## Zbigniew Brzezinski's "Trotskyist" Gang-Countergang Tactic

Jan. 15—The current antics of obscure "Trotskyist" international confederations have the clinical importance of reflecting shifts in general deployments and targetting assignments of the Atlantic intelligence community. A current, staged Punch-and-Judy show in the vicinity of London, between the two principal such confederations, is properly viewed as an added tip-off of the incoming Carter Administration's escalated provocations in Eastern Europe.

This is understood by the present British government of Prime Minister James Callaghan. New York City liberals' cocktail and marijuana cliques may profess as much righteous indignation as they choose. The fact is, Mr. Callaghan and his Blackpool and Confederation of British "Trotskyists" and the CounterSpy gangs are essentially nothing but agents for Mr. David Rockefeller's side of Atlantic intelligence factions. Mr. Callaghan, being no fool, has treated black operations specialist Philip Agee and his "Trotskyist" side-kicks for what they are: spies working for the other—that is, Mr. Brzezinski's—side.

There are two principal international confederations of "Trotskyists" today, the larger associated with the self-styled Unified Secretariat of the Fourth International, and the relevant countergang, the self-styled International Committee for the Fourth International. The first was established during 1961-1963 by negotiations conducted through Ernest Mandel, current titular head of the international confederations, and one Murry Weiss, then an official of the Socialist Workers Party (USA). The smaller, currently a paper organization outside the United Kingdom itself, is more generally known by its nickname, "the Healyites," after a former leader of the confederation, T. Gerard Healy.

The Atlantic intelligence community pedigrees of the Unified Secretariat are well known and massively documented. The intelligence affiliations of such leading figures as Ernest Mandel, Pierre Frank, Livio Maitan, et al. are documented to the end of World War II or even, in some instances, a significantly earlier time. In Western Europe, Mandel and Frank are situated as prominent second- rank NATO intelligence operatives in networks associated with the direction of Richard Lowenthal and Raymond Aron. During recent years, Mandel et al., working closely with the Brandt, Palme, etc. wing of the international social democracy, have been heavily involved in "Eurocommunism" capers, including Mandel's direct collaborations with Trotsky's assassin, Santiago Carrillo of the Spanish Communist Party. It is relevant that Mandel et al. are informed that Carrillo, acting as a British agent within the Communist International, worked with Mexican U.S. agent Lombardo Toledano in directing Carrillo protegé Ramon Mercader to accomplish the 1940 assassination of former Bolshevik leader L.D. Trotsky.

Since the 1963 Kennedy reorganization of the Atlantic intelligence networks, Mandel et al. have managed the changeover quite agreeably, maintaining close collaboration with the U.S.-based neo-Fabian apparatus created by the Rockefellers and Kennedys around Marcus Raskin and the so-called Institute for Policy Studies and its more recently-established European "off-shore shell," the Transnational Institute.

Until approximately 1969, the "Healyites" operated in the mode of a sectarian reaction against the "neo-Bernsteinism" of Mandel et al. There were a variety of notable intlligence pedigrees among leading Healyites. Healy himself had been a personal protegé of the mini-Parvus, Michel Pablo-Raptis, until their open break during the early 1950s. Pro-Maoist currents within the Healyite leadership are to be properly regarded as symptomatic of intelligence affiliations of some of those officials. However, until a recent period, such pedigrees were only indirectly reflected in the overall policy profile of the Healyite organizations.

## The Trotsky Assasination Issue

During the past two years, the Healyites have shifted an increasing proportion of the efforts of their shrinking organizations to publicizing a review of the 1940 Trotsky assasination, depending largely on source materials obtained under the U.S. "Freedom of Information Act," or from other sources through similar Naderite modes of research. This activity has involved one George Vereecken, currently a principal figure of Michel Pablo's apparatus and a long-standing advocate for certain British intelligence circles.

The Healyites have contrived to gain attention to their efforts through an escalating public denunciation of two prominent figures of the Socialist Workers Party as "accomplices" of Soviet Intelligence (then, the GPU) in the Trotsky assassination. The principal feature of this attack against Joseph Hansen and George Novack has been an exposure of the fact that Hansen and Novack were variously in close collaboration with or responsible for concealing activities of persons working for Anglo-American intelligence networks inside the Communist International apparatus. To the ignorant dupe, who chooses to believe the "Communist" cover-stories of those operatives, the Healyites make the "GPU accomplices" case against Hansen and Novack appear quite plausible.

Healy himself believed none of that personally. Healy has had direct knowledge of Mandel's, Frank's, Hansen's and Novack's collaborations with elements of NATO intelligence since at least the early 1950s. Healy also knows that the principal Communist International architects of the Trotsky assassination, Santiago Carrillo and Lombardo Toledano, were acting as Anglo-American intelligence operatives in the affair. Healy also knows that the assassin, Ramon Mercader, was Carrillo's personal "hit man."

Healy's caper was turned from a fizzle into a modest success by the response of Hansen and Novack. Normally, Hansen et al. would have refused to contribute credibility to such an attack, and would have brushed it off with an occasional passing gesture of ridicule. In this case, the Unified Secretariat elected to make a celebrated case of Healyite efforts, keeping the issue very much alive in sectarian circles where it would otherwise have fizzled quickly after some momentary gabbling among the relevant silly geese.

At present, the central figure in this Healyite operation is Pablo operative Georges Vereecken. Vereecken, together with Isaac Deutscher and the antecedents of the obscure French Lutte Ouvriere sect, broke with Trotsky during 1938 over the formation of the "Fourth International." Vereecken was also distinguished during the late 1930s for his demand that Trotsky move into close collaboration with such British intelligence operations as the Independent Labour Party (ILP) and its Spanish associate, the POUM.

Otherwise, Vereecken is the sort of mechanical mentality, the arch-doctrinaire sectarian typical among resident intelligence agents working the edges of the international left. He is typical of those operatives who work under the cover of a developed authority as this or that sort of "orthodox textbook Marxist," the professed Marxist whose political documents closely resemble the brief of the defending party to a common divorce action.

The special feature of Vereecken is that his role as a pro-POUM critic of Trotsky's from 1938 onward has established his standing expertise on "GPU" agents within Trotskyist circles. Vereecken's late-1930s theses were to the effect that Trotsky's opposition to closer collaboration with British intelligence operations placed Trotsky at the mercy of the GPU agents massively infiltrating his circles.

The pathetic aspect of the arrangement is that since 1953, Healy et al. had been howling like an afflicted Job against the alleged "evils of Pabloism." More recently without so much as the proverbial "Excuse me, ma'am," the Healyite apparatus has been placed principally at the disposal of Pabloite operative George Vereecken. This current arrangement defines the Healyites' intelligence pedigrees as precisely as those of the Mandel networks.

More recently, the Healyites have retargeted their institutionalized operation around Trotsky assassination themes toward Eastern Europe. Again, the operation is pure fraud. The Healyites know that Mercader's residence in Eastern Europe is the direct result of an intervention in Mercader's behalf by NATO operative Santiago Carrillo. They ought to know that, from the standpoint of the Soviet KGB, Ramon Mercader is one of a long list of known NATO agents currently being "kept in place," one of those who might disappear on any day in the course of the current sanitizing activities by Warsaw Pact political security agencies.

The fact of that matter is that Michel Pablo has, in effect, taken over direct control of the Healyite organization once more—after a 24 year intermission. It is also relevant, as the French PSU interface between Mandel and Pablo properly symptomizes, that the Healyite targeting of Eastern Eruope is, under all the diversionary smoke-screen pretexts, a part of the same operation which currently includes all varieties of "Trotskyist" groups, including the Mandel gang, in a current, Trilateral Commission destabilization caper against Eastern Europe. In Europe, North America, and elsewhere, the aftermath of Mao Tse-Tung's death has found the relevant intelligence factions deploying their "Trotskyist" gangs and countergangs as a coordinating link in an effort to regroup "Trotskyist," Maoist, and sundry anarchist and anarchoid "leftist" ragtags into a new broad front, whose "program" and intended public activities will inclusively feature ranting efforts in behalf of various actual and potential destabilization operations in Eastern Europe.

Although the Mandel forces are currently making a great show of mobilizing a "united front" against the Healyites, Pablo's apparatus is running the Healyites and Pablo's and Mandel's networks are in close cooperation in the overall Eastern Europe project. What confronts the observer, therefore, is a modern classic in gang-and-countergang deployments. Two competing pilot projects in behalf of Mr. Brzezinski's Eastern Europe scenarios are in ostensibly violent competition with one another, although both squabbling siblings have the same mother and are served at the same table at the end of each day's playground festivities. This arrangement has three principal advantages to the common sponsors of both confederations: (1) the competing pilot projects represent a means for hedging investments; (2) the difference in style of the two approaches provides a broader basis for the overall project than either could secure by itself; (3) the teapot furor between the two project-groups generates a spectatorinterest of the sort favorable to the efforts of mobilization.

It is of collateral relevance to consider the Dec. 24, 1976 issue of the Healyite's London daily tabloid, The News Line. Of a total of 16 pages, four are devoted to a largely boilerplate, four-page television and radio pullout, and two to a racing form. The remaining ten pages are not on a spectacularly higher intellectual or moral level of editorial quality.