

# Disturbing role of GOP 'gaypaytriots'

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High-level intelligence sources have revealed to *EIR* that the "gay" Republican Party apparatus is under scrutiny in the Iran/Contra scandal investigations. These sources believe that the "gay" network within the GOP—its libertarian wing—is not only the party's Achilles heel, but may have also compromised the National Security Council (NSC) through Lt. Col. Oliver North's "Project Democracy." Their concern is that since the Soviet KGB uses homosexuality for blackmail, the fact that the NSC's top domestic fundraiser supporting the "Reagan Doctrine" came out of a homosexual network, gave the Soviets a window into the U.S. strategic fiascos in Iran and Central America.

This network, which includes Carl R. "Spitz" Channell and "conservative" homosexual activists Bruce Decker, and the late Terry Dolan, was also active in efforts to stop Proposition 64, the anti-AIDS initiative on California's ballot last November, which was initiated by associates of presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. Sources say that this grouping, based in California, lobbied the Republican National Committee to "get LaRouche," and was a factor in pushing the Soviet-ordered "Great Panty Raid" on offices of associates of LaRouche in Leesburg, Virginia on Oct. 6-7, 1986. It is believed by some sources that the raid was part of the NSC's illegal domestic operations against groups opposed to the administration's Central America policy.

As has been established in the course of probes into the Iran/Contra scandal, "Spitz" Channell served as chief fundraiser for the National Security Council's illegal covert activities. Channell was, with Terry Dolan, founder of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, from the start, serving as its finance director in 1979. Both Channell and Dolan (who recently died of AIDS) were important players in the "Reagan Revolution" that overtook Washington in 1981, although Channell remained in the background until recent congressional investigations brought his fundraising role to light.

The *New York Times* reported on Jan. 9 that during his four years with Dolan, "Channell became adept at using federal campaign and tax law to raise large sums of money." What Channell really became adept at, was soaking elderly citizens for large sums of money, on behalf of North, the Moonie-linked Western Goals Foundation, and other front groups, ostensibly to support the Nicaraguan Contras and

other "freedom fighters." Between 1983 and 1984, Channell took over Western Goals (among whose board members was another well-known "conservative" homosexual who died of AIDS, Roy Cohn), and established two political action committees and seven other foundations.

Dolan and Channell worked together through the 1980s. They were the organizational and financial center organized from the Wednesday afternoon White House briefings sponsored by Faith Whittlesley's Office of Public Liaison. Chaired by USIA official Robert Riley, a suspect in handling Swiss bank accounts for "Project Democracy," these briefings were regularly attended by members of the "Rambozo" New Right apparatus, including John Rees and Moonie newspaper publisher Arnaud de Borchgrave. Elderly citizens were brought to Washington to attend the meetings, and were promised a meeting with the President if they gave \$30,000 or more. Oliver North regularly gave briefings at these meetings.

The Jan. 2, 1987 issue of the *Washington Blade*, a D.C. homosexual paper, reported: "Dolan was a hidden backer of a gay Republican group." The article detailed Dolan's role in creating Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (CAIR), co-founded with California GOP activist Bruce Decker in the summer 1981, while the two vacationed in Russian River, at an all-homosexual resort north of San Francisco. CAIR's platform included support for a strong defense policy, sharp opposition to communism, free enterprise, and "gay rights." The *Blade* reported: "Decker and another gay Republican who asked not to be identified confirmed for the record this week what many people close to Dolan said they already knew, that Dolan was gay and walked an increasingly difficult tightrope to maintain his status as head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, while privately leading the life of a gay man. 'He was an amazingly active player from behind the scenes,' said Decker about Terry Dolan," according to the *Blade*.

## Decker and 'No on 64'

Last fall, Decker was finance director of "No on 64," a committee organized to stop Proposition 64, whose measures for stemming the AIDS pandemic were gaining great support among California voters. Decker is director of the State of California's Office on AIDS, and has publicly called himself "the governor's house fairy."

Sources report that Decker mobilized the California Republican Party to demand that the Republican National Committee act to get the federal government to "crack down" on LaRouche. In this context, one source called the Oct. 6-7 Leesburg raid "well orchestrated."

For weeks in the summer of 1986, Decker and other "gay" Republicans in CAIR worked closely with the California Republican women's group responsible for analyzing ballot initiatives. Reportedly, Decker's winning over of conservative women against Prop. 64 led to California Gov. George Deukmejian's opposition to the Proposition.