

National News

FBI's Levy arrested for attempted murder

Mordechai Levy, a stringer for the FBI and a confederate of anti-LaRouche activist Dennis King, was arrested on Aug. 10 and will be charged with attempted murder in the shooting of an innocent bystander during a dispute with a process-server for the Jewish Defense League (JDL) in New York City.

Levy has been used for many dirty operations against Lyndon LaRouche and associates, as well as for terrorist activities—always with FBI protection.

On several occasions he threatened LaRouche's life, actions which he justified as motivated by Dennis King, with whom he collaborated in the production of King's recent book-length diatribe, *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*.

Levy was a leader of the terrorist JDL, but now, as a result of a falling out among JDL circles, he is associated with a splinter group called the Jewish Defense Organization.

On the day of the murder attempt, two process servers tried to serve Levy with a subpoena on behalf of Los Angeles JDL chief Irv Rubin. Levy refused to answer the door, but instead climbed to the roof of his building, from which vantage point he sprayed gunfire into the street, hitting a bystander, who was hospitalized. Levy surrendered to police after a two-hour showdown, but only after he was persuaded to do so by an FBI agent whom he knew.

Kissinger attacked from several sides

During early August, Henry Kissinger was the target of attacks by spokesmen for several political currents, including Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) "700 Club."

Solarz attacked Kissinger for kowtowing to Communist Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. In a commentary in the Aug. 6

Washington Post, Solarz said, "In the days when China still had emperors, anyone who approached the Dragon Throne was required to abase himself and kowtow before the sovereign. Now Henry Kissinger, even before his forthcoming visit to the Middle Kingdom, has kowtowed to China's latter day emperor through the op-ed pages of the *Washington Post*."

Referring to a July 31 commentary in which Kissinger defended the Tiananmen massacre, Solarz said that instead of apologizing for the Deng regime, Kissinger should call upon the regime to end martial law, release political prisoners, end the executions and get on with serious political reform.

Pat Robertson's 700 Club attacked Kissinger the week of Aug. 1, charging that he supports many things antithetical to Christians, including the importation of drugs into the United States.

Watkins tries to block closing of nuclear plant

Energy Secretary James Watkins asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to stop the junking of the Shoreham nuclear plant, in a July 27 letter. Watkins is trying to stop the Long Island Lighting Company from selling the plant to the State of New York, which will tear it down.

"The Commission has discretion pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act and its regulations to hold a prior hearing if it determines that such a hearing should be held in the public interest," Watkins wrote. "The dismantling of this invaluable resource . . . would be a colossal mistake. Shoreham's destruction would be contrary to every principle associated with the establishment and maintenance of a sensible national energy policy and would be inconsistent with the provision of an adequate and reliable supply of energy in the Northeast."

Watkins also urged the NRC to monitor any actions that LILCO is reportedly already taking to disperse the Shoreham staff and defuel the reactor. He stated that the Energy Department would support the commission in issuing an order prohibiting such actions.

Food irradiation scientist imprisoned

Dr. Martin Welt, a pioneer in the field of food irradiation, was incarcerated in federal prison to serve a two-year sentence in August, after losing the appeal of his kangaroo court conviction in New Jersey.

Dr. Welt, a nuclear physicist who is an international leader in the commercialization of food irradiation, which makes it possible to preserve food for long periods without refrigeration, was the target of environmentalists and the Department of Justice, who were anxious to stop his work. He was indicted on criminal charges for minor infractions of Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations; these normally draw a reprimand or at most a small fine. Welt was also fined \$50,000.

The pro-environmentalist U.S. Attorney who stage-managed the conviction, Jacqueline Wolf, has now left her job to pursue a New York City career in acting.

Attorney calls for protection of elderly

Chicago Attorney Michael Null issued a public letter and an open call to "Stop the Abortion of the Elderly!" on Aug. 5, upon reviewing the police-state harassment of elderly contributors to the political movement associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

"After careful review of an exploding escalation of assaults on the rights and lives of the elderly citizens in America, in relation to their making contributions to the LaRouche movement, I am heretofore issuing this urgent appeal to the legal profession and all moral citizens of this nation to *stop the abortion of the elderly!*" Null wrote.

"I am witnessing a totally frightening pattern of physical, psychological, and financial harassment of senior citizens by government and banking officials, law enforcement personnel, the media, and greedy family members. . . . They are being threatened with removal from their homes

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and placement in mental institutions, called senior citizens' homes.

"What is this if not 'Old People's Abortion?'" Null asked. "I am Jewish. I know that this is Hitler's philosophy resurrected today. Hitler threatened the lives of those in society who could not secure their rights for themselves."

Null, who also expressed grave concern over the incarceration of Lyndon LaRouche, said that he was putting himself "before the public's eye to call upon the legal profession to see what a dangerous crisis of morality our nation is in if we do not defend the rights of the elderly. . . . Our elderly citizens who have made great contributions to America, must know that they have rights which we, and the LaRouche movement will defend to the death!"

Santería cult seeks okay of animal sacrifice

The Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye has filed suit in federal court in Miami, Florida, seeking to overturn a Hialeah city ordinance which bans the sacrifice of animals, according to press accounts Aug. 4. The church claims that the practice is integral to the practice of their "religion," a variety of Satanism known as Santería.

The attorney for the city asserts that the city has the right to regulate the killing of animals and the disposal of their bodies. He also said that the sight of smeared blood causes children "to be more violent."

The human sacrifices discovered earlier this year in Matamoros, Mexico were carried out by practitioners of Palo Mayombe, an offshoot of Santería.

Ascher wins right to remain out on bond

Rochelle Ascher, convicted in the Virginia prosecution of associates of Lyndon LaRouche and who won release on bail pending the appeal of her conviction, will remain free on bond, despite the vociferous objec-

tion of the state prosecutor. A three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals on July 19 denied the Commonwealth's demand that Mrs. Ascher be jailed.

She was convicted of "securities fraud" in a political witchhunt trial, and the jury imposed an 86-year prison sentence. The trial judge later changed the sentence to 10 years in jail and 10 years' probation.

The Commonwealth, in its brief demanding denial of bond, had argued that if allowed to go free, Ascher would continue her *political* activities and associations—and therefore must be stopped.

Virginia elite prepares to crush mine workers

An editorial in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Aug. 3 boldly laid out the intent of the Virginia oligarchy to crush the United Mine Workers, and with the union, the political aspirations of black Democratic gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder. The UMW is waging a long and bitter strike against the Pittston Coal Group Inc. in Virginia.

"Will Democratic nominee L. Douglas Wilder be able to walk the tightrope between his party's traditional labor constituency and those who back the state's long-held right-to-work tradition? In fact, there is far more at stake in the coal fields than mere politics," the editorial states.

The editors cite the remarks of Russell County Circuit Court Judge Donald McGlothlin, who fined the striking union \$4.5 million for allegedly violating his orders against picketing and traffic disruption. "There has been a feeling of terror throughout much of this area," he charged, adding that a tremendous amount of taxpayers' money is being spent trying to "protect" them from union violence. State police protection, however, has been solely for the Pittston scabs and goons, in defense of the state's "right-to-work" laws.

The editorial declares that the current police deployment is not enough. "The question . . . is whether even more law enforcement help is now necessary to bring the reign of UMW terror to an end."

Briefly

● **LYNDON LAROUCHE'S** first television broadcast in his campaign for Congress from the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, will call for a crash program to establish a U.S. colony on Mars. The show will air in the Washington, D. C. area on Aug. 22.

● **JOSEPH CALIFANO** said that AIDS patients take up too many hospital beds. Appearing on the Larry King radio show on July 27, Carter's former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare said that AIDS patients should be sent to hospices. "But, is that moral?" asked King. Califano said there wasn't enough money to care for them otherwise.

● **ANTI-ABORTION** activists of the National Women's Political Caucus will field electoral candidates against opponents of abortion in Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, Ohio, North Carolina, Nevada, Wisconsin, Delaware, Maryland, and South Dakota, states narrowly divided on the issue, where the shift of a few districts could swing the state.

● **DRUG CZAR** William Bennett, in the final draft of his anti-drug strategy, endorses drug testing in the private sector, and calls for federal agencies to test workers "to the maximum extent allowed by law."

● **THE APPEAL** for Lyndon LaRouche and six codefendants will be heard during Oct. 2-6, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia ruled on Aug. 1. The court denied a defense motion to expedite oral argument on the appeal before the close of the summer session.

● **CALIFORNIA** Attorney General John Van de Kamp unveiled a September ballot initiative which he called "the most far-reaching environmental clean-up" in California history. The measure would include tougher restrictions on pesticides, the oil industry, air pollution and emission standards.