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Labor Caucus testifies

CIA subverting police, Boston councilmen told

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Members of the National Committee of Labor Caucuses (NCLC) told a City Council hearing yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is "destroying" the Boston Police Dept. and re-forming it to become part of a national police force.

Michael Minnicino, an NCLC member from New York, said the CIA and the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) are engaged in an international conspiracy to install "military rule in North America and Western Europe."

Minnicino and Lawrence Sherman, both former members of the labor wing of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), testified before Councilman Albert O'Neil's committee on public service.

O'Neil stressed he was not affiliated with the group, but agreed to have its members give information on Police Commr. diGrazia, Second Deputy Mayor Robert Kiley, and several civilian assistants in the department, who O'Neill charges are destroying the Boston Police Dept. with their policies.

The NCLC members charge that diGrazia, Kiley, and diGrazia's assistants, Gary Hayes, Phil Marks, Mark Furstenberg, and other civilian officials, are part of a CIA-LEAA conspiracy to take over police departments across the country and in other parts of the world and turn nations into fascist states.

When Minnicino and Sherman made charges of the international conspiracy, O'Neil said he wanted to hear only information about the Boston Police Dept.

"I want you to get on Kiley,

diGrazia—and that's what I want," he said. The NCLC spokesman then charged that Kiley, a former CIA executive, is still a CIA agent, and that diGrazia, Hayes, Furstenberg, Marks and others are all linked to the alleged CIA-LEAA movement.

Councilman Patrick F. McDonough, said the hearing was supposed to be about diGrazia, Kiley and the civilian officials in the department. He asked, "Are we going to have a hearing concerning this, or are we going to listen to this dribble?"

Councilman Frederick Langone told the NCLC members "there are serious charges", and he wanted "specifics."

Sherman said Kiley, diGrazia and the police department's civilian executives are all linked to each other as members either of the CIA or LEAA.

Councilman Christopher A. Iannella asked if Mayor White is part of this "conspiracy?"

Minnicino answered: "We suggest he probably is."

Kiley, diGrazia and his civilian aides did not show up at the hearing. They said they were not officially notified to attend.

O'Neil said he would "subpoena" them to appear at a future hearing. However, according to Corporation Counsel Herbert P. Gleason, the council can obtain a subpoena, through the courts, only if the matter involved "is within their jurisdiction," and if a summons by the council is ignored.

Gleason added that the Police Dept. is not under the council's jurisdiction, thus no member can obtain a subpoena to get department members to appear.

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