

Editorial

What is the *New York Times*?

On Nov. 16 a Gestapo-style *Nacht und Nebel* raid against the New York City office of PMR Printing Company—printer of this magazine and other publications associated with Lyndon LaRouche—took place when 15 policemen deployed by Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau carried out a four-hour search of the plant. The action appears to have been conducted on behalf of the *New York Times*, which is attempting to place responsibility on LaRouche associates for a recent supplement which the *Times* says was spuriously inserted into its Sunday edition.

This raid is meant to be the beginning of a conspiratorial “fishing expedition” aimed at fulfilling the *Times*’s years-long war against all persons and organizations connected with Lyndon LaRouche.

The *New York Times* is the antithesis of what Americans understand a “free press” to be. It has a history of treason and evil-doing from its inception. It has been committed for more than a century to the oligarchy’s policy of depopulation and feudal economic systems. Its great “compassionate liberal” pose is just that, a pose. How could it be otherwise for a newspaper which belongs to families tied to British banking, the British-controlled narcotics traffic, and the British crown?

During the American Civil War, the *Times*’s apparent editorial line and its actual activity were poles apart. At least one of its war correspondents (posted to Washington, D.C.) was exposed as a Confederate spy. Lincoln declared him *persona non grata* on Capitol Hill.

After the Union won that war against backward slaveholders and their British sponsors, the *Times* evolved its editorial line toward the policies which brought Britain back into U.S. economic affairs through the Federal Reserve System, and which established a growing “special relationship” with Britain during the First World War.

When Thomas Edison first began the electrification of New York City, a vast operation which transformed the city and the world, the *New York Times* violently polemicized *against* electricity. It was “dangerous,” they said, and particularly “dangerous” to workers involved in it. Scare story followed upon scare story,

“exposé” upon “exposé.” The *Times* lost that round, but it has never stopped promoting the zero-growth Luddite rampage which is now called environmentalism.

The *Times* has always arrogantly believed in its right to make and break governments. Witness Watergate; witness Abscam; witness the current Israeli scandal we describe in the International section of this week’s issue.

From the early 1920s onward, past the beginning of World War II, the *New York Times* promoted and endorsed Adolf Hitler unblushingly. As early as 1922, when Hitler was a local rabble-rouser in the streets of Munich, the *Times* covered him like this: “Suddenly, every one jumps up and a roar of applause sweeps through the big hall. Upon the speaker’s platform steps a simple, modest-looking, slender man of medium height who seems underfed and overworked. . . . Gradually one is gripped by his strictly logical construction as by what one may almost call the overpowering strength of conviction. . . . In fact, in spite of the speaker’s moderate tone, a very hurricane of elemental passion seems to be sweeping over the audience. . . . Everywhere there are flashing eyes and exalted spirits. Youthful forms, although showing signs of semi-starvation, brace up proudly.” (According to the historian David Irving [*The War Path: Hitler’s Germany, 1933-1939*], Adolf Hitler himself was a freelance correspondent for the *Times* in Bavaria in the 1920s.)

When the *Times* covered the architect of the Nazi economy, Hjalmar Schacht, it called him “agreeable, charming. . . . Schacht ended by leaving everybody with a very good personal impression.” The year was 1933.

And, in October 1939, *six weeks after* World War II had begun, the *Times* ran an editorial wholeheartedly endorsing Hitler’s just-proclaimed “peace offer” to France and England: “There is no reason to doubt Herr Hitler’s word that he wants peace.”

The *Times*’s fascist policies have never altered. When Pol Pot butchered the people of Cambodia, the *New York Times* again supported a mass murderer and the cannibal “economy” he imposed.