has been kidnapped by Echeverria's political police. De Hoyos' kidnapping at 12:15 A.M. E.D.T. today signals an international red-hunt being undertaken by Echeverria's Second International forces worldwide.

Today's kidnapping of De Hoyos followed by hours the visit of CIA Second International agents Willy Brandt and Oscar Vetter, President of the German Trade Union Confederation, and Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez to Mexico to discuss "common problems" with Mexican political police. In addition, Kurt Rhuda, supposedly a Lufthansa official but identified in the Mexican press as a German deputy chief of police and Cologne police chief General Manfred Guntlach met with Mexican officials just prior to Brandt and Vetter's visit. Yesterday, Brandt conferred privately with Mexican Interior Minister Moya Palencia before departing for his U.S. tour today. Last December, prior to De Hoyos' kidnapping German Second International Metalworkers Head Eugen Loderer was meeting with Mexican officials.

Following slanders appearing in Excelsior and El Heraldo last week, falsely implicating the LALC and the Mexican Communist Party in the set-up attack on Echeverria at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), police terror quickly escalated today as five police agents openly tailed LALC leader Marivilia Carrasco, Bazua in Mexico City all day yesterday and questioned De Hoyos' neighbors. Yesterday evening, as organizers attended a class at the LALC office at Insurgentes and Reforma Boulevards in Mexico City, plainclothes police staked out and entered the building, showing other occupants pictures of De Hoyos and Carrasco, whom they claimed were being sought for arrest. Subsequently, two plainclothesmen stopped LALC'ers leaving the building and questioned them with the pretense of investigating a robbery. As LALC'ers left the building in groups, plainclothes police halted De Hoyos' car and captured him at gunpoint. They were overheard saying to De Hoyos, "We are taking you to hell--You're fucked." Other plainclothesmen stopped another LALC car and ordered the occupants to

get out and relinquish the car keys. The members then hailed uniformed transit police nearby who escorted them to a police station where an affidavit testifying to De Hoyos' kidnapping was sworn.

CIA DECLARES BLOODY WARFARE; KIDNAPS SECOND LALC LEADER

March 25, 1200-HOURS EDT (IPS)--The CIA has now launched a full scale open attack on the Labor Committee. Mexican police demanded the keys to the Mexican office of LALC (Latin American Labor Committee) and LALC's second-in-command Carlos Mendez Trujillo has just been kidnapped by police. This blatant escalation of the terror campaign which follows last night's kidnapping of Carlos De Hoyos Perez shows that the CIA is abandoning its longstanding rumor campaign against the Labor Committee, and is prepared to attack us openly as a leading world communist force.

ECHEVERRIA ESCALATES; LALC HITS THE STREETS

March 25 (IPS)--Enrique Mendoza Morales, Director General of Information under Echeverria's Minister of the Interior, told Latin American Labor Committee members in Mexico today, "Los vamos a mandar a la chingada. Los vamos a hacer todos tragar mierda." ("We're going to fuck you good. We're going to make all of you eat shit.")

The LALC members were demanding the release of the two LALC leaders, Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, kidnapped in the past 24 hours by Echeverria's political police.

CBS reporter Antonio Halik, who told the LALC in Mexico City that he would report the kidnapping on U.S. radio, has now "left the country suddenly" according to CBS.

DETROIT JUDGE BRINGS MEXICAN JUSTICE TO U.S.

DETROIT, March 26 (IPS)--In an unprecedented move today, Detroit Records Court Judge Hague placed American Civil Liberties Union Cooperating Attorney Sheldon Meislsh in custody for "contempt" while Meislsh was acting on behalf of three arrested U.S. Labor Party organizers. Meislsh was held in an orderly court room at \$100 bail as he was quietly presenting arguments for reduction of the \$2750 combined bail which had been set for the three USLP organizers charged with being "disorderly persons." The latter charge normally draws a maximum of \$25 bail.

The Labor Party organizers--Robert Hart, Randolph Wedler, and James Khatami--were arrested while leafletting outside the Mexican Consulate in Detroit after indicting Consul General Enrique Montemayor for the March 25 kidnapping of two Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) leaders and IPS correspondents in Mexico City by political police. The three Detroit organizers were found guilty in a five-minute hearing this morning before Judge Ryan and were given an outrageous sentence of \$100 fine and one year's probation.

BRANDT ON KIDNAPPING: 'NO COINCIDENCE'

March 25 (IPS)--Second International agent Willy Brandt today told IPS reporters "there is no coincidence" between his recent visit with Mexican Interior Minister Moya Palencia and the police kidnappings of two leading members of the Latin American Labor Committees in Mexico City yesterday and today.

Speaking in New York today before a collection of veteran psychological warriors called the American Council on Germany, Brandt emphasised that the German Social Democratic Party, the Second International affiliate which he chairs, is completely committed to organizing a worldwide red scare for Rockefeller. This openly anti-communist Second International organization is exactly what provides the climate for Mexican President Luis Echeverria's moves against LALC. Thus, Brandt reports "no coincidence" between his Mexico visit and the kidnappings. He is correct; the connection is planned.

LABOR PARTY CANDIDATE LAROCHE CONDEMNS MEXICAN KIDNAPPINGS

March 26 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party candidate for President Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr., today denounced fascist stooge Luis Echeverria Alvarez, President of Mexico, for his attempts to arrange the murder of Latin American Labor Committee leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, kidnapped yesterday by Mexican political police.

"The malicious prosecution in Detroit of Labor Party organizers who attempted to publicize the kidnappings, coupled with the decision of UPI's New York desk to kill the story filed by its own correspondent, leave no doubt that Echeverria is arranging the murder of De Hoyos and Mendez," Larouche said.

"The blood of these crimes will lie on the hands of Nelson Rockefeller, CIA Echeverria's controller," he added.

NEW YORK UPI EDITOR KILLS BOGOTA STORY ON ECHEVERRIA KIDNAPPINGS

March 26 (IPS)--Editor-in-chief Enrico Duran at United Press International's (UPI) Latin desk in New York yesterday killed a crucial UPI wire from Bogota, Colombia, which finally broke the story on the kidnapping of Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) members and IPS correspondents Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo. De Hoyos and Mendez were captured by Mexican President Echeverria's political police in Mexico City, March 25.

UPI headquarters in New York and desks in Mexico and other cities internationally have been notified of the kidnappings and have failed to act on the situation.

A phone call to the UPI cable desk in New York at 9 PM last night, confirmed that the Bogota story was filed. Cable desk reporters, however, later lied to New Solidarity International Press Service that they had "never heard of it." Contacted by Bertrand Russell, Tribunal staffer today, Mr. Figueroa at UPI's New York Latin desk said, "Yes we have the story....I don't have to tell you anything." IPS calls to the press have confirmed that the story has not appeared on the wires.

CIA CLAIMS DURAN NOT AN AGENT

March 26 (IPS)--A CIA agent in MacClean, Virginia, identifying himself only as "Bob" claimed today that New York UPI Latin Desk chief editor Enrico Duran is not a CIA agent, after making a quick cross-check. When asked which of the CIA's agents at New York UPI headquarters is responsible for killing the Bogota UPI wire on the kidnapping of two leading Latin American Labor Committee members by Echeverria's political police in Mexico City, March 25, the agent said, "I don't know who, it could be anybody."

LALC FILES COMPLAINT ON MENDEZ KIDNAPPING, EXPOSES ROLE OF POLITICAL POLICE

March 27, 0145 HOURS EDT (IPS)--The Mexico City Latin American Labor Committees (LALC) has just succeeded in getting from the Mexican Ministry of the Interior a formal act (Certificate of Complaint: Acta No. SC-1764/75) specifying LALC charges that Carlos Mendez Trujillo, second-in-command of the Mexico City LALC, has been kidnapped by the Mexican Federal Security Police (FSP). Mendez was seized by the FSP, President Echeverria's fascist political police, March 25 at approximately 1200 HOURS EDT, just 11 hours after the kidnapping of LALC leader and IPS Mexico City correspondent Carlos De Hoyos Perez, abducted at gunpoint by the FSP.

Earlier on March 25 LALC was able to get an Acta on the De Hoyos kidnapping (Acta No. 5057/75), but was prohibited by the police from formally citing the FSP as responsible.

MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE RAID LALC AND IPS OFFICES, STEAL FILES, AMIDST GROWING "ANTI-MARXIST ATMOSPHERE"

March 27 (IPS)--In a repressive action that has not been seen since the Mexican red scare of 1968, in which hundreds of demonstrators were massacred by police forces, the Federal Security Police this morning entered the offices of the Latin American Labor Committee and New Solidarity International Press Service in Mexico City and illegally removed all files, maps and reports.

This move against the LALC comes simultaneously with an escalation of Federal Police "search and seal" operations throughout parts of Mexico City. An IPS journalist in the capital characterized the city as "crawling with police."

EXCELSIOR COLUMNIST CORROBORATES LALC ANALYSIS

March 27 (IPS)--In today's issue of Excelsior, the Mexico City daily, Heriberto Castillo, a well-known leftist leader and head of the Mexican Workers Party (PMT) corroborated the essentials of the LALC analysis in his regular column. Warning that "an anti-marxist atmosphere is building throughout Mexico," Castillo identified the source of the hysteria: "The CIA is not a phantom; it is a reality." As the prime example of the CIA red scare, Castillo named the kidnapping of LALC members Carlos De Hoyos and Carlos Mendez Trujillo two days ago. Castillo stated the kidnapping was carried out by the Federal Security Police.

ECHEVERRIA ATTEMPTS LIQUIDATION OF LALC

March 27 (IPS)--A massive "Nacht und Nebel" operation designed to liquidate the Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) in Mexico has been ordered by the fascist Second International through its Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

At this time, Echeverria's Federal Security Police (FSP), impersonating moving men, are removing all of the furnishings from LALC headquarters located at Reforma 95, on the tenth floor, as a signal to a roundup of all LALC members.

UPI MURDER CONSPIRACY

March 27 (IPS)--It is now confirmed that United Press International working hand-in-glove with butcher Echeverria to round up and assassinate LALC members, killed three successive stories filed by its own correspondents, on the kidnapping of LALC leaders De Hoyos and Mendez.

--March 25: A Bogota UPI wire arrived in New York, where it was killed at UPI's Latin desk by desk editor in chief, Enrico Duran.

--March 25: A Washington, D.C. UPI correspondent filed a story on the kidnappings and was subsequently told by New York UPI headquarters that his story was "lost in the computer."

--March 26: UPI's own Mexico City correspondent told New Solidarity International Press Service he sent a story on the kidnappings to New York. The story never made it to the wires.

GERMAN PRESS LIES ABOUT KIDNAPPING OF LALC LEADERS

WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY, March 27 (IPS)--The Deutsche Pressagentur (DPA), the government-controlled press agency, and two leading German dailies have joined in retailing slanders against the Labor Committees in connection with the kidnappings of Mexican Latin American Labor Committee leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo by Mexican Federal Police.

A DPA release dated March 25, covers the kidnappings by attempting to link LALC with the Anarchist Student Movement, and thereby giving defacto support to slanders published in the Mexican press that LALC was involved in the riot against Echeverria by student groups at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) March 14. In a similar slander, the Mainzer Allgemeine Zeitung identifies De Hoyos and Mendez as "leaders of a Trotskyist organization" and belittles the seriousness of the LALC charges by placing quotation marks wherever the word kidnap appears.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 27 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon H. Larouche issued a background statement today on the political police abduction of Mexican Latin American Labor Committee leaders De Hoyos and Mendez.

Terming the abductions "an irreversible change in policies toward the Labor Committees themselves," Larouche stated that the current 'red scare' is only "a subsumed feature of the sharpest turn in Nato tactics since the Churchill initiation of the Cold War." All hell is about to break loose--unless this massive campaign is aborted before it reaches its evidently intended forms."

"The essential feature of the policy turn, is the inability

of the Rockefeller-Ford Administration or Congressional leaders to develop effective policies for ameliorating the collapse of the dollar, as has been mooted, with increasing frequency in certain leading international press and other circles. The inability of leading financial and political circles to solve economic problems within the framework of democratic institutions pushes dominant factions into desperate ventures, including calculated overthrow and subversion of parliamentary forms and constitutional government."

"It would be pussy-footing of the most contemptible sort," Larouche continued, "to ignore well-documented CIA connections of the leadership of the international social democracy, as well as the CIA functions performed by both the Meany-Lovestock AFL-CIO apparatus and the Reuther machine of the UAW. It is exemplary of the situation that John McCloy, Sr., should have emphasized the fact that Willy Brandt's long standing post-war political career is a fruit of McCloy's sponsorship--which coincides with numerous other evidence of Brandt's continuing functions within the Anglo-American intelligence community's agencies. Brandt's current addresses, including his virulent address in Mexico, and his heading of the delegation which consulted closely with the Mexican Interior Ministry immediately prior to the present abductions, reflects Brandt's double role as spokesman for the Vienna International and an operative of Nato intelligence agencies."

WORKERS DEMAND RELEASE OF LALC LEADERS

March 28 (IPS)--At least 75 per cent of the more than 3,000 workers and liberals who have so far received a full briefing on the attempted murder of Latin American Labor Committee leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo are actively attempting to have them freed with calls to Mexican consulates in the U.S., telegrams to the Mexican Embassy, and calls to their local media to inquire if they know about this kidnapping and why they are not covering it.

FBI CONFIRMS ROLE IN EMBASSY FRAMEUP

March 28 (IPS)--A New York FBI agent "Pedro" Burnet confirmed today that the FBI is working directly with Mexican government officials in frameups and harassment of USLP members as well as the broader layers of the U.S. working class that have mobilized in anger over the kidnapping of our comrades by Second International thugs in Mexico. At least two callers to the NCLC National Center last night reported that they had received leaflets on the De Hoyos/Mendez kidnappings and had called the Mexican consulate in New York City--only to be referred to Pedro Burnet at a phone number that turned out to be the FBI.

EXCELSIOR BREAKS PRESS BLACKOUT ON LALC KIDNAPPINGS

NEW YORK, March 28 (IPS)--The Mexican daily Excelsior today published the first news account to appear in the Mexican press of the kidnapping of Latin American Labor Committee leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo by Mexican President Echeverria's political police.

The Excelsior article is a straightforward report of the facts of the kidnapping and subsequent efforts to locate De Hoyos and Mendez as related by Geraldina Ramos De Hoyos, De Hoyos' wife, and Magdalena De Hoyos, his mother.

In a related development, El Dia, newspaper of Echeverria's ruling Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI) fired reporter Javier Zomosa after he wrote an article retracting his initial report that members of LALC were involved in disturbances at the Autonomous University of Mexico when Echeverria spoke there earlier this month.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ADMITS TO ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST LALC

March 28 (IPS)--In the first official word from the Mexican government, it was confirmed today that the government intends the assassination of LALC leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo. The Mexican consulate in Milan, Italy today told representatives of the International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC) that "unofficial sources" claim that De Hoyos and Mendez were arrested on charges stemming from the March 14 riots at Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM). He continued, "There is no danger for their lives, but there could always be the possibility of some accident." He added the Second International slander that "the ICLC is being manipulated by the CIA."

LAWYERS LEAVE FOR MEXICO TO INVESTIGATE DE HOYOS AND MENDEZ KIDNAPPINGS

March 28 (IPS)--Two U.S. lawyers, Jay Carlisle III of New York and Max Dean of Flint, Michigan, are leaving tonight for Mexico City to investigate the kidnapping of two leaders of the Latin American Labor Committees (LALC) by Mexican Federal Security Police.

Upon the lawyers' arrival in Mexico City this evening, Carlisle and Dean will interview relatives of the two missing leaders and witnesses to the kidnappings.

They will attempt to ascertain from Mexican officials the whereabouts of the kidnap victims, their status, and the nature of any charges pressed against them. To date the government of Mexico has refused to make any official comment concerning the two.

CIA ORDERS ASSASSINATION OF LALC LEADERS IN PLAN TO DUMP ECHEVERRIA

March 28 (IPS)--There is now conclusive evidence that the assassination and liquidation plot against the Latin American Labor

Committees is completely controlled by the U.S. State Department and CIA, with the goal of destabilizing Mexico and dumping Mexican President Luis Echeverria. The CIA's destabilization plan hinges on Echeverria's carrying out State department-CIA orders to assassinate kidnapped LALC leaders Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, and move toward the liquidation of the LALC. Once Echeverria has performed this task, he is expendable to Rockefeller.

Corroborating evidence of Rockefeller's planned Mexican atrocity and destabilization comes from the State Department today. Contacted by National Caucus of Labor Committees lawyer Jay Carlisle prior to his departure for Mexico to investigate the kidnappings of LALC leaders, State Department Mexican desk official George Falk told Carlisle: "We know this situation quite well. You should know that the NCLC is a violent group and is quite dangerous. You ought to be careful down there." Falk's statements today indicate that the State Department is in fact endeavoring to facilitate Echeverria's butchery by keeping the environment closed to outside observers.

ECHEVERRIA TO REPLACE WALDHEIM AT UN

United Nations, New York, March 29 (IPS)--Highly placed sources here informed IPS that it is "more than a rumor" that Mexican President and butcher Luis Echeverria, now being watergated by the CIA, may replace Kurt Waldheim as Secretary General of the United Nations.

STATE DEPARTMENT THREATENS LABOR COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH "CIA" SLANDER AND ARREST IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, March 29 (IPS)--Daniel Sneider, a U.S. Labor Party member who is in Mexico helping lawyers investigate the kidnapping of two leaders of the Latin American Labor Committees, was threatened with arrest last night by an official of the U.S. embassy in Mexico City.

Sneider, who was accompanying Attorney Jay Carlisle to the U.S. embassy, was told by one Mr. Estrep, "You have done your country a great disservice. The Mexican government could easily arrest you any time for anything and call you a CIA agent, and there is nothing we could do to protect you."

The State Department official was referring to statements made earlier in the evening by Sneider at a press conference held by the Latin American Labor Committees and two attorneys who went to Mexico to investigate the kidnappings of Carlos De Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo. Sneider had discussed the overall significance of the kidnappings as chess moves in an international game of "destabilization" operations, in which numerous governments, including that of Mexico, would be undermined and discredited by CIA-directed covert operations.

The Labor Committees are in direct possession of evidence which proves that the State Department and CIA are in fact the directing powers behind the De Hoyos and Mendez kidnappings.

THIRD LALC ORGANIZER KIDNAPPED AS ROCKEFELLER MOVES TO OCCUPY MEXICO WITH POLICE AND MILITARY MERCENARIES

March 30 (IPS)--A third Latin American Labor Committee member was kidnapped by police tonight in Mexico City, signalling the full scale U.S. occupation of Mexico by police and military mercenaries under direct Rockefeller control.

LALC member and IPS correspondent Guillermo Moreno was seized by Mexico City police (Patrulla General de Policia y Transito) and brutally beaten while leafletting a movie line at the Cine Estadio, Yucatan and Jalapa Streets, in the colonia Roma section of Mexico City. The police, who came after the ticket salesman called them to inform them on our activities, then drew guns and forced Moreno into patrol car number 911 (License Number 6897 AH). Police also terrorized two persons in the line who had received LALC leaflets. Two witnesses to the incident and the mother of the kidnapped organizer went to the precinct station to obtain information on Moreno's whereabouts and to demand his release. The three were sent from one police precinct to another in the search for Moreno, making it clear that as a "political prisoner" Moreno had been handed over to the Federal de Seguridad, the same political police who have held incommunicado for one week Carlos De Hoyos and Carlos Mendez.

The latest incident comes as 20,000 additional police have been mobilized throughout the country and brought into Mexico City. Official broadcasts have announced this step "for the public's protection" and advised citizens to call the police if they observe "suspicious activity."

LALC organizers in Mexico are continuing the organizing drive despite the escalating terror. In addition to leaflets and regular issues of Nueva Solidaridad, a daily news sheet is being distributed in occupied Mexico.

AP ADMITS CIA CONTROL

DENVER, March 30 (IPS)--A concerned person telephoned the local Associated Press office here yesterday after U.S. Labor Party organizers told him of the news blackout of the kidnapping of LALC leaders in Mexico City. He had the following conversation with the AP reporter.

Citizen: "Why hasn't the media carried anything on this supposed kidnapping?"

AP: "I don't know anything about it."

Citizen: "This sounds wild to me, but the USLP said that the CIA determines whatever is printed by the AP and UPI. They said that the CIA had censored any coverage of the stuff in Mexico."

AP: "I don't know. But the CIA does censor our stuff all the time. They kill stories left and right."

EXCELSIOR COVERS KIDNAPPING

March 30 (IPS)--Today's leading Mexican daily, Excelsior carried a 100 word article on the CIA ordered kidnapping of the Latin

American Labor Committee leaders Carlos De Hoyos and Carlos Mendez. The article correctly states, that LALC spokesman stated that the kidnapping followed "instructions given by the CIA to the Mexican government and that it is part of a destabilization plan of the political system of our country which is an international operation."

EXCELSIOR EXPOSES MOVES TOWARD COUP IN MEXICO

March 31 (IPS)--Today the Mexican Liberal daily Excelsior openly discusses the possibility of a Chilean-style military coup occurring in Mexico. In a column entitled "Honor Frente Al Rumor" (Honor in the Face of Rumour), Excelsior counters "interesting" rumours of a military coup with a call for a civilian revolution that will bring about fascist government and austerity.

FBI BREAKS UP USLP PRESS CONFERENCE

DENVER, March 31 (IPS)--The FBI intervened into a U.S. Labor Party press conference held outside the office of the Mexican Consulate here today. Two FBI agents disrupted and halted the press conference which was called to protest the CIA-ordered kidnappings of two Mexico City Latin American Labor Committee leaders.

In gross violations of civil rights statutes and the U.S. Constitution, two agents first pulled the two reporters in attendance into an office and then interrogated and harassed the Labor Party organizers present.

The FBI agents had already been briefed on last night's kidnapping of a third LALC organizer, although the Denver Labor Party organizers were as yet unaware of it.

Phone calls to Mexican consulates in the U.S. protesting the kidnappings, which occurred last week have been referred to the FBI.