

to “destabilize Western society through . . . the narcotics trade.”

Commissioner Boccia’s report again fingered Bulgaria as “a big open door for narcotics trafficking.” This charge of Bulgarian involvement in arms-for-drugs deals has been well documented by both the American Drug Enforcement Administration as well as various Italian prosecutors and judges involved in investigating Bulgaria’s links to the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, and to organized crime and international narcotics and illegal-arms trafficking. Subsequent investigations have also linked Bulgaria to the Colombian drug mafias along with the Soviet Union’s other ally, Cuba.

### ‘Normal commercial shipping channels’

The only information released by the Dutch authorities is that the heroin was put into two shipping containers that had raisins and wool, and shipped to Rotterdam along “normal commercial shipping channels” from Afghanistan. Sources admit that the Dutch authorities have no account of how and by whom the heroin was transported from mountain growing areas and put in containers, assert that no Soviet citizen was

involved, claiming that the containers had been sealed prior to crossing the Soviet border. Also, a Dutch organized-crime network was involved on the Rotterdam side of the operation. In fact, on May 14, in the city of Amsterdam, a known, though not major, organized-crime figure Rob Koning (38) was professionally gunned down; he was believed to have been involved in the case.

Presumably the Afghani side of the operation involved Afghan nationals, operating in a country occupied by over 120,000 Soviet troops who are heavily engaged in military operations against rebels throughout the country, making “normal commercial activity” relatively difficult.

The U.S.S.R. in fact controls the largest part of Afghanistan territory where opium cultivation is carried out, in what is considered the heart of the “Golden Crescent.” According to Dutch sources, opium production has increased tremendously in the past five years. In Mongahar Province alone, poppy production increased from 4,200 kilos to 17,500 kilos.

These areas are also contiguous to major opium-producing zones inside the Soviet Union. The French daily *Le Figaro* of June 4 identified the Soviet Central Asian Republics of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tadjikistan, and the Trans-

## Soviet hand in financial war against LaRouche

The “Hidden Hand” of Moscow as an integral part of the dirty financial warfare operations mounted against various organizations politically associated with U.S. 1988 Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche has surfaced via a front-page slander article in the Aug. 7 edition of the Soviet weekly *Sovietskaya Kultura*. The article by Grigori Oganev, titled “About a Fraud,” purports to inform the Soviet readership about “swindlers” and “fraud” in U.S. society, but the bulk of the text deals exclusively with Moscow’s “Public Enemy No. 1” in the United States: Lyndon H. LaRouche.

We reprint here the portions of the article which attack LaRouche and his associates, thus bringing to public light the role of Moscow in co-directing the organized financial harassment by the Dope Lobby against LaRouche’s bid for the presidency in 1988:

“Today, a new name has been added to the list of those gentlemen of fortune. The name is Lyndon LaRouche, a typical American nouveau riche businessman, the owner of a large network of financial and credit organizations, who got himself suddenly in the center of attention of reporters dealing with the criminal world of the United States.

“The Associated Press correspondent gives the news from Washington a few days ago that LaRouche was sued in Federal Court for blackmail and fraud. First Fidelity Bank is suing him for \$750,000, which LaRouche appropriated for himself in one stroke, using the resources of his financial empire. This money has been transferred to his account by credit card manipulation. This kind of crime is not new in the United States, especially through the use of computers.

“All this wouldn’t be worth mentioning, were it not for one interesting detail. In recent years, Lyndon LaRouche, who professes extreme right-wing opinions, has wanted to assume the role of a political leader to revive America. He even was a candidate for President of the United States, and he has not abandoned this idea, even though he failed catastrophically.

“In a way, LaRouche is right. If one President of the United States could get involved in the Watergate scandal, and another had among his personal friends swindlers who had misused public funds . . . why can’t LaRouche manipulate credit cards in the fight. . . ? Why not, in fact, since other Presidents were involved in all sorts of shady business, wouldn’t he try his luck and combine the useful—all sorts of tricks with credit cards—with the fight for the presidential seat and become a big shot?”

As *EIR* (and the *Wall Street Journal*) have documented at great length—First Fidelity Bank is one of the foremost mafia-linked banks in the United States!