

# How New York 'Night Of Terror' Was Checked

*In order to provide the nation's and the world's press with a reliable report on the events during this city's catastrophic blackout, New Solidarity International Press Service is summarizing here a chronology of the actual political battle which took place during and immediately after the power failure which began on the evening of June 13.*

*The following report documents the efforts of Rockefeller-linked agencies to use the blackout to provoke race riots, and the success of Mayor Beame and others - including New York City's police force - in preventing the realization of that threat. The investigative journalism in this report reflects direct intelligence gathered by NSIPS in collaboration with honest police and elected officials and community leaders throughout the five New York boroughs.*

*In a statement issued today, the U.S. Labor Party's national chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche congratulated Beame, City Council President O'Dwyer, and others who under extreme political pressure avoided "police brutality" and other incidents dangerous to the lives of the citizenry.*

## *Night One: July 13*

**\*\*From 9:35 p.m. July 13 through the early hours of July 14, radio reports carried over WINS, CBS and other stations depict a constantly escalating pattern of spontaneous "terror" - pointing to massive looting, arson and arrests throughout the city. CBS radio broadcasts sympathetic interviews with looters not arrested by the**

police, legitimizing the looting as a "natural" phenomenon and portraying lumpenized youth as Robin Hood heroes. It is reported, simultaneously, that Mayor Beame had declared the city in a "state of emergency." Four separate, contradictory accounts of the cause of the blackout are broadcast, including the story that lightning had struck a power plant at Indian Point near New York, putting it out of commission.

**\*\*On-the-spot observers, including police officers and other city employees, reported to NSIPS that firstly, while most of the crowds assembled become involved in the looting, the great majority of looting and arsons are started by neighborhood drug-related networks who are supplied with vans and trucks - not at all spontaneous activity. Secondly, the sources said, where escalations occur they are directly due to provocations by these drug-related networks.**

Thirdly, the looting is generally confined to only about one dozen small sections of the city and is not spreading out of police control. Finally, media indicate that Mayor Beame's declaration of a "state of emergency" was called in response to these confined centers of looting, it is known that Beame was well aware of a deliberate attempt on the part of New York banking interests and Con Edison to get a riot "going" in the city by keeping the blackout going in selective areas - the areas where looting is taking place and where the "riot networks" are deployed.

**\*\*Throughout these first 12 hours of the blackout, the**

## 'There Will Be Action Tonight'

Les Campbell, head of the Brooklyn-based black nationalist organization known as EAST, became notorious for his role as the leading anti-semitic provocateur in the 1968 New York Teachers strike.

EAST began as an overt scab-herding operation around Campbell and Albert Vann, now a member of the New York state legislature, in an exact replication of the rise of Leroi Jones alias Imam Amiri Baraka in Newark, whose career began with the Newark riots of 1967. Campbell, who adopted the name "Jitu Weusi" soon joined Baraka's National Congress of African People.

From the moment of their acceptance of the roles of strike-breakers and riot provocateurs, both Campbell and Jones were heavily funded from a multitude of government and foundation sources continuing to this day.

Campbell later broke with Baraka to maintain his own black racist group in the ravaged Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. From that vantage point he has fallen under the scrutiny of the New York City Police Department under suspicion of advising community youth to take revenge on "the system" by looting neighborhood merchants and

setting fire to the city. Here are some of Campbell's remarks in an interview conducted on July 14.

**EIR:** Were the police arrests irregular in any way?  
**Campbell:** No nothing unusual...As usual police protected the big white businesses and let the black and minority owned stores be looted...

**EIR:** Did any community people try to tell people to stop?

**Campbell:** No. Thank god no politicians came out and told people to cool it. That would have been degrading. It may have worked once but now everybody knows the politicians have no jobs to offer, nothing, and this is an oppressed community.

**EIR:** If there's no power tonight, will the disturbances continue?

**Campbell:** I'll tell you something, there will be action tonight, power or no power. People have gotten a taste of something and they're going to be out again for more....We have people on the street keeping us informed of what's going on."