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Thus the Fifth Estate's revulsion with what they term "excessive government secrecy." A Fifth Estate pamphlet asks the question: "Is the Fifth Estate a Govern-

ment Front?" Their literature should deceive no one. Although they answer no, they ask you to call their office "before stopping by, as we have frequent meetings." IPS suggests that interested persons should drop in, unannounced, at Fifth Estate's offices at Suite 519 of the plush DuPont Circle Building in Washington, D. C.

U.S. Labor Party to Sue FBI for Detroit Attack

DETROIT, June 28 (IPS) — In a move to prevent further illegal disruption of its socialist organizing by the FBI and related subversive organizations, the U.S. Labor Party (USLP) will shortly file suit against the FBI in Detroit Federal District Court for its part in invading the office of Detroit Labor Party and Detroit Labor Committee illegally and subsequently ransacking and seizing materials from its Party office.

The Labor Party suit seeks a permanent injunction against the FBI for violating its Fourth (search and seizure) and Fourteenth (due process) amendment constitutional rights.

The suit stems from the illegal search-and-seizure operation carried out by the FBI and Detroit Police Department on the Labor Party office here June 20. As reported in IPS, the armed squad of police was ostensibly searching for Vernon Higgins, an FBI informer who, torn apart by conflicting pressures to inform on the Labor Party while simultaneously being drawn closer to its ideas and organizing, had broken down and confessed to Labor Party members the night before that he was a paid FBI informer. Higgins is the second FBI informer in the USLP to crack this year. The other, Bill Rini, is now working with the Cleveland Labor Party.

Trying to convince other agents in the field that FBI is big enough to protect them in case they too are exposed, the FBI is now compounding its blunders.

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The morning after Higgins confessed that he had been assigned by the FBI more than two months ago to infiltrate and inform on the Detroit Labor Committee and Labor Party, he called his FBI control agent, Jones, from the Labor Party office, falsely claiming that he was being held against his will. He then left the office, at the

request of Labor Party organizers. Several hours later, a squad of armed policemen and FBI agents raided the office, armed with a search warrant for Higgins. Although it was immediately obvious that Higgins was not on the premises, the squad ransacked the office, rifled through files, photographed everything in sight, and illegally confiscated information, including a list of Canadian contacts of the North American Labor Party.

Higgins later surfaced on Friday in Pontiac, Michigan, where he filed a complaint against the National Caucus of Labor Committees and USLP. On Monday, the FBI was forced to renege on the complaint, knowing full well that to pursue it would merely open itself up to further ridicule, since the basis of the complaint was patently false.

The suit, which is being brought by U.S. Labor Party candidates, including Pete Signorelli and Andrew Rotstein, seeks a permanent injunction against the FBI and other named parties from further illegal infiltration by FBI informers; search, harassment of members and organizers; and illegal seizure of materials and disruption of electoral campaigns — this last since Higgins was, before revealing his FBI connections, a candidate on the Labor Party ticket.

As perpetrators of these illegal action, the suit names Higgins; the City of Detroit; and Detroit Police Department, including the Chief of Police, and the policemen involved in the raid; the FBI, including the control agents directly implicated in the case and director Clarence Kelley; and U.S. Attorney General William Saxbe. In addition, the suit asks \$5,000,000 in damages for illegal infiltration and disruption of electoral campaigns, and return of the materials illegally confiscated from the Labor Party office during the raid.