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## Liberal Brainwashing Outfit

A semi-secretive, highly liberal organization is conducting brainwashing sessions for congressional assistants close by Capitol Hill. Going under the title of the Institute for Policy Studies, the group is a tax-exempt institute which began operations in Washington in 1963. Its headquarters are located at 1900 Florida Ave., N.W., where furtive meetings are held at night for the purpose of "educating" congressional aides.

The type of education they might receive is indicated by the IPS bulletin board which is decorated with Women Strike for Peace literature and a campaign poster for Robert Scheer, the foreign affairs editor of the radical *Ramparts* magazine who is running for Congress in California. Scheer's poster reads: "The United States should never have gone into Viet Nam, should not have stayed there and should now get out."

The IPS runs on an annual budget of approximately \$200,000 which it receives from universities and such organizations as the Ford Foundation, which set up the left-wing Fund for the Republic.

Reporters are not welcome at IPS meetings and are sometimes even refused its literature. A secretary, Joyce Schroeder, told a *Human Events* reporter over the telephone that he could have some of the printed material but when he arrived to pick it up she refused to hand it over to him. She wouldn't give it out until he had first talked to the co-director who wasn't in and is often away from the office.

IPS is engaged in many operations, including bringing university scholars to the Capital to research problems of public policy, but this tax-exempt institute is presently concentrating its energies on molding the minds of congressional assistants. It has already started a seminar for aides on problems of the South, in which such radical political operators like CORE director Floyd McKissick and the AFL-CIO's Southern organizer, James Pierce, tell the aides what must be done to improve conditions. Conservative or even moderate speakers cannot be discovered on the seminar syllabus.

An even more flagrantly biased seminar on disarmament will begin on April 26. An IPS invitation says that approximately 20 congressional assistants will meet at 7 p.m. at the institute once a week for 10 weeks. The seminar, notes the invitation, is reserved "exclusively for congressional assistants" and will "explore various views of national defense."

While the institute's language indicates the seminars will be non-partisan and scholarly, the speakers sponsored by the IPS are nearly all from the radical left-wing fringe. Among the disarmament "experts" to be heard:

- Marcus G. Raskin. A co-director of the institute, he was so liberal that even White House aide McGeorge Bundy couldn't get along with Raskin when Raskin was a staff member of the National Security Council. Raskin was a key speaker at the anti-Viet Nam teach-in held in the Sheraton Park Hotel last May. He was also a consultant to *The Liberal Papers*, a notorious handbook of appeasement which contained essays counseling recognition of Red China and unilateral disarmament.

- Arthur Waskow. A "resident fellow" of the institute, Waskow is an author of an essay in *The Liberal Papers* and once put together a study for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency which contained an article claiming that world peace was benefited by the Soviet occupation of Eastern and Central Europe.

- Seymour Melman. A unilateral disarmament champion, he is a member of SANE, has picketed against Civil Defense in New York and has had his works on unilateral disarmament lauded by Victor Perlo in the *Worker*, the official paper of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

- Jerome Wiesner. Another "peace champion," he has criticized our disarmament negotiators for being overly cautious with the Soviets, has approved plans to cut our defenses unilaterally and is in favor of appeasing the Soviets on a broad scale in order to achieve some sort of disarmament pact with them.

Such is the nature of an organization now trying to get its radical views across to Congress by "briefing" congressional aides.