

Editorial

Devil's advocate

As our readers are no doubt aware, *EIR* has circulated 5 million copies of a press release containing the information that LaRouche prosecutor John Markham was linked to a satanic killer cult known as the Process Church of the Final Judgment. He served as a lawyer for them over at least a five-year period, and also worked as a volunteer in aid of their fundraising efforts in New York City.

According to drug-lobby scribbler Dennis King, Markham was selected by the Justice Department to prosecute LaRouche, precisely because of Markham's cult background. While King is notoriously unreliable, Markham himself confirmed his cult connections in private discussions, and on at least one occasion his activities were favorably reported on in the *Processian* magazine.

Numerous police sources, as well as the authors Ed Sanders and Maury Terry, have revealed presumptive evidence of Process Church connections to Charles Manson and the Son of Sam cult. There are also indications that they may have been involved with the Atlanta child murders.

At the point that John Markham went to work for the U.S. Department of Justice in the early 1980s, the Process Church of the Final Judgment had been under investigation by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies from coast to coast for well over a decade. Under the circumstances, the Justice Department must answer how it was, that such a man as John Markham was hired as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. As a first step in such an inquiry, an *EIR* investigator telephoned the Justice Department with a query.

Today, John Markham is, according to a DoJ spokesman, the head of the Drug Enforcement Task Force out of the U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco. From 1986 through early this year, he was involved in the railroad prosecution of LaRouche and his associates. Public Affairs officer Joseph Krovisky told a reporter on June 22 that the central files at the department had shown no such person working in the San Francisco U.S. Attorney's office. Krovisky admitted that no effort had been made to directly contact the San

Francisco United States Attorney.

The following day, Krovisky reversed himself and confirmed that Markham did indeed work at the U.S. Attorney's office; however, the department would make no further comment pending an inquiry to Markham directly. Krovisky also steered the caller to the FBI, which handled the background check on Markham at the time of his original application for a post at DoJ.

FBI spokesman Carlos Fernandez confirmed that FBI's General Background Investigative Unit, located at the Bureau's headquarters in Washington, D.C., routinely handled all background checks on applicants for positions as assistant federal attorneys. The GBIU is within the Criminal Investigations Division of the FBI. At the time of Markham's background check, the unit was headed by FBI supervisory agent David Kohl. Kohl is now a unit chief in the Inspections Division at FBI headquarters. Perhaps more significantly, the head of the Criminal Investigations Division, Division VI, at the time of Markham's hiring was Oliver B. Revell.

It was Revell who was assigned by then FBI Director William Webster in 1982 to take charge of the Bureau's "Get LaRouche" task force, a part of an inter-agency strike force established at the personal behest of Henry A. Kissinger. In an August 1982 letter to Judge Webster, referencing a July discussion with Webster at the Bohemian Grove annual secret meeting, Kissinger had demanded prosecution of LaRouche.

Within the DoJ, it was Boston U.S. Attorney William Weld, later the head of the Criminal Division, who took the point on the "Get LaRouche" task force. And it was Weld who personally brought Markham to Boston from San Diego to take charge of the LaRouche prosecution in late 1985.

A clear picture is now emerging, that not only have Lyndon LaRouche and his associates been subjected to a police-state frameup, but that actual Satanists have been behind this monstrous miscarriage of justice. Not only must the Justice Department and the FBI be called to account, but this matter should immediately be put under investigation by the House and Senate Judiciary Committees.