NEW ROUND OF ATTACKS LAUNCHED; LABOR COMMITTEE ORGANIZING ON UPSURGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (IPS) -- After a short lull, Rockefeller's forces have renewed their attacks against their only organized international opposition: The U.S. Labor Party and the International Caucus of Labor Committees. The attacks come in response to aggressive Labor Party organizing in the U.S. against the Mondale "Boxcar" bill to create a National Employment Relocation Administration (NERA) and major breakthroughs toward creating a united front among workers' parties in Western Europe.

In Philadelphia yesterday, the Board of Elections illegally attempted to remove the name of Bernie Salera, Labor Party candidate for Congress in the 1st C.D., from the November ballot. This fraudulent claim that Salera's nominating petitions were 130 signatures short follows the Democratic Party's unsuccessful attempt to kick Salera off the ballot through a retroactive change in the election laws.

The Labor Party submitted 3,600 signatures--one-and-a-half times the legal requirement--to place Salera on the ballot. Now the Board of Elections claims that there are only 3,200 signatures and that it has lost its records! Other tampering is suggested by the tattered present condition of the petition sheets, which prompted Democratic Party attorney Larrick Stapleton to exclaim that they "look like they were thrown out the window."

Salera's campaign has caused a communist groundswell, particularly in south Philadelphia, which has become a nightmare for Congressman William Barrett, the near-senile Democratic incumbent.

At the same time, goons from Leonard Woodcock's United Auto Workers (UAW) have been unleashed in coordination with Company security guards and the FBI to try to turn back the Labor Party advance through America's Midwest industrial heartland. Woodcock is a member of David Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission.

UAW and Trilateral attempts to prevent Labor Party plant-gate rallies and the distribution of <u>New Solidarity</u> occurred during the past two days in Indianapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Ypsilanti (Mich.), as well as in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

In Detroit, FBI agents have been sniffing around the neighbors of regional Labor Committee leaders in an attempt to profile the Labor Committee Midwest Executive.

At the Ford Brookpark plant in Cleveland, where UAW Local 1250 President Wayne Medders was arrested last week for leading goon assaults, Medders has issued a leaflet charging that the Labor Party was out to take over his plant, the UAW, and the U.S. government. Yesterday the Cleveland Labor Committee received an obscene phone call followed by a bomb threat an hour later. Cleveland police refused to investigate until the mention of Medders' name.

The Indianpolis incident, at Chrysler Electric, saw 50 UAW goons combining with plant security squads to intimidate workers who expressed interest in New Solidarity.

And in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, police threatened the arrest of any organizer who entered the town. After conferring with UAW officials and the Philadelphia "Civil Disobedience" Squad, the Lansdale Police Chief told us: "We're trying to protect Lansdale residents from outsiders."

BRAINWASHING NETWORK EXPANDED TO CONTROL POLITICAL WORKERS

Oct. 23 (IPS)--Reports from Baltimore and Detroit reveal that union bureaucrats, committeemen, and politicized militants are being targetted for brainwashing. The Trilateral Commission-directed United Auto Workers (UAW) and United Steelworkers (USW) unions are instrumental in this psychological warfare onslaught against the working class. The aim of the rapid expansion of brainwashing is to throw a self-policing Kapo network over the areas hardest hit by the upcoming coal strike in November.

In Baltimore, Maryland, workers in a dozen key industrial plants are being siphoned through an employer mental health system. Workers who are designated as alcoholic or maladjusted are sent for brainwashing at mental health clinics at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. This operation targets workers from both the massive General Motors Assembly Division (GMAD) and Sparrows Point steel complex. UAW committeemen are being brainwashed at weekend sessions which began this September. These sessions are coordinated by the Department of Labor on the express invitation of UAW local president Al Stockton.

High level UAW bureaucrats and committeemen in the Ohio region reportedly are being sent to the UAW Black Lakes behavior modification center. Ohio industry will be especially hard hit by the coal strike.

In Chicago the United Steelworkers fingers certain workers for brainwashing at the Southworks steel plant. This operation is directed by a group called Human Affairs, Inc., which refers political workers to a Chicago community mental health center where the actual brainwashing takes place. Since then we have learned of related programs organized by the Steelworkers Union at the following Chicago plants: Kennicott Copper, Youngstown Steel, Inland Steel, Republic Steel.

IPS is preparing a full report on the details of this brainwash network.