

Who Is Funding The 'Elsies'?

Taking advantage of the current atmosphere, the Communist Party U.S.A. has launched a campaign to convince the Marxist Left that the Lyndon LaRouche-led National Caucus of Labor Committees is funded by the CIA.

The case is developed in a two-part series carried in the CP-USA's *Daily World*, Sept. 18 and 19.

Reflecting a penetration in the upper levels of the organization, the *Daily World* articles include a lot of fact which is seeing print for the first time, some clear fiction which suits the CP's purpose and a lot of copy which could easily fall into either category.

It pegs the total budget for the operation at \$1,530,540, including both the U.S. and overseas branches and activities, a figure which looks a little high but in the ball park, and then places the total U.S. membership at 300, when it appears to be slightly in excess of 1,000.

The CP says some of the money comes from "trust funds set up by wealthy patrons," mostly parents, listing contributions of \$60,000 from Kathy Rosehoff, "daughter of a wealthy industrialist," \$150,000 from

Philip Ulanowsky; \$25,000 from Grace Upham, and \$100,000 from Tesse De Carlo and other "daughters of the president of Sarah Lawrence College."

THAT PATTERN of giving falls in the factual category, for like the Moon children of Unification Church, the young people converted to the NCLC-U.S. Labor Party banner, do indeed forego personal comfort and direct their all into the cause, including the "all" they can get from parents and friends.

Having whetted the reader's appetites with such facts in the first article, CP concentrates the second on a highly selective reporting of incidents involving known or suspected government agents, including both FBI and CIA employees and "the Elsie's."

Speculation on the real source of NCLC funds has centered on the Soviet espionage apparatus and the CIA.

The *Daily World* attack came at a time when the NCLC is carrying on a vigorous propaganda campaign in support of Soviet objectives and proclaiming its communism.

At the same time, *New Solidarity* is

carrying on a constant tirade against Revolutionary Union and others of the Maoist Left.

Those who think the CIA is putting up the money, point out that since Operation Mop Up in 1973, when NCLC cadres disrupted meetings of competing groups ranging from the Trotskyite Young Socialist Alliance, a peaceful group, to the militant RU's, the bulk of its muscle has been directed against CIA targets.

Those who think the financing decisions are made in the Kremlin point out that Maoists and the Soviets are confronting each other the world over and that the CP-USA, very short on youth, needs such an ally.

NOBODY ARGUES that the sales of *New Solidarity* are a substantial part of the organization's income, except the members. The paid circulation is only 1,728, according to reports on file with the Postal Service in New York, but the major distribution is by street sales at 25 cents a copy.

The publication comes out twice weekly.

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Shaping Up

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If they are not, why do the organizations under his control put money behind Birch candidates for the House and Senate?

IT IS NOT COMFORTABLE to contemplate the fact that rich industrialists like S. J. Agnew and Floyd Paxton, both members of the Birch Council, think such thoughts. Awareness that the John Birch Society is but a visible manifestation of a much larger movement advancing such positions is unhappy knowledge.

I get decidedly fidgety over the fact that as soon as our chiefs-of-staff retire, they immediately surface on the letterhead of the American Security Council. The latter would have us believe that any congressman who voted against funds for the House Internal Security Committee or any senator who opposed the ABM is a security risk.

But my concern with Joseph Coors goes beyond the fact that he gives both the ASC and the Birch Society the benefit of his prestige in the business community, and of his money.

He is coming on as a power in his own right.

HIS COMMITTEE for the Survival of a Free Congress is going to put a lot of money into the 1976 campaign. Its goal is to raise \$2 million to help purge "liberals." Since Birch Council member C. R. Lewis was the biggest single beneficiary of the Committee's campaign funds in 1974, one can safely assume that the definition of "liberal" applies to any incumbent congressman or

senator with an economic viewpoint an inch to the left of Calvin Coolidge's.

If Far Right does run a third party candidate in 1976, the network of research and propaganda organizations arising around the Coors-controlled Heritage Foundation, can provide significant logistical support.

Except for my testimony, which went unchallenged, no mention was made of the Heritage Foundation or the Committee or, with the exception of Television News, any of the other new operations launched with Coors' capital.

It seems to me that Heritage, the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, and, potentially, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, are all of a piece. Joseph Coors comes on as a sincere activist, intent on using everything at his disposal to advance his beliefs.

Clearly, the members of the Communications Subcommittee had not expected Joseph Coors to endorse the John Birch Society, and privately they must have been flabbergasted.

Still, as matters now stand, confirming Joseph Coors would put the Senate stamp of respectability to an ideology which holds that America is governed by traitors.

The John Birch Society is, at best, an odd association for one who would be attempting to use the taxpayers' money for what he construes to be the public interest in non-commercial broadcasting.

COSTAS AXIOS, r., chief of staff of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, is shown with fellow defendants, NCLC organizer, Daniel Wasserman, l., and Elijah Boyd, c., shortly after a Morristown, N.J. jury found Axios and Wasserman guilty of illegal possession of pistols. Boyd, was acquitted.



that both the CIA and KGB are out to destroy the Elsie, one may wonder whether the group is conspiring to get support from both intelligence apparatuses.

For the past two years, however, the organization has been rallying against the CIA with great intensity and criticism of the KGB has been dropped.

To determine its major fund source, one has only to figure out whether its basic game is intelligence, counter-intelligence, or counter-counter intelligence.

AS ANOTHER CONFUSER, in Trenton, N.J., Roy Frankhouser, an admitted informant for government agencies who penetrated the Klan, Minutemen, and the American Nazi Party and other rightwing groups, and apparently got immersed with his job (he has been indicted by the Trenton Grand Jury), held a press conference to denounce what he said were his former employers.

The conference was sponsored by the U.A. Labor Party, the NCLC's political arm.

And FBI Director Clarence Kelley sent Michigan Congressman Donald W. Riegle, Jr., a letter asserting:

"For your information, the National Caucus of Labor Committees is a violence-oriented Marxist, revolutionary organization, currently under investigation to determine whether its activities are in violation of Federal statutes."

New Solidarity somehow got ahold of the letter and reprinted it. Congressman Riegle's staff attempted to locate a copy, and couldn't find it, so

HOMEFRONT authenticated it from another reliable source.

The declaration will keep NCLC members from getting access to their FBI files under the new Freedom of Information Act.

WHILE THE BUREAU is not putting out publicity on the subject, the *Daily World* reports that the NCLC has a farm near Glenn Falls, N.Y., where members are taught martial arts and some of the graduates "according to (unnamed) knowledgeable sources have even been involved in slayings."

Who? When? Where? Who were the victims? No answer.

But the NCLC is vulnerable to such attacks because it does indeed train its members in Karate, has held weapons drills, and one of its key leaders has been convicted on a weapons charge.

"Gus Axios," 28, the chief of staff for the National Caucus of Labor Committees, and David Wasserman, 25, an NCLC organizer, were given suspended sentences of one year less one day and \$1,500 fines by a Morristown, N.J., court following their convictions on a charge of illegal possession of guns.

Both were placed on probation for two years with jurisdiction transferred to New York City, where they reside.

While the NCLC leader uses the name of "Axios," he was listed in Court records as Konstandinos Kalimtgis, and as a native of Jamaica. He was one of the first followers of NCLC-U.S. Labor Party leader Lyndon LaRouche, Jr.

According to the NCLC organization chart, the intelligence, security,

political and overseas sections of the NCLC are under his direction.

Elijah Boyd, 30, the NCLC-U.S. Labor Party candidate against Sen. Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.), last year was acquitted.

Earlier the trio and three other NCLC organizers were acquitted of charge of creating a disturbance in a Newark, N.J., City Council meeting.

MORRISTOWN police said they stopped the car in which the trio were riding because it resembled a vehicle wanted in connection with a bank robbery, and found two .45 calibre pistols, a loaded .380 automatic and more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

The arrests were made in late 1973, a period when the NCLC was engaged in Operation Map Up, involving physical clashes with the Maoist Revolutionary Union and the October League, among others.

According to reports in the organization's nationally-circulated newspaper, *New Solidarity*, clashes between the NCLC and the two Maoist-oriented youth groups have resumed.

NEW SOLIDARITY claims "embryonic" NCLC in-plant organizations are in place in the huge Dodge main plant in Detroit and in Chicago's U.S. Steel Southworks which are determined "to cleanse the working class movement of (Maoist) provocateurs."

The paper claims five members of the October League assaulted USLP organizers on two occasions in Baltimore. All five were cleared of assault and battery charges filed against them by USLP representatives.

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The Elsie

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the FBI is using the Revolutionary Union as a conduit for distributing guns, drugs and explosives to political extremist groups.

One recent issue carried on the front page the pictures of four female Labor Party organizers whom, it said, had been subjected to recent rape attempts arranged by the FBI and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. It claimed 14 attempted sexual assaults on its organizers early this year along with 14 murder attempts and 29 cases of assault and battery.

It also claimed 73 members had been arrested and 49 threatened with arrest.

MANY of the arrests of USLP NCLC-USLP organizers are for minor charges such as "obstructing traffic" or creating a disturbance.

The USLP claims three members of the Progressive Labor Party attacked them at the Grand River Shopping Center in Detroit and that one of the USLPers, Bob Hart, was hospitalized. The organization is seeking an injunction against the FBI and PLP to prevent future attacks.

NCLC-USLP has a three-part response to these reported attacks. It is carrying on a vigorous publicity campaign involving distribution of its publications and handbills.

It is forming a Labor Party Legal Defense Fund which it hopes will secure tax-deductible status. Dr. Gene Inch, one of the officials of the fund, placed the legal costs of the recent Newark trials alone at \$16,000.

Finally, there are also reports that the NCLC-USLP has stepped up its own defense training, including Karate exercises.

"The Communist Party, U.S.A. has been a party led by murderous goons since 1928; and 'undying' Frankenstein monster which is 'peaceful' only when it lacks the strength to be its natural, bestial, hooligan self.

"... There is only one consideration WITH OUR MORALITY which restrains us from mopping up any Communist Party anywhere in the world anytime we have the advantageous situation to wipe it out. That is our respect for the honest workers who have unfortunately strayed into this or that Communist Party."

NEW SOLIDARITY, April 23, 1973

"The U.S. Labor Party has immediately responded positively to (Gus) Hall's united front call."

NEW SOLIDARITY, July 3, 1975

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WHILE there is no indication that many outside the NCLC-USLP ranks believe the allegations that the CIA, Nelson Rockefeller, the FBI and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administrations are behind claimed attempts to rape, brainwash, intimidate and physically assault organizers, the members themselves view them with the utmost seriousness.

Recently the Anti-Defamation League published a Fact Sheet on the group, and the August 19th issue of the sensationalist *National Inquirer*, carried a feature on the group in which it quoted freely from the April '75 **HOMEFRONT** analysis of the emerging organization.

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U.S. Labor Party organizers last August told a Charlotte, N.C., television reporter that IAD is a "CIA front."

One recent issue of *New Solidarity* said an expose of NCLC carried in *Counter-Spy*, a quarterly produced by the Organizing Committee for the Fifth Estate, was a part of a program of "slanders and distortions by CIA left countergangs" and "a companion piece to the recently published 'Homefront' slander on the NCLC . . ."

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