

National News

LaRouche's security stripped at deposition

On May 22, Mordecai Levy informed security specialists associated with Democratic Party presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. that terrorist-linked circles including Dennis King and Chip Berlet would stage a security-stripping incident during the course of LaRouche's scheduled deposition in the federal libel action, "LaRouche vs. National Broadcasting Corporation et al."

Levy had previously described plans by NBC defendants King and Berlet to prolong the LaRouche depositions, providing terrorist circles with ample opportunity to profile LaRouche security arrangements and stage an assassination attempt during one of the sessions.

Levy, founder of the Jewish Defense Organization, is close to King and Berlet, defendants in the \$150 million libel action stemming from a series of NBC national broadcasts against LaRouche aired in February and March. Levy is also an informant for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the FBI, and other law enforcement agencies.

On June 7 and 8, the kinds of events forecast by Levy were set into motion. Depositioning of plaintiff LaRouche proceeded in conformity with security procedures ordered by Federal District Court Justice James Cacheris in Arlington, Va. Then, according to eyewitness accounts, as Dennis King, Chip Berlet, and attorney Philip Hirschkop arrived at the hotel suite scene of the deposition, Hirschkop was overheard instructing his clients to stage an incident involving a physical encounter with licensed LaRouche security personnel inside the deposition room.

Defendant King feigned being pushed by one of the security guards present. He and Berlet then claimed they observed a "bulge" indicating that the guards present were armed. Attorney Hirschkop then proceeded to stage a shouting interrogation of

the security personnel and finally walked out of the deposition with King and Berlet in tow.

When Hirschkop appeared before Judge Cacheris to demand that the security provisions for the LaRouche deposition be lifted, he accused LaRouche security personnel and LaRouche attorney Odin Anderson of making phone calls to his associates and clients culminating in a death threat call to himself.

Preliminary investigations into the background of Hirschkop reveal multiple political ties into terrorist and terrorist-support circles, including the New York City FALN and Weatherunderground counsel William Kunstler; former Communist Party USA activist Leonard Boudin, father of convicted Brinks robbery-murder conspirator Kathy Boudin; and Phillip Agee, the Hamburg, West Germany-based former left-wing CIA operative whose public exposure of identities of overseas U.S. intelligence personnel led to the assassination of Athens CIA station chief Richard Welch in the mid-1970s.

Attorneys for LaRouche are attempting to combat the effects of the false statements made by attorney Hirschkop in open court.

New York hospital sued for euthanasia

The family of a patient who died in a New York hospital is suing the institution on the grounds that it deliberately allows lower-paying elderly patients to die by withholding emergency treatment in order to "maximize profits." The \$20 million suit against the Society of New York Hospital was filed on June 5 by Mrs. Frances Okun, whose mother, Rose Dreyer, died at the hospital on March 25.

The legal action is one of the few suits filed that directly challenges the euthanasia now occurring in American health-care institutions.

The suit charges that the hospital "systematically denies" emergency lifesaving treatment to lower-paying patients, such as

senior citizens on Medicare or Medicaid. The suit claims that Mrs. Dreyer "was allowed to die" in the presence of her grandson, Dr. James Okun. Okun, a medical doctor, discovered during a visit to his grandmother that she was unconscious and started applying cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, but was ordered to stop by a staff physician, Dr. David Pearlman.

Pearlman told Okun that the hospital staff was under orders not to provide his grandmother with emergency care, and, according to the suit, showed Okun a medical chart marked with a red code—to indicate to the hospital staff that "in the event she suffered an emergency condition, no effort would be made to save her."

"Instead, with callous disregard for human life, defendant's medical staff deliberately withheld lifesaving medical attention from Mrs. Dreyer and permitted her to die," the suit states.

Congressmen confirm ties to KGB's Rosin

The offices of two members of Congress exposed as Soviet agents of influence in Lyndon LaRouche's May 31 ABC TV documentary have confirmed their connections to Carol Rosin and her KGB "back channel," the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space. ISCOS prepared legislation for Congress calling for a ban on anti-satellite weapons testing, in consultation with the Soviet embassy in Washington.

An aide to Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), when asked by a reporter on June 4 if LaRouche's charges were true, replied: "Well, yes and no," and then went on to explain that "the Senator is very interested in building bridges with the Soviets. . . . There is a certain element of truth in what LaRouche says," since "the Senator is involved in encouraging exchanges with the Soviets on the diplomatic, educational, and cultural levels."

The aide confirmed that Pell recently hosted a reception for Soviet scientists and NBC television personnel at his home, and

is "affiliated with ISCOS, but I'm not sure how." (Pell is an advisory board member.) "I don't know enough about LaRouche to characterize him," said Pell's aide, "but he has a radio ad accusing Henry Kissinger of being a Soviet agent that has certainly raised some eyebrows."

On the House side, aides to Rep. Mel Levine (D-Calif.) dismissed LaRouche's charges as "absurd" but confirmed that the congressman had recently lunched with the head of the Soviet space agency and the science attaché at the Soviet embassy to discuss "cooperative ventures in space" as an "alternative" to the "weaponization of space." Asked about Levine's connection to Carol Rosin, the aide pulled out a copy of ISCOS stationery and reeled off the names of some of the board members to prove, as he put it, that "ISCOS is respectable."

"Unfortunately, LaRouche has a lot of followers," said one aide to Levine. "One of them is running against Mel. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if LaRouche went on television with these charges just to help his candidate's campaign against Mel."

Italy's Agriculture Dept. consults LaRouche Dems

Officials of the Italian Agriculture Ministry met June 6 with American farmers Billy Davis and Don Scott, LaRouche Democrats who are currently on tour in Europe.

According to a press release issued by the ministry, the discussions focused on "the pursuit of bilateral accords between the American government, the EC [European Community] countries, and those of Africa for the rapid flow of surplus agricultural production into areas where the food supply situation is particularly grave, bypassing the long procedures provided for by the EC; the creation of a parity system for prices of farm products in Europe and the U.S.A. which would allow a massive increase in agricultural production in the West.

"Together with the need for a more intense exchange of technologies between the

U.S.A. and Italy in the farm sector to increase food production and to immediately conduct an extraordinary intervention to contain the farm crisis in Africa, these are the topics of a meeting held by Undersecretary Zurlo with Billy Davis, the agricultural adviser of U.S. Democratic candidate for President LaRouche, and Don Scott, Democratic candidate for Congress in the state of Ohio, introduced by the Club of Life, an international organization concerned with agricultural and industrial problems.

"The in-depth exchange of ideas permitted the emergence of a substantial convergence on fundamental strategies of the fight against hunger. Undersecretary Zurlo said he was particularly convinced of the need for an EEC-U.S.A. accord for a program oriented to planned growth of food production, aimed at achieving a plan for aid to countries hit by the hunger problem. . . ."

Dean heads LaRouche Michigan election slate

Fourteen candidates with ties to presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche will be on the November ballot in Michigan, a LaRouche campaign official said in Flint on June 5. Flint lawyer Max Dean will head the slate, having filed petitions in Lansing placing him in the Democratic primary against incumbent U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

Almost 40,000 petition signatures were filed for Dean, twice the required number; 25,000 signatures were filed for the 13 congressional candidates.

According to a report in the *Flint Journal* on June 6, LaRouche spokesman Gerald Pechanuk predicted that "in a very short time we will have the biggest political machine in the state."

An article in the *Saginaw News* announced that Saginaw area residents Leo Boyle and Odell Walker would be on the LaRouche ticket. Boyle was quoted saying that he will "Go door to door and tell people about the LaRouche program."

Briefly

● **GENERAL JAMES ABRAHAMSON**, chief of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, told the Austrian daily *Die Presse* on April 28 that the United States can offer protection against nuclear missiles to the neutral countries of Europe, by developing space-based laser defense systems. The Soviet government paper *Izvestia* on June 1 covered the interview in an angry article headlined: "Star Wars and Neutral Countries."

● **HIGH FRONTIER**, Gen. Danny Graham's anti-beam-weapon cult based in Washington, D.C., has decided to oppose deployment of the MX missile, an informed source reports. The move, which has not yet been made public, was opposed by two members of the High Frontier executive board, who reportedly then resigned. Graham argues that his obsolete space-based defense system would make offensive nuclear weapons unnecessary.

● **THE SUPREME COURT** has invalidated the May 8 Ohio congressional primary, citing population imbalances in the election district. Prior to the election, a lower court had ruled that the districting was illegal, but the state of Ohio proceeded with the election anyway. Apparently Ohio will now be forced to hold a new primary. LaRouche Democrats Don Scott and Willie Sutton, backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), won the Democratic nomination in the 7th and 4th districts, respectively. A spokesman for the NDPC declared that if a new election is held, its candidates are expected to do even better than the last time.

● **THE WASHINGTON POST** has denied the report by one of its editors, Bob Woodward, that at least 40 staffers at the newspaper use cocaine regularly. Woodward made the allegation in a new book, *Wired: The Short Life and Fast Times of John Belushi*. "I don't know what the hell Bob is talking about," said Benjamin Bradlee, executive editor of the *Post*, on June 7.