

Will the Mondale scandal topple Lane Kirkland?

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On Thanksgiving, 1972, over cocktails at a private party at the Watergate in Washington, D.C., Lane Kirkland—graduate of the Jesuits' Georgetown Foreign Service School, member of the Trilateral Commission, Council of Foreign Relations, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Brookings Institution, and the Rockefeller Foundation—said half in jest, "If things ever get really bad, I can always flee to my plantation in the Virgin Islands."

Eleven years later, on November 19, 1983 at a Mondale for President event in Boston's Park Plaza Hotel, Lane Kirkland's time to begin his packing may well have begun when high-level union and political thugs brutally attacked Boston political leader Michael Gelber while he tried to get Walter Mondale personally to respond to widespread charges that one of his top foreign policy advisors, **Robert Pastor** of the left-terrorist Institute for Policy Studies, overtly compromised U.S. national security in the planned Soviet-Cuban takeover of Grenada. Pastor gave advice to Grenada's Marxist dictator **Gen. Hudson Austin**, after Austin, with Soviet backing, had overthrown and murdered Grenadian Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and posed a threat to the U.S. students.

Lane Kirkland, Walter Mondale, Henry Kissinger, and Paul Volcker—all colleagues on the Trilateral Commission—are the leading spokesmen in the United States for Moscow's opposition to the new strategic doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival announced by President Reagan on national television on March 23. Kirkland, Mondale, Kissinger, and Volcker are the out-front political hatchetmen for Moscow's policy that the United States should not embark on a crash program of laser-beam defensive-weapon systems but should instead cut the defense budget. Their argument is

based on the assumption that thermonuclear war will wipe out the U.S. budget deficit. Now that the American population openly questions the loyalties of the *New York Times*, ABC, NBC, and CBS after their attack on U.S. actions in Grenada and Lebanon, Kirkland and Mondale are forced to outright KGB goon tactics.

It is well known that Lane Kirkland personally forced the early endorsement of Mondale's candidacy down the throats of a reluctant AFL-CIO. Everyone, even Kirkland himself, knows that the labor support upon which Mondale's status as front-runner rests is paper thin. Will labor take Kirkland's orders to "goon" for Mondale even against U.S. national interests? Or, will the delayed reaction to the resented Kirkland dictatorship explode in the spreading scandals? A preliminary probe shows that Kirkland himself is deeply implicated in KGB-linked international terrorism, that his "Nuclear Freeze" strategic policy was dictated jointly by Henry Kissinger and the Soviet KGB, that he has deployed the AFL-CIO to protect the austerity policies which have caused the depression now crushing U.S. labor, and that Mondale comes from the law firm which represents the worst union-busting company in America today, Greyhound.

The Boston incident

Four officials of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, all now formally summoned to appear in Boston criminal court December 13 for a probable cause hearing on assault charges, including Kirkland associate **Paul Eustace**, secretary of labor and industries for the state and former top official in the area AFL-CIO, violently assaulted Michael Gelber, a declared political candidate for the seat of Sen. **Paul Tsongas** (D-Mass.). At the hands of the Kirkland and Mondale goons,

Gelber suffered a concussion and bruised ribs, according to his physician at Boston City Hospital. Michael Gelber is the recent candidate for mayor of Boston whom the local media credit as "the man who made laser beam weapons a household word," the head of the New England National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) and long-standing associate of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

On Nov. 20, the day after the incident, the *Boston Globe* reported that the assault against Gelber was led by Kirkland's personal man AFL-CIO bigwig Paul Eustace, along with James Dorsey, press secretary to Governor **Michael Dukakis**. As the five-foot-six-inch Gelber asked Mondale, "Why are you not more forthcoming with the press in revealing the role of your adviser, Robert Pastor, in installing the Marxist junta in Grenada?" Kirkland's over-six-foot goons picked up Gelber, hauled him out of the room and then smashed him against a wall outside. The Mondale/Kirkland thugs then raced out of the hotel to avoid hotel security. The Boston incident was the second time in one week that the Mondale crew has resorted to violence to silence the questions about the Pastor-Grenada connection.

Kirkland's international terrorist network

Ever since he directly took over the AFL-CIO's day-to-day operations in the late 1970s, Lane Kirkland has deployed the vast international apparatus of the AFL-CIO for brutal "enforcement" and overt terrorist assignments of the U.S. State Department, often with equal disregard for the national sovereignty of various nations and the national security interests of the United States. In early 1982 one of Lane Kirkland's henchmen in Europe, **Luigi Scricciolo**—the chief of international affairs of the Italian UIL, the Socialist Party-connected national labor confederation of Italy—was jailed as a member of the terrorist Red Brigades fully involved in the kidnapping of American NATO Gen. James Dozier. He was also implicated in passing secret NATO documents to the Warsaw Pact as well as in KGB-infested drug, arms, and terror networks. General Dozier's jailer, **Antonia Savasta**, together with Scricciolo's own cousin Loris—himself a jailed Red Brigades member—have offered detailed accusations.

Scricciolo ran intelligence and political operations for the Bulgarians and Soviet KGB, under the convenient cover that he and his wife **Paola Elia** were in charge of transferring to the Polish Solidarnosc union monies originating from Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO.

On several occasions the Kirkland-linked Luigi Scricciolo orchestrated meetings between Red Brigades members and officials of the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome. Besides running illegal drugs and weapons, and the Dozier kidnapping, the Bulgarian network is widely known to be complicit in the attempted assassination of the Pope and a plot, for which Scricciolo provided intelligence, to kill Polish labor leader Lech Walesa. Scricciolo's ties to Kirkland were through **Irving Brown**, the director of AFL-CIO European headquarters in Paris. These are the old **Jay Lovestone** networks

of the alliance between "State Department Socialism" and the Nazi International.

Irving Brown, Kirkland's man in Europe, was recruited by Lovestone in the 1920s into the Communist Party, USA, a party which Lovestone had founded. Even after Lovestone "repudiated the Bolshevik system" U.S. military investigations strongly pointed to him as the Western Hemispheric station chief of the OGPU, the predecessor to the KGB. Lovestone established the notorious League for Industrial Democracy (LID) and became a key figure in the mobster takeover by Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). Today **Arch Puddington** at the League for Industrial Democracy is known to be a key operative in the mobster side of the operation. These networks overlap with the organized crime-run Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which provided the political clout enabling Kirkland—a man with no background in labor—to rise to the top of America's most powerful labor organization.

Through Lovestone's protégé Brown, Scricciolo and Kirkland collaborated on joint projects and operations such as support for *Solidarnosc* activities in Poland. At the time of Scricciolo's arrest, correspondence from him was on the desk of officials of the AFL-CIO International Affairs Department, headed by **Ernest Lee**, in Kirkland's Washington office. The official report of Kirkland's Executive Council of the AFL-CIO's Fourteenth Convention (Nov. 16, 1981 in New York) states on page 185:

"The Executive Council is pleased to note that the Polish Workers Aid Fund, established by the General Board, has received more than \$250,000 in contributions from affiliates. This fund is being used, in accordance with the wishes of Solidarity—the Polish Union."

Latin American dirty operations

Throughout 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, the AFL-CIO's American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) has become notorious for intervening against national sovereignty. In October 1982 **Jack Muth**, the U.S. embassy labor attaché in Bogotá, Colombia and AIFLD representative in Colombia, **Edwin Palenque**, were caught redhanded conducting illegal operations in coordination with Kirkland's Washington headquarters against sovereign Columbian trade unions, the Club of Life, its founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and her husband, American political leader Lyndon LaRouche, twice a candidate for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. Muth threatened to wreck a major trade union of Colombia if members of that union participated in the Bogota conference of the Club of Life. When U.S. investigators contacted Mr. Muth he not only volunteered admission of his attempt to blackmail a Columbian trade union official but bragged that this action was part of a year-long operation conducted in coordination with named AFL-CIO and organized crime circles.

AIFLD operatives have been documented to have conducted similar operations in Argentina, Mexico, and else-

where. In Kirkland's Washington headquarters **Michael Boggs**, the assistant director for International Affairs, and **Michael Verdu** of AIFLD have been proven complicit in these illegal operations.

One leading Venezuelan trade unionist recently characterized Kirkland's operations this way: "I can't talk about their domestic union policies because I don't know them, but their foreign policy is straight State Department policy. Kirkland's AFL-CIO is an appendage of the U.S. State Department. We don't like the State Department policy to Latin America and therefore we don't like the AFL-CIO policy to Latin America." A leading international banker described Kirkland's AIFLD as an outfit that could be relied upon to "keep the Latin American trade union movement in line by preaching that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is reality and can't be bucked even if the austerity isn't good."

Kirkland, of course, is a close Georgetown colleague of Henry Kissinger. In the words of an AFL-CIO colleague, Kirkland and Schultz are close personal friends "who think alike on all matters, especially economic policy." Kissinger has publicly stated that it was his "good friend Lane" who interceded at the White House to help him get appointed head of the Central American Commission, of which Kirkland, too, is a member. The AFL-CIO/ State Department apparatus provides a thin cover for dirty operations in over 40 African countries through the African-American Labor Center (AALC) and over 19 Asian and Middle East countries through the Asian-American Free Labor Institute (AAFLI). The AFL-CIO also directly operates through the vast networks of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Labor Organization (ILO), and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Kirkland's austerity economics

Lane Kirkland and Walter Mondale are no strangers to imposing economic austerity—by force if need be. For example, the Chicago-based law firm of **Winston & Strawn** brought Mondale onto the firm in 1981 after he left the Carter administration. The senior partner of the law firm, **John Reilly**, is reported to be the pivot of strategic thinking in the Mondale campaign. The chief client of the firm is the AFL-CIO, while another major client is the Greyhound Bus Company, now involved in one of the most brutal anti-labor thug actions in union history. The Kirkland/Mondale action against the bus drivers is one of the worst wage-gouging and union-busting operations of the postwar period.

Between 1970 and 1972 Kirkland served on Richard Nixon's Commissions on Financial Structure and Productivity where he played a role in formulating the infamous austerity package of Phase I/Phase II and the disastrous decision to take the dollar off the gold standard on Aug. 15, 1971. **George Shultz**, currently Kirkland's man in the administration, was secretary of labor during the Nixon Phase I/Phase II, when Kissinger was secretary of state and Paul A. Volcker was undersecretary of the Treasury.

Lane Kirkland assumed the presidency of the AFL-CIO in the fall of 1979, the same time that his fellow Trilateral Commission member Paul A. Volcker (who was appointed to the chairmanship of the Federal Reserve when Trilateral Commission members Mondale and Carter were in the White House) began his high-interest austerity policy. From 1975-1979 Kirkland along with Volcker directly participated in the Council of Foreign Relations' **Project 1980s** which designed the policy of "Controlled Disintegration for the World Economy" which Volcker's subsequent policies implemented. During the past years, Kirkland has used the muscle of the AFL-CIO to run a political protection racket for Paul A. Volcker. During 1983 the AFL-CIO was deployed against any who opposed the renomination of Paul Volcker. Naturally, therefore, they also provided the critical muscle in defusing the opposition to the passage of the IMF quota increase. As a top AFL-CIO economist said, "We'll find a way to back the IMF. We always do."

Kirkland's endorsement of austerity economics and plantation-style labor simply means that he sees no reason to break with family tradition. Lane Kirkland comes from the South Carolina-based slave-owning plantation aristocracy; several ancestors played significant roles in establishing the Confederacy. Kirkland's policies represent the same evil programs of "slavocracy" that Lincoln fought the Civil War to end.

In May 1983, Kirkland joined Mussolini-style financier **Felix Rohatyn** and corporatist **Irving Shapiro** of Du Pont in forming an Industrial Policy Task Force for something called the Center for National Policy (CNP). The heart of their program is to revive the policies of the 1975 Initiative Committee for National Economic Planning (ICNEP), a brainchild of Leonard Woodcock and the Council on Foreign Relations. The ICNEP program proposed "business-labor-government" regional financial control boards modeled on Mussolini. Their official material included plans for a "Coming Corporatism." Their literature stated: "Let us not mince words. Corporatism is fascism with a human face." It is most clear on economic policy that "left-wing social democrat" **William Winpisinger** and so-called "right-wing social democrat" Kirkland are one and the same fascist operation.

The State Department/AFL-CIO alliance of Kirkland, Kissinger and Shultz has built careers by manipulating and controlling presidential campaigns. The early commitment of Kirkland to use the AFL-CIO as a battering ram for Mondale has been widely reported. The Kissinger side of the control is less in public sight. Biographer Seymour Hersh has documented how Kissinger works both sides of the street in a presidential election. In 1968, while an adviser to Nixon, Kissinger was leaking like a sieve to Democrat Humphrey, Mondale's mentor.

Today, Mondale's official campaign literature documents the following Kissinger moles in his operation: **William Hyland** (Kissinger's favorite Sovietologist and editor of *Foreign Affairs*), **Winston Lord** (Kissinger's former White House aide and President of the New York Council on For-

ign Relations) and **Viron Vaky** (Kissinger's NSC expert on Latin America). The list of Mondale's advisers is a who's who of **David Rockefeller's** Trilateral Commission, the supranational policy-planning agency founded to capture the Presidency in 1976 for the Council of Foreign Relations Project 1980s of Kirkland, Kissinger, Volcker, et al. David Rockefeller is Henry Kissinger's traveling checkbook. Under Republican President Ford, Kirkland served on the notorious Presidential Commission on CIA Activities within the United States, headed by **Nelson A. Rockefeller**. The Trilateral Commission is otherwise known as the "Carter White House." It took 18 Trilaterals to run the Carter administration including **Walter Mondale, Jimmy Carter, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Cyrus Vance, Paul Volcker, and Harold Brown**. Lane Kirkland was on Jimmy Carter's Citizens' Advisory Panel that helped select the personnel in the administration.

Of the 35 names on Mondale's advisers list, 23 were members of the Trilateral Commission/Carter administration, not including Walter F. Mondale himself. It is no accident that Mondale advisor Robert Pastor was writing strategy papers for the Soviet-backed butchers President Reagan had to send in the Marines to clean out of Grenada! It is no accident that Mondale/Carter aides **Peter** and **Geoffrey Bourne** along with Pastor gave "advice" to Americans on

Grenada that could have resulted in another Iran-style hostage crisis.

Mondale's secret adviser

Walter Mondale's unnamed "secret" adviser is **Fyodor Burlatskii**, a "journalist" for the KGB. Burlatskii was one of two top Russian intelligence agents who attended a joint Soviet-American conference which took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota—Walter Mondale's home state and political base—beginning on May 24, 1983. The conference was organized with the backing of Lane Kirkland's AFL-CIO and Minneapolis Mayor **Donald Fraser**. The Russian operatives ordered opposition to the development of defensive energy beam weapon systems, which Burlatskii later defined as a *casus belli*.

Immediately following the Minneapolis event, the Russian participants fanned out to more than 30 U.S. cities to organize conferences for their objectives, working with the Kirkland-Mondale political machine to build mass support for a U.S. surrender to the Soviet Union in the guise of the Nuclear Freeze movement. With the American population increasingly determined to defend the national interest, the question now is perhaps not whether, but how fast, the mounting Mondale scandals will bring down Lane Kirkland.

Walter Mondale made Jonestown possible

Five years ago last month, 913 men, women, and children—many of them impoverished blacks—died agonizing deaths in the jungle of Guyana after being induced by cult leader Jim Jones to swallow cyanide-laced Koolaid.

One of the principal individuals responsible for the establishment of the death colony at Jonestown, and the murders of nearly 1,000 people, including Rep. Leo J. Ryan, was Walter Mondale.

According to absolutely reliable information, in late 1976 or early 1977 Mondale interceded at least twice with the Guyanese government to gain its permission for Jones to relocate his People's Temple from California to Guyana. It is a matter of public record that Mondale wrote a letter of reference for Jones stating: "Knowing your congregation's deep involvement in the major social and constitutional issues of our country is a great inspiration to me."

According to new information made available to *EIR*, the Vice-President met with Guyanese embassy officials in Washington to plead Jones's case in person. Accompanying him were Rosalynn Carter, wife of the President, and Mervyn Dymally, Jerry Brown's lieutenant governor and presently a U.S. congressman.

There had been extensive contacts between Jones and

the Carter-Mondale apparatus during the 1976 campaign, when the People's Temple played a key role in turning out the San Francisco vote for the Democratic presidential ticket. During the campaign, Mondale had appeared at a People's Temple event and entertained Jones on his campaign jet, while Mrs. Carter dined privately with the cult leader at her hotel suite in San Francisco.

Based on Mondale's intercession with Guyanese officials, and on praise-filled testimonials from other leading lights of the Carter administration, including HEW Secretary Joseph Califano, the Guyanese government allowed Jones to set up his slave-labor plantation at Jonestown. Not long after the move, regular contacts were established between Jonestown and the KGB station chief in Guyana.

In the aftermath of the mass suicides, Mondale and others in the administration claimed that they had no idea that Jones was a fiend. Yet by the time Mondale became publicly involved with Jones, it had already been established that the cult leader was regularly using hideous forms of psychological and physical torture to keep his followers under his sway. Defectors from the People's Temple had filed numerous affidavits attesting to the beatings, sexual molestation of children and adults, starvation, and psychological manipulation that Jones practiced as a matter of course. Moreover, Jones had started talking about "revolutionary suicide" as early as 1972, and held numerous suicide drills before the move to Guyana.