

Editorial

The real 'Daniloff Affair'

There was a great outcry, not least from the media, when the world's most notorious secret service, the Soviet KGB, seized the American correspondent for *U.S. News & World Report* in Moscow, Nicholas Daniloff, and held him hostage against—among other things—the release of their own U.N.-based spy-master, Gennady Zakharov.

That is how Moscow does things, you say? But, dear reader, that is also how the U.S. Justice Department does things. That is how its Criminal Division, under the lawless Boston Brahmin, William Weld, does things.

A new "Daniloff affair," something just like it, occurred in Leesburg, Virginia, the subject of this week's cover story. Indeed, as part of the very negotiations surrounding Nicholas Daniloff's release, it is known to *EIR*'s sources that the Soviets demanded U.S. government action against Lyndon LaRouche. One of the results was the seizure of journalists associated with LaRouche.

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In the Leesburg raid of Oct. 6, against various companies that the Soviets view as linked to Lyndon LaRouche, two of the best investigative journalists in the world, *EIR*'s Jeffrey and Michele Steinberg, were arrested.

This is the United States of America, with a Bill of Rights. In the case of the Steinbergs, therefore, "arrested" has a certain misleading connotation. The Steinbergs, KGB-style, were seized in the early morning darkness, at machine-gun point. They are now detained under miserable conditions by authorities in Virginia. And, despite what legal sources describe as "the flimsiest" indictments they have ever seen, they are now being held without bail. No matter that neither Jeffrey nor Michele Steinberg has any criminal record.

This was a "KGB-style" operation by the Justice Department's Criminal Division head, William Weld. Or rather, in execution, and results, it is "KGB-style."

In motivation, it is direct KGB.

Jeffrey and Michele Steinberg were arrested in a manner violating the Bill of Rights; their home was searched (ransacked), in violation of the Bill of Rights, and they have since been subject to cruel and unusual treatment, ranging from leg-irons to denial of bail, in violation of the Bill of Rights.

These two *EIR* journalists, were targeted. There is nothing arbitrary or capricious in their seizure. William Weld knows exactly who they are, and he knows, because the KGB knows, exactly why he wants them in jail.

It so happens that the Steinbergs are not only *among* the world's leading journalists and experts on drug-trafficking and terrorism. They are the world's *leading* journalistic professionals in the field of counterintelligence against Soviet irregular warfare, centered on drug-trafficking and terrorism—narco-terrorism. They are also experts in the financial side of that irregular warfare, something dear to interests to whom William Weld is very close—drug money-laundering.

It is on the basis of intelligence developed by the Steinbergs, and journalists working under the direct supervision of the Steinbergs, that law-enforcement and military agencies of many nations have conducted the international war on drugs. On occasion, one or the other, Jeffrey or Michele, have been on the scene, invited observers, of major drug sweeps by the military forces of Western nations.

EIR's readers know this. It is a result of the work of the Steinbergs that *EIR*'s readers know more about drug-trafficking and terrorism than even most intelligence services of the nations of the West. No Americans know more than they.

Therefore, when it came to these two journalists, friends and associates of Lyndon LaRouche, Jeffrey and Michelle Steinberg, William Weld ordered them seized. Weld knows how the KGB views them. And he did it KGB fashion.