

National News

Government opposes LaRouche damages claim

The U.S. government has filed its opposition to the claims for damages by three companies affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche—Caucus Distributors Inc., the Fusion Energy Foundation, and Campaigner Publications, Inc.—claiming that since the victim companies are now destroyed, they have no standing to sue for damages.

Bankruptcy courts have found that the government acted in bad faith and committed a “constructive fraud upon the court” in imposing an involuntary bankruptcy upon the companies in April 1987. The non-repayment of loans of the entities after the forced bankruptcy was the basis upon which Lyndon LaRouche was railroaded into prison.

In their brief, the government claims that the only reason the companies are shut down is because the officers of these companies refused to cooperate with the bankruptcy trustees, and asserts that the companies were not damaged by the involuntary bankruptcy because at the time of the bankruptcy the companies were “financial basket cases.”

Flaunting the fact that the bankruptcy was brought in conjunction with criminal prosecutions, the government attacks the debtors for asserting their Fifth Amendment rights during the bankruptcy proceeding and asks the court to order the debtors to say they will not assert their Fifth Amendment rights in pursuit of the damages, even though there are still ongoing criminal proceedings against these same companies.

Horse-trading in the flesh of POWs exposed

James D. Sanders of Williamsburg, Virginia exposed the fact that the U.S. has been trading the flesh of prisoners of war since the end of World War II, in a letter to the editor printed in the Nov. 11 *Washington Post*.

Sanders has uncovered Pentagon memos which document that Stalin held almost 25,000 U.S. POWs in camps situated in areas occupied by the Red Army who were not released to the U.S. The Soviets demanded an exchange of the prisoners for leading anti-communist Russians and other East Europeans who had fled to the U.S.-occupied areas at the close of the war. To protect scientific and intelligence assets, the U.S. refused.

The documents show that there was a deliberate falsification of Army records to discredit a 1945 Army memo describing the POWs held by the Soviets, and attribute the information to a statistical error. One version of the coverup memo proposed to admit that the Soviets were holding 3,000 prisoners. The final version admitted to none.

Other knowledgeable sources report that many of the POWs-MIAs suspected to be in the hands of the Vietnamese were sent to China and the Soviet Union where their technical skills were needed.

Call for probe of head of Fish and Wildlife

The Mountain States Legal Foundation has called for a full investigation of John F. Turner, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, following reports that that agency and environmental groups killed hundreds of birds in Alaska to gather evidence to use in court.

“All Americans are justifiably shocked at the decision of the U.S. government to order the killing of hundreds of birds,” wrote William Pendley, president of the foundation, in a letter to Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan. “This episode demonstrates . . . that the agency is totally out of control.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ordered the killing of hundreds of birds, which were soaked in oil and thrown into Prince William Sound. The killings were requested by lawyers with the Department of Justice in order to gather information for legal action in the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The foundation has officially requested Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to investigate the behavior of DoJ lawyers

who requested the killings. “This obscene action by the Department of Justice attorneys leads one to the conclusion that they . . . are apparently consumed by a win-at-all-cost mentality,” Pendley wrote in a letter to Thornburgh, and may have “violated not only federal law but the Code of Professional Responsibility required of all attorneys.”

Exxon Valdez cleanup a boondoggle, says CRS

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) has released a report that concludes that the \$2 billion spent to clean up the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill was completely wasted.

The author of the report, James Mielke, told Congress that even with the most immediate and massive clean up efforts, no more than 10-15% of the oil can be recovered, and because oil is a natural hydrocarbon and its toxic elements quickly evaporate, there is no long-term damage to ecosystems.

Mielke examined the greatest oil spills in world history, including the Santa Barbara channel offshore well blowout of 1969, the huge Campeche Bay Mexican offshore oil-well blowout in 1979, and the mammoth Amoco Cadiz spill off Brittany, France. He found that natural recovery from oil spills is generally far more effective than elaborate and costly cleanup schemes and that “predictions of long-term effects have been largely unsubstantiated.”

Northwesterners band to fight environmentalism

Towns and counties in Montana and Idaho representing 40,000 citizens, have banded together to challenge the decision of the eco-fascists in the U.S. Forest Service to limit timber harvesting in the Upper Yaak River Drainage of the Kootenai National Forest.

The legal action was filed by Mountain States Legal Foundation for its members and on behalf of Lincoln County, Montana; Boundary County, Idaho; the cities of Bonners Ferry and Moyie Springs, Idaho;

Briefly

● **CANDIDATES** who ran on issues associated with Lyndon LaRouche “sometimes got as much as 20%,” in U.S. House and Senate races in Virginia, reported an Associated Press wire on Nov. 11. It reported that Nancy Spannaus, who opposed Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), got as much as 40% of the vote in some districts.

● **WILLIAM BENNETT** announced Nov. 8 his resignation as “drug czar” of the Bush administration—becoming the second person, after Elizabeth Dole, to leave the Bush cabinet in the last few weeks.

● **SUSPECTED SOVIET SPY** Felix Bloch has been dismissed from his post at the State Department—over a year after French intelligence signaled the U.S. that Bloch was a Soviet spy—but Bloch may still be able to get his pension, which is 70% of his \$80,000 salary. Bloch has been close to cronies of Henry Kissinger such as Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Lawrence Eagleburger, and R. Mark Palmer.

● **RICHARD LAMM**, the former governor of Colorado, said Nov. 7 that the U.S. can no longer afford to give top medical care to everyone, especially the very old and premature babies, the *Boston Globe* reported. “No other society spends so much on death and dying,” Lamm declared at a conference in Boston sponsored by John Hancock Financial Services.

● **AARON OWEN**, the brother of Nebraska child abuse victim-witness Alisha Owen, was found hanged in his Lincoln jail cell on Nov. 8, just 12 hours before a hearing on Miss Owen’s upcoming trial for perjury. Aaron Owen’s death has been termed a suicide.

● **WOMAN’S DAY** magazine includes a recipe contest in its November issue called “How to Make George Bush Eat His Broccoli.” The recipes must use Cream of Broccoli soup, and first prize is \$5,000.

Libby, Eureka, and Troy, Montana; Communities for a Greater Northwest; and Owens and Hurst Lumber Co.

“For a 1% increase in Grizzly Bear habitat, the Forest Service has decided to cut the permitted timber harvest by 43% and the income to the communities by 45%,” stated William Pendley, president and chief legal officer of the foundation. “In addition, the Forest Service has decided to leave over 3,829 acres of timber, destroyed by the Mountain Pine Beetle, to rot instead of letting it be harvested for jobs, revenue, and fire prevention. As a result, 76.5 million board feet of timber—enough timber for 6,962 homes—will provide the tinder for the next devastating fire to sweep through the region. . . .

“This appeal is . . . about whether or not mankind has a place in northwestern Montana and northern Idaho,” he said.

National security alumni cover LaRouche railroad

The judicial railroading of Lyndon LaRouche is reported on in the November issue of *Unclassified*, the newsletter of the Association of National Security Alumni (ANSA).

In its “Shadow Justice” column which covers the ongoing litigation of victims of the Iran-Contra fiasco, *Unclassified* reports that “although in ill health, LaRouche was required to perform physically demanding kitchen duties.”

Unclassified reports that “LaRouche claims that [his] arrest resulted, not from any fraud, but because he refused to put his organization at the service of the North-Secord ‘enterprise’ and was, in fact, competing with the enterprise for the money of the same donors. . . .

“Whatever the validity of the charges against him, it cannot be denied that the government has pursued LaRouche with a zeal not shown for the [Oliver] Norths and [Gen. Richard] Secords.” *Unclassified* reported that the government was “embarrassed” when it was found that “Secord was spying on LaRouche for Oliver North. Likewise, FBI documents showed that it, too,

was surveilling LaRouche at the behest of the CIA and had infiltrated his organization. . . . Richard Morris, former staff assistant to Judge William Clark, National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan in 1981 and 1982, testified that Clark had used LaRouche’s organization in consultation with the NSC. But, he said, after LaRouche publicly opposed the Nicaraguan Contra operation, other NSC officers began to talk of taking action against him. . . .

“The government seized LaRouche’s three publishing organizations and forced them into bankruptcy. It then prosecuted the firms and their officers for failing to repay loans behind the allegations of credit card fraud. On Oct. 1, 1990, the U.S. government notified lawyers for the corporations that it would not appeal rulings of federal bankruptcy court Judge Martin Bostetter and district Judge Claude Hilton that the government seizure of the three firms was unlawful, carried out in objective bad faith, and finally, had been accomplished by means of a ‘constructive fraud on the court.’

“Whatever one may think of LaRouche, his ideology, or his political methods, there are many aspects of his case . . . to allow more than a suspicion that LaRouche . . . is a victim of Shadow Justice.”

Zionist lobby hosted by Saudi prince

On Oct. 26 Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Prince Bandar bin Sultan gave a breakfast “attended by some of the capital’s foremost advocates of Israel,” to form a blue-ribbon committee to mobilize U.S. public opinion for war, according to columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak Nov. 7.

Among those present were Henry Kissinger’s friend, Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), together with Reps. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) and Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.).

The idea for a citizens’ committee is being pushed by Richard Perle, the former assistant secretary of Defense, who is believed to have been part of the “Mr. X Committee” directing convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.