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Right-wing book attacks labor's political activity

A new book is being hailed by the right wing as "explosive evidence" that organized labor has illegally poured funds into political campaigns and that both donors and recipients should be prosecuted.

It is titled The \$100 Million Payoff: How Big Labor Buys Its Democrats and was written by M. Douglas Caddy, one of the more eager workers in the right wing. The book is being published by Arlington House, a sister enterprise of the Conservative Book Club, New Rochelle, N. Y. (293 pages; \$8.95)

Human Events, the conservative Washington tabloid filled its front page and three others in the May 11 issue with an article heralding the book. The headline was "The Democrats' Watergate."

Author's background

Douglas Caddy, 36, apparently started his very active career on the right as leader of the youth forces at the 1960 Republican convention behind Barry Goldwater for Vice President. When that move failed, the young boosters met next at the Sharon, Connecticut, estate of the Buckley family and organized Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). Caddy was their first National Director.

He worked a while for Marvin Liebman, the New York public relations man who organized numerous right-wing committees, and was Executive Director of the Committee for Public Affairs of the McGraw-Edison Co. The Edison in that enterprise was the late Charles Edison, whose many activities in the right wing included being an Advisory Editor of the John Birch Society's monthly magazine, American Opinion. Caddy also worked briefly for the National Association of Manufacturers.

In the early 60's, he participated in political action conferences conducted by Human Events. Also, he had once been in charge of training promising young conservative writers at the Human Events School of Journalism.

Besides YAF, Caddy was active in College Young Republicans; Youth for Nixon; and the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists, an intellectually-oriented group of conservatives on many campuses from which he held a scholarship.

Watergate connection

While finishing law school or shortly thereafter, Caddy worked for General Foods in the office of Robert Mullen, where he met E. Howard Hunt, who also worked there and has since been convicted of burglarizing the Democratic headquarters in the Watergate. It was Caddy who was called at 3 a.m. after the arrests to represent the burglars. He was re-

tained briefly but turned the case over to a criminal lawyer.

Also, Caddy and Hunt started an enterprise, apparently defunct, called New Majority Book Club, which published an attack on Justice William O. Douglas.

Some other activities

Around the early 70's, Caddy became a Trustee of the Robert M. Schuchman Memorial Foundation, named for a deceased founder of YAF. The Foundation set up, in turn, a "Center for the Public Interest," which gave him a grant to write the book.

A recent brochure from the Center includes endorsements from conservative leaders such as M. Stanton Evans and Phyllis Schlafly. Its officers include several former colleagues of Caddy at YAF, the Editor of Human Events and several Congressional staff people. The brochure also notes that contributions are tax-deductible. A fund-raising letter for the Center, on Congressional letterhead, was signed by Representative Steve Symms (R - Idaho) who has done the same chore for the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

In 1964, Caddy became one of the first Directors of International Youth Federation for Freedom, a short-lived youth movement based on anti-Communism. He attended the Second Annual Conservative Awards Dinner in 1971.

Anti-labor connection

After the Watergate caper, Caddy was reported by the Northern Virginia Sun to have moved to a Washington suburb and been appointed to two Republican committees in the area. A curious reporter threw more light on Caddy's legal work. For instance, he had done volunteer work for the Lawyers Committee for the Reelection of the President, specifically for Gordon Liddy.

But of more interest to Caddy's new book attacking labor was the fact, reported by the Sun, that Caddy was associated with the law firm of Gall, Lane, Powell and Kilcullen until he went with the Center for the Public Interest (which Caddy refused to describe).

One of the partners in this firm is John Kilcullen, who has been Counsel to the National Right to Work Committee, as well as its lobbyist. Kilcullen has also worked with the "Center for the Study of Union Power" of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The Sun quoted a colleague of Caddy on the local Republican committee as having known him through "their mutual association with the National Right to Work legal defense organization," obviously a reference to the "foundation" which is operated jointly with the National Right to Work Committee and which is representing a few dissident members of the Machinists union and its political arm.

Note: Much of Caddy's book comes from material subpoenaed from the Machinists in a suit started seven years ago (George L. Seay versus International Association of Machinists) in the U. S. District Court for Central California. The suit was dismissed last December by Judge Harry Pregerson, who ruled that the union had done nothing illegal. He cited union political activity in American history and declared that political strength is part of collective bargaining.

Organization notes

● Citizens Opposed to Impeachment, which is raising funds by ads and letters, calls itself a project of Young America's Campaign Committee, which is actually one of the more successful side operations of leaders of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

● Two recent guests on the Manion Forum, run by Birch founder Clarence Manion, have been Senator James Allen (D-Ala) and Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.). Allen opposed federal financing of elections; Thurmond urged that labor should be put under the anti-trust laws.

● Harding College, at Searcy, Arkansas, is celebrating its 50th year. Starting as a small, religious school, Harding became known nationally after it came under the leadership of Dr. George S. Benson, a former missionary to China who molded it into an ultraconservative institution. Benson's chief implement for outreach was his National Education Program, which still floods the country with right-wing doctrine.

● The National Right to Work Committee boasts that the featured speaker at this year's board meeting is Congressman John Rhodes (R-Arizona), who succeeded Gerald Ford as House Minority Leader.

● Liberty Lobby, the radical-right Washington pressure group, is rejoicing over an agreement with the Mutual Broadcasting System whereby its program, "This is Liberty Lobby," is offered weekdays to 638 stations. In addition, the organization is starting a Sunday program called "Liberty Under God." (Each station decides whether to run the programs.)

● Lamot du Pont Copeland, Jr. has announced that creditors will get 20¢ on the dollar from his personal bankruptcy, said to be one of the largest such failures in U. S. history. Copeland has been Treasurer of both Young Americans for Freedom and the American Conservative Union.

● J. William Middendorf, nominated to be Secretary of the Navy, has contributed at least \$1,000 to the American Conservative Union. Middendorf was Treasurer of the Draft Goldwater Committee and later of the Republican National Committee. He and Copeland (above) were among dais guests at National Review's 10th anniversary dinner in 1965.

● The National convention of the Libertarian Party will be held June 12-16 near Dallas. Major speakers will include economists Hans Sennholz, a regular in the John Birch stable, and W. H. Hutt, an economist from South Africa who has been given a home in this country by several right-wing groups.

Extremists
back Nixon

A display ad in the May 24 New York Times, in defense of President Nixon, was headlined "A Non-partisan Letter to the American People" and signed by Hamilton Fish, as President of "Operation Freedom," along with 49 others who are called "a cross section of Americans (The Silent Majority)." The text consists of a ringing statement by Congressman Otto Passman, a Louisiana Democrat who, in 26 years, has become one of the most conservative members of the House.

Fish was a reactionary Republican Congressman from New York from 1920 to 1945 (his son serves currently) and has been active in numerous right-wing causes. Until recently, he was head of the Order of Lafayette, which annually attracts superpatriots and ultraconservatives to make awards. Also, he is a Director of the National Economic Council, a bigoted group run by Merwin K. Hart, until his death. (Mrs. Hart signed the ad.)

Passman has not been that active, but he did make a major address in 1970 to the national convention of Liberty Lobby in Los Angeles and received a "Statesman of the Republic Award."

The closing words of his appeal in behalf of President Nixon are: "Finally, may I urge you to read the Constitution of the United States and then ponder this question prayerfully. WHAT CRIME HAS OUR GREAT PRESIDENT COMMITTED TO WARRANT THE ABUSE HEAPED UPON HIM BY LUNATICS, LIBERALS AND BLOODTHIRSTY HATERS AND IN MANY INSTANCES, MISGUIDED GOOD AMERICANS? Please do your duty and get your communication off to leaders of the House of Representatives, protesting the unwarranted action that a few propose."

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Birch
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Anna G. McKinney, one of the founders of the annual New England Rally for God, Family & Country (really a John Birch Society rally), died at the age of 70....

The Los Angeles Times reported that the JBS annual dinner last March was "one of the largest political banquets in Los Angeles in recent months," with 2,000 people paying \$20 each....A proposed recruitment letter for JBS members to send friends includes this sentence: "I am convinced that our country is right now in the early stages of being converted into a Communist dictatorship."....The Birchers have a new speaker, Yuan Moun-ru, a former Chinese Red Guard who says that China is flooding the free world with opium to undermine it -- and that the U. S. government is lying about the situation.