

# LaRouche and the Paris trial

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WASHINGTON—Question: What do the Democrats and New York Governor Mario Cuomo, the Republican Justice Dept., and the national media have in common with the KGB's disinformation apparatus and the Soviet propaganda machine?

Answer: A passionate hatred of Lyndon LaRouche, the movement he started, and the publications and services that his movement has engendered.

This may sound frivolous, but I have watched the national media, Democratic bigwigs at the highest levels, and the Justice Department pursuing an unholy vendetta against the LaRoucheites and what they stand for. This has led me to a little private investigating.

I must confess that there is some truth to the charges of LaRoucheite subversion. In Leesburg, Virginia, where they are quartered, the LaRoucheites offer free concerts of the dangerous music of Mozart and Beethoven, and encourage members to play such instruments as the violin and the fortepiano so that they can participate. (Did you know that, gasp, Mozart was a Freemason?)

They also publish newspapers and magazines, do their best to broadcast their political views, and (Lord help us) even run a candidate or two for public office. Their views may upset or even offend some Americans, and because of this they are being dragged through the courts on charges either of no reasonable validity or clearly trumped. For this, too, Americans who have said only that whatever we may think about the movement it has the same constitutional rights as others, have been dealt up a gratuitous kick in the gluteus maximus.

One national newspaper has blasted the LaRouche movement as being a creature of the Kremlin (McCarthyism?). The Anti-Defamation League and other did-

dlers of fact have called Lyndon LaRouche and his movement Nazi. Both hint at a satanic nature. And the media has limited itself only to reporting what publicity-minded D.A.s hand out. Anything good about the movement will never get on the AP or the UPI budget.

Which gives me a golden opportunity to report what has been studiously kept out of the newspapers—namely that the LaRouche movement, through its Parti Ouvrier Europeen (European Workers Party, or POE) is suing the Soviet Union and various of its disinformation and propaganda branches for libel. The Kremlin has for years libeled whom it would with utter impunity—but Lyndon LaRouche has bearded the behemoth.

The Kremlin made the mistake of taking out after the POE for its alleged involvement in the assassination of Olaf Palme, the prime minister of Sweden. There is not one iota of evidence to back this up, and in fact the Swedish government has given the POE a clean bill of health. But the Kremlin tends to forget that it's easier to get convictions when manufactured evidence is presented to Soviet courts, as in the Moscow Trials.

In its response to the plaintiff's brief, the Kremlin has argued only that the POE is buddy-buddy with the CIA, that it supports the Strategic Defense Initiative, and that it has called on the French military to stand up to the U.S.S.R. I looked for but could not find any allegation that the POE liked apple pie.

It is chilling to note, however, that our Justice Department joined the KGB's game by turning over to the Swedish government the notebook of investigative researches into the assassination compiled by staffers of the LaRouche newspaper. The notebook had been illegally seized in a raid on the paper—and would have been as incriminating as my notes on the Kennedy assassination. That the Justice Department should have made itself a party to so obvious a Soviet ploy makes me wonder.

The wheels have begun to grind in the case. The Soviets have no defense at all and are hoping that a French judge will throw it out on a technicality. But wouldn't it be odd? If the POE wins a judgment against the Soviets, it will be correct to say that Moscow money helps finance its operations.

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on the Patriots' campaign to torpedo the "zero-option" sellout, and their warnings that Russia has "come dangerously close to the attainment of its main goal—the establishment of its hegemony over West Germany and thereby over the whole of Western Europe." Moscow notes ominously that the Patriots have "succeeded in winning the support in the F.R.G. of some retired ultra-right military men," naming

Patriots vice-chairman Brig. Gen. (ret.) Friedrich Grunewald and Brig. (ret.) Friedrich-August Freiherr von der Heydte.

One photo in the article sums up the reasons for Moscow's ire: It shows a demonstration of the European Labor Party in Bonn, West Germany, on behalf of the German-American alliance, replete with American flags, and a figure dressed as the Statue of Liberty.