
'Get LaRouche' Task Force

Illinois prosecutor uses methods of Deng Xiaoping, indicts opponents

On Aug. 17, a grand jury in the town of Oregon, Illinois handed down "burglary" indictments against three political associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche. According to statements by prosecuting attorney Dennis Schumacher, they are being charged for the "crime" of obtaining a political contribution to fight the spread of Satanism in the state.

Indicted are Patricia Noble-Schenk, Ron Fredman, and Richard Blomquist. Schenk and Fredman are running for statewide office on a slate with gubernatorial candidate Mark Fairchild, the LaRouche Democrat who threw the leaders of the Illinois Democratic Party into hysteria, and turned national politics upside down, when he and running mate Janice Hart won the 1986 Democratic primary for lieutenant governor and secretary of state.

Fairchild, in a well-attended press conference on Aug. 21, charged that his opponent in the upcoming gubernatorial race, current Attorney General Neil Hartigan, is trying to use the same rotten methods that Chinese Communist leader Deng Xiaoping used in Tiananmen Square: jailing his political opponents. Fairchild explained what lies behind the latest assault on the LaRouche movement:

"Ever since Janice Hart and I won statewide Democratic Primary nominations in 1986, there has been a continuous and escalating pattern of police-state actions designed to put myself and my friends in jail. Lyndon LaRouche himself has been railroaded into jail. What you're seeing in Oregon, Illinois is merely the local manifestation of a nationwide 'Get LaRouche' task force. [Gov.] Jim Thompson is a member. Neil Hartigan is a member. And these guys apparently think that the way to win elections is to put their enemies in jail! What this Schumacher character is trying to do, is to make it illegal for anybody associated with Lyndon LaRouche to do political fundraising. Neil Hartigan, from all appearances, is a fanatical sympathizer of the savage Deng Xiaoping regime, given his history of dealings with Communist China. If this kind of outrageous violation of the First Amendment is allowed to continue, Daley Plaza will become the next Tiananmen Square."

The new indictments are the latest strike by the national "Get LaRouche" task force, whose violations of the Constitution are the subject of the book *Railroad!* published by the

Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations.

The assault, on grounds so outrageous as to lead defense attorney Michael Null to compare the state's actions to those of Nazi Germany, reflects the outrage of LaRouche's opponents that the movement he founded did not "give up and go home" after the former presidential candidate was jailed on Jan. 27, 1989 on trumped-up conspiracy charges. Apparently the Illinois branch of the anti-LaRouche effort fears, in particular, that Fairchild will repeat his 1986 election victory—this time against Hartigan, who is viewed as a very weak candidate, even more of a wimp than Adlai Stevenson III. Also, the forces behind the Illinois prosecution apparently are unusually distressed at the success of the LaRouche Democrats' anti-Satanism campaign, which led to the *unanimous* passage of a bill in the state legislature banning ritual Satanic activity. Governor Thompson, for reasons known only to himself, has not yet signed the bill.

Said Fairchild, "What's really outrageous about this is that Schumacher, the prosecutor in league with the Attorney General, would have no problem with making *all* fundraising illegal. When LaRouche was railroaded into jail in January, this was supposed to shut our movement down. Instead, our subscription rate over the last six months has quadrupled. People are angry at the spread of Satan-worshipping cults. They're waking up. And they are looking to us."

The berserker prosecutor

The indictments, first seen by the defendants' attorney on the day they surrendered, contain 18 counts (6 against each accused) for theft, residential burglary, robbery, and intimidation.

Prosecutor Schumacher declared that the charges, which he described as "novel," are based on the outrageous premise that the three violated the robbery and residential burglary statute, because they entered a political supporter's home "with the intent to get money from her," and that their alleged use of intimidation was based on the fact "that they did not leave until they got it."

In short Schumacher is claiming that the solicitation of political contributions itself is a criminal act.

Such "novel" applications of the statutes are not only



LaRouche Democrat Sheila Jones announces her candidacy for lieutenant governor of the state of Illinois. To her right is Mark Fairchild, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination against current Attorney General Neil Hartigan.

clearly unconstitutional, but are also, in effect, a form of prior restraint, in direct opposition to over 50 years of Supreme Court decisions dealing with First Amendment rights. Such “novel” applications of the law are characteristic of a fascist state seeking to silence those voices of political, religious, or other expression that they find undesirable.

Prior to the indictments, in a wild fishing expedition, Schumacher tried to coerce Pat Schenk and her husband Gene into testifying before a grand jury by causing them to be issued an immunity order. He also issued blanket subpoenas for *all* records of Midwest Circulation Corp. (MCC)—the Midwest distributor of *EIR* and other publications—as well as all records of its employees, volunteers, related companies, organizations, and supporters.

During a hearing before Judge Alan Cargerman on Aug. 18, Schumacher, with disdain for due process and the right of the accused to counsel, including the attorney-client privilege of confidentiality, grabbed a new subpoena and served it on attorney Null’s paralegal, Fred Henderson, and attempted to serve a subpoena on Null himself—an unheard-of move, which he succeeded in carrying out five days later.

Judge not impressed

At the next hearing on Aug. 24, Schenk, Fredman, and Blomquist surrendered voluntarily and, despite Schumacher’s demand of a \$200,000 bond for each of the accused, Judge Cargerman was not impressed by the prosecutor’s arguments, and released all three on their own personal recognizance. The judge also quashed the prosecutor’s broad subpoena requesting all files of monies spent and raised by MCC. This followed the argument by Attorney Null, that “no grand

jury precedents for the release of these kinds of records exists. Except for perhaps Hitler. Hitler did it! Stalin. Stalin did it! McCarthy. McCarthy did it! And now Dennis Schumacher is trying to do it!” Rejecting the argument that to demand all records of a political movement on such a pretext, is a blatant violation of their First Amendment rights, Schumacher raved, “Anybody could stand behind the First Amendment! Even criminals could stand behind the First Amendment!”

Attorney Null concluded his argument against Schumacher’s police-state tactics:

“Perhaps in the 1950s this was allowed! But this is not the 1950s and this should not be allowed to happen today. . . . But with the prosecutor’s argument and his political fishing expedition to indict the LaRouche movement in its entirety, if Pat Schenk should kill her husband, Gene Schenk, God forbid, the prosecutor would want to investigate the entire MCC corporation and find blame!”

Judge Cargerman, in his written opinion, agreed that the subpoena of “concededly sensitive records must be evaluated with the strictest scrutiny to protect the First Amendment freedom of association in activist political affairs. . . . One of the state’s attorney’s original subpoenas to Midwest, for example, commanding production of ‘[a]ny and all personal records of all persons employed with, associated with, an agent of or volunteer for, including any related companies, organizations, or group to Midwest Circulation,’ was in our view violative of that heightened standard.” The prosecutor was therefore forced to severely restrict the records requested.

When asked by the press what his defense would be for his clients, Attorney Null said, “I have the best defense case:

My clients are innocent! Sure, we will have tactical arguments! Sure, we will have constitutional arguments! But the power we have, is that my clients are innocent, and Natural Law is on their side!"

Outside the court: more dirty tricks

While this drama was unfolding within the courtroom in Ogle County, broader actions were also under way in the political realm, both against LaRouche and his associates directly, and against the political and constitutional rights of all citizens:

- As press reports began to circulate about the forthcoming indictments of LaRouche associates, Illinois Rep. Richard J. Durbin sent out a letter to his constituents, entitled "Consumer Warning to all Illinois Residents." The letter instructs constituents to contact the Illinois Commerce Department if approached by individuals soliciting subscriptions to *New Federalist* newspaper. The congressman lied that LaRouche had been convicted of bilking supporters out of \$30 million.

- While arguments were proceeding in Judge Cargerman's court on Aug. 24, a two-man team of political organizers near Oregon, Illinois, had set up a literature table at a post office, only to find themselves surrounded by a half-dozen police cars (marked and unmarked), and a complement

of uniformed and plainclothes police and detectives, who threatened them with arrest if they didn't leave the site. The day before, the same two-man team was dragged off the streets during a walking tour, and told that they could organize if they wanted, but *could not mention Lyndon LaRouche*. One of the organizers was taken to the police headquarters, interrogated, and told: "Never come back!"

- While Schumacher was fighting to gut the First Amendment protections of the Constitution, secret plans came to light of a group of Illinois legislators and officials in the Attorney General and Secretary of State's offices to require the bonding of *all organizations involved in fundraising*. This grouping is reportedly coordinating its actions with Ogle County prosecutor Schumacher.

According to the proposed law, all organizations involved in fundraising—including political, religious and trade union organizations—would be required to be bonded with an insurance company for the amount of funds that they were soliciting. If there were a successful claim of improper solicitation, the insurance company would be held accountable for refunding the money raised. If such an insurance firm deemed any organization as being too controversial, or too much of a risk to give coverage, that organization would be barred from all fundraising activity. It would, consequently, cease to exist.

Prosecutor 'trying to outdo Adolf Hitler'

The following statement was released by Chicago attorney Michael Null on Aug. 24. Null represents the defendants in the state of Illinois' "burglary" case against three LaRouche associates.

The whole idea of Ogle County Prosecutor Dennis Schumacher requesting the records and files of all employees, volunteers, related companies, organizations and supporters to Midwest Circulation Corporation, causes a shivering remembrance of what Adolf Hitler's SS Gestapo forces unleashed against the Jews of Europe.

To identify and single out the Jewish population for prosecution and extermination, Adolf Hitler's regime ordered that all Jews wear armbands, which bore the Star of David. Wearing this armband meant the extermination of the lives of countless millions of Jews.

Is not this the same thing as what Prosecutor Dennis

Schumacher is requesting in his far-reaching request for the release of records on all supporters of Midwest Circulation Corporation (MCC), which is a distribution corporation of the ideas and policies of Lyndon LaRouche? Doesn't this mean that those who give contributions to the distribution of these publications are supporters of Lyndon LaRouche's ideas? Doesn't this single out those who support these policies and ideas for extermination and annihilation? Is this any different than the forced wearing of the Star of David upon the Jews of Warsaw, Treblinka, and Riga?

I know of no other precedents in American courts where such release of records, protected under the First Amendment, has occurred! I do know that Hitler did it! Stalin did it! Senator McCarthy did it! And now, Ogle County Prosecutor Dennis Schumacher is trying to do it!

I want it known, that as a Jew, but also, as a believer in the principles of this great nation for which so many gave their lives, with a commitment to defend the principles of the Founding Fathers of this nation, that I will use the power of law, to defend these noble principles. This cause for justice in this time of chaos and unrest is my fight. I shall not passively tolerate the annihilation of any movement fighting for the cause of freedom! On this, the Dennis Schumachers of this world can depend!

Who's behind the new 'Get LaRouche' drive

No prosecutor in Ogle County, Illinois could ever take actions of such momentous constitutional and political importance against a political movement, without the backing of the highest levels of the federal government. Behind the Nazi methods of prosecutor Dennis Schumacher, stand Gov. Jim Thompson (R) and Attorney General Neil Hartigan (D); behind them, the chain of command extends even to the White House itself.

Over a year after the 1986 victory of two LaRouche Democrats in the Illinois primary, then presidential candidate George Bush pronounced his views about Lyndon LaRouche, who was then under indictment in Boston federal court (the case ended in a mistrial, but an informal jury poll voted a complete acquittal). Addressing a campaign rally on July 31, 1987, Bush stated: "I don't like the things that LaRouche does. . . . He's bilked people out of lots of money, and misrepresented what causes money was going to. LaRouche is in a lot of trouble, and deserves to be in a lot of trouble."

Illinois Gov. **Jim Thompson** is a former Bush presidential campaign co-chairman. Under his administration, the state has been in the forefront of efforts to expand trade with the Russian and Chinese Communist dictatorships. Illinois was the first state to open offices in Moscow and Beijing, and during the June massacre of Chinese students in Tiananmen Square, the state refused to close its Beijing office, so eager was it to preserve relations with the Butchers of Beijing. Thompson is planning a visit to Vienna, Austria soon, to discuss plans for expanding trade with the Soviet Union, including "meeting with people who can help us get around the problem which the non-convertibility of the ruble" poses, a spokesman said.

Thompson has recently gained notoriety for his refusal to sign a bill passed in the last session of the Illinois legislature which outlaws Satanic practices. The passage of the bill had been organized by supporters of the LaRouche movement. While the Republican governor has so far refused to sign that bill into law, his Democratic Attorney General has deployed the state's legal machinery against the political forces responsible for its passage.

Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan, Schumacher's superior, is currently a candidate against LaRouche Democrat Mark Fairchild for the gubernatorial seat being vacated by Thompson. Hartigan fears that Fairchild's campaign will destroy his political career.

Hartigan is the property of First National Bank of Chicago, one of the nation's largest and most powerful banks. Hartigan was vice president of the bank, with responsibility for South America, until 1983. Today, the bank is financially overexposed, holding millions of dollars of unpayable South American debt. Hartigan was also the bank's chief liaison to the Chicago business community. In 1983, the bank commissioned him to run for Attorney General.

While Hartigan ran South American operations at First National, the bank's closely related Country Risk Department was run by **Alan Stoga**, now an economist at the consulting firm Kissinger Associates, Inc. Kissinger's firm has as its clients many British and American banks currently threatened with South American debt moratoria.

Back in 1978, Hartigan led a First National delegation to Beijing, which established the first Western banking facility with an ongoing relation with the People's Republic of China, the world's largest opium and heroin producer. It is dope money, as *EIR* has documented, that has kept such banks afloat. It was Kissinger who first opened up the "China door," and he has continued to be deeply involved in political and financial dealings with China.

In 1987, Hartigan returned to China as the senior state attorney general in an American delegation to a Sino-American conference on trade and investment.

Hartigan is the national chairman of the joint committee on telemarketing fraud of the National Association of Attorneys General and the Federal Trade Commission. That body has been used as a cover for a federally coordinated assault on the LaRouche movement, under the pretext of dealing with commercial fraud. The national chairman of the NAAG is New York Attorney General Robert Abrams, now prosecuting a hoked-up fraud case against four LaRouche associates in New York.

Hartigan's former boss, First National Bank of Chicago chairman Barry Sullivan, is also chairman of the Institute for International Finance. The institute, which comprises most of the world's largest banks, is a fanatical supporter of the Bush administration's hapless Brady Plan for Third World debt reorganization. The Brady Plan was cooked up as an alternative to LaRouche's proposals for debt moratorium and expansion of industrial, agricultural, and infrastructural development.

Another significant "Get LaRouche" capability active in Illinois is the **Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith**, which has long functioned as an FBI asset. Although closely aligned with the Democratic Party, the ADL was among the major organizations which demanded that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Adlai Stevenson withdraw from his party candidacy in 1986, rather than run on the same ticket as LaRouche Democrat Mark Fairchild. As a result, the Democratic Party went down in defeat, and Thompson's election as governor was secured. Not surprisingly, the ADL is also opposing the Illinois anti-Satanism legislation.