Efforts by the West Germans and Japanese to buoy up the U.S. dollar preparatory to U.S. coordination with the EMS later this month are reported in detail in the ECONOMICS section of this issue. What is involved is massive dollar purchases by West German and Japanese banks and companies — in the case of West Germany, centrally orchestrated by the Bundesbank.

The large scale currency intervention by these quarters in August was indeed politically motivated. The nature of the motivation behind the European and Japanese market maneuvers is revealed by a further development on the monetary and foreign currency front: the way Japan has begun to recycle its accumulating dollars for development purposes in Mexico and elsewhere. The Europeans and Japanese are working to strengthen the dollar in the context of putting together a new world monetary system.

The Gold Issue

In a further development, both Japanese Premier Takeo Fukuda and a group of Japanese trading companies and mining firms are now working to establish the creation of a gold market in Japan, according to a report in the *Journal of Commerce* Sept. 1. Powerful members of the ruling liberal Democratic Party, including Prime Minister Fukuda, are said to favor increased gold imports and the establishment of a gold market. And according to Finance Ministry statistics, Japan has already imported some \$323.20 million worth of gold in the first half of 1978, more than twice the previous year.

While the Journal of Commerce concludes that these developments mean that the Japanese are buying gold as a hedge against the falling U.S. dollar, surrounding events make it clear that the gold market idea is actually an advanced stage in Japanese-European efforts to establish a new gold-backed development-oriented monetary system, with the U.S. Prime Minister Fukuda's offer to the U.S. and the USSR to engage along with Japan and other advanced sector nations in the development of thermonuclear fusion power indicates Japanese commitment to world economic development. The Japanese are simultaneously stressing the need for joint East-West development of the vast resources of Siberia.

The Japanese gold purchases hint at another aspect of the emerging Grand Design configuration: undoubted participation by South Africa — the world's major gold producer — in the Grand Design negotiations. Bringing the developments and our coverage full circle, it should be remembered that Juergen Ponto, the late chairman of the Dresdner Bank, was engaged in negotiations with South Africa both as a gold producer and the critical catalyst for high technology development in southern Africa in his efforts to establish a new world monetary system, shortly before his murder at the hand of Baader-Meinhof terrorists in the summer of 1977.

Terror Threat Increases Against USLP's LaRouche

The weapon of terror has been sent full force against the enemies of the core of oligarchic and Zionist financial power. At the top of the hit list is Lyndon H. LaRouche, the chairman of the U.S. Labor Party, who authored the International Development Bank proposal on which the European Monetary System set up by the Bonn and Bremen economic summits is based.

The terror activation is, more broadly, aimed to derail any support in Europe, the U.S., or elsewhere, for the EMS and the threat it represents to the oligarchs' policies of dollar collapse and Mideast war. LaRouche and his party have come under fire in particular because of their insistent denunciations of the Israeli intelligence role in world terrorism and their exposure of the axis of Zionist and "Black Guelph" financiers as the control behind terrorism and some of the most dangerous operations against the world economy and world peace.

The latest in a continuing series of death threats against the U.S. Labor Party chairman occurred on the night of Aug. 29, when an anonymous caller telephoned the party's New York headquarters with the message, "LaRouche dead."

At the same time, European and U.S. intelligence sources have privately confirmed to Labor Party officials that the danger of an attempt on LaRouche's life is greater than ever.

Just as significant is the sudden step-up of actions against members of the U.S. Labor Party and of the cothinker European Labor Party and North American Labor Party.

In the U.S. and Canada

U.S. Labor Party candidate for Congress in Maryland Debra Hanania-Freeman received a threatening phone call following a half-hour broadcast over Baltimore area television. Mrs. Hanania-Freeman gave a full briefing on the source of international terrorism, the danger of a Middle East war, and the content of the Bonn-Bremen economic initiatives under British-Israeli attack. Shortly afterward, a male caller to the Freeman residence warned, "You better tell your lady to lay off, or she'll get hurt."

Mrs. Hanania-Freeman had replaced the scheduled speaker on the broadcast, USLP chairman LaRouche, who had cancelled his appearance due to the threats on his life.

On Aug. 30, a U.S. Labor Party organizer was almost hit by a speeding automobile in Massachusetts. The driver swerved to hit the organizer, missed, then drove off. A Michigan party member suffered a

concussion in a similar hit-and-run incident on Aug. 21.

The day before in Toronto, Rick Saunders, former North American Labor Party candidate for mayor there, discovered that the brakes on his car had been sabotaged, after they failed while the car was being driven by another NALP member. The driver and another party member narrowly escaped serious injury when the brakes failed. The car had often been used in the past to transport party members to rallies and other party activities.

At the same time, members and supporters of the Anti-Defamation League, which has reportedly been implicated in the assassination threats against LaRouche, have been observed at U.S. Labor Party rallies at several locations taking down license plate numbers and descriptions of Labor Party organizers.

In Europe

According to the security section of the European Labor Party, the British intelligence apparatus has been fully mobilized for attacks against its members. Party spokesmen report that they had received warnings from sources last week that the Paris-based LICA, International League Against Anti-Semitism,

which contains a core of Israeli Mossad (intelligence) special operatives, is presently deployed to attack the Labor Party. The head of LICA is Jean Pierre-Bloch, who is associated with Guy de Rothschild and the network of Zionist organizations to which he is connected.

In Paris on Aug. 30, four European Labor Party organizers were assaulted in the 9th arrondissement of Paris. The pro-Zionist attackers destroyed ELP picket signs and literature protesting the catastrophic Israeli "preemptive strike" into Lebanon set for the period of the Camp David summit meeting, and threatened "You better get out of here, or we'll pump bullets in your stomach."

The assailants were arrested by French police and the European Labor Party is pressing charges.

At the same time in West Germany, ELP organizers were violently attacked in the city of Hamburg by an unidentified gang of youths who concentrated their attack on two members, chanting "You are Nazis," and "Communist pigs." The precision timing of the assault points to advance planning.

Similarly, over the past two days, the Belgian Royal Police have disrupted ELP organizing, illegally refusing to give justification for their actions.

The USLP on the Threats to LaRouche

The U.S. Labor Party released this statement from New York Aug. 30:

An associate of Jacob Javits and numerous other sources have absolutely corroborated the information that the following organizations and individuals are targeting anew USLP chairman Lyndon LaRouche for assassination: LICA (the Paris-based International League Against Anti-Semitism); Guy de Rothschild; Edgar Bronfman; the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League; the Aleman grouping in Mexico; and the Mossad (Israeli intelligence).

The peculiar formulation of slander which these forces are now circulating against LaRouche is precisely the same as they circulated to isolate Juergen Ponto, former head of Dresdner Bank, before he was assassinated last year.

The formulation is to characterize LaRouche and the U.S. Labor Party as "nazi-communist." This is a peculiar reference, in Rothschild, Bronfman, and LICA circles, to those Europeans, dating from the Rapallo period, who sought to promote East-West industrial cooperation.

In addition to the groups named above, Baron Lambert of Belgium is explicitly involved in aspects of the operation, for his own admitted motivation that LaRouche was critical to the Bremen summit meeting. Furthermore, leading Italian investigative journalists linked to FIAT magnate Agnelli are involved.

These are part of the same circles sought by Attorney Garrison in investigation of the Kennedy assassination. These are the same networks which conduited funds for attempted assassinations against Charles de Gaulle. These are the same circles at the center of investigations behind the Aldo Moro assassination.

The overall control for these operations is the British monarchy networks and Maltese Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and its associated Mont Pelerin Society, whose nominal U.S. head is Milton Friedman. Of course, Henry A. Kissinger is in the midst of these nefarious operations.