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COUNTER-SPY NETWORK
THREATENS ASSASSINATION OF USLP CANDIDATE WERTZ

SEATTLE, April 7 (IPS)—Will Wertz, U.S. Labor Party candidate for U.S. Senator from the State of Washington and National Committee member of the National Caucus of labor Committees, received a death threat in the mail today. According to the threat letter, Wertz had just been selected by the New World Mission for assassination. "You'll receive a .306 bullet with your name engraved on it...delivered to you shortly." The threat's signee, "Big Al, Alfred Rickles," claimed to be the "chairman of the You Are Dead Committee." The return addressee was printed on the envelope as Mr. Herbert Williams of the New World Mission.

U.S. Labor Party offices in Seattle and at national headquarters in New York have denounced the threat as the work of the National Security Council-coordinated Counter-Spy group who have recently been commanding the activities of several terrorist groups in the Seattle area and in Stockholm, Sweden, including the Weather Underground, against the Labor Party. Wertz has been the Labor Party's leading spokesman in exposing the Counter-Spy conspiracy.

The assassination threat comes in the midst of a USLP campaign to expose the Counter-Spy group as a controlled operation by the National Security Council and the CIA. So-called ex-intelligence agents Tim Butz and Victor Marchetti were recently in Seattle where they met with members of the Seattle terrorist network who group themselves around the Left Bank Book Store. The Washington, D.C. office of Counter-Spy has admitted that they act as a central clearing house for any information on the activities of the USLP, in conjunction with Tim Wheeler of the CPUSA's Daily World.

The USLP is demanding that Congress investigate and make public the activities of the group in full. The USLP has issued a nationwide call to the Department of Justice to halt the activities of the Counter-Spy agents of terrorism and domestic intelligence. The Seattle Police Intelligence Division has been requested to investigate the activities of the Left Bank Book Store.

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