CONSPIRACY!

So you thought you understood the Middle East situation? So you thought Woody Allen was the funniest comic around? Well, then you haven't been reading the dispatches of the U.S. Labor Party, a very active left-and-right-wing fringe group.

A recent release of the U.S. Labor Party's press service explains that while Begin and Reagan were trying to prevent an Israeli military invasion of Lebanon, Haig and Sharon were conspiring to undercut them. And, mind you, Haig and Sharon were conspiring with the British Intelligence Service, Khoumeni, the Mafia, Lord Caradon and the Bronfmans. Now you must admit that's as juicy a conspiracy as you're likely to uncover.

The climax of this conspiracy was that "the British intelligence services orchestrated the Abu Nidal gang's assassination attack against the Israeli ambassador to London, Shlomo Argov," which presumably set off the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

You see, "the attacking five-man assassination team was a joint Syrian-Iranian unit linked to the notorious Abu Nidal. This is part of the Syrian-Khomeiniac faction involved in secret agreements between Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and President Hafez Assad of Syria ... Ariel Sharon is not only a confederate of U.S. mafia figure Meshulam Riklis of Rapid America and a confederate of both the Bronfmans and Montreal attorney Harry Bloomfield. Sharon is a confederate of a prominent figure of British intelligence, Lord Caradon, a key operative running networks inside both the Israeli and Arab governments."

For your further enlightenment, you should know that the ADL is probably part of that conspiracy as well. For, according to another recent dispatch from the U.S. Labor Party: "Contrary to the mistaken belief of most that the ADL is a Jewish organization, the ADL, which is the leading coordinator of the pro-drug lobby in the United States today, was founded on the fascist philosophy of the Hapsburg Pan-European Union, the

ideas of Richard Count Coudenhove-Kalergi ... Although the ADL is essentially an intelligence-gathering and dirty-tricks front operation for British intelligence services, its more immediate coordination is channeled through Canada, through channels such as the Bronfman-linked Bloomfield law firm of Montreal."

If you understand all that, much less believe it, then there's a group of us who would like to interest you in buying a deed to the Brooklyn Bridge, and we'll throw in the lower level of the Golden Gate Bridge. Sorry, the upper level has already been sold — to the American media.

It's not so much that the media are gullible, but that the media want their public to be gullible so that they can more easily sell time and space. In more innocent days, city editors actually did send reporters to interview talking dogs, and horses that could predict the future with their feet. Now they send reporters out to interview Pete McCloskey; and to file stories about the pacifist, Arafat; or about Israeli "vacuum bombs" which can whoosh out the insides of buildings; or stories about 700 thousand refugees fleeing from an area which never held half that number to begin with.

The American people never believed the talking-dog stories, because they are not that gullible. And the American people don't swallow everything they see in the media on the Middle East, because they are still not that gullible. The credibility of the media, when they turn to sensationalism, is on a level with that of the U.S. Labor Party.