

EIR Special Report

Get the criminals out of the U.S. Justice Department

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On July 12, the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to begin hearings on the 1993 tragic events at Waco, Texas, in which 86 members of the Branch Davidian sect and four Treasury Department agents were killed in two separate armed confrontations. The initial decision to hold hearings on Waco was driven by a broad-based bipartisan concern over evidence of rampant corruption inside the permanent bureaucracy at the Department of Justice (DOJ). But there is now a danger that those hearings will be hijacked by a group of Republican congressmen out to pillory the President and his Attorney General for purely partisan purposes—even if it means covering up for the real criminal apparatus inside the department.

Increasingly, since the April 19, 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, in which 168 people were killed, the Waco incident has been thrust back into the public view, in an almost unrecognizably distorted form. Wacky spokesmen for President Clinton's most virulent enemies in London, typified by the *Sunday Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, and the *London Times's* former editor-in-chief, now weekly columnist, Lord William Rees-Mogg, have tried to exploit the post-Oklahoma City shock to escalate their assault on the Presidency and bolster their efforts to manipulate secessionist and anti-federal sentiments among frightened and frustrated Americans.

From within the Republican Party, the machinery of former President George Bush stands to gain the most by distorting the Waco hearings into a show-trial against Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno that never touches upon the permanent government structures inside the DOJ.

Completely lost under the weight of this latest British propaganda offensive against President Clinton is any concern with getting to the root cause of the Waco tragedy; or the earlier cold-blooded murders of two people by federal government agents at Ruby Creek, Idaho; or the 1986 attempt by government agents to murder political economist Lyndon LaRouche; or the subsequent political frameup prosecution and conviction of LaRouche and many of his associates; or the near-execu-



Demonstrators in Leesburg, Virginia on May 7, 1992 protest against Sheriff John Isom, a local enforcer for the "Get LaRouche" task force and collaborator of the Anti-Defamation League.

tion of John Demjanjuk following his extradition to Israel on war crimes charges which the prosecutors knew to be false.

Any remotely serious probe of this pattern of attacks against the American people would turn up a common list of corrupt officials presiding over these crimes of state and their coverup. It is high time that the corrupt bureaucracy inside the DOJ be cleaned out. Contrary to public opinion, neither the President nor the Attorney General presently wields very much power inside the 90,000-person DOJ. The real center of power, as you will discover in the following 32-page *Special Report*, is located within the permanent bureaucracy of career civil servants—led by two senior Criminal Division officials who, between them, have been on the job for 72 years!

Deputy Assistant Attorneys General John Keeney and Mark Richard hold the reins of power over all major criminal cases, as well as all national security matters. They form the liaison with the CIA, the Pentagon, and all foreign law enforcement and intelligence services. They direct all internal security probes, and investigate all charges of corruption by elected political officials.

If you are still puzzled over the failure of a string of congressional committees, special prosecutors, and federal judges to get to the bottom of the scandals of the 1980s—the so-called Iran-Contra affair, the flooding of the United States with trillions of dollars in illegal narcotics, etc.—you need look no further than this DOJ apparatus. This is the Praetorian Guard that has kept the American public, Congress, and even the President in the dark about these scandals.

This is a "Bush-league" apparatus. As *EIR* has documented over the years, the real architect of the myriad of corrupt covert intelligence operations throughout the 1980s was not the late CIA director William Casey. The real head of Reagan-era clandestine operations was Vice President George Bush—Ollie North's immediate boss and the actual head of the "secret parallel government."

None of the guns-for-drugs shenanigans of the Bush-North team would have been possible without the "insured coverup" by the DOJ. As the consummate "permanent bureaucrat," George Bush was intimately familiar with the inner workings of the DOJ. In 1988, Bush made sure that a former top-ranking DOJ official, a member of the "old boy system," Richard Thornburgh, was installed as Attorney General. One of Thornburgh's first acts in that post, in August 1988, was to appoint Mark Richard as his Special Assistant. Thornburgh was driven out when several of his top aides at the DOJ were convicted of trafficking in cocaine. Bush then appointed William Barr, who had previously worked at both the DOJ and CIA, as Thornburgh's successor.

One sure-fire way to guarantee that the upcoming Waco hearings don't turn into the partisan slug-fest that the British, the Bush crowd, and the DOJ permanent apparatus are working for, is to feature prominently the LaRouche case, as well as the other recent documented instances of flagrant DOJ corruption. Only by dissecting the inner workings of the Justice Department in this series of actions can any semblance of truth be unearthed.