NCLC Blasts CIA Cover Up at Watergate

By Carolynn Nelson

DETROIT, July 29 — "Mr. Mogk, do self-help groups and dividing up the city mean that you would have community people pick up garbage if the sanitation workers went out on strike?"

The questioner was a black youth in the audience at the debate here today between Gerry Rose, U.S. Labor Party candidate for mayor of Detroit in 1973, and one of his opponents, John Mogk, a liberal who has a reputation for support of "local community control."

"If city workers refuse to work," Mogk blazed in reply to the youth, "and the quality of life is threatened," he continued outrageously, "it's up to the elected officials to do something about it." Translation: If Mogk were mayor he would call on Detroiters to scab on striking sanitation workers. Rose immediately strode to the podium. "When there is a strike, we organize the working class and the unemployed to join that strike and support it," Mogk says that he believes in collective bargaining, but the city is bankrupt and collective bargaining under bankruptcy is a joke. Mogk takes in no slave labor going on. We should be angry and go from this meeting and organize. The audience of 40, including labor Party supporters, were left with the problem, "How do we do that?"

The campaign of Imamu Baraka today attacked a U.S. Labor Party public hearing in an effort to prevent any discussion of the public exposure of Baraka's CIA background. A committee attack follows an announcement by several members of nine simultaneous U.S. Labor Party public hearings exposing the CIA around the country, which proceeded without incident.

Reporters heard Newark socialist mayoral candidate Jim Reonuda and his running mate, candidate for City Council Dennis Speed, denounce the cover-up and widespread distribution of the National Caucus of Labor Committees' pamphlet "Fage Doc Baraka: Puppet in Newark." This 40-page pamphlet proves how Baraka was bought by the CIA and ”freedom fighters of the world." Speed said, "And I mean proves, down to dollar amounts and the names of Baraka's CIA handlers."


Today's New York Post and Washington Star carried stories on the NCLC's Watergate expose and numerous other newspapers, including the Seattle Times and the Buffalo Evening News printed the Associated Press's dispatch on the Senate investigation.

In Newark night media representatives, including the Newark Daily News, UPI, WWRC Radio, and the Newark Star Ledger, were on hand for the conference at the Senate Hotel. One hour before the conference three young Baraka hooligans entered the hotel conference room and began tearing down anti-CIA posters from the walls. They were driven out by a Labor Party Defense Squad who led the hotel to a waiting car, leaving a trail of blood in the lobby.

At the conference, one of the Carloads of Baraka supporters walked out the window of the NCLC's office and our posters were left in the hallway. The Baraka's group continually cruised the area around the downtown hotel. Suspicious phone calls and visits from phony reporters were received at the conference.

July 7 — Today's national exposure of Baraka's and the CIA's growing national network, Baraka has no more room to hide. As mayoral candidate Jim Reonuda charged, "We will immediately saturate Newark with our posters advertising this new pamphlet. The goal will be to realize that we are the revolutionary organization that can drive Baraka and his fascist twin Anthony Imperiale out of town."