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Church Rips up U.S. Constitution: The Church Committee Report is a National Security Council Covert Operation

May 4 (IPS) — The Church Committee's Final Report is not only a gigantic hoax, it is a National Security Council (NSC) covert operation designed to rip up the U.S. Constitution and prepare the way for imposition of a top-down NSC police state dictatorship. The U.S. Labor Party is now in a position to fully substantiate this charge with incriminating evidence provided by the Church panel itself in its just-released Final Report of the "Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities."

Moreover, the Labor Committee's rigorous investigation into the political backgrounds and Rockefeller financial links of Senator Frank Church and his hand-picked Committee staff, and investigation into covert NSC collaboration in the preparation and release of the Committee's police state document, have developed authoritative evidence implicating Church along with fellow conspirators Nelson Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger in an insurrectionary conspiracy to seize effective power from President Ford.

Church's Final Report is a piece of outright "black propaganda" and testimony to the fact that the Church cops have joined the Rockefeller-Kissinger robbers in the biggest heist of the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens ever undertaken in this country. The Church Committee police state blueprint demands that the Congress immediately pass an "Enabling Act" institutionalizing a National Security Council-run fascist dictatorship, and even calls on Congress to beat the NSC to the punch by themselves legislating an updated version of the Nazi Legal Code!

In his Final Report, Church issues "recommendations" to speed up the official establishment of top-down Rockefeller-Kissinger dictatorship:

- * The unconstitutional demand that by statute Congress explicitly empower the National Security Council - and not the president or Congress - "to direct and provide policy guidance for the intelligence activities of the United States, including intelligence collection, counterintelligence, and the conduct of covert action."
- * A call for prompt Congressional legislation that would greatly expand the dictatorial power, scope of action, and size of the NSC by putting the U.S. Attorney General (currently the one-time Nazi collaborator Edward Levi) on that body. Also called for is legislation that would create several new NSC subcommittees, including an "NSC Counterintelligence Committee" and a special "Covert Action Group"; and that would eliminate Congress' lawful oversight powers and responsibilities, thereby confining Congressional oversight committees to the sole role of "being kept informed on covert action."

- * An insistence that Congress swiftly pass a comprehensive, Nazi-type Espionage Law that would, among other things, make it a crime "to influence the U.S. policymaking structure" and to disseminate "information of a highly technical and strategic nature though unclassified" when this allegedly acts to the benefit of a "foreign power."
- * An all-out push throughout the Report of the "Big Lie" that KGB and other foreign intelligence agents are overrunning Capitol Hill, the Executive Branch, and the country. Replete with concocted espionage horror stories from the FBI and CIA files, the Report's shrill red scare line far surpasses any of the recent psychotic ravings of Nelson Rockefeller. The Report also inadvertantly provides corroborating evidence that this Rockefeller-NSC red scare campaign is aimed specifically at a frame-up of the Labor Committees and the U.S. Labor Party. In line with the ongoing NSC slander that the "Labor Committees are KGB," the Report insidiously adds that "In the 1930s and 1940s the Soviet Union could rely on the support of a small but substantial group in this country who were sympathetic with its aims," but admits that the FBI considers the agent-controlled Communist Party USA no "actual espionage danger." Significantly, the Report concludes that "Nevertheless, there continues to be "hostile foreign intelligence activities" including attempts "to develop agents of influence in American politics" efforts "to influence the U.S. policy-making structure," and "efforts to penetrate the American political system."

Given the hatchet job Frank Church is performing for the NSC, it is small wonder that right-wing CIA agent and Rockefeller family flunky William F. Buckley lavishly praises the Church Committee Report and its recommendations as "serious" and "appealing" in his May 3 nationally syndicated column "Church and the CIA."

What Is Church and his Committee?

Frank Church, in a development completely unprecedented on the American political scene, received the full collaboration and cooperation of the National Security Council and the "intelligence community" in his Committees endeavors. This was, of course, in sharp contrast to the Gestapo terror treatment afforded Otis Pike and his House Intelligence Committee when they tried to fulfill their Congressional responsibility by conducting an actual investigation of the national security apparatus. Pike and his Committee were not only denied access to government documents and records, they were also psychologically and physically terrorized by NSC-directed covert agents.

Church, however, was able to graciously note in his Committees' Final Report: "There are no classes of documents

which the committee has not obtained, whether from the NSC, the personal papers of former presidents and their advisors, or as in the case of the committee's 'report on Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders,' all classes of documents available in the Executive branch." The Church Committee's relationship with the nominal target of its investigation got to be such a charade that it stunk up even the cynical atmosphere of Washington. In the last days before the Final Report was due to be released, Levi and Director of Central Intelligence George Bush paid a friendly visit to Church's offices to put the final NSC imprimatur on his special operation. Frank gladly deleted the doctored "intelligence community" budget figures which the NSC feared might arouse suspicions, and he worked out his description of illegal FBI domestic operations so that would mesh more closely with that of Levi.

Who is this National Security Council agent in the U.S. Senate! Church has a long background in the employ of intelligence agencies of the U.S. government. During World War II he served in military intelligence; the 1968 Eash German publication "Who's Who in the CIA" lists Church as a CIA agent. From 1963 until 1973, Church served in the David Rockefeller-chaired fascist planning body, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). The only reason he left the CFR, is that his CFR membership and his blatant role as a flunky for Wall Street and Rockefeller became a public political issue in his home state of Idaho. Church is a longtime "left cover" NSC-Rockefeller operative. One of the first congressmen to oppose the Vietnam war, Church was able to position himself near contacts from Hanoi, from China, from the Soviet Union, etc., as well as near the domestic anti-war movement - where he was able to keep an eye on things and act as an NSC manipulator.

The staff that this operative in the U.S. Senate put together to run his Select Committee is one of the real giveaways that the Church Committee was an NSC covert activity. Part of the story was first exposed by New York Times columnist and former Nixon speech writer William Safire on Jan.26, 1976. In a column entitled "All in the Family," Safire revealed that the Church Committee was, at best, a front for the Wall Street law firm Craveth, Swaine, and Moore, Safire noted the fact that F.A.O. Schwartz Jr. was both the chief counsel of the Church Committee and a top partner in Craveth, Swaine, and Moore. After detailing how much of the Church Committee staff was made up of personnel from Craveth, Swaine and Moore, Safire revealed how Church and Schwartz were covering up for still other Craveth, Swaine, and Moore partners including former Attorney General Nicholas Katenbach and former under-Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric. For example, Safire notes, Gilpatric's role in CIA assassination plots against Castro was covered up by the Committee, as was Katzenbach's unlawful police state role in surpressing the 1967 Newark and Detroit riots with federal troops.

Headed by Gilpatric, the firm is the official legal counsel for several NSC-linked corporations including the International Business Machines, Inc. In fact, as Safire points out, Craveth, Swaine and Moore is known in higher political circles as the "IBM law firm." Only slightly less well known than its adding machine sales is IBM's role as one of the largest NSC-linked political police operations in the world. In 1946, IBM founder Thomas Watson organized a "private CIA" made up of hundreds of former agents of the Office of Strategic Services, the U.S. wartime intelligence apparatus, and then hired it out to other multinational corporations. Among its other current NSC-linked activities, IBM acts as the controller of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which helps the CIA train foreign police services and has worked in conjunction with IBM in compiling a profile study of left groups for private security forces. The study names the National Caucus of Labor Committee's as one of the most "dangerous" of these groups.

Craveth, Swaine, and Moore also represent General Dynamics, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and CBS's chief William Paley, a Rockefeller associate and psychological warfare operative during World War II. All of these companies interlock with and are financed by the leading Rockefeller banks, including Chase Manhattan, First National City Bank, and Bankers Trust.

On top of all this is Roswell Gilpatric, who not only is former NSC man and personal friend of Nelson Rockefeller, but also was Rocky's campaign chairman in two of Rockefeller's campaigns for the governorship of New York State and was as well a leading fund raiser and supporter of the Rockefeller for President campaign in 1968.

It is most correct to say that Craveth, Swaine and Moore—the Rockefeller-NSC international front—actually wrote the Church Committee's Final Report: it was firm members like F.A.O. Schwartz who conducted the hearings and did the background "research work" upon which the Report is based. There was, however, some outside input ... like from the Counter Spy magazine crew of "former" intelligence agents! In its latest issue, the NSC's Counter Spy front reports that it supplied "witnesses, documentation and original research" to the Committee, and then goes on to commend the Committee for its "terrific job" of getting the CIA.

What For?

The body of the Committee's Report, including its "Recommendations," confirms the purpose of this elaborate covert operation within the U.S. Congress: the centralization, consolidation and streamlining of all intelligence, counterintelligence, covert operations and espionage — the apparatus needed for jack boot rule of this country — under the topdown control of the NSC. As justification for this, the Committee emphasizes what it calls the "vexing" differences between the CIA and the FBI on how counterintelligence - the broad euphemism for illegal domestic operations — should be run. Because these differences have gotten so bad, the Church committee recommends that: "A Subcommittee on Counterintelligence should be established within the framework of the National Security Council. Its purpose would be to monitor counterintelligence activities, authorize important counter-espionage operations and adjudical interagency disagreements over counterintelligence policies, coordination, defector bona fides, suspected hostile penetrations and related matters."

In other words, the NSC through its proposed Subcommittee would be able to efficiently authorize and activate

any gestapo operation against U.S. citizens that it wanted or needed. If some sub-unit of the intelligence establishment balked at any of these measures, the Subcommittee would be in a position to quickly shut them out.

No fascist police state in history ever reached the levels of efficiency and top-down control now being demanded by the Church Committee.

Further, the Report demands that these police state reforms immediately become law. The Committee cites former Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford on the need for a fascist revision of the National Security Act of 1947: — the law which makes CIA domestic operations illegal. "It is clear that lines of authority and responsibility have become blurred and indistinct ... The National Security Council under the Act of 1947 is given the responsibility of directing our country's intelligence activities. My experience leads me to believe that this function has not been effectively performed ... The 1947 law creating the CIA should be substantially amended and a new law should be written covering intelligence functions ... A clear, more definitive bill can be prepared that can accomplish our purposes by creating clear lines of authority and responsibility and by carefully restricting certain activities we can hopefully prevent the abuses of in the past.'

Having laid out its recommendations for police state, the Committee then devotes huge chunks of its Report to help create the Red Scare environment to ram such measures through. "The committee finds that the threat of hostile intelligence services is real. In the United States alone over a thousand Soviet officials are on permanent assignment... Estimates for the number of unidentified Soviet intelligence officers raises this figure to over 60 per cent ... some defector sources have estimated that 70 to 80 per cent of Soviet officials in the United States have some intelligence connections ... the opening of American deep water ports to Russian ships in 1972 have given virtually complete access to the United States' ... various exchange groups provide additional opportunity for Soviet intelligence ..."

The Committee concludes this psywar section by "independently" confirming recent psychotic outbursts by Vice President Rockefeller over alleged KGB penetration of "all levels" of government: "Foreign intelligence agents have attempted to recruit not only executive branch personnel, but also Congressional staff members. The FBI has advised the Committee that there have been instances in the past where hostile foreign intelligence officers have used the opportunity presented by overt contacts to attempt to recruit members of Congressional staffs who might have access to secret information."

The problem here again, concludes the Committee, is that America is "too free" — a line that has been a long-time favorite of Attorney Gen Levi and has come into great use especially in the last two weeks among Rockefeller conduits like philospher-whore Sidney Hook and the New York Times' C.L. Sulzburger. Bemoaning the fact that there hasn't been espionage prosecution in the United States in over 20 years, the Committee calls for new espionage legislation which would make it a crime to discuss anything the NSC says you can't: "A recent legal analysis has observed that 'the legislation is in many ways incomprehensible.' Most notably, the espionage statutes do not make it a crime to engage in the

knowing or unaurhorized transfer of classified information to foreign agents. Moreover, the statutes do not extend to a range of privately held information especially on scientific and technical matters, which would be valuable to a foreign power ... Hostile foreign intelligence activities include more than just looking for classified information or espionage recruits. Information of a highly technical and strategic nature though unclassified which is normally restricted or unavailable in other societies, is openly procurable in the United States ... foreign intelligence targets in this country may include information prosessed by third nations and their representatives in the United States."

The Committee's proposed espionage act would make much of what you are reading in this newspaper — news of fusion power development or uncensored reports on NATO-CIA plans for a coup in Italy — a crime to read or discuss.

Inadvertant Slips

To give their Report the bare bones of credibility, the Committee was forced to reveal certain corroborative details on the NSC's covert network in the U.S. Mentioning no names of persons or organizations, the Report has a heavily censored section entitled "The Domestic Impact of Foreign Clandestine Operations: The CIA and Academic Institutions, the Media, and Religious Institutions" which outlines the creation of just those fascist groups upon which it now relies to help implement a police state in the U.S. The report states:

"During the 1950s and 1960s, the CIA turned increasingly to covert action in the area of student and labor matters, cultural affairs, and community developments. The struggle with communism was seen to be, at center, a struggle between our institutions and theirs. The CIA subsidized, advised, and even helped develop 'private' organizations that would compete with the communists around the world. Some of these organizations were foreign; others were international; yet others were U.S.-based student, labor, cultural, or philanthropic organizations whose international activities the CIA subsidized" (emphasis-added).

"The CIA's interest," the Report continues, "in the areas of student and labor matters, cultural affairs, and community development reached a peak in the mid-1960s."

This profile fits with embarassing precision several operations that the NSC would **not** like to be publicly connected to at this time — like the Institute for Policy Studies, which runs the ever-so-helpful Counter Spy network and was founded by NSC staffer Marcus Raskin in 1963. The Institute for Policy Studies was and is funded by about 30 top foundations. The Church report notes incredibly that "of the 700 grants over \$10,000 given by 164 foundations during the period 1963-1966, at least 108 involved partial or complete CIA funding."

A much more stupid slip was the Report's inclusion of details corroborating the Labor Committees' evaluation of NSC-NATO control of most Western Communist parties and agent-in-place penetration operations into the USSR and other Warsaw Pact parties.

The Report notes that: "Two significant NSC directives on covert activities were issued in 1955 ... The directive reiterated previous NSC statements that the overt foreign activities of the U.S. government should be supplemented by covert operations." The CIA authorized to:

"Create and exploit problems for International Com-

"Discredit International Communism, and reduce the strength of its parties and organization.

"Reduce International Communist control over any areas of the world."

For example, "such (covert action) operations shall include any covert activities related to: propaganda, political action, economic warfare, preventative direct action ... subversion against hostile states or groups including assistance to underground resistance movements, guerrillas and refugee liberation groups; support of indigenous and anti-communist elements in threatened countries of the free world; deception plans and operations of all compattible activities necessary to accomplish the foregoing."

Most significantly, the report also confirms the planting of NSC-NATO "submarines" in ranking circles in the Soviet Union. In 1970 "there was a re-emphasis on collecting covert intelligence on the Soviet Union," the Committee states, adding that "Experience has shown penetration to be the most effective response to Soviet and Bloc (intelligence) services."

Get Rockefeller and Kissinger Out

The Church Committee document is, in itself, substantial evidence of an insurrectionary conspiracy against the elected government of the United States. Its careful "laundering" of Nelson Rockefeller's charge that KGB agents of influence have penetrated up to the level of the White House—charges that the insane Vice President is directly using to crush all opposition to his drive for thermonuclear war in the Mideast and a NATO coup and bloodbath in Italy—demonstrates adequately enough that the Report's purpose is to aid Rockefeller's attempt to turn the President and Congress into figureheads of a police state. Political circles close to President Ford are not unaware of this: two members of Church's Committee, Senators Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) and John Tower (R-Tex), both staunch Ford supporters, refused to sign or support the Final Report.

To stop this insurrectionary conspiracy before it brings the world to full thermonuclear war, the forces which had the capability and motive to conduct such a hideous covert operation within the U.S. Congress must be decapitated: Put Rockefeller, Kissinger, and their NSC apparatus out of commission now!

Levi's Midwest Terrorist Network

The following Cointelpro chain of command is excerpted from U.S. Labor Party lawsuits filed in Federal Courts for the Northern District of Ohio and the Western District of Pennsylvania on May 15. The USLP is seeking a temporary restraining order against the following individuals to halt their conspiracy to harass and assassinate Labor Party candidates and organizers.

DEFENDANTS

"Right-Wing" Shock Troops

William Sickles is an Imperial Wizard of the Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Northeastern Coordinator of the American Revolutionary Army, and a member of the Confederacy Group.

David Broderick is head of the National Revolutionary Army and an associate and agent of William Sickles.

Schuyler Ferris is Virginia Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and an associate and agent of William Sickles.

Dale Reusch is the Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan and founded the Confederacy Group, a coalition of the National Revolutionary Army, the American Revolutionary Army, and the Klu Klux Klan among others.

Mr. Calambo is believed to be the head of a split-off group from the National Socialist White People's Party and to have attended meetings of the Confederacy Group.

Donald Fierstein threatened the life of Labor Party candidate Martin Ross.

Pat Crawley, aka "Whitey," an associate of Phil Meier.

Phil Meier is the Pennsylvania Regional Coordinator of the

National Revolutionary Army and shares a post office box with William Sickles.

Federal COINTELPRO Controllers

Mario Carcello and Edward Slamon are agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury Department.

David Allen Reilly is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cover-up Artists

U.S. Attorneys and FBI Supervisors for the western District of Ohio and the Northern District of Pennsylvannia, who have refused to investigate this case.

Commanders-in-Chief

Clarence Kelley is the Director of the FBI. Edward Levi is Attorney General of the U.S. ALLEGATIONS

During the week of May 3, 1976 members of the Confederacy Group, defendants herein, met and discussed the USLP and NCLC and their members and candidates. In the course of that discussion defendants and others conspired to disrupt and interfere with the activities and civil liberties of plaintiffs....It is believed that defendants Phil Meier, David Broderick, Schuyler Ferris, and Pat Crawley were informed of the purpose and substance of the meeting and held a subsequent meeting... These individuals are associated and in the employ of defendants David Allen Reilly, Edward Slamon, and Mario Carcello.