

## National News

### Meir Kahane: I worked for the FBI

Former Jewish Defense League leader Meir Kahane, currently head of Israel's neo-fascist Kach party, admitted on U.S. television on Aug. 20 that he had worked as an asset of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kahane appeared on "Crossfire," hosted by Tom Braden and Robert Novak. Accused by Novak of having used an assumed name while working as a right-wing activist in New York during the late 1960s, Kahane explained that he was working at the time as an infiltrator into the John Birch Society, on the payroll of the FBI, and therefore, could not use his real name.

Kahane arrived in the United States on Aug. 15 and will reportedly remain in the country until Sept. 12, visiting Houston, New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake City, where he will meet with the Mormon Council of Elders.

A member of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, Kahane is being played up as a major figure in Israel, growing in popularity, that one must contend with. According to sources, his meeting with the Mormons is designed to give him the image of someone who can undertake delicate negotiations. The Mormons are increasingly controversial inside Israel because of their proselytizing efforts.

The publicity being given to Kahane along such lines will be aided by a scheduled appearance at the National Press Club.

### Ask special prosecutor in Soobzokov case

Warren J. Hamerman, Chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), has called upon the United States Attorney General to appoint a Special Prosecutor to investigate the Aug. 15 terrorist bomb attack on Tscherim Soobzokov in Paterson, New Jersey (see article, page 55).

In an Aug. 20 statement, Hamerman said:

"Since the prime suspect in the bombing, Mordechai Levi, is a known FBI informant, the FBI can hardly be expected to conduct a fair and vigorous investigation," stated Hamerman. "Under such conditions, when the FBI has a clear conflict of interest, the Attorney General is obligated to seek the appointment of an 'independent counsel,' or what was formerly called a special prosecutor.

"The FBI has already shown that it is either unable, or unwilling, to protect Levi's targets," Hamerman charged.

The facts bear him out:

In a public meeting held in Passaic, N.J., a week before the bomb attack, Levi publicly threatened Soobzokov. A few hours after the bombing, Levi called United Press International and praised the atrocity, calling it "a righteous act" while denying responsibility for it. Over the next 48 hours, Levi also made a series of threatening phone calls to associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche, a former presidential candidate and the chairman emeritus of the advisory committee of the NDPC.

In fact, Hamerman charged, Soobzokov had asked for FBI protection before the bombing—and it was denied!

"Not only is Levi still going after Soobzokov, but he is threatening LaRouche and his associates as well. The government must act to stop him, over the heads of the corrupt FBI."

### Gen. Vessey asks strengthened defense

Outgoing Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. John Vessey told the VFW convention in Dallas on Aug. 19 that the Soviet Union's military forces "are armed to the teeth," and that if the United States is to secure peace, other countries must know it is ready for war at all times by maintaining strong armed forces and continuing its defensive strategy, including the anti-missile Strategic Defense Initiative.

"We don't want a nuclear war; we don't want a conventional war. But we also don't want to be paralyzed by the fear of war as

we go about our business. . . ." said the general. "Strong defenses require a continuing commitment, and we need healthy armed forces because the world today is a troubled place."

Vessey urged Americans to "not stick our heads in the sand" about the Soviet threat. Enemies of the United States have to know that "if you pick a fight with us, you'll be in serious danger of getting your clock cleaned."

### U.S. Communists attack LaRouche

The Aug. 15 edition of the Communist Party-U.S.A.'s newspaper, *Daily World*, carried a full-page smear of *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche and various organizations associated with him, calling LaRouche and his associates "anti-communist" provocateurs in a strike of Wheeling-Pittsburgh steelworkers.

The article can only be interpreted as a threat to LaRouche and his supporters ordered from Moscow.

Written by "LaRouche watcher" Tim Wheeler, the article accuses "agents of the ultra-right cultist Lyndon LaRouche" of going to picket lines, misrepresenting themselves as *Daily World* spokesmen, and provoking fights with the strikers.

The article alleges LaRouche-organization ties into the CIA and the Reagan administration, and accuses LaRouche of fraudulent fundraising for his presidential campaign. It also names names of LaRouche contributors.

### Soviets said to direct U.S. terrorists

A Soviet cable to U.S. terrorist groups ordering them to go on an offensive has been intercepted by U.S. intelligence. The offensive is designed to psychologically destabilize President Reagan prior to his November summit meeting with Mikhail Gorbachov.

U.S. security and law enforcement authorities are on an alert for a Shi'ite car bombing in Washington, D.C. sometime in the near future. Sources say that the Shi'ite terrorists are upset that the main "Satan," the United States, has gone virtually untouched by their attacks, and that now the time is right.

There is also serious concern about terrorists targeting the 40th anniversary celebrations of the United Nations in late October. Between Oct. 22-24, 80 heads of state will be present in New York, including President Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Castro and the Pope.

On Aug. 20, three pipe-bombs were discovered in the city, all of which failed to go off. Two of the bombs were placed outside Morgan Guaranty, and the third was planted at 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza. According to New York police sources, the internal features of the three bombs, which were identical, fit the mold of the old West Coast-based New World Liberation Front, and the Weather Underground.

Their discovery created panic on Wall Street, with many people not showing up for work, or simply going home after the evacuations of office buildings.

## Aspin threatens to block defense budget

Former McNamara "Whiz Kid" at the U.S. Defense Department, Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wisc.)

U.S. defense budget, unless the administration agrees to accept the 50-missile limit which Congress has imposed on MX missile production as absolute.

Responding to statements by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger that the administration will seek funds for 100 MXs, Aspin has written to the President and Weinberger stating he will seek a delay in passage of the defense budget, and possibly deeper cuts in military spending levels. "My view . . . is that the 50-missile cap is permanent," wrote Aspin. "If the cap is not going to be permanent, then I think it is pretty clear we have no deal" on defense spending.

The Pentagon has responded by reiterating its intention to seek a full 100 missiles. Asked about Aspin's threats, DOD spokesman Fred Hoffman said yesterday that Defense Secretary Weinberger has repeatedly argued that "50 MXs are not enough" and that Congress should approve funds for the entire 100. The Pentagon has no argument with Congress's saying it won't approve funds for more than 50 missiles in the current basing mode, said Hoffman, but is now concentrating on the 51st missile and beyond. "We are currently studying alternative basing modes, so we see no reason for this issue to delay" the vote on the defense budget.

## Milton Croom: Beware slanders about LaRouche

Milton Croom, a pro-defense spokesman from North Carolina and a member of the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion, has written an open letter to American Legion members, warning against slanders circulating against Lyndon H. LaRouche within Legion circles, including in a confidential letter to state adjutants from National Adjutant Spanogle.

"I feel it my responsibility and patriotic duty," he wrote, "to respond to what I consider scurrilous statements concerning Mr. LaRouche.

"For the last several years, I have been in contact with members of various organizations associated with Mr. LaRouche. It is my direct knowledge and experience that Mr. LaRouche and the persons associated with him are among the most sincere and dedicated patriots in the country. They have led many important battles for policies that our nation sorely needs. This includes their long-standing fight for a crash program for the Strategic Defense Initiative, in which they stood virtually alone for many years. I regret to say, but they were years ahead of our own organization in this regard. . . ."

As for the Heritage Foundation, which originated the slanders, Croom pointed out that it has been "on the wrong side of all the important issues."

## Briefly

● **THE CONGRESSIONAL** Research Service has issued a report stating that the White House can do little, if anything, about Soviet violations of arms control treaties. "Theoretically, the United States has at its disposal a range of noncompliance policy choices. . . . Any would be politically risky for an administration because of likely reactions in Congress, the public, and by the Soviets. Moreover, it is questionable whether Congress would, except in extreme circumstances, fund programs that were acknowledged as being violations, regardless of the cause."

● **THE FIRST SILO LAUNCH** of an MX missile, conducted at California's Vandenberg Air Force Base Aug. 23, was a complete success. Air Force officials reported that the missile ejected from the specially-adapted Minuteman silo like a "cork from a champagne bottle."

● **CAMPAIGNER** Publications filed a petition in federal court in Washington on Aug. 22, asking the court to order Attorney-General Edwin Meese to remove Boston U.S. Attorney William Weld from a grand jury investigation of Campaigner, The LaRouche Campaign, and other organizations. The complaint charges that Weld is "investigating" the organizations because they have published the truth about the Boston Dope, Inc. firms with which his family is associated.

● **ROBERT DOLE (R-Kan.)**, the Senate Majority Leader, is predicting "chaos" when an administration request to raise the ceiling on the U.S. national debt goes to Congress early this fall. "Chaos is probably an over-used word in this town," Dole told *U.S. News & World Report*, "but it could be a mess because I see the likelihood of Sen. Robert Byrd . . . holding back Democratic votes until all Republicans are on record. And there are some Republicans who just won't vote to raise the debt ceiling."