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Dear Subscriber:

MARXIST GROUP WOOS AMERICAN RIGHT. . . WITH SURPRISING SUCCESS. It defies belief, but the Marxist U.S. Labor party (National Caucus of Labor Committees) is making an all-out effort to court the American right. Less successful than they believe themselves to be, the USLP's approach is so wacky that they have fascinated (and drawn limited support from) unusual quarters, nonetheless.

A handful of top Republican party officials and prominent conservatives are now actively cooperating with the U.S. Labor party. Until last week, their approaches to conservatives were usually limited to hundreds of telephone conversations. But on November 9 U.S. Labor Party staff distributed the November 5 issue of their newspaper, "New Solidarity," to conservatives entering Freddy's restaurant in Washington, D.C.. The occasion was the informal "Second Tuesday Lunch Bunch" meeting hosted monthly for many years by conservative activist Lee Edwards. Featured speaker was American Conservative Union Chairman M. Stanton Evans, who gave a 1976 campaign report.

The USLP newspaper and those distributing it claim that Jimmy Carter stole the presidential election with massive vote fraud; that Carter is entirely controlled by a huge Rockefeller conspiracy; and that the "men behind Carter" are "irreversibly committed to thermonuclear war no later than the summer of 1977."

Comparing notes at the luncheon and in days following, conservatives discovered that the USLP has contacted virtually every Republican and conservative office and organization in the D.C. area.

The USLP first phoned TRR last spring with much the same bizarre approach. We showed no interest at that time. But their broad effort to attract conservative support now puts them within our subscribers' area of interest.

Here are some of the contacts they have made: They phoned Young Americans for Freedom, asking (unsuccessfully) for YAF help in distributing a "computer run" of Rockefeller and Carter inter-connections. They phoned members and top staff of the Republican National Committee (see below), asking for financial help in proving Carter vote fraud.

They tried to rent a table at the 1976 Libertarian Party national convention. They hand-delivered press releases to most congressional offices. They frequently phoned offices of conservatives such as Rep. John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) and Rep. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa). They repeatedly dropped their materials off at National Review offices in New York City. They have phoned A.C.U. several times, as well as the National Conservative Political Action Committee, The Conservative Caucus, The Young Republican National Federation and the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress. The list could go on and on.

Last week they succeeded in landing noted conservative John Causten Curry, editorial writer for Oklahoma City's "Daily Oklahoman," as host of a luncheon for ten local conservatives and Republicans. Curry was acting under the direction of

the newspaper's conservative publisher. Featured guest was USLP presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, who made a pitch for funds to help overturn the presidential election results by proving Carter election fraud. Curry later told friends that USLP charges of Carter vote fraud may be valid. Oklahoma Ford state finance chairman Jack Black has helped channel funds to LaRouche's group in the past week.

Their approach to conservatives has thus far been unfailingly courteous. Mrs. Barbara Dreyfuss of their New York office told TRR by phone November 15, "You're committed to the ideals which created this country, as we are." Some conservatives seem to have accepted at face value USLP assurances that the Labor Party is committed to constitutional rights as embedded in the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Their literature tells a different story, though. The newspaper distributed at the Edwards luncheon praises Indira Ghandi's Indian government for cracking down on what the newspaper describes as "non-leftist newspapers." (That's not the traditional approach of constitutional civil libertarians.)

We visited the USLP office in Washington on November 16 to get a copy of their 130-page booklet, "Carter and the Party of International Terrorism." It's a fascinating report, but mis-titled. It's actually a survey of what the USLP thinks of major public policy and political groups in the U.S.

Readers of right-wing literature will see in the booklet's opening pages familiar references to the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bilderbergers, the Trilateral Commission, and "invisible government." Even the most avid conspiracy theorist might be taken aback by the booklet's sweeping affirmations.

The USLP's Mrs. Dreyfuss admitted to TRR that her party is a marxist-socialist group. (Their booklet (p.9) refers to "scientific genius Karl Marx.") According to the report, current U.S. villains are, variously, fascists, Maoists, Nazis, NATO, Atlanticists, Fabians, Anglo-American intelligence, and a special category, zero-growth advocates. On the other hand, they show deep reverence and concern for Soviet interests, the Warsaw Pact and pro-development forces.

On page 8 they refer to "the Rockefeller decision to put Hitler in power and their policy for using him as a marionette lord in a war by proxy against the Soviet Union."

On page 29 they attack church groups because, they say, John Foster Dulles used them for "intelligence operations against the Soviet Union."

On page 43 they blame Rockefeller's "corporate and banking private intelligence establishment" for "accomplishing the overthrow of the left-leaning government of Guatemala in 1954. . . the 1973 overthrow of the Allende regime in Chile, (and) the recent attempted destruction on the pro-Soviet government of the People's Republic of Angola. . ."

They attack Hoover Institution scholar Stefan Possony for advocating "cutbacks in high-technology trade deals as a means to cripple the Warsaw Pact. . ."

They attack the 1976 Democratic Platform for "Provocations against the USSR."

They attack Henry Kissinger for being too anti-Soviet, calling him a "Rand/psychopath." They attack left wing publications such as "Ramparts," "New Times," and "Village Voice" as "leftist sheep."

On page 115 they attack the Communist Party, U.S.A. as being only "nominally 'pro-Soviet'."

On page 95 they claim that William F. Buckley, Jr. and Rep. Larry McDonald (D-Ga.) are agents created by "the Rockefeller financial group." Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), they say, is merely duped by Buckley, McDonald and the Rockefeller group. Buckley additionally is charged on p. 96 with heading "Interpol-Nazi drug-and-gun running networks. . ."

Their Nov. 5 newspaper says economist Milton Friedman's current visit to Mexico is part of a "drive for a fascist coup to impose the genocidal policies of the Chilean junta in Mexico." In conversation, they assured TRR that "the men behind Carter" plan to kill about 30 million Mexicans through a system of slave labor "triage."

Literally hundreds of conservatives and Republicans have already been approached by this cadre group, which obviously has compiled a thick file on the U.S. right.

We've found very few conservatives who had, until recently, ever heard of them. National Review publisher Bill Rusher told TRR, "I swear there are times when I yearn for the days of 1956 and 1957 when I was working for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and there was only one communist party. Nowadays you can't tell one of these freak splinters from another without a program -- and I haven't got a program.

"If you simply added the communists to the U.S. Labor party's list of villains, which includes the Rockefellers, the Buckylys, the CIA, and the international oil monopoly, you would have approximately the platform of the John Birch Society," Rusher added.

Rusher also said that National Review senior editor "Jim Burnham thinks it may be a 'black operation' of the American communist party for some obscure purpose of their own."

Tom Palmer of the Libertarian Party D.C. office told TRR that the USLP approached the Libertarian Party to suggest that the two groups work together to keep Eugene McCarthy off the ballot across the country. (The USLP was rebuffed.) Palmer said the USLP, acting alone, was successful in keeping McCarthy off the ballot in D.C. He said their tactics were to provide USLP people to circulate petitions for McCarthy, forge signatures, and then challenge the signatures they had forged after McCarthy filed the completed petitions.

Prior to the November 2 election, the USLP contacted the Citizens for Reagan Committee in an attempt to persuade Ronald Reagan to make charges of impending Carter vote fraud. No way.

With other Republicans, they have had better luck. Republican National Committee Executive Director Eddie Mahe told TRR November 18 that he is in contact with the USLP and that the RNC is considering financial backing for a USLP legal case seeking to prove vote fraud in Wisconsin based on same-day voter registration November 2. Mahe confirmed the USLP claim that on November 15 the Milwaukee County Republican Party joined the USLP initiated legal action for a recount.

In Ohio, Mahe said, the state GOP demand for a recount in the presidential vote is based in part on information supplied by the USLP.

The USLP claims, further, to have the cooperation of Rep. Guy van der Jagt (R-Mich.), chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. A spokesman in van der Jagt's office told TRR they have had communication with the USLP but that Eddie Mahe of the RNC is now handling such matters. Mahe confirmed to TRR that van der Jagt has made a number of calls stirring interest in the USLP vote fraud charges.

Mahe says RNC's interest is in gathering of proof of fraud, primarily to discredit further schemes for postcard voter registration (which will surely be proposed in the new Congress). Until we spoke with him November 18, Mahe said, no one at the RNC had taken time to do any research on the USLP.

Major contributors to conservative national organizations such as Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress and The Conservative Caucus are phoning in to their national offices, reporting solicitations by USLP for the effort to overturn Carter's victory.

We believe 1976 vote fraud should be punished and that the postcard registration laws now in effect are open invitations to illegal votes. But dealing with wild-eyed marxists who believe the men behind Carter are committed to thermo-nuclear war by next summer, strikes us as lunacy. From such cooperation the USLP stands to gain money, recognition and, at minimum, some damage to the U.S. political system.

We find it scarcely credible that a leading newspaper editorial writer, high Republican party officials and a senior member of the U.S. Congress would be willing to lend their personal and institutional prestige to a cause conceived in and directed from the fever swamps of the left wing. We urge all conservatives to repulse any and all overtures from the USLP.

Calendar

- Nov. 21-23: Capitol Hill Staff Training Seminar, Heritage Foundation, Quality Inn, 415 N.J. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 202-546-4400.
- Nov. 23: First monthly luncheon, Karl Hess, speaker. Libertarian Social Club of Metropolitan Washington, Evan's farm Inn, McLean, Va. For information: 703-780-7605 or 301-460-4141.
- Nov. 30: "The U.S. and China After Mao" national conference, jointly sponsored by conservative, veteran, and labor groups. Featured speaker, William F. Buckley, Jr. Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. For information: 202-783-9447.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 1: Freshmen Orientation, National Conservative Political Action Committee and Committee for the Survival for a Free Congress. New conservative members of Congress meeting for detailed briefing on how Washington, D.C. works. For information: 703-522-2800 or 202-546-3000.
- Dec. 2: Evening speech by Rep. Bob Bauman (R-Md.), Undergraduates for a Stable America, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. Co-funded by Heritage Foundation Communication Network. For information: Tom Bowden, 609-924-3427.
- Dec. 10-12: Conservative National Conference, sponsored by The Conservative Caucus, "Organizing to Lead America", O'Hare Marriott, Chicago, Illinois. For information: 703-893-2777.
- Jan. 15: Annual Alumni Conference, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, featured speaker, Ronald Reagan. Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. For information: 202-244-0847.
- Mar. 9-12: Young Republican Leadership Conference, Young Republican National Federation, Washington, D.C. For information: 202-484-6680.