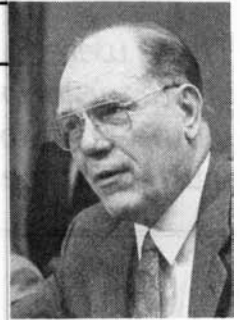

Interview: Lyndon LaRouche



Military role in 1986 raid throws light on murder plot

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche was interviewed by telephone by Nancy Spannaus on June 3. Excerpts of their conversation follow.

EIR: I understand there's new information coming out, which sheds light on the 1986 raid in Leesburg, which included a plot to assassinate you. What can you tell us about it?

LaRouche: The most significant piece of new information identifies a section of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as being intimately involved in the case. From what I know of the list of personalities associated with the Joint Chiefs of Staff operation identified, this unit was operating in our environment very closely over an entire period, probably the entire period of the Reagan administration at the very least, and involved apparently one of my adversaries, Noel Koch, on top of the operation (see page 61).

I would say that is the most significant new category of information which has developed in the case in the recent period.

EIR: Is there any *official* information which you've been able to get access to, which points to this assassination attempt?

LaRouche: Yes, there is a link of this to the assassination plot which was acted out in Leesburg, from the period of Oct. 5-7, 1986.

Just to situate it. One should recall, that there were a number of teams, including helicopters and light planes, and people with automatic weapons, who were surrounding the premises in which I was situated, who had no business there.

Also, there was equipment and personnel held in reserve on premises nearby the place, who were interlocked with this Armored Response Group United States, called ARGUS, in which the local sheriff and this strange fellow called Herbert Bryant, Jr.—the putative nominal major general, nominal colonel, nominal whatnot—were involved.

Without going into the details in particular at this moment, the fact is, that I knew at the time, from observing what was going on, that there was a plan to come in in a kind of "Wounded Knee operation," to wipe out the persons on those premises and to take my hide in that fashion, during, probably, the wee hours of the night of Oct. 7.

So I sent a telegram to [President] Reagan; as a result, that operation was put on hold. And then in the morning it was scotched entirely, as they pulled everything off, at about 10 a.m. or somewhat after that. But there was a very real assassination operation going.

The link is Captain Sealock of the sheriff's department, who would be key with the sheriff and with [Sheriff's Deputy Lt.] Donny Moore, and with [Richard] Egan of the FBI in plotting that assassination, along with some others subsequently exposed as corrupt officials of the Virginia State Police. But the significant thing is this link with ARGUS.

This operation cuts into the U.S. Marshals Service as one of the corrupted or tainted agencies involved in this; and it also cuts into the military side, and into military support operations—which vectors back into the same direction as this storage of documents by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Now, what it looks like, is this. The overall operation involving North's and [Richard] Secord's acquaintances inside the Joint Chiefs of Staff, inside the J-3 Special Operations Division, would be running an operation under Executive Order 12333 against us, on the basis of our opposition to their playing around and supporting, actually, drug runners in Colombia and Central America. And they would be fighting back against us, as they were; that's a matter of record.

Somehow, this would be done under 12333. If you look at the enabling recommendation for a 12333 operation, that is, Henry Kissinger made the motion, and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, including his lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams, passed an enabling recommendation for a dirty operation against me and my associates on Jan. 12, 1983. That's an enabling recommendation. The enabling recommendation indicates foreign [threats], among other things. So the 12333 [operation] would be running as a foreign operation, in part, under that.

The operation under North, Secord, and company, would start under the cover of being a foreign intelligence operation against me under 12333. Then, however, it would play back into the United States, as a completely illegal and out-of-control operation, which, through various kinds of manipulations, would end up being entangled in a plotted assassination of me, plotted for the period of Oct. 6-7, 1986.

This makes also quite clear some other things about it,

There were two major policy fights in which what I was doing . . . ran athwart of the major policy interests of people in our own and other governments who would tend to run as running dogs with Kissinger or Kissinger's backers, and with what we call today the Project Democracy or neo-conservative crowd.

but that's the essence. Yes, there is a connection between this new information and the assassination. My knowledge of the assassination stands on its own. I was on the ground; I saw the events. I knew what they were up to, because of the nature of the operation. There was no doubt of what they were up to, and all I have done since is gotten more and more corroboration. There is no doubt that I was correct in that assessment, and there's no doubt that my telegram to Reagan was the only thing that prevented a bloody shootout against me, to wipe me out, and anyone associated with me, that night. That's clear.

But what is now clear, is that because of the out-of-control character of the 12333 operation, because particularly of the inclusion of the Anti-Defamation League [ADL] and other private organizations in this, the thing went totally out of control, and thus the Joint Chiefs of Staff's involvement in a 12333 operation, through things such as ARGUS and the local sheriff's department, in a cover of complicity with an assassination plot.

EIR: Why would sections of the U.S. government want to eliminate you?

LaRouche: It's very obvious, why the overall operation was set into place. There were two major policy fights in which what I was *doing*—as opposed to what I was merely saying, or my friends were merely saying—ran athwart of the major policy interests of people in our own and other governments who would tend to run as running dogs with Kissinger or Kissinger's backers, and with what we call today the Project Democracy or neo-conservative crowd.

One was, that we had been traditionally involved in campaigning for a monetary reform and denounced the kinds of monetary policy as being akin to those of the Nazis—that is, the monetary policies of austerity, imposed upon developing countries to the effect of causing mass death, sometimes in a very horrible way.

In the summer of 1982, we came very close to winning a faction fight for such a monetary reform, which would have meant a defeat for every institution which the public associates with Kissinger and his policies.

In the same timeframe, I was working in cooperation with the U.S. government, specifically the National Security Council office of security, in back-channel negotiations with Soviet representatives to feel out the Soviet Union on accep-

tance of a package which later came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

This negotiation, had it been successful, would have destroyed the Yalta approach, which later Reagan took with Gorbachov; it would have destroyed that kind of approach, and would have approached the question of a peaceful resolution of the Cold War, so-called, from a much more viable basis. That would have been a major threat to the vital or perceived interests of the backers of Kissinger.

So that one can say that anyone who is allied with Henry Kissinger in the U.S. government, on issues of North-South monetary and banking policy for one thing, and on the basis of a condominium relationship with Moscow under the terms of Yalta, that anyone who is strongly attached to those two policies of Kissinger and his backers, would be violently opposed to me, and were in fact, as Kissinger, the initiator of the 12333 operation, and the authors of the operation in which this assassination plot against me was situated, exemplify.

EIR: Does this assassination effort involve international forces as well as ones in the United States?

LaRouche: Yes, there are major international forces involved in this. There are a great number of people in this century who have been victimized or assassinated because they're doing things which were not dissimilar from what I was doing, on the same issues.

For example: Why would John Kennedy be assassinated? Why would anyone wish to assassinate the President of the United States? When you eliminate the argument of the Warren Commission—which purports to represent an Office of Naval Intelligence-FBI agent, Lee Harvey Oswald, as being the perpetrator—and get to the truth of the matter, others were involved, known entities.

The same people who tried to kill [Charles] de Gaulle in that period, the same people who killed [Enrico] Mattei; the same group who, on Kissinger's recommendation, eliminated Aldo Moro. These forces can be identified, essentially, with what I call the Versailles system. That is, the British, having won the United States over to support this position, created a war in Europe, called World War I, to prevent Russia, Germany, and France, essentially, from entering into economic development cooperation of a sort which would have meant the general economic development of Eurasia.

World War I was created, orchestrated, and fought to

prevent that from ever happening. So a Versailles system was set up, with the idea of uprooting all possibility of that ever happening in the interest of what had become the Anglo-American alliance, with a sort of a French subordinate running dog at that point, after Versailles. That failed, for various reasons; and at the end of World War II, or in the course of the ending of World War II, the United States and Britain negotiated with Moscow a new version of the Versailles system, including the Bretton Woods agreement, the San Francisco agreements, the Yalta agreements, and so forth.

The real victim of the past postwar period has been primarily the people of the so-called developing sector, who have been looted, and they've been looted by virtue of an agreement and collaboration between the Anglo-Americans on the one side, and Moscow on the other.

The fight has been between Yalta, representing the two quarreling condominium partners, the Anglo-Americans and Russians, and the rest of the human race. That's been the real quarrel over the past century.

So naturally, there are international forces which are just as bitterly, perhaps sometimes even more bitterly, opposed to what I represent, or what Kennedy represented in his way, or what de Gaulle represented, what Mattei represented, and so forth, as those in the United States.

EIR: Could this assassination attempt have been related to the slanders of you internationally?

LaRouche: There is no doubt about that. Remember how the operation was done. Over the period from 1983 through a recent time, there has been no significant coverage of me, in any major Anglo-American entertainment or news media, which pertained to anything I actually did, or was involved in as a breaking news development, except to broadcast, in print or electronically, the wildest falsifications imagined.

These falsifications were all a product, directly, of a group of people represented in a salon in New York City, a salon held under the auspices of a private banker up there, John Train. This included many representatives of government agencies, the ADL, and various press agencies.

These groups plotted and constructed, crafted, if you will, a set of guidelines for lies to be spread against LaRouche, et al. The news media in general dutifully accepted this dictate. If you look back over the *Lexus/Nexus*, or any other survey of publicity on the subject of me over that period, you will find nothing covered, nothing published, *sui responde* by these agencies which does not conform to these wild concoctions coming out of the participants in the Train salon. And this Train salon was a government operation, part of the 12333 operation.

That shows, I think, to any honest and intelligent person, that the slanders which were being concocted under the direction of the same people who concocted the prosecution, and who concocted the assassination plot or were tangled in concocting it, that this is all one common ball of wax.

'Iraqgate' scandal targets Kissinger

by Scott Thompson

Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.), the chairman of the House Banking Committee, has released new evidence implicating former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger in widespread corruption, perjury, and conflict of interest. Before assuming top posts in the Bush administration, both Scowcroft and Eagleburger were partners with Kissinger in the international consulting firm of Kissinger Associates.

The documentation, released by Gonzalez in a lengthy report published in the *Congressional Record* on April 28, details the role of the three men and another official of Kissinger's private consulting firm, Alan Stoga, in the manipulation of U.S. government loans to the government of Iraq during the period leading up to the 1991 Persian Gulf war, and in a subsequent effort to cover up the criminality.

Gonzalez has been in the forefront of a several-year-long battle to expose the continuing rotten influence of Kissinger inside the Bush administration. After the release of his April 28 *Congressional Record* report, Gonzalez was accused by Attorney General William Barr of "leaking" classified government documents relating to the so-called Iraqgate scandal. Other senior Bush administration officials threatened a cutoff of all information to the House Banking Committee unless Gonzalez would agree to keep the material under seal.

The Gonzalez assault on Kissinger and friends unfortunately misses the boat in several important respects, which could potentially undermine the impact of the otherwise invaluable effort. Kissinger need not be attacked for "supporting" Iraq—or for delivering high technology to the Third World. What his dirty apparatus does, is to use Third World countries to make money, and to carry out geopolitical manipulations that lead to further destabilization. What needs to be uprooted is not the policy of technological aid (which is what Gonzalez's bill targets), but the operation of the filthy Kissinger apparatus and policy within the federal government.

Indeed, this same apparatus is operating to inflame the Balkan situation—having originally sided with Serbia, and now moving to play the opposition. The manipulative *modus operandi* is the same.