

## U.S. LABOR PARTY STATEMENT ON THE ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 6 (IPS)--The emergence of the U.S. Labor Party in yesterday's elections as the mass-based party of the working class has transformed politics in the U.S. and throughout the world. Working class politics are no longer minority protest politics; the U.S. working class has now shown that it is ready to be mobilized around program of struggle against the Rockefeller forces and their plans to impose fascist economics in the U.S. and throughout the world.

In spite of massive electoral fraud, the vote for the Labor Party candidates is at least 10 per cent and in many areas will exceed the 10 to 20 per cent range. Official returns so far show 11 per cent for Alan Ogden in Richmond, Virginia in the 5th Congressional District, about 11 per cent for Larry Sherman in Boston's 9th Congressional District, and about 8 per cent for James Kiggen in the 8th Congressional District in Boston.

On the basis of straw polls taken within factories on the East Coast and in the Midwest, support for the Labor Party runs around 30 per cent among industrial workers. On this basis a 10 to 20 per cent vote is to be expected.

This is no simple protest vote. Over recent weeks the factories and working class neighborhoods have come alive with political discussion and debate. Large sections of the U.S. working class, educated over months by the newspaper New Solidarity, have clearly identified who their enemy is and what he represents and they have understood what has to be done to defeat the Rockefellers' conspiracy. Millions of workers have studied and debated the program for industrial expansion and for expansion of food production, based on a crash program of development of fusion power.

The U.S. working class, for the first time in a quarter century has begun to become conscious of the power it possesses as a class. Our task over the next few weeks is to consolidate the hundreds of thousands of workers who have expressed their support for the Labor Party into a political machine capable of beating back the Rockefeller programs for slave labor and deindustrialization. As workers become conscious of what they have already done in this election, the 30 to 40 per cent support which the Labor Party now has in areas of our highest penetration can quickly go over to 60 to 70 per cent support.

We will present in court legal evidence of massive electoral fraud in New York City and State over the next few days. On this basis, plus the report of 10-12 votes in certain districts, we will show the national pattern of fraud. This is most obvious in situations where the lowest tallied votes were in the areas of highest Labor Party penetration and influence, such as South Philadelphia and industrial areas in Michigan.

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No matter what the degree of electoral fraud, the hundreds of thousands of workers who actually voted for the candidates of the Labor Party know what they have done. No amount of election tampering or press blackout can alter this fact; it can only increase their determination to build a mass political movement of the working class.

#### ARMS SOLD TO FRENCH IMMIGRANTS

PARIS, Nov. 6 (IPS)--International Press Service has received reports from informed sources that in the northern district of Paris, populated by immigrant workers from Africa, "gangs" have emerged attempting to sell firearms for 60 Francs apiece. IPS is now investigating the origins of these "gangs."

#### LIBYA-BASED TERRORIST NET SURFACES

Nov. 6 (IPS)--In the past two days, a Palestinian terrorist network, operating out of the CIA's central Mideast headquarters in Libya, has surfaced.

In a Nov. 5 front-page article in the Washington Post, correspondent Jim Hoagland reported that the number two man under Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Arafat, Salan Khalaf, alias Abu Iyad, has been accused of leading the heralded "Rabat plot" to murder King Hussein and other "moderate" Arab leaders. The murders were to take place during the recent Arab summit.

Officially "missing," Abu Iyad is rumored to be in Libya, where "he might be able to count on the support of Libya's Col. Qaddafi for an operation to undermine Arab efforts for a peaceful settlement with Israel....Khalaf has been identified by Western intelligence services as a head of the Black September terrorist organization, which staged the Munich massacre in 1972." The IPS United Nations brief on the Palestine Liberation Organization fully documents that the PLO is both CIA-funded and controlled.

A day later, a Jordanian plane was hijacked and rerouted to Benghazi, Libya by a group calling itself the "Jordan Free Officers." King Hussein has been a long-standing hated enemy of both the fanatical Qaddafi and the Palestinian movement. While his recent "voluntary" withdrawal from the West Bank is a great "victory" for the liberation movement, escalated operations against him are not to be excluded.

To add to the mayhem, the Israeli Air Force was on alert as the plane diverted its course to Libya, which puts into renewed focus recent exclusive disclosures received by IPS that Israel is planning a preemptive strike against Libya.