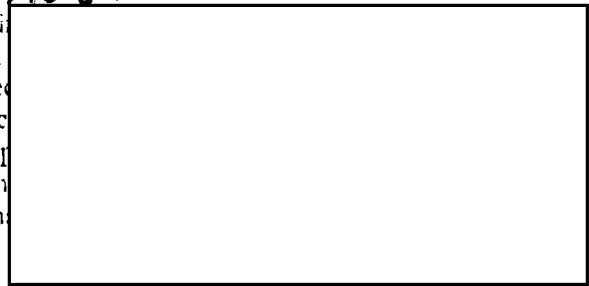


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grow up in America's ghetto slums? Is it impossible for them to understand that Eartha Kitt spoke for millions of other American Negroes? Is it impossible for middle-class America to understand even a little of what it means to be an outsider in one's own country? Mrs. Johnson's negative reaction and the reported flood of letters protesting Eartha Kitt's remarks are profoundly discourag-

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MEDDLING IN BRAZIL

THE CIA BUNGLES ON

With the approach of the first anniversary of the revelation of CIA involvement in scores of private organizations comes news from Brazil of new CIA meddling in trade union activity there, through the use of an American union as conduit and cover. Interestingly, the exposure was headline news in Brazil, but it has been completely blacked out of the American press.

The pattern is the familiar one of a nominally private organization—in this case the International Federation of Petroleum and Chemical Workers (IFPCW), an American union—buying influence and intelligence with CIA money. The story comes complete with documentation in the form of a list of payoffs.

The two spheres most congenial for the CIA's system of using private organizations as fronts have been international student and international labor activity. They provide the Agency with an entrée to leftist, activist foreign organizations that often are the focal points of activity hostile to American interests. In the case of the student operation, the system was blown wide open, largely because NSA had a guilty conscience and told all. Labor, on the other hand, which has been a much bigger operation, made poker-faced denials, and has continued to function. The liaison between the American Institute of Free Labor Development (AIFLD) and the CIA has been exposed many times, but AIFLD has not been put out of business. It continues to function as one of the pet projects of Jay Lovestone, George Meany's Communism expert.

The International Federation of Petroleum and Chemical Workers was one of those traced to the CIA through the NSA revelations. According to its own financial report, it received \$30,000 from the Andrew Hamilton Foundation, a CIA front. Since 1965, it and the AIFLD have been active in Brazil to encourage Brazil's petrochemical unions to affiliate with their North American counterpart. This is part of the CIA's continuing effort to influence Latin American trade unions to be primarily apolitical craft guilds, on the assumption that the politics of Latin unions will be anti-U.S. Apolitical unionism, though traditional in the U.S., runs counter to the whole tradition of the Latin American trade union movement,

which is attempting to evolve a larger social perspective than the simple meat-and-potatoes philosophy of North American labor leaders. IFPCW's activity has been the principal cause of the failure of Brazil's 16 petroleum unions to unite in a National Federation of Petroleum Workers. The unions have remained fragmented largely because of IFPCW interference. (On the other hand, Brazilian locals are warmly encouraged to affiliate with ORIT, the Interamerican Regional Organization of Workers, a creation of the AFL-CIO in Latin America, which also promotes apolitical unionism North American style.)

The AIFLD was the prime mover behind the drive to affiliate the Brazilians with the IFPCW through the use of financial loans to favored unions. Earlier allegations of CIA involvement led the petroleum unions to decide against affiliation in late October, 1967.

Then, in December, documentation was uncovered by a São Paulo trade union leader, Egisto Demonicali. This was in the form of a complete list of payoffs and other expenditures prepared for Alberto Ramos, the IFPCW representative in Brazil, and a note from Ramos to Aley Nogueira, of the São Paulo office. It states:

"I have with me 45,000,000 cruzeiros (\$16,666.67) for you to distribute to the unions for campaigns in accordance with our plans. If you are not available before tomorrow, then arrange to be here on Wednesday, since I will be in Rio conversing with Velasquez about other trips to the U.S." Attached was an itemized expense sheet, implicating high level government officials, labor leaders, newsmen, a general, in accepting bribes. Services rendered ranged from petty favors to the rigging of union elections. Samples:

- Bonus to Jose Abud for his collaboration . . . \$156.25
- Special payment for Dr. Jorge M. Filho of Labor Ministry . . . \$875.00
- Trip for Mr. Glaimbore Guinasaes, our informer at Fegundes St. . . . \$ 56.25
- Photocopies of books and documents of Petroleum Federation . . . \$100.00
- Assistance to Guedes and Eufrasio to defeat Luis Furtado of the Suzano Union . . \$140.64