

MEXICO: DESTABILIZATION AND LALC KIDNAPPINGS

WILLY BRANDT TO BE NAMED CO-CONSPIRATOR IN ICLC CASE AGAINST CIA

March 31 (IPS)--Second International agent Willy Brandt who has admitted responsibility for the kidnappings of two Latin American Labor Committees (LALC) members in Mexico, will be named as co-conspirator in the International Caucus of Labor Committees suit in federal court against the CIA. The CIA, itself has admitted to several past kidnappings which will serve to establish a precedent for the ICLC allegation. Specifically, the FBI has admitted to conducting kidnappings in Mexico in the Rosenberg-Sobel case of the 1950s.

WHERE BRANDT GOT HIS MARCHING ORDERS

March 31 (IPS)--Sources close to Willy Brandt revealed today that Brandt had breakfast in his Waldorf Astoria suite last Wednesday morning with David Rockefeller, at which time Brandt received further orders for his international deployment by the Rockefeller family. A week earlier, during his stay in Mexico City, Brandt arranged for the CIA the police-kidnapping of Labor Committee leaders in Mexico City.

STATE DEPARTMENT LIES THAT LALC LEADERS ARE RELEASED

April 1 (IPS)--Caught in the middle of a CIA-covert operation to topple the government of Mexico by smearing it with the scandal created by the kidnapping and potential murder of three Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) members, the United States State Department has ordered its officials to try to sidetrack the growing international exposure of the operation by openly lying to individuals who call about the kidnapping.

Today at 1215 Hours, Mr. Dreyfuss, a desk officer at the State Department's Mexico desk, told a caller who was inquiring about the kidnappings on the basis of a briefing received on them from the U.S. Labor Party (the U.S. affiliate of LALC), "We think their people (the USLP's Mexican comrades) have been released." As of 1300 Hours of the same day, neither the Latin American Labor Committees nor the USLP had received any information indicating that their kidnapped comrades had been released.

A spokesman for the U.S. Labor Party said today, in response to Mr. Dreyfuss' statement: "If the State Department wants to pit its credibility against that of the U.S. Labor Party's credibility, let them do two things. First, let them respond to the Mexican press coverage of the internal Mexican situation which corroborates the USLP's assessment of the CIA-directed operation

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to destabilize the Mexican government and the supervised abduction of our members. Second, let them prove Mr. Dreyfuss' contention that our comrades have been released by producing them in person. Of course, if they can do that, they have proven our charges that the kidnapping is a CIA-State Department engineered operation."

SECOND INVESTIGATORY TEAM LEAVES FOR MEXICO CITY; SUPPORT GROWS FOR KIDNAPPED ORGANIZERS

April 1 (IPS)--National Committee member of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, Khushro Ghandi, and reporter John Atkins, of the Chicago Daily Defender, left from Chicago today for Mexico City to continue the investigation begun by American lawyers Jay Carlyle and Max Dean into the kidnapping of three Latin American Labor Committee members. Mr. Carlyle and Mr. Dean returned from Mexico Sunday night where they began the investigation into the abductions of Carlos de Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, who were abducted by the police on March 24 and 25 respectively.

A third LALC member, Guillermo Moreno, has been abducted since Carlyle and Dean's return. None of these men has been heard from since their abduction.

On Wednesday, Civil Liberties Attorney, Ira Silber of Chicago, is scheduled to join Mr. Atkins and Mr. Ghandi in Mexico City.

LAWYER MAX DEAN REPORTS ON INVESTIGATION OF LALC KIDNAPPINGS

DETROIT, April 2 (IPS)--Max Dean, prominent civil liberties attorney, today reported to a large meeting here of workers the findings of his Mexico City investigations into the recent kidnappings of Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) leaders there.

Dean concluded that all evidence points to an international police agency --the CIA-- as instigating the kidnappings. AP, UPI, and the Detroit News interviewed Dean, with UPI agreeing to cover the story and AP to inform their Mexico offices. The Flint-journal carried a short article reporting Dean's findings.

MEXICAN POLICE RELEASE MORENO

April 2 (IPS)--Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) member Guillermo Moreno, kidnapped two days ago, was released tonight unharmed by the Direccion General de Policia y Transito, the Mexico City police.

In a related development, LALC members were told today by Julian Slin, a high official in the Federal Security Division in the Mexican Federal Security Police, that he had received a phoned death threat from someone claiming to be a LALC member.

No LALC members have ever threatened the lives of Mexican officials. The death threat is an obvious "dirty tricks" operation performed by the FBI/CIA designed to create further chaos in the Mexican government, and follows a pattern of such operations performed on the staff of Mexican consulates in the United States.

DIE WELT CLAIMS ECHEVERRIA TO BE DESTABILIZED

April 3 (IPS)--Fully confirming U.S. Labor Party charges that Second International agent Willy Brandt activated a CIA "destabilization" operation against the government of Mexico between March 20-24, the West German newspaper Die Welt yesterday carried a feature article depicting President Luis Echeverria as a failing "administrator" opposed by all forces in the country. Describing Willy Brandt's March 20-24 trip there as a "godsend" and "foreign policy diversion" for the Mexican president, Die Welt announces that Mexican Interior Minister Mario Moya Palencia--with whom Brandt met secretly before departing--"will probably be the next president."

GUNPOINT KIDNAPPING OF LALC MEMBER IN MEXICO

April 3 (IPS)--Another CIA kidnapping against the Latin American Labor Committee (LALC) took place today. Hector Apollinar, a leading member of LALC in Mexico City was kidnapped at gunpoint at 8:00 AM this morning by plainclothes policemen. A witness in front of Apollinar's apartment building saw three plainclothes policemen shove Apollinar into a car which the witness identified as a "normal undercover car of the Federal de Seguridad." The possibility of CIA or FBI use of such a car is strong; therefore the abductors cannot be positively identified as the Mexican Federal Security Police.

Hector Apollinar has been in charge of contacting the international press corps stationed in Mexico City since the CIA kidnapping 11 days ago of LALC leaders Carlos de Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, who are Mexico City correspondents for New Solidarity International Press Service. De Hoyos and Mendez remain incommunicado, their whereabouts and conditions at the hands of their CIA captors unknown.

SOURCES REPORT LALC LEADERS TO BE CHARGED AS CIA AGENTS IN MOVE TO DESTROY ECHEVERRIA

April 4 (IPS)--The Latin American Labor Committees have learned from informed sources at the National University of Mexico (UNAM) that there are plans underway to charge kidnapped LALC leaders, Carlos de Hoyos Perez and Carlos Mendez Trujillo, with being responsible for the attacks on President Luis Echeverria at the UNAM on March 14. According to the sources, the charges will be filed by the rector of the UNAM, Guillermo Soberon. The sources also reported that a key collaborator in the planned indictments will be "leftist" agent Rolando Cordera, editor of Punto Critico magazine. The reports from the UNAM sources are consistent with the smear campaign in the press against LALC since the UNAM riot and with recent statements of Soberon that the filing of charges in the UNAM disturbances was imminent. Soberon went on to say that the persons to be charged "appeared like students but were not

members of the university community."

IPS REPRESENTATIVE REFUSED U.S. PROTECTION IN MEXICO

April 4 (IPS)--In response to reports from IPS representative and National Committee member Khushro Gandhi that he is being followed, the U.S. Consulate in Mexico City has refused to take any protective or investigative action. Calls from Gandhi to the consulate, asking for the Ambassador or the political consul, are being routed to the consul for citizen's welfare, a Mrs. Sardinias, who is never in. In light of the lack of response to Gandhi's calls and previous insinuations by the embassy that IPS representatives do not merit the protection of the U.S. government, the embassy appears to be engaged in an operation similar to that of the Mexican consulate in New York City, which has merely rerouted protest calls to a special agent of the FBI.

LEFT/RIGHT COUNTERGANG STRATEGY AGAINST LEFT AND ECHEVERRIA EXPOSED

April 5 (IPS)--New Solidarity International Press Service in Mexico has just put together in detail an integral aspect of how the destabilization of Mexican President Luis Echeverria's regime has been carried out by the U.S. State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The aboveboard aspects of this destabilization were begun at UNAM (the National Autonomous University of Mexico) March 14 when Echeverria was physically assaulted by supposedly "leftist" students. In fact the assault was carried out by "left" counter-gangs, the Frente Popular Independiente (FPI) and the Grupo Comunista Internacional (CGI), both penetrated by "local" intelligence agencies and the CIA. The violence, however, was initiated by the GUIA (Guardia Unificadora de Ibero America), an openly right wing fascist group.

SPANISH LANGUAGE PRESS ATTACKS CIA MEDIA; BREAKS BLACKOUT ON DE HOYOS/MENDEZ KIDNAPPING

CHICAGO, April 6 (IPS)--The Spanish language press in the U.S. continues to break the press blackout of the CIA kidnapping of two Latin American Labor Committee members. April 4 La Raza carried an article entitled, "Who Does the UPI Represent?" The article detailed the kidnapping and the subsequent press blackout explaining that UPI apparently denies it happened and concluding, "If the UPI is not working for the CIA, let their editor come forward and explain why they are tampering with Latin American politics."

Yesterday's edition of El Tiempo ran an article titled, "Mexico On the Verge of Fascism." The article describes the CIA's kidnapping of De Hoyos and Mendez as the epitome of fascist police-state activities. Then it lays out the sequence of events around the retraining of police mercenaries for the CIA by representatives of the Second International: "What is the purpose of training so many officers in fascist tactics against an unarmed populace?"

Last night, EFE, the Spanish language wire service for the U.S., Latin America, and Europe joined in breaking the AP-UPI's CIA blackout by sending out over its wire the official statement by the Presidential candidate of the LALC-affiliated U.S. Labor Party, Lyndon Larouche, detailing this blatant attack on the working class by the CIA.

CIA MERCENARIES IN MEXICO CHARGE LALC LEADERS WITH "TREASON"

April 7 (IPS)--According to an article today in Ultimas Noticias, the evening edition of the major Mexican daily Excelsior, Mexican Attorney General Pedro Ojeda Paullada announced that Mexico City Latin American Labor Committee leaders Carlos de Hoyos Perez, Carlos Mendez Trujillo, and Hector Apolinar Iribe, kidnapped by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency operating in Mexico, will be charged with "treason."

Today's article, bylined Oscar Dominguez and entitled "They Sold Secrets to the U.S." said, "The nation's Attorney General confirmed this morning that (the LALC leaders) seized secret documents and information on our country, which they later sold in the United States." The "secret documents" to which the CIA's case refers are files LALC has compiled from Mexican public press sources on Rockefeller triage against the Mexican population. These "secret" documents, published in New Solidarity newspaper, are in fact public evidence of Rockefeller's policy of triage against 30 million Mexicans.

The CIA treason frame-up procedures, as detailed in Ultimas Noticias, follow absolutely no Mexican legal precedents nor the actual practice of law in Mexico. This again underlines the fact that the entire kidnapping and frame-up operation against the LALC was arranged and conducted from outside Mexico by the CIA and U.S. State Department. This most recent escalation in the operation, part of the Rockefeller-CIA destabilization of the regime of Mexican President Echeverria and similar Third World destabilizations aimed at an international red scare against the Soviet Union and the international communist movement, signals a step-up in red scare internationally harking back to the Rosenberg-style frame-ups of the 1950s Cold War.

MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE DENIES CIA PRESS REPORTS ON LALC "TREASON"

April 7 (IPS)--Only hours after the Mexican evening paper Ultimas Noticias hit the streets of Mexico, quoting Mexican Attorney General Ojeda Paullada in accusing LALC leaders Carlos de Hoyos Perez, Carlos Mendez Trujillo and Hector Apolinar Iribe of treason, and citing the maximum possible sentence of 40 years in prison, well informed sources reported to LALC in Mexico that Paullada was "furious, saying that he had never made any such statements to the press....that the investigation had not yet been completed."

These reports were confirmed when a spokesman for the National Caucus of labor Committees called Paullada's office in Mexico to verify the alleged interview in Ultimas Noticias and was told

by Paullada's secretary: "No, he never held such an interview." You say he never said this? "It seems not...let me confirm it for you...look right now they can't confirm anything for you.... Do you wish to leave a message? There's nothing to tell you right now."

Five minutes later, callers were answered by a "Mr Candelario" who claimed there had not been anyone in the office for a while, that he was only the "guardian" and all calls would have to be made in the morning.