

## Lane Kirkland, DOS try to sabotage LaRouche

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Council on Foreign Relations member Lane Kirkland, head of the AFL-CIO, is using not only the AFL-CIO International Affairs intelligence bureaus but the State Department's labor attaché offices to attempt to block the U.S.'s allies from supporting the only military policy that can end the prospect of nuclear disaster and begin to reverse the depression that is pushing the world toward war.

Any policy initiative that threatens to trigger a burst of "runaway progress" is anathema to Kirkland, who is the descendant of a slave-owning plantation family, and whose low-wage policy for American and foreign workers is identical to Fed banker Paul Volcker's.

Kirkland is a personal friend and collaborator of Secretary of State George Shultz, and has met with Shultz frequently in the recent period for policy confabs. Kirkland's ten-year friendship with Tavistock labor brainwasher Shultz, since the days when Shultz functioned as Nixon's Labor Secretary, highlights Kirkland's fundamental character as a neo-Malthusian, a believer in "scarce resources" and "limits to growth" whose job it is to "keep the boys in line."

The State Department's labor attaché posts abroad are creations of the AFL-CIO's International Affairs office, begun 50 years ago by Kirkland's mentor Jay Lovestone. Lovestone, still a powerful force in the federation, is the former head of the Communist Party, U.S.A., with documented connections to the KGB's "Okhrana faction" that maintains a continuity with the old secret police networks of the Tsars. Under Lovestone, and now Kirkland, the AFL-CIO's International Affairs branches have functioned as arms of the State Department-Council on Foreign Relations apparatus since the 1930s—the notorious "State Department socialist" connection.

This is a very ugly bunch. Irving Brown, the current International Affairs director, is a known collaborator of Luigi Scricciolo, arrested in Italy as a co-conspirator of the Red Brigades terrorists that kidnapped and killed Aldo Moro; Brown is also among the AFL crew that did its best to set Polish workers up for a bloodbath at the hands of the Russians.

The most recent instances of State Department/AFL-CIO sabotage against the beam-weapons initiative by LaRouche forces include:

- Nov. 30, Bonn, West Germany. An *Executive Intelligence Review* seminar presentation on beam weapons, for

government and industry officials, was subjected to systematic counterorganizing by U.S. Embassy personnel, who created a climate of fear around "security clearance" for the seminar, which was then withheld to prevent West German military and government officials from attending.

- Dec. 1, Frankfurt, West Germany. The *Frankfurter Rundschau*, a liberal paper with close ties to "State Department socialist" Willy Brandt, chairman of the Social Democratic Party party, devoted one-third of its second page to overwrought coverage of the seminar that listed a broad range of LaRouche-linked publications and associates in West Germany, then insisted that all of these were "obscure," "with little influence," and the subject of "an internal government dossier" that discounted their intelligence reports.

- Dec. 1, Brussels, Belgium. The Fusion Energy Foundation, the most active scientific association promoting the development of thermonuclear fusion and plasma research, came under heavy pressure to cancel a scheduled conference on beam weapons to be addressed by FEF's Dr. Steven Bardwell in Brussels on Dec. 13. The Belgian Energy Ministry, which had invited Dr. Bardwell to speak at another conference on nuclear energy, at another time and place, notified the FEF that its beam-weapons conference must be cancelled or their own invitation to Dr. Bardwell would be withdrawn.

- Dec. 4, Paris, France. AFL-CIO bureau chief James Baker, whose predecessor Irving Brown collaborated with an arrested terrorist, was caught running operations against LaRouche and his associates through the Boris Souvarine Institute, named after an expelled Russian, a colleague of the notorious Jay Lovestone.

On Dec. 7, a new Kirkland deployment was uncovered in Colombia. Two months of harassment of Colombian labor leaders by Kirkland's thugs have failed to prevent a mass demonstration against the International Monetary Fund policies scheduled for Dec. 9. Kirkland therefore deployed one of his top Latin American agents, Edwin Palenque, of the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), an outfit run by the Lovestonites in the International Affairs Department of the AFL-CIO, to do what damage he could. Palenque worked as a one-man wrecking crew inside the Colombian unions, warning people to "stay away from LaRouche." He went so far as to leaflet a Colombian trade union federation's headquarters with anti-LaRouche slanders reprinted from the *AFL-CIO News*.

After years of heavy-handed thuggery against U.S. trade union officials collaborating with *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, attacks on LaRouche and his associates abroad by the State Department and Lane Kirkland surfaced in October, with the activities of Jack Muth, Labor Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. Muth bragged that he, on behalf of Kirkland and the AFL, had blackmailed a Colombian trade-union official to prevent his working with LaRouche and his collaborators for a New World Economic Order. Muth reported this was part of an operation against LaRouche coordinated at the highest levels of the AFL-CIO.