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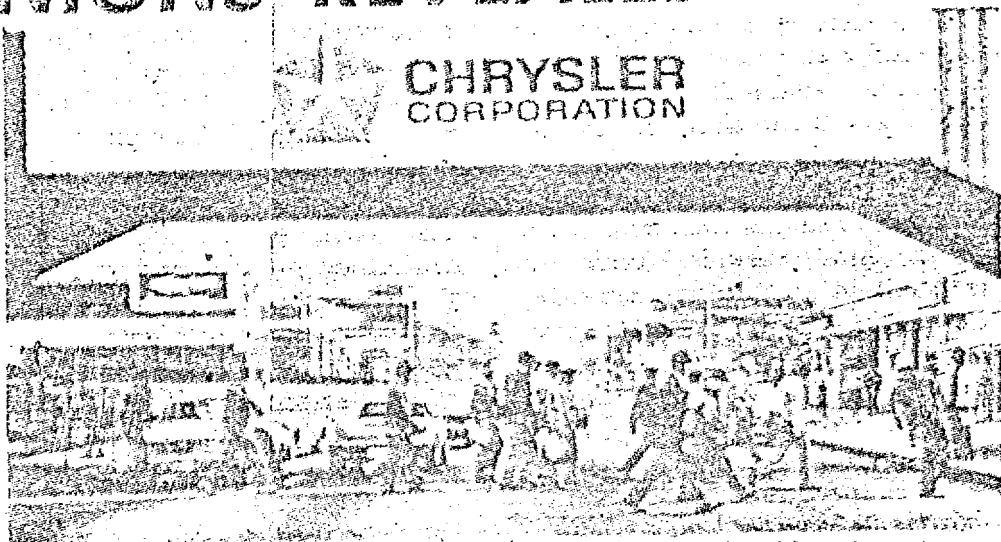
C.I.A. LINKS TO LABOR, SABOTAGE OF TRADE UNIONS REVEALED

(Los Angeles, Calif.) - The existence of extensive ties between the CIA and AFL-CIO leadership has been confirmed by one of the founders of the CIO and a veteran of 40 years in the American labor movement, reports Rodney Larson of Research Associates International.

Victor Reuther, brother of United Auto Workers former President Walter Reuther, has just completed a book documenting the extensive history of CIA and labor, *Solidarity of Subversion*.

Reuther was in an unusually good position to judge the effect of the CIA's use of U.S. labor programs overseas. As director of the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Affairs Department for many years, he was able to observe the actions of representatives of other unions, the AFL, and the world-wide apparatus of the merged AFL and CIO that was run by former leftists and Communists under the direction of AFL-CIO international director Jay Lovestone.

According to Reuther, Lovestone played an important role in attempts to split the infant UAW and cooperated with auto companies as early as the mid-1930s.



Organized labor is plagued with extensive CIA infiltration.

Lovestone was made director of international affairs of the AFL-CIO over the protests of the UAW and Walther and Victor Reuther in the 1950s.

In 1951, Victor Reuther was released from his UAW duties in the U.S. and was sent on a long tour through Europe to assess the state of European trade unionism. At that time he already had extensive experience in the international aspects of trade unionism and was able to utilize his experiences and contacts gained during a trip through Europe to the Soviet Union in the early 1930s. Both Victor and Walther Reuther worked in a Soviet auto plant (established by Henry Ford)

for almost two years before their involvement in the UAW.

Victor Reuther says that after this 1951 trip, CIO president Phil Murray asked him to assume the directorship of the European office of the CIO that might, in part, help to counter the more conservative policies of the AFL office there, under the direction of Lovestone and Irving Brown.

Reuther says that he found out that Irving Brown and the AFL were receiving "incredibly large funds from some U.S. government source in an effort to get European trade unions in his pocket and to dictate the foreign policy of both European and African countries."

His investigations showed that the "hysterical fear of Communism that produced McCarthyism in America was being spread, by means of CIA money, first by the AFL and later by the merged AFL-CIO under Meany's autocratic rule."