FEC Demands Free Hand For 'Plumbers' Operation' Against LaRouche Campaign

On June 28 in Washington, D.C., Federal District Judge Aubrey Robinson denied a motion for a temporary restraining order by the U.S. Labor Party and the Committee to Elect LaRouche (CTEL) against the Federal Election Commission's Gestapo-like "investigation" of those organizations and their financial supporters. Judge Robinson responded favorably to a circular argument by FEC attorney Charles Steele that the U.S. Labor Party's insistence on its constitutional rights in the face of unannounced and harassing interrogations of LaRouche contributors by FEC investigators constituted a "broad assault" on the FEC's investigatory powers. Steele noted that the visits and an array of FEC thug-like and financial warfare tactics in six states against the U.S. Labor Party were undertaken because of possible "criminal activity" by the CTEL and the U.S. Labor Party.

Judge Robinson's decision in Jones v. Unknown Agents of the FEC gives the FEC carte blanche to continue its harassment and intimidation campaign until July II when arguments on summary judgement motions begin in the case by the FEC, CTEL, the U.S. Labor Party, and the Justice Department, which officially entered the case at the June 28 hearing. Judge Robinson noted that the FEC had not denied any of the abuses of constitutional

rights noted in the Labor Party complaint. The only question, said the judge, was whether or not the FEC has the legal mandate to conduct this type of investigation — comparing the FEC's tactics and activities in this case to those of the FBI.

Judge Robinson is thus in the ironic position of trying to decide whether the Federal Election Commission's mandate by the Congress extends to wholesale violations of constitutional rights. This in itself is a total judicial contradiction. Judge Robinson has also noted that he will not actually decide the issue, stipulating that the entire case should be "dealt with quickly" and "kicked upstairs" to the Court of Appeals.

While Judge Robinson, the Court of Appeals and probably the United States Supreme Court bide their time deciding whether present events are actually lawful, the FEC has issued subpoenas against 13 individuals and organizations involved with CTEL for alleged "illegal campagin contributions" — including the U.S. Labor Party and its chairman and Presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Enemies List

Judge Robinson's decision coincides with reports from the intelligence community since December 1976 that

LaRouche Charges Carter, FEC With Gross Violations Of Human Rights

Through his New York campaign headquarters, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., U.S. Labor Party Presidential candidate, issued the following statement June 28 on the conduct of the FEC and Department of Justice in the case of the Labor Party:

Jimmy Carter's filthy campaign to use the FEC as the vehicle of dirty tricks and financial warfare operations against my party is a gross violation of human rights. Hypocrite Carter needs some widescale international treatment of outrage and censure at the hands of all forces who cherish world peace and human rights.

Today, in Washington, D.C. the FEC's attorney lied before a federal court. The FEC lied by claiming that they have evidence about so-called Labor Party criminal activity. There is no such evidence. One of the primary objectives of these lies and hypocrisies from Carter and his FEC is to attempt to

stop the formation of my private International Development Bank. These lies will only backfire on the lower Manhattan and London monetarists. All key forces in the world, who have their eyes upon every move by different political factions at the moment, will see through the FEC's lies that they are 'investigating' criminal evidences which they refuse to make public.

Such 'investigations' will be seen as nothing but deliberate harassment and containment of the only world political force with a competent solution in the works against international monetary collapse. Which faction is the FEC working for? The Rockefellers, Rothschilds, or both? I am initiating moves which will not only determine such questions, but will take care of those who do not come over to my side immediately. They will be treated as insane war provocateurs who would destroy the world in thermonuclear war.