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## Background

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# ADL role in the 'Get LaRouche' task force

Ongoing court proceedings in the case of *Commonwealth v. Richard Welsh*, soon to come to trial in Roanoke, Virginia, have further exposed the role of the Anti-Defamation League in the "Get LaRouche" strike force. In fact, the ADL has been a key intermediary between the federal prosecutors, state prosecutors, the news media, and various attorneys involved in civil cases against LaRouche and his associates.

A look at the members of the ADL's officers and national commissioners helps explain why the ADL would deploy such large amounts of manpower and resources on behalf of the "Get LaRouche" task force.

For example: **Edgar Bronfman**, the Seagram's chairman, a man with close ties to Soviet strongman Mikhail Gorbachov, is an honorary vice-chairman and key fundraiser of the ADL. Bronfman has been instrumental in negotiating trade deals with the Soviets, and played a key role in negotiating for the ADL to open up an office in Moscow. Before he was toppled, Erich Honnecker, the Communist dictator of East Germany, gave Bronfman the highest award of the East German communist government.

Other honorary vice-chairmen include:

**Max Kampelman**, a leftist who was an aide to the late Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) and the top nuclear arms negotiator for the Reagan administration;

Sen. **Howard Metzenbaum**, the liberal Democratic senator from Ohio, who recently rebuffed a delegation of businessmen and labor unionists who came to appeal to him to oppose the Clean Air Act;

Sen. **Rudy Boschwitz** (R-Minn.);

**Abraham Ribicoff**, the former Democratic U.S. senator from Connecticut;

**Philip Klutznik**, former U.S. secretary of commerce; and Rep. **Sidney Yates** (D-Ill.).

Among the national commissioners are:

**Irving Shapiro**, the former head of the Du Pont Corporation and the Business Roundtable.

**Murray Janus**, the top-dollar Richmond, Virginia attorney who was caught in a bribery-like effort to influence Judge Clifford Weckstein, who is presiding over the Welsh case, by dangling the potential of a Virginia Supreme Court appointment before him along in the same mailing with a packet of slanderous materials against LaRouche and his associates.

**Meyer Eisenberg**, former assistant general counsel at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

According to the ADL's oral history, *Not the Work of One Day*, the ADL was saved from financial disaster in 1978 when Burton M. Joseph, former national chairman and current honorary chairman, got his good friend Dwayne Andreas to give the ADL a substantial sum of money from Andreas's Archer Daniel Midland Foundation. Andreas is also close to Gorbachov and is considered to be the successor to Armand Hammer as Moscow's favorite U.S. businessman.

The ADL has since been able to gain substantial funding from many of the nation's top corporate leaders. Among the more than 200 corporate leaders mentioned "with profound appreciation" in the brochure, "The World of the ADL," are: Willard Butcher, Chase Manhattan Bank; Albert V. Casey, American Airlines; Justin Dart, Dart Industries; Marvin Davis, Twentieth Century Fox; former U.S. Treasurer Oveta Culp Hobby; John W. Kluge, Metromedia; Walter B. Wriston, Citicorp; and Donald R. Keough, Coca Cola.

## Mira Lansky Boland pollutes the task force

A sketch of the ADL's role in the task force can be seen by looking at the activities of Mira Lansky Boland, director of the ADL's Washington, D.C. Fact Finding Division. According to testimony in pre-trial hearings in the Welsh case, Lansky Boland has been collaborating with all elements of the task force. According to the testimony, she was present at the Boston trial of LaRouche where she prepared reports on the trial. Her reports were circulated to the news media and other members of the "Get LaRouche" strike force.

It was also revealed that Lansky Boland had numerous telephone and face-to-face conversations from 1988 onward with Virginia state prosecutors. Lansky Boland provided a document for Virginia prosecutor John Russell, which was entered into evidence at the sentencing hearing of Donald Phau, a co-defendant of Welsh and an associate of LaRouche. Lansky Boland was also present at the hearing in which Judge Clifford Weckstein imposed a 77-year sentence on LaRouche associate Michael Billington.

Lansky Boland also made her services available to the Pennsylvania law firm McNees, Wallace and Nurick, who represented the plaintiffs in *Yoder v. EIR*. At the Yoder trial, Lansky Boland said the ADL was a "national repository of information" on LaRouche. Lansky Boland was on the prosecution's witness list at the trial of three LaRouche associates in Ogle County, Illinois.

Lansky Boland also works closely with Virginia state police agent C.D. Bryant. At the Billington sentencing hearing, she was introduced as "Charlie's friend." C.D. Bryant has been caught traveling the country harassing subscribers to *EIR*. At the hearing in the Welsh case, Bryant admitted he had received information useful to the prosecution from Lansky Boland. He also said he "continue[s] to do investigative things with Lansky Boland."