Führer and lamented the change in British policy and outcome of the war in his memoirs years later.

Still In The Family

In keeping with the tradition of the peerage, Vere Harmsworth is now opening up shop in New York through an American front, the gullible Clay Felker. The Felker front gives the appearance of competition between the Harmsworth-Murdoch New York concessions. However, relations will probably be "friendly." Murdoch and Harmsworth share the same financial backers, through two branches of the multifaceted British-based Lazard Freres investment Bankers. Murdoch's private financial agent in his *Post* acquisition, Stan Schumann, this year became a member of Felix Rohatyn's Big MAC financial-control board for New York. Moreover, Rohatyn is the leading partner of the New York offices of Lazard Freres.

Harmsworth and Felker's financial advisors in the Esquire acquisition are the U.S.-based branch of Max Warburg and Sons, international bankers. E.M. Warburg, son Eric, runs the E.M. Warburg and Pincus Co., Inc., the New York branch of the family bank who financed the Esquire transaction. Sons Felix and Paul run another U.S. Warburg banking affiliate, Kuhn, Loeb - the same banking house from which Rupert Murdoch purchased Dorothy Schiff's New York Post last year! Son Sigmund heads up the London branch of the bank, popularly known as the bankers to the British government. Through this British operation, the Warburg family codirects Lazard Freres' "Chatham House," a major British financiers' think tank, officially known as the Royal Institute for International Affairs. The Crown's invasion into the New York journalism field promises to remain in the family.

— Fay Sober

NBC's New Smear Job

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When NBC-TV producer Paul Altmeier called the U.S. Labor Party's Boston office to ask a few leading questions about the Party's role in exposing the environmentalist Clamshell Coalition's planned "green" terrorism campaign, reporters for this news service started checking around. Cause for concern stemmed from NBC's aborted "dirty trick" of last summer, when the network hired professed FBI informant Greg Rose to pose as an "expert" on the USLP in a projected slander,

to have been conduited through NBC's feature "Weekend" show.

When asked if NBC was back for more of the same, producer Altmeier heatedly refused to provide any information. Other NBC executives were more diplomatic, but equally closemouthed.

A round of calls to sundry lower life forms acting as public relations personnel for a variety of environmental groups turned up nothing. Calls to representatives of the nuclear industry revealed that they had been fed a cover story about a feature in the words involving "technical data."

Finally, however, the source was uncovered.

"You must mean Paul Altmeier's piece on my project," said Donna Warnock of Ralph Nader's Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). Warnock proceeded to describe The Nuclear Surveillance Project, a CSPI operation designed to accuse the nuclear industry and power companies of conduiting illegal spying on environmentalists.

Indeed, Warnock is something of an authority on spying. As a go-between coordinating the Institute for Policy Studies terrorist command center with the Federal Elections Commission, Warnock engaged in extensive exchange of information with FEC Public Information officer David Fiske — including gaining access to FEC records on the Labor Party.

When apprised of the fact that the attempt to link the Labor Party with a phony story on Utility Company spying was blown, NBC furiously backtracked, and offered promises that the USLP would not be mentioned — or if so, only in passing.

Producer William Wheatley later confirmed that NBC still intends to go ahead with a toned-down version of the utility spying slur. "This is not about anything nuclear," he said. "It's about the utility industry. Your concerns (about environmental terrorism) are well founded, but misplaced here. We interviewed a lot of people, but no 'Clammies' or protesters." Thus, NBC is putting the environmental terrorists on the back burner — for the moment — in favor of their "respectable scientific" frontmen.

The forthcoming feature, which is to be aired the week before Christmas, will cap a series of "nuclear waste and proliferation" hoaxes trumpeted by NBC, including last winter's much-derided "Danger: Radioactive Waste" and a news presentation on the same topic Dec. 1. NBC is rapidly establishing a reputation as the principle media outlet for environmentalist trash, and a chief character witness for the "respectability" of terrorism.

- Charles Tate

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