

# Crime ring, kooks rig court decision

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On June 12, 1985, when Judge Lawrence Wood, the presiding judge in the case, *E. Newbold Smith et al. v. Lewis Du Pont Smith* in state court in Chester County, Pennsylvania, allowed the testimony by Dr. David A. Halperin against Lewis Smith, he permitted a self-avowed political-enemy of Lyndon LaRouche to pass himself off as an objective medical professional. Halperin's personal animus to LaRouche and Lewis Smith was further demonstrated in an interview to the *New York Times* for an article in early May 1986, that heralded Halperin's "diagnosis" of Lewis Smith as mentally incompetent. Halperin's judgment on Lewis Smith was a direct result of his active involvement with a network of "anti-cult" brainwashers who are financed by organized crime.

Halperin presented himself as a "legitimate" psychiatrist. In fact, he is a "hired gun" working with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), the American Family Foundation, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Looking at the profile of Halperin and his JCRC cronies, one wonders how Judge Wood failed to find *them* incompetent.

Among Halperin's cronies are Dr. John Clark, a Boston-based "anti-cult" doctor involved in the attempted kidnaping of a LaRouche associate in 1980, and Philip Abramowitz, the JCRC's so-called expert on LaRouche, who keeps active relations with members of the ADL-run terrorists, the Jewish Defense League/Organization. According to reliable sources, this same Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, headed by organized crime-linked real-estate figure, Laurence A. Tisch, is involved in plotting kidnapings and other illegal operations against supporters of 1988 Democratic Party presidential candidate LaRouche.

## JCRC special unit

Under the cover of the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults (TFMC), funded in part through grants from the Israeli Interior Ministry, a group of lawyers, psychiatrists, and reporters is running an extortion operation against LaRouche backers. The game plan is to use psychiatrists provided by JCRC to bring "incompetency" court actions against LaRouche supporters, modeled on, or parallel to, the suit against Lewis Smith. Lawyers in this network are soliciting cases among families and attorneys of LaRouche supporters, using

journalists such as Dennis King of the drug-lobby magazine *High Times*, NBC's Pat Lynch, the *Washington Post's* John Mintz, and AP's William Welch as go-betweens.

The unit reportedly urges families to take action to stop financial support for LaRouche's political campaigns or other activities through legal moves to place their relatives under "guardianship" and in "extreme cases" to consider kidnaping and "deprogramming," by thugs the JCRC recommends or provides.

Past *EIR* investigations have identified the JCRC as an arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), a front for the drug lobby which is leading the self-described illegal campaign to "destroy LaRouche." The ADL's national chairman, Kenneth Bialkin, is the business associate of swindler Robert Vesco, who runs a cocaine empire out of Cuba.

The recent *EIR* Special Report, *Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia*, documented that the JCRC has been a funding and political base of support for terrorists tied to Meir Kahane, the Jewish Defense League founder. Two such Kahane followers, Mordechai Levy and Randy Medoff, work for the JCRC.

The ADL-JCRC link is not only "political," but direct, through organized-crime/dirty-money operations. Both ADL chairman Bialkin and Tisch, the chairman of the JCRC, were up to their necks in the drug-linked fraud operations of Franklin National Bank, for which Italian banker Michele Sindona was convicted and murdered (though his death in an Italian prison was reported a suicide). In 1982, the Italian government sued the ADL's bank, Sterling National of New York, for profiting from Sindona's swindles. Sterling National's attorney was Kenneth Bialkin. What the Italian government may not have known was that Bialkin's associate, Laurence A. Tisch, head of Loew's Corporation, had sold the Franklin National Bank stock to Sindona at a vastly inflated price, and hid Franklin National's deep financial woes.

The JCRC Task Force on Missionaries and Cults, with which Halperin regularly works, employs drug-lobby mouth-piece Dennis King as its propagandist. King writes for *High Times*, the drug-pushing magazine, and is close to *High Times* "editor," John Foster "Chip" Berlet of Chicago. King and Berlet have been an anti-LaRouche team since at least 1980, when they worked against the National Anti-Drug Coalition, which was founded by associates of LaRouche to block marijuana and cocaine legalization; Berlet, a product of the left-wing CIA's National Student Association, is also a propagandist for homosexuality. He has a close working relationship with executive members of the North American Man/Boy Love Association, which lobbies for adult sex with children.

Before joining up with *High Times*, King was a researcher for another JCRC collaborator, Rabbi Maurice Davis of Westchester, New York. Davis parades as an anti-cult expert, but was the original mentor of Rev. Jim Jones, who led his followers to suicide in the jungles of Guyana in 1978.