Watergate the Watergaters!

August 1 (IPS) — If anyone is indicted for crimes against the Constitution, it should be the majority members of the House Judiciary Committee. Their crimes far outweigh those of Rockefeller-patsy Richard Nixon. The passage of the subversive Impeachment Article II this week was merely the capstone of a series of crimes for which Rockefeller had painstakingly assembled this group of hangmen for over a decade. For this task a majority on the Committee has been created that is composed mostly of CIA-FBI agents and vultures over the dead bodies of old Democratic Party men.

Next to the Impeachment Article II, the biggest feather in the hat of these “former” FBI agents and hand-picked Rockefeller toadies is their original passage in 1968 and continual upgrading of the U.S. Gestapo — the domestic CIA operation called the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). Recognizing the pivotal role of the Judiciary Committee in the formation of a national Gestapo and undoubtedly preparing for the contingency of an impeachment, Rockefeller systematically packed the Committee with every new social-fascist insurgent elected to Congress in the last six years.

No less than seven of the Democratic Judiciary Committee members elected since 1968 came into Congress by defeating old-line Committee Chairmen in the Rockefeller-directed dismantling of old Democratic machines and Southern Democrat power. A half-dozen others trace their credentials back to longstanding FBI, CIA or NATO connections.

Leading the pack is Committee Chairman Peter Rodino, exposed by New Solidarity as a leading NATO agent and key organizer behind NATO’s Committee for the Challenges of Modern Society — the low-intensity operation slated for intervention into a European social and economic crisis.

Rodino’s hand-picked hired gun for the impeachment proceeding is chief counsel John Doar. Doar’s subversive activities go back to the 1968 New York teachers’ strike, where as a hastily-appointed head of the Board of Education, he ignored a court-ordered settlement and proceeded to foment race war between teachers and black ghetto residents. Simultaneously, he was serving on the Stuyvesant Development Corporation which was supplying “community organizers” to attack the picket lines and break the strike. One of those “community organizers,” accused murderer Sonny Carson (now involved in LEAA gun-running to Brooklyn gangs) graduated to the Bedford Stuyvesant Community Corporation Board itself. Doar was in compatible company.

While the entire Judiciary Committee’s enthusiastic support for the LEAA will be discussed later, two members deserve special notice for their active promotion of community-based Gestapos and terrorism in this country. Detroit Representative John Conyers, not satisfied with turning only Detroit into a self-policing hell hole, recently introduced the Community Anti-Crime Assistance Act which would provide national funding for the purpose of improving police-community relations, encourage citizen participation in crime prevention and other cooperative efforts in the criminal justice system.” Conyers’ only dispute with the LEAA is that it does not work well enough.

Brooklyn Representative Elizabeth Holtzman has consciously ignored Labor Committee evidence of LEAA gun-running, brainwashing, and gang organizing in her district and has chosen instead to work closely with the LEAA police who run the operation. Her defeat (by 110 votes!) of Emmanuell Cellers, then chairman of the House Judiciary Committee in 1972, signalled a qualitative shift in the politics of the Judiciary Committee.

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Creating the National Gestapo

Since Cellers was booted and Rodino became chairman of the Judiciary Committee in 1972, the scope and power of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has been increased. The LEAA, as IPS has documented, is Rockefeller’s domestic CIA. Originally enacted in 1968 under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, the LEAA during its first four years was used by old-fashioned state planning agencies to buy guns and fancy hardware. After 1972, it was transformed into the sophisticated instrument for brainwashing and community Gestapo organizing that it is today.

The current Judiciary Committee, renewing the LEAA’s funding in 1973 at the sum of one billion dollars, instituted significant changes. The LEAA was given jurisdiction not only over law enforcement, but over all criminal justice, thereby bringing the courts and correctional institutions under its control. The Committee instituted a requirement that each state had to
initiate a narcotics rehabilitation program in order to qualify for any law enforcement money. These rehabilitation programs have become the spawning grounds for such brainwashed terrorist organizations as the Black Liberation Army.

Ensuring the same brainwashing treatment for prisoners, the Committee established expanding provisions for prisoner furloughs so that they could attend off-prison medical facilities and so that they could participate in work-release scab operations.

The rest of the Committee break down into two major categories — the old-time agents and the Young Turks.

Old-Time Agents

Don Edwards (Calif.) was a special agent, FBI, 1940-41, and in Naval Intelligence. Formerly he served as chairman of the CIA-liberal countergang, Americans for Democratic Action.

Georg Danielson (Calif.) was a special agent of the FBI (1939-44) with special assignments to Latin America and to the United States Senate! His assignment in Latin America would have put him under the direct control of Nelson Rockefeller, who headed Latin American Intelligence in that period.

Larry Hogan (Md.) was an agent, FBI, 1948-58. He was formerly on the Maryland Governors Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, the state LEAA planning body. He is currently running for governor of Maryland, and under pressure from the Washington Post, he decided to support impeachment.

Robert Kastenmeier is a representative for the student swamp at the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin. He had CIA-man Marcus Raskin on his congressional staff in 1958. He recently conducted a cover-up investigation of behavior modification in prisons. In the post-war period, he headed the War Department branch office in the Philippines (1946-48).

Young Turks

Charles Rangel (N.Y.) defeated Adam Clayton Powell, chairman of House Education and Labor Committee, in 1970. Rangel won with the aid of Rockefeller-directed redistricting of Powell’s Harlem district. Several blocks of the Upper West Side were added to the district. These blocks gave 1,500 votes to Rangel and he beat Powell by 150 votes. A reporter who covered the campaign credited Rockefeller with the victory. In 1972, Rangel tried to make the destruction of the old committee system official by introducing a bill which would require the Democratic chairman of standing committees to have voted with the majority of House Dems at least 50 percent of the time. Rangel has served on the Bipartisan Task Force for Prison Reform.

Paul Sarbanes (Md.) has the destruction of two old-time Democratic Committee chairmen under his belt. In 1970, the city of Baltimore was reapportioned and two districts were combined into one. One incumbent, Edward Garmatz, the chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, retired. The other incumbent, George Fallon, Chairman of Public Works, was defeated by Sarbanes. Sarbanes served under Walter Heller in 1962 on the Council of Economic Advisors.

John Seiberling (Ohio) defeated the ranking Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee, William Ayers. (Ayers was targeted by environmental groups as one of the dirty dozen, that group of a dozen Congressmen who blocked environmental legislation. Seiberling’s grandfather founded Goodyear Rubber. In 1970, while on the legal staff of Goodyear, Seiberling supported a United Rubber Workers strike at Goodyear.)

Rep. (Father) Drinan (Mass.) defeated Rep. Philip J. Philbin in 1970, after Philbin’s district was reapportioned to add new voters. Philbin had been second ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee and would have been chairman by now. Drinan was the first to introduce a resolution to impeach Nixon into Congress.

Rep. William Hungate (Mo.) replaced Clarence Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, when Cannon retired. Hungate’s other claim to fame is the authorship of the “Ballad of Watergate.”

Jack Brooks (Tex.) won his position when two districts were reapportioned into one in 1965. The incumbent in one, Clark Thompson, a ranking member on the Ways and Means Committee, retired in favor of Brooks. Brooks was the first to “expose” Nixon’s expenditures on San Clemente and Key Biscayne.

Rep. Barbara Jordan (Tex.), serving as President Pro Tem of the Texas Senate, oversaw the redistricting of the state. She created a new district for herself, held tight while the Governor and Lt. Governor were Watergated, and the Speaker of the House was thrown in jail, and walked off with the House seat.