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This is a story about the shadow world of American extremist politics.

It is a world of stretched and blurred definitions, of arcane political gamesmanship and Byzantine interconnections where the political right at times seems to merge with the left. It may not make sense.

But it demonstrates the huge and bizarre dimensions of American politics.

Begin with the National Caucus of Labor Committees, an obscure New York-based organization.

One of the most volatile and militant groups in the country, NCLC has until recently preached that it was on the verge of leading America to socialist revolution and smashing the "Rockefeller-Carter-CIA-controlled proto-fascist state."

In an abrupt switch late last year, it began to mute the talk of revolution and said it must now push instead for creation of an "industrial capitalist republic" under a "Whig" government with a 19th-century Hamiltonian banking system. The socialist state will apparently come later.

Meanwhile, NCLC is actively forging alliances with its erstwhile natural enemy - the American right. To wit:

Liberty Lobby, an ultraconservative group based in Washington, has advertised and sold copies of a 129-page report by NCLC describing what NCLC says is a "terrorist" apparatus of government agencies, private research groups and political organizations coordinated by the Carter administration, the Central Intelligence Agency and Rockefeller interests to "deindustrialize" American and go to war with the Soviet Union by 1978.

Spotlight, Liberty Lobby's newspaper, praised NCLC as "probably the only 'honest' Marxist group in the U.S. because it is not supported by Rockefeller money, as are all similar groups."

Lyndon H. LaRouche, 54, NCLC's leader and 1976 presidential candidate, has hired as his personal security adviser Mitchell L. WerBell III, an Atlanta-based firearms manufacturer and fervid anti-Communist who assisted Cuban strongman Fulgencio Batista until Fidel Castro's takeover in 1959. LaRouche claims he is an assassination target of the Maost "Baader-Meinhof"

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