

Labor in Focus by Lonnie Wolfe

Irving Brown moves upstairs

The AFL-CIO's veteran supervisor of special operations against European governments, has been transferred to Washington.

The Kirkland leadership of the AFL-CIO has quietly reshuffled its director of international affairs, bringing home the terrorist-connected Irving Brown from Europe to take over for Ernest Lee.

The appointment of Brown is a decision to upgrade the AFL-CIO's role in projected destabilization operations in both Eastern and Western Europe. These operations were the subject of unpublicized discussions at the early August executive council meeting of the AFL-CIO in New York City.

For public consumption, the AFL-CIO issued a statement of complete support for the Israeli invasion of Beirut. The statement was reportedly drafted by Brown and AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, both of whom have longstanding connections to Israeli intelligence, the Mossad.

Brown is a controller of the so-called international solidarist movement, created by the black oligarchy of Europe to use workers as cannon fodder in destabilization projects like Poland. One of Brown's contacts in the Federal Republic of Germany is Father Oswald Nell Brüning, who runs money to the Solidarność union in Poland while serving as a theoretical adviser to the "White" Russian fascist NTS organization.

Brown-linked Solidarność operations have begun a new phase of activity, leading to potential violent confrontations with the government. Sources report that Brown is coordinating aspects of these deployments

from his new office at AFL-CIO headquarters.

Brown, now in his seventies, is a protégé of Jay Lovestone, the former editor of the Communist Party USA's newspaper and the long-time international affairs director of the AFL-CIO. In the immediate post-war period, Brown and Lovestone, both members of the British-contaminated intelligence networks of James Jesus Angleton and former CIA director Allen Dulles, used AFL-CIO bag money to topple governments in Italy and France.

Since that time, Brown, who operated from the AFL-CIO's Paris office, has conduited orders and money to the Solidarist labor movements in the East bloc, helping to engineer the upheavals in the 1950s in East Germany and Hungary, in 1968 in Czechoslovakia, and recently in Poland.

This spring, *EIR* exposed Brown as the AFL-CIO's contact man with Luigi Scricciolo, the former head of the Italian labor federation UIL's international affairs department. Scricciolo is now in prison, along with members of his family, for being a member of the terrorist Red Brigades. Brown worked with Scricciolo on support operations for Solildarność.

Sources close to him say that Brown informed the AFL-CIO headquarters in 1978 that all necessary measures should be taken to prevent then Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro from forming a coalition government with the Italian Communist Party.

Several weeks later, Aldo Moro was kidnapped and murdered by Scricciolo's friends in the Red Brigades.

Brown is now in the process of creating a "non-partisan" foundation, ostensibly to promote "democratic institutions," a plan recently sold to William Casey's CIA networks and to the gullible Reagan White House.

Brown will take effective charge of the so-called American Political Foundation from his office in the AFL-CIO headquarters. The Foundation, whose creation was announced during President Reagan's speech in London two months ago, will conduit funds and orders into various subversive operations now controlled by Brown and his British intelligence-allied cronies in the developing sector and especially in Eastern Europe.

AFL-CIO sources say the "cut-out" project has the endorsement of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Vice-President George Bush, who argued for support within the administration, as well as backing from Democratic chairman Charles Manatt and his party faction.

Sources report that a high-level task force has been put together inside the administration to work on the project, all of whom are coordinating with Brown. They include State Department speechwriter Mark Palmer, who drafted Reagan's London speech announcing the plan; National Security Council staffer Walter Raymond; the yet-unconfirmed International Communications Agency appointee F. Scott Thompson, a close associate of both Alexander Haig and Henry Kissinger; and Defense Department official Richard Stilwell. The group has apparently agreed to offer Brown's good friend and social democrat, Ben Watenberg, a prominent part-time post in the operation.