

Detroit

Rose Rips 'Liberal' Mogk

by Carolyn Nelson

DETROIT, July 29 — "Mr. Mogk, do self-help programs and dividing up the city mean that you would have community people pick up garbage if the sanitation workers went out on strike?"

The questioner was a black youth in the audience at the debate here today between Gerry Rose, U.S. Labor Party candidate for mayor of Detroit in 1973, and one of his opponents, John Mogk, a liberal who has a reputation for support of "local community control."

"If city workers refuse to work," Mogk bleated in reply to the youth, "and the quality of life is threatened," he continued outrageously, "it's up to the elected officials to do something about it." Translation: If Mogk were mayor he would call on Detroiters to scab or striking sanitation workers.

Rose immediately strode to the podium. "When there is a strike, we organize the working class and the unemployed to join that strike and support it. Mogk says that he believes in collective bargaining, but the city is bankrupt. Collective bargaining under bankruptcy is a joke. Mogk talks as if there isn't any slave labor going on. We should be angry and go from this meeting and organize!"

The audience of 45, including Labor Party supporters, Mogk

staffers and half a dozen auto workers, loudly applauded this challenge.

During the debate Rose proved ruthlessly that Mogk's do-for-self, community-control schemes for schools, sanitation services, jobs and housing fall right in line with capitalist plans to get workers to kowtow in the depression. The two-party system is gone and the capitalists are left with the problem, "How can we police the working class?" Cool on the surface but obviously itchy when confronted with his role as dupe of the employers, Mogk found it necessary to deny over and over that he "subscribed" to New Detroit, the large counter-insurgency operation here run by Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. "I resigned from the New Detroit Law Committee because it wasn't effective," he asserted.

Mogk is proud that he sat on the commission which proposed the new city charter to divide the city into eight or more warring camps competing for dwindling funds. This charter would give the perfect set-up for him to implement his local control ideology.

"What would this city charter mean for Detroit's workers?" Rose asked. "Look at what happened when the school system was broken up. New Detroit didn't want a united movement to improve the schools so school decentral-

ization was instituted in 1970 so that parents would fight teachers over wage increases when the schools are faced with diminishing funds. Mogk also sat on the committee that drew up the warring boundaries for the school districts."

Mogk was on the defensive. "The decentralization of the schools was supposed to increase the quality of education which it hasn't done. All the region board members should come together and demand funding. That would be a more effective force than the seven people on the central board." After New Detroit spent millions of dollars and years of effort in decentralizing the schools, aided by Mogk, among others — gee, why don't folks all get back together and demand funding?

Do For Self

This ex-member of the New Detroit Law Committee who resigned because it wasn't effective is one of the best do-for-self proponents New Detroit could wish for. He administered the Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens District Council, which has been highly acclaimed in the press as a model local-control neighborhood.

What they mean by "model" is that it has the largest volunteer scab operation in the city. Those residents busy cleaning streets, playgrounds, and vacant lots don't bother to



NCLC mayoral candidate Gerry Rose explains how liberal John Mogk's liberal solutions won't work during this depression.

question why the city isn't doing the job. And they can be relied upon to scab on striking sanitation workers. Young volunteers are now being herded for park maintenance. With this do-for-self spirit, who needs all those municipal workers?

"One needs little imagination to see that an army of volunteers can break a city strike," Rose pointed out. "Mogk has even organized potential vigilante squads — now known in the area as volunteer police — which could be available to enforce such strikebreaking."

Slave Labor

Mogk claimed to be in favor of jobs for everyone "at a union wage." However, he proposed in the same breath that Detroit workers must "compete" with workers in other areas for jobs. How? "...by giving businesses incentives to relocate here."

Mogk has the gall to suggest that workers subsidize capitalists while fighting other workers for jobs. This swinish, self-defeating idea is in direct contrast to the Labor Party campaign for productive jobs for everyone.

When Rose asked Mogk flat out if he opposed slave labor, Mogk felt compelled to say welfare victims should have jobs at union wages. But he sheepishly evaded the next question — "Would you join with the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization in demonstrating against slave labor?"

"I'm very busy," he said, hurrying out the door after the debate.

"Busy trying to hide the knot that ties him to New Detroit," a Labor Party organizer commented.

Nationwide Press Conferences Blast CIA

LC Punishes Baraka Goons for Newark Disruption Attempt



Baraka goons could not stop Newark press conference exposing their fascist leader.

August 7 — Thugs from the Newark organization of Imamu Baraka today attacked a U.S. Labor Party press conference in an abortive attempt to prevent public exposure of Baraka's CIA backing. Today's attack follows an assault by Baraka's agents yesterday afternoon on the Newark Labor Committee office.

Both attacks were driven off by Labor Committee defense squads and today's press conference — one of a series of nine simultaneous U.S. Labor Party conferences exposing the CIA around the country — proceeded without incident.

Reporters at the conference heard Newark socialist mayoral candidate Jim Rotonda and his running mate, candidate for City Council Dennis Speed, announce the publication and wide national distribution of the National Caucus of Labor Com-

mittees' pamphlet "Papa Doc Baraka: Fascism in Newark."

"This 40-page pamphlet proves how Baraka was bought off by the CIA and Prudential Insurance Company," Speed said. "And I mean proves, down to dollar amounts and the names of Baraka's CIA overseers."

The other press conferences — held in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Charlotte, Seattle, Detroit, and Baltimore — blow the cover on the CIA's domestic counterinsurgency apparatus. They drew reporters from the United Press International, the Associated Press, the New York Times, Reuters, CBS Radio, Time Magazine, The Philadelphia Bulletin, Philadelphia Inquirer, and numerous local newspapers and radio and TV stations.

Today's New York Post and Washington Star carried stories on the NCLC's Watergate expose and numerous other newspapers, including the Seattle Times and the Buffalo Evening News printed the Associated Press' dispatch on the Senate intervention.

In Newark eight media representatives, including the New York Daily News, UPI, WNJR Radio, and the Newark Star Ledger, were on hand for the noon conference at the Robert Treat Hotel. One hour before the conference three young Baraka hoodlums entered the hotel conference room and began tearing down anti-Baraka posters from the walls. They were driven out by a Labor Committee defense squad and fled the hotel to a waiting car, leaving a trail of blood in the lobby.

Later that afternoon, following the press conference, two

carloads of Baraka supporters staking out the Newark Labor Committee's office were taught a harsh lesson for their cowardly attack on the Labor Committee office the day before. Cornered by Labor Committee defense groups after an automobile chase through the city streets, three Baraka thugs were left beaten and bleeding, their car partially destroyed.

Throughout the day in Newark a clear pattern of harassment had been discernible. Baraka's goons continually cruised the area around the downtown hotel. Suspicious phone calls and visits from phony reporters were received at the conference.

With today's national exposure of Baraka and the CIA's growing national network, Baraka has no more room to hide. As mayoral candidate Jim Rotonda said, "We will immediately saturate Newark with our posters advertising this new pamphlet. The ghetto will begin to realize that we are the revolutionary organization that can drive Baraka and his white fascist twin Anthony Imperiale out of town."

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NCLC Blasts CIA Cover Up at Watergate

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view between Chaitkin and Philip Haire, an aide of the Select Committee, this "impartial" body, as well as the Armed Services Committee and the Cox Commission, refused to accept the NCLC's thoroughly documented proof of CIA plots against the workers and unemployed in the United States.

According to Lieutenant Eugene Branner of the Washington Police, the eight arrested Labor Committee members were to be charged with disrupting Congress and unlawful entry. When asked for the basis for an unlawful entry charge at a public hearing, Branner stated that "It's unlawful entry

if you come with the intention of disrupting Congress: we will prove that intention." Branner's statement revealed tentative government plans to bring major "conspiracy" type charges against the Labor Committees.

At the arraignment that afternoon, however, court officials announced that charges against all eight had been dropped on orders from Senators Baker and Ervin. Rather than risk the massive public exposure of the CIA that would accompany any conspiracy frame-up of the Labor Committees, Ervin and company had quickly moved to hush up the entire affair. The wavering

evident in their handling of the CIA hot potato again proves their cover-up work for the CIA.

Reporters from every major national news media, including NBC Associated Press, United Press International, the New York Times and the Washington Post were present to hear Chaitkin blow the cover off CIA dirty tricks in the U.S. As Chaitkin fielded questions from the reporters, NCLC members picketed at the entrance of the Senate Office Building where the hearings are held. They carried signs saying "CIA Out of Newark," "CIA Out of UAW," "Dirty Tricks Means Slave Labor," "CIA Subverts Labor."

