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## Cold Warrior

ON JANUARY 30 the influential *Washington Post* began publication under the title "Labour's Cold Warrior" of a series of articles by its staff writer Dan Kurzman, exposing Jay Lovestone, Director of the AFL-CIO Department of International Affairs, as an arm of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Lovestone, Kurzman writes, is, in fact, "Meany's Secretary of State, directing a world-wide operation that parallels and often converges with the U.S. diplomatic network. And he runs a vast intelligence system that appears to be informally but tightly integrated with the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency." His co-operation with the CIA has cooled relations between American trade unions and unions abroad.

Especially irksome to foreign labour leaders, writes Kurzman, is Lovestone's "influence over U.S. labour attachés stationed in embassies abroad." Some responsible union sources even say that appointment of labour attachés in "such key places as London, Paris, Rome and Brussels must always get Lovestone's stamp of approval."

Another sphere of Lovestone's co-operation with U.S. government bodies is in the American Institute for Free Labour Development (AIFLD), which is financed by 60 corporations with interests in Latin America and by the U.S. government through its Agency for International Development. The AIFLD, which operates a training centre in Washington for "labour leaders" in Latin America, has long since become in effect a branch of the CIA. In this connection Kurzman writes that its critics say it "does not make for independent-minded union leaders and looks all the worse when Lovestone

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and his aides boast, as they have, that their pupils have plotted against undesirable governments such as the Joao Goulart Brazilian regime that was deposed in 1964."

Kurzman shows that Washington's policy of supporting reactionary military dictatorships, if they go along with State Department and CIA wishes, has a faithful parallel in the activities of Lovestone. In the Dominican Republic, he writes, Lovestone's Latin-American agent, Andrew McClellan, supported the U.S. tool General Elias Wessin y Wessin and "justified the overthrow of the Bosch regime under Wessin's leadership."

In Latin America the AFL-CIO supports dictatorial regimes in Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras and other countries. When the U.S. sought to overthrow the regime of Prime Minister Cheddi Jagan in British Guiana, "Lovestone's operatives" did their part. "The AFL-CIO sent in teams of advisers and tons of money," writes Kurzman, "to combat the regime's forces and eventually depose it." In Cuba Lovestone "backed the Cuban Federation of Labour (CTC) whose leaders closely co-operated with Batista. When Batista was overthrown by the Castro-led revolution, CTC general secretary Eusebio Mujal and his associates fled." Now Mujal and other leaders of the Batista union have CIA connections and are working for Lovestone.

Lovestone's hand in Latin American affairs became most noticeable, writes Kurzman, when President

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Johnson named a fellow-Texan, Thomas C. Mann, as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs. McClellan, also from Texas, was a boyhood friend of Mann's. They participated together in some Latin-American operations. Mann's first action when he took his post was to ask McClellan and Lovestone to address his staff.

Lovestone policy, supported by Meany, has brought a rift with the leadership of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), to which the AFL-CIO is affiliated. Tension reached such a point that at a press conference last March Meany said the ICFTU was "an ineffective bureaucracy."

Kurzman observes that Lovestone's line of narrow "pragmatic" unionism with emphasis on anti-communism and hostility to peaceful co-existence clashes with the policy of most of the unions of Europe and especially of developing African countries, where the unions play a strong role in the struggle for freedom from imperialist domination. In recent months, says Kurzman, almost a dozen African unions have withdrawn from the ICFTU and joined the All-African Trade Union Federation.

Opposition to Lovestone's policies is evident not only in international organizations but also in primary trade union organizations in the United States.

Dan Kurzman's series in the *Washington Post* provides added confirmation of the disgraceful role the reactionary American trade union leadership is playing on the international scene.