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LIBERTY LOBBY continues to receive requests in regard to Mr. Lyndon LaRouche and his various organizations, in particular the National Democratic Policy Committee.

The following statement supplements and updates the statement of January 10, 1980, in regard to this matter:

HISTORY. All of the available evidence indicates that the U.S. Labor Party and its associated organizations and personalities are what they admit being: the product of an intellectual evolution that started with a form of Marxism.

Originally, in the 1960's, the group was to a large extent involved in leftist groups such as the old Students for a Democratic Society. However, their eyes were opened to the fallacies of Marxism and, in particular, to the way that leftist groups were financed by bankers and big business.

Because they found that the Left in America is completely corrupt and labor leaders are very unreliable, they decided about 10 years ago to seek allies on the Right.

FINANCING. There is no evidence that this group is financed by communist sources. There have been stories in the New York <u>Times</u> and others that Mr. LaRouche is partially financed by various business enterprises which they have set up. In addition to this, the 1984 presidential campaign of Mr. LaRouche raised \$2,305,535 according to the Federal Election Commission. Most of this money was raised by LaRouche followers telephoning people around the country and asking for contributions.

PERSONNEL. The membership of the LaRouche organization is unusually intelligent and open-minded. They are briefed regularly on their "line," and all of them are able to argue their point of view effectively. They are not afraid to confront genuine rightist arguments. The membership is generally young and often they are in the professions. There is a high percentage of Jews. Two of the top people are Greek. Most of them work long hours on a volunteer basis. Many who work full time receive a modest stipend to help pay their living expenses. Major leader is Lyndon LaRouche, whose own background is American Quaker. He is married to a German.

PHILOSOPHY. Although they can no longer be considered Marxist, their philosophy is still hyper-international. It verges on the point of view of "conservatives" at many points, such as their opposition to drugs, to the current foreign policy establishment, to international bankers, to liberalism, to the administration, to political Zionism, to Red China, Henry Kissinger and abortion. Since 1979 their criticism of Rockefeller became muted. On the other side of

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the ledger, they sometimes seem to tilt toward the USSR in foreign policy matters. They favored the Panama Canal giveaway, opposed Prop 13 in California, favored the termination of white rule in Rhodesia and endorsed the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. They support the views of Alexander Hamilton rather than Andrew Jackson. They see nothing wrong with an internationalist outlook per se but wish to run it themselves, whereas most "conservatives" define themselves as nationalists and oppose internationalism by and of itself.

ENEMIES. To a certain extent they have made for themselves the same enemies as "conservatives" including international crime, political Zionism, liberals, the Marxist Left and both major parties. In addition, a large sector of "conservative leaders" oppose them for various specious reasons; the real transport being the unfortunate fact that many of them, such as William F. Buckley, Jr. (who has been strongly attacked by the LaRouchians) are clandestinely controlled by political Zionism. It is this issue of Zionism which has done more to attract bad publicity to them than anything else.

SUMMARY. Many "conservatives" say they have financially supported Mr. LaRouche and his groups. Since the founding of the POPULIST PARTY it is reported that many if not most of these people have begun to support that party.

Politically, it is certainly true that it is to the good of anticommunists and rightists when a significant sector of the Left attacks the Left. No group has done so much to confuse, disorient and disunity the Left as this one has. By separating from and opposing the Left, this group has rendered a valuable service even if the reasons they give for doing this are esoteric. This is not to say that populists, conservatives or traditionalists will find enough in common with it to satisfy themselves.