

one unnamed senator that "almost every one you ever heard of around the White House" is implicated by the report.

Clearly, Carter is an intended victim: just two weeks ago, the White House was forced to concede that Carter had flown on Lance's plane during campaign tours, but had "overlooked" reporting this on campaign financial statements.

Adding to the barrage against the Lance-Carter twosome, the Senate Government Affairs Committee voted Tuesday to conduct a full-scale investigation into the entire Lance affair, complete with subpoena power. The two co-chairmen of the committee, Senators Ribicoff (D-Conn) and Percy (R-Ill), announced Wednesday that they will also broaden investigations into the conduct of all federal agencies involved in holding back evidence from the Committee at the time of Lance's nomination. Foremost on the list are the Comptroller's Office and the FBI.

Ribicoff and Percy—who on Labor Day briefed Carter on what they called "new, serious allegations of illegality" against Lance and urged him to fire the OMB head at once—have also vowed to pursue full-scale hearings into the Lance case even if the budget director leaves office, a move which can only be interpreted as targeting Carter.

Thus far Carter has stood adamantly behind his budget chief, insisting that he be given his "day in court." This unexpected stubbornness has prompted the Lazard Freres crew into rushing their drive to get Lance out of office, fearing that Carter and Lance may actually fight back in some way. These fears were augmented when White House press secretary Jody Powell told the press Sept. 7 that Carter, who had met with the Black Congressional Caucus to discuss minority unemployment earlier, still had serious reservations about the inflationary, make-work aspects of the Humphrey-Hawkins slave labor bill, which is one of the foremost proposals of the Mondale-Lazard Freres faction.

Signalling other troubles ahead for the Mondale sup-

porters, Comptroller of the Currency John Heimann encountered some rough sailing when he appeared before the Government Affairs Committee Sept. 8. Under angry questioning from Senators Nunn (D-Ga) and Sasser (D-Tenn), Heimann was forced to concede that Lance has been guilty of no illegalities, and that press coverage of the OMB head's troubles has been generally unfair. Nunn then read into the record a Department of Justice memo, never reported in the major media, which essentially clears Lance of the charges against him.

Today, Evans and Novak devote their syndicated column to reporting on the widespread sentiment in the Senate that Lance is victim of a witchhunt, and note that most members of the Senate Government Affairs Committee were "unimpressed" with Heimann's anti-Lance testimony yesterday.

The Lazard Freres crew does not want Lance to have his "day in court." Ribicoff unsuccessfully attempted to postpone Lance's appearance before their Government Affairs committee indefinitely, Clark Clifford—an agent of the New York investment houses who has insinuated himself into the position of Lance's counsel—succeeded only in putting off Lance's appearance before the committee until Sept. 15.

However, with one orchestrated voice, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *New York Daily News* all editorially demanded Lance's immediate resignation September 8. The *Washington Post* claimed that since nothing Lance could say could possibly clear him, he should get out of office right now. To Carter, the paper issued a pointed warning as to his own fate: "It keeps getting worse and worse for Carter...but Carter is very stubborn. He's suffering a great erosion...will he be able to see the truth?"

On Sept. 9, James Wechsler, editorial page editor of the *New York Post* and a Kuhn, Loeb spokesman, lit into Carter with a vengeance not seen since the final days of the Nixon Watergate: "Now it is the President himself who is hourly being more deeply entrapped in 'the tangled web' despite clear, clanging warning signals..."

Who's Kissinger Now?

Some people may wonder why the Grand Old Party is spending the festivities around the Lance scandal in the Washington backrooms. The answer to that question is in two words: Henry Kissinger.

Nelson Rockefeller protégé Kissinger and his political backers have duped a significant number of mainstream Republicans into the belief that the Lance affair will allow for greater Republican input into the White House and — "if they play their cards right" — open the way for the GOP to win the presidency in 1980. One Washington source close to the Republican National Committee proclaimed that top Republicans around the country, with the notable exception of Ronald Reagan, consider Henry Kissinger the party's "number one foreign policy asset."

The irony is that while these Republicans are lying low, waiting for the gate receipts to roll in, the

same Mondale-for-President crowd which is conducting Lancegate has begun to fill the national press with nasty leaks on Dr. K's and Rocky's dirty past, giving the lie to illusions that "Republican input" in the White House would increase with Lance and Carter out of the way.

Meanwhile, Henry Kissinger himself has guaranteed himself an office and a paycheck by stepping into Zbigniew Brzezinski's old shoes. Dr. Kissinger has just accepted a position on the executive committee of David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission — the supranational fascist body which created Jimmy Carter and whose "former" members number 13 top members of the current Administration, including Carter and Fritz Mondale himself. This is the Republicans' "top foreign policy asset"?