

USLP Presents Vote Fraud Evidence To Congress

The U.S. Labor Party presented evidence of the Jimmy Carter-Trilateral Commission vote fraud conspiracy in the 1976 elections to a Senate subcommittee this week, and in the process smoked out a leading Senate opponent of Constitutional government and the principles enunciated by America's Founding Fathers.

The subcommittee was the Constitutional Amendments subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the senator was Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), the subcommittee chairman and sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college.

Testifying before a subcommittee hearing on the amendment Feb. 1, USLP spokesman Richard Cohen urged the senators to abandon the proposed amendment, and instead launch a full Congressional investigation into the Carter vote conspiracy (excerpts from Cohen's testimony follow). Presenting the senators with a sheaf of detailed evidence stemming from the unsuccessful court actions by the USLP and other conservative, Republican, and constitutionalist forces to block Carter's inauguration, Cohen quoted liberally from founding father Alexander Hamilton and the *Federalist* to back up his points.

Cohen's testimony and evidence were met with a series of evasions and slurs by Democrat Bayh, who startled observers by delivering a direct attack on the Founding Fathers and the Constitution, and even offered the surprising proposition that election fraud is inevitable under any system of choosing the President.

The senator's reaction to Cohen's presentation of the role of the Rockefeller family and the Federal Election Commission in the vote fraud scandal was one of skepticism. "Do you mean to tell me that a Republican Vice President, a Democratic presidential candidate, and the non-partisan Federal Election Commission got together to steal the election?" Bayh demanded. "Does the Trilateral Commission say they're out to take over the world, or is that your analysis?" the senator pressed. "That would be anybody's analysis given the facts," Cohen answered.

Bayh expressed "surprise" at the USLP's citing Hamilton, since, the Senator claimed, Hamilton was an elitist who "held the masses in disregard. In response, Cohen pointed to Hamilton's important role in fostering U.S. industrial development and voiced his own surprise at the slur against the Constitutionalist leader by Bayh, a representative of the industrialized state of Indiana.

Bayh, whose subcommittee has oversight over all proposed Constitutional amendments, also tried to maintain that the Constitution, as drafted by the Founding Fathers to include provision for the Electoral College,

actually encourages vote fraud! His reason: because large states command a high proportion of electoral votes, candidates are especially tempted to try to steal their votes. "Vote fraud can come under any situation," he added, dodging the charges of Carter's vote theft. "Who knows, even the Labor Party could get involved."

Following are excerpts from testimony by U.S. Labor Party spokesman Richard Cohen before the Constitutional Amendments subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Feb. 1, in hearings on a proposed Constitutional amendment backed by the subcommittee's chairman, Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), to abolish the electoral college.

The Founding Fathers, in their deliberations represented in the United States Constitution, set forth the method of selecting the President of the United States embodied in the institution of the Electoral College. Far from being archaic or outdated, the reasons for which the Electoral College method was created are even more valid and pressing under today's circumstances.

The U.S. Labor Party opposes any attempt to abolish the Electoral College or to weaken its functions, for reasons which we will elaborate below. The deeper issue raised by this question before us now is the need for Congress to assume responsibility for restoring the integrity of the electoral process in this Nation.

We urge that the Congress demonstrate its own commitment to restoring the American people's faith in Constitutional processes by launching a full and immediate investigation of the flagrant abuses of the electoral process which were perpetrated during the 1976 presidential elections. These abuses, including widespread fraudulent voter registration practices, vote-stealing and election-rigging, must be rooted out, their perpetrators punished, and officials who were put in office through such practices removed from those offices.

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There is no more appropriate place to open this discussion than by reference to the conceptions elaborated by Alexander Hamilton, writing under the name of Publius, in No. 68 of the *Federalist* papers. Hamilton argues that:

It was desirable that the sense of the people should operate in the choice of the person to whom so important a trust is to be confided....

It was equally desirable that the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station, and acting under circumstances favorable to delibera-

tion, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice. A small number of persons, selected by their fellow citizens,...will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to such complicated investigations.

Hamilton's reasoning was that the Electoral College, selected of persons best qualified to select the President, would at the same time provide the best possible insurance against manipulation of the electoral process — an extremely timely warning even today:

Nothing was more desired than that every practical obstacle should be opposed to cabal, intrigue, and corruption. These most deadly adversaries of republican government might have been expected to make their approach from more than one quarter....

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Had Hamilton's warnings been more closely heeded, it can be said with certainty that James Earl Carter would not now be the President of the United States.

The selection and grooming of Carter as a presidential candidate by the Rockefeller cabal and the Trilateral Commission was followed by the most massive vote fraud and electoral corruption in all American history....

The manipulation of the electoral process through "cabal, intrigue and corruption" is also evidenced in the partisan operations of the Federal Election Commission on behalf of the Carter campaign. At the same time that the FEC was allowing hundreds of thousands of dollars to pass through into the Carter campaign under such

dubious rubrics as "Get out the vote," the FEC has chosen to illegally withhold over \$100,000 in primary matching funds from the Committee to Elect Lyndon LaRouche, and has now begun a systematic campaign of harassment and intimidation of contributors to the LaRouche campaign....

It is actions such as fraudulent voter-registration drives and the use of the Federal Election Commission for partisan purposes which demands the attention of a Congress concerned to restore integrity to the electoral process....

...At a time when an illegally-elected President now occupies the White House, a President who already owes his loyalties not to the people of this Nation but to a small cabal centered around the Trilateral Commission, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the New York Council on Foreign Relations — this is no time to further undermine the Constitutional processes, thus in effect sanctioning the gross manipulation of the electoral process which already threatens the foundations of this Republic.

We strongly urge that the Congress take the following immediate steps as a means of demonstrating to the American people its commitment to restoring the integrity of the electoral process.

- (1) That a full investigation of the 1976 elections now be undertaken, including in particular a review of evidence submitted to courts and to Federal prosecutors or Grand Juries.
- (2) That an immediate investigation as to the use of the Federal Election Commission for improper and partisan purposes be undertaken.
- (3) That Congress pass legislation insuring that no dilution of the electoral franchise is allowed to continue to occur through such practices as "post-card registration" or "same-day" registration....

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