

## National News

### 'Get LaRouche' gang issues biography

Doubleday, one of the largest publishing houses in America, on March 25 released Dennis King's "biography," entitled *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*. Despite its purpose, the book completely confirms that the recent legal prosecutions of LaRouche and his associates are entirely politically motivated.

The book, in fact, is a guide to the theory and tactics which have controlled the prosecutions of LaRouche and his associates by federal and state prosecutors; its release at this time was meant to coincide with the beginning of the New York trial of four of LaRouche's associates.

King's book features words of praise to the author from Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), as well as a long list of acknowledgements from King to Chip Berlet, John Train, Irwin Suall and the Anti-Defamation League, Russ Bellant, Michael Hudson, NBC's Pat Lynch, John Rees, and other "journalists" who have been stringers for the "Get LaRouche" government task force.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s initial comment on the book was that the result of "attaching a human turd" such as Dennis King to the jacket of Senator Moynihan, et al., is not to impugn the turd. Rather the turd impugns the jacket-wearer. Senator Moynihan's friends are not aware of what they've done to the senator.

King acknowledges that the book was financed by the League for Industrial Democracy, the Smith-Richardson Foundation (a funder of Social Democrat Roy Godson), and the Stern Family Fund. The people behind Dennis King first decided to "get LaRouche" after LaRouche published a devastating critique of the Western "elites" and his book on Walter Lippmann in the 1970s.

The book is a "prosecutor's bible" for the federal, state, local, and private "Get LaRouche Task Force." On one level the book is largely an exhibit of Dennis King's accumulated psychoses. On another level, it is a precise prosecutorial map. LaRouche's opponents long ago determined

that he could never be taken on directly in a political confrontation. Instead, his opponents determined an indirect means outside the political arena to bring LaRouche down through phony "conspiracy and financial fraud" trials.

### Terror alert issued against Greenpeace

U.S. authorities issued a terror alert against Greenpeace on Nov. 14, 1988 under an order prepared by the Naval Anti-Terrorism Tactical Alert Center. The order involved monitoring the movement of the Greenpeace ship *Sirius* in the Mediterranean.

Also on Oct. 17, 1988 the Army's anti-terrorist unit issued an alert against Plowshares, characterized by the *Washington Post* as a "militant anti-war group."

The *Washington Post*, which reported these alerts on March 26, complained that these groups were being put in the same category as Abu Nidal. Well, they are, and were so recognized by U.S. intelligence agencies. Greenpeace is not only Soviet backed, but known to have been involved in sabotage. Plowshares has been caught sabotaging military equipment.

### Protest movements considered illegal

A pattern of tyrannical prosecutorial actions against the Right to Life movement poses the question whether political protest is still allowed in the United States.

Following the successful RICO, or racketeering, prosecution of anti-abortion protesters in Philadelphia, the Department of Justice has filed 10 other RICO cases against local groups which have been sponsoring the protests and sit-ins around the country. In at least one case in Chicago, the original charge brought by the DoJ was violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust act—the government logic being that if the protest is successful, it reduces the activity at the clinic, thus representing an illegal restraint of

trade—which was amended in December to include violations of the RICO statute.

In Pittsburgh, protesters who were charged similarly several months ago refused bail, and continued their protest by going to jail pending trial. Once in the local jails, the protesters were reportedly abused and beaten, women were strip-searched, and some were held in mental institutions instead of a jail. Those who have since gone to trial have received sentences in the range of three years imprisonment—unprecedented for any political activity, no matter how aggressive or even violent.

These actions indicate that this movement, one of the only "single issue"-type protest movements active in the country, is officially categorized as an ongoing criminal enterprise in a way similar to the targeting of the political movement associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

### Base closing savings a fraud

The supposedly great savings in the Defense budget to be had from closing lower priority military bases around the nation, which were trumpeted to be in the range of \$2-5 billion per year by a commission headed by J. Peter Grace, have proven to be virtually nonexistent.

The Base Closing Commission estimated savings of \$694 million the first year of the closings, and \$5.6 billion over 20 years. But according to the General Accounting Office in testimony to the Military Installations and Facilities subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee on March 1, even these pitiful savings may be greatly exaggerated.

Over half the projected savings come from personnel reductions, including military personnel, whose levels are set by Congress. Further, military construction costs for moving, economic and homeowners assistance for affected personnel, and expected profits from the sale of base land, both because of depressed real estate values and because some of the land may be used for public purposes, have put even these minuscule savings into doubt.

## Briefly

Rep. George Brown (D-Calif.) has sponsored House Joint Resolution 165 to halt the closings, which must be voted on within 45 legislative days from March 1, and will likely come to a vote sometime between April 18 and early May. While support for the resolution is so far thin, support for halting the closings may grow since the much-hyped savings have yet to be found.

### Workers rebel against 'New Age' training

Employees of various companies are showing increasing resistance to employer-sponsored "New Age" training seminars which have become the target of several lawsuits.

The *Los Angeles Times*, in a front-page story on March 25 entitled, "Challenged by Workers—'New Age' Pep Talks: a Backlash," reported a wave of lawsuits by employees in opposition to a variety of Esalen Institute-type "New Age" training seminars pushed on them as productivity-enhancing mechanisms.

In one such suit, employees of the DeKalb Farmers Market near Atlanta, Georgia claimed that they were being forced out of their jobs over their objections to a "New Age quasi-religious cult" developed by Werner Erhard.

The "New Age" movement propagates the idea that the age of Christ is dead, and the age of Aquarius or hedonistic irrationalism is being ushered in.

### Scientist hits ozone environmental scare

Robert W. Pease, a professor emeritus of physical climatology at the University of California, Riverside, attacked ozone depletion theories in the March 23 *Wall Street Journal* in an article entitled "Ozone Chicken Littles Are At It Again."

"Let us not blindly follow those environmental activists who cry, 'The sky is falling,' and ban chlorofluorocarbons, "the

only inexpensive and effective refrigerants we have for refrigeration and air conditioning," Pease argued.

Insisting that the environmentalists' arguments lack any scientific proof, Pease writes that the ozone-depletion theory "ignores the equilibrium nature of ozone in the layer. The ozone molecules are constantly being created and destroyed—both quite naturally—by very short wavelengths of ultraviolet light from the Sun. The amount of ozone in the layer depends upon an equilibrium between the two processes. This equilibrium varies markedly both over the globe and throughout the year."

Reviewing the evidence, Pease says, "In other words, the paucity of measurable proof of depletion may be because depletion is not actually occurring. It is of interest to note that surface measurements by NOAA indicate that the total amount of ozone above the U.S. is actually increasing."

Pease concludes that the "ozone hole" is clearly a natural phenomenon due to the solar wind, and warned that before CFCs were invented, home refrigerators used toxic ammonia and sulfur dioxide.

### Soviet-linked groups target military bases

The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), a Moscow-controlled organization, has established a special branch in the United States, to build regional and national mass movements against nuclear and chemical industrial plants and research sites related to the defense sector.

The founding session of this IPPNW branch took place in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in mid-January 1989. It has already begun work, on the pretext of "fighting toxic pollution of the air and soil," against the Savannah River, South Carolina nuclear reprocessing plant, the Rocky Flats arms factory in Colorado, the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, the Molino Satellite Technical center in Ohio, the Portsmouth Uranium plant in Piketon, Ohio, and Sandia and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories.

● **MANUEL LUJAN**, the Secretary of the Interior, is being attacked by the news media and the environmentalists for his pro-growth outlook. The *Los Angeles Times* moans on March 28, "When Lujan accepted the nomination, it was with the understanding that all the key officials under former Secretary Donald Hodel would be replaced," but many remain at their Interior Department posts.

● **JACKIE PRESSER**, late president of the Teamsters union, had been an FBI informant since 1977, according to 1,999 pages of documents entered into the court record just before the Justice Department settled its racketeering case against the union, according to March 27 press reports.

● **LEE ATWATER**, the Republican National Committee chairman, has changed the music on the speaker system at Republican headquarters. "Staff members are now enjoying rhythm and blues, rock 'n' roll, and reggae," according to the March 29 *Washington Post*. "Traditional Muzak is dullsville and is not inspirational, so I'd liven the place up," Atwater said.

● **WILLIAM SAFIRE**, the conservative columnist, has attacked the Kissinger "second Yalta." The *Financial Times* of London March 29 said Safire warned of "a grand design for Eastern Europe espoused by two influential disciples of Dr. Kissinger, Mr. Scowcroft and Mr. Lawrence Eagleburger . . . [involving] the concept of continuing subservience of Eastern Europe to Soviet security concerns."

● **ALLAN MELTZER**, an adviser to President Bush and professor at Carnegie Mellon University, endorsed tougher IMF conditionalities in a March 27 column in the *Wall Street Journal*.