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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD PEDDLES SLANDER OF NCLC

WASHINGTON, D.C., DEC. 11 (IPS) -- AN ITEM INSERTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TODAY BY REP. LARRY MCDONALD (D-GA.), A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ALLEGES THAT THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES AND THE U.S. LABOR PARTY "ACT IN EUROPE AS IF THEY WERE EAST GERMAN AGENTS." MCDONALD BASES THIS GROSSLY INCOMPETENT EVALUATION ON WHAT HE SAYS ARE THE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEES (ELC) IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON WEST GERMAN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS WHICH EMPLOY EAST EUROPEAN WORKERS.

THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE MCDONALD ASSESSMENT CLOSELY PARALLELS THE MISASSESSMENT OF SOVIET INTENTIONS BY U.S. FOREIGN POLICY "EXPERTS" WHO ARE IRRESPONSIBLY TOUTING ALLEGED SOVIET EXPANSIONISM IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD AS A COVER FOR CURRENT NATO "EXERCISES" WHICH ARE INTENDED TO CULMINATE IN A THERMONUCLEAR EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS.

MCDONALD'S STATEMENT ALSO ALLEGES: "THIS SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY FOR TRAVEL, TELEPHONE CALLS AND PRINTING...THE SOURCES OF NCLC FINANCING ARE AMONG THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRETS OF THE ORGANIZATION...THEY CLAIM CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF IRAQ AND COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY." "WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW," MCDONALD CONCLUDES, "IS WHETHER THEY ARE MERELY A TINY CRACKPOT GROUP, OR WHETHER THEY ARE A SERIOUS PROBLEM."

IF THE MCDONALD EVALUATION IS PUBLICIZED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO KNOW IT IS MANIFESTLY INCORRECT, THIS IS A DIRECT CONFIRMATION THAT THE HILEX "MANEUVER" IS ACTUALLY A "LIVE" OPERATION.

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