

Subject: Reckless disregard for truth

U.S. Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche sent this letter to Australian Member of Parliament Clyde Holding.

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SUBJECT: Reckless Disregard for Truth

My Dear Clyde Holding:

I am in receipt of a copy of a "News Release," of less than three full pages, which is identified as issued by your office on the date of February 6, 1996. The document in question is otherwise identified as a joint statement issued by you in concert with one Peter Cleeland, M.P., the latter identified therein as "Chairman, Joint Parliamentary Committee on The National Crimes Authority."

The purpose of my present letter to you, is to point out to you and Mr. Cleeland some of the exemplary evidence showing that your subject News Release was uttered with a reckless disregard for truth. My several examples presented, each and all pertain to assertions in your release, which you might have readily discovered to have been false; your release itself also demonstrates that you had been made aware beforehand that at least some among your assertions might well have been false. That same recklessness is otherwise a pervasive quality of malice which characterizes your release considered in its entirety.

I wish that you had been duped into circulating that News Release, and, once prompted to more thoughtful reflection, would purge yourselves of further association with such a low and smelly political prank.

The most notable feature of your release, is that it makes fraudulent allegations against a dignitary, myself, who, apart from President Clinton, is the only nationally significant candidate for the 1996 U.S. Presidential nomination of the Democratic Party.

1. Charges of criminality

The third paragraph of the subject release is devoted to a cataloguing of alleged felonies by me, or persons associated

with me. That list you presented in disregard for readily available evidence.

Within your release, you allude to your objections to the actions of members of Australia's parliament, which actions, in fact, involved proposals that my associates and I be exonerated of what evidence has shown to have been fraudulent charges of criminality. In short, you knew that evidence was available, showing the charges to be false. Therefore, had you not been reckless, you would have discovered the readily available U.S. government evidence, which shows that the charges against me and several among my associates were fraudulent. You would have recognized the fact, that, on the basis of that evidence, the charges are now so regarded by thousands of notables, including legal professionals, elected officials, and others, in the U.S.A. and other parts of the world. The evidence upon which those dignitaries of Australia relied, in considering their support to exoneration, is overwhelming, and was readily available to you and other members of parliament, upon request.

It were relevant to your News Release's false and otherwise misleading allegations, that the available evidence, which relies chiefly upon a combination of documents of the government, declarations of officials involved, and sworn testimony of government witnesses, shows that the convictions actually secured were obtained through, chiefly, what has been ruled to have been a fraud upon the court. It is relevant to the burden of your Release, that this fraud upon the court was perpetrated in the course of a politically-motivated national-security campaign, the which had been initiated by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger during the interval August 1982-January 1983. That fraud was perpetrated in collaboration with parties upon which the relevant Mr. Leibler has relied for his false information supplied to you.

It is detail relevant to the import of your News Release, that the charges for which I was wrongfully convicted, were the fruit of an April, 1987 involuntary bankruptcy, which itself has been judged to have been an unlawful action, a fraud upon the court perpetrated by the U.S. Department of Justice. The evidence is, that the stated intent of the government's fraudulent action in that unlawful bankruptcy, was to shut down several publishing firms associated with my political movement, thus to terminate the firms' ongoing repayments of political loans, and to employ the fact of that termination

of repayments as pretext for criminal charges of loan-fraud against me. As so intended, the U.S. Justice Department's fraudulent 1987 termination of those loan-repayments, was the pretext used, in Autumn 1988, to bring Federal prosecution against me and others, for the defunct firms' non-payment of approximately \$294,000 of loans (the twelve additional charges in that trial were merely subsumed features of the charge of conspiracy in the matter of these loans).

This fruit of the government's now-exposed fraud in bringing that single package of "loan-fraud" charges against me and my fellow-victims, is the only alleged crime of which I have ever been convicted in seventy-three years of life. An honest Release, composed not in reckless disregard for truth, would, at the barest minimum, acknowledge that that fraudulent action by the prosecution, and only that, was the issue of criminal charges.

Once more: The evidence to that effect I have just indicated, is well known, and easily accessed. Thus, on both aspects of your references to felonies, your release is characterized by reckless disregard for true facts readily available to you.

2. 'Right wing death squads in Europe'

Within the seventh paragraph, you assert that "one of the American agents who has entered Australia has been heavily involved in the establishment of right wing death squads in Europe." That is a plain lie. The inclusion of this pure and simple lie in your Release would suffice, by itself, to show a malicious quality of reckless disregard for truth pervading the Release as a whole.

3. 'Anti-Semitic'

The most pervasive of the false representations throughout your release, is sundry permutations of the allegation that I am not only "anti-Semitic," but extremely so.

Exemplary of the readily available truth, is that I, and also my associates, have, with conspicuous, widely publicized consistency, supported efforts to bring peaceful cooperation between Israel and Palestinians. We have been engaged in this effort, in consultation and collaboration with relevant Israel and Palestinian public figures, since my first public announcements of that policy, in the Middle East, in Europe, and throughout the U.S.A., during April 1975. Recently, as a continuation of that two-decades-long policy, we have strongly supported the Rabin-Peres government's efforts to implement the "Oslo agreements." Middle East peace through cooperation in economic development, has been the consistent, and energetically pursued policy of me and my associates for more than two decades. There has been no deviation from that policy in any actions or publications associated with us, during the past twenty-one years.

In light of that widely publicized history, one must suspect either the mental health, or the personal moral character of any person who seeks to blemish the reputation of me or my

associates with the lie, that we are "anti-Semitic."

It should be well known to you, that not all persons in the world designating themselves as Jews, supported former Prime Minister Rabin and present Prime Minister Peres, in this matter. The assassination of Prime Minister Rabin occurred in the context of powerful political attacks upon the policy and upon the Prime Minister's personality, from among Jewish extremists and others in the United States and other parts of the world. The Prime Minister publicly denounced certain "American Jewish" circles of this extremist persuasion, during his last visit to the United States. It should be known to you, that Mr. Isi Leibler is associated with persons and organizations ranking themselves among the opponents of Prime Minister Rabin on this account.¹ Mr. Leibler associates himself with two well-known, "neo-conservative" opponents of Israel's peace policy, Mr. Edgar Bronfman's organization, and the right-wing Anti-Defamation League in the United States.

In the light of related facts readily available to you, the attempt to interpret the CEC's response to the virulent attacks upon them, and upon me, by Mr. Leibler and Leibler's associates, as my singling out persons for annoyance because they were Jewish, is a blatant fraud, which could not have been entertained by any M.P. not in the political grip of reckless disregard for truth.

4. The implicit issue

A few days past, I communicated to Australia my observation on the implications of the latest round of scurrilous attacks upon me there. I conclude this letter by indicating the relevance of that earlier observation to defining the context of your Release.

There is an evident, readily understood political issue, which might find me political opponents in Australia. My political tradition is traced from Benjamin Franklin, via the 19th-Century U.S. American Whigs, through Abraham Lincoln, into President Franklin Roosevelt's transformation of the U.S. Democratic Party. Today, I share with Roosevelt's memory all of the leading points of bitter differences which erupted between him and Prime Minister Winston Churchill

1. Isi Leibler, the chief executive of the \$1 billion Melbourne-based JetSet Travel, is a longtime political protégé of whisky baron Edgar Bronfman, of whose World Jewish Congress Leibler was elected chairman of the governing board in January. Leibler is a prominent figure in B'nai B'rith, and Dr. Paul Gardner, the former head of the Australian wing of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is a board member of Leibler's Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs (AIJA).

Isi's brother Mark, just retired after 10 years as the head of the Zionist Federation of Australia, is the principal of Melbourne's Arnold Bloch Leibler law firm. In January, he called for a federal investigation of LaRouche's Australian co-thinkers, the Citizens Electoral Councils, as an "unprecedented criminal conspiracy." Leibler's law firm employs private detective Geoff Hossack, whose fraudulent assessments of the Branch Davidian cult, conducted into U.S. law enforcement agencies, was the principal cause of the April 19, 1993 slaughter of over 80 human beings in Waco, Texas.—*the Editors*

during the course of World War II. I support today the tradition of the cooperation of Prime Minister Curtin with General MacArthur and President Roosevelt, against Churchill's intent virtually to abandon most of Australia to Japan occupation, during the early years of the Pacific War.

This Roosevelt-Churchill conflict of the pre-April 12, 1945 time has surfaced with renewed passion, in today's unconcealable conflict in global policy between London and the U.S. Clinton administration. Among some of the persons within a group fairly identified as the imperial "Club of the Isles," the in-progress disintegration of the world's monetary and financial systems evokes an impulse to bring the existence of the nation-state quickly to an end upon this planet, and, in that setting, to transform the British Commonwealth, in effect, back into the form of an imperial force within a nation-state-free, globalist society. In that scheme of things, some think that an Australia (itself torn and tattered into a pitiable condition, relative to its former achievements as a technologically progressing nation-state) might serve as the regional command-center of this revived empire, respecting South, Southeast, and East Asia.

The issue which underlies Mr. Leibler's quarrels with me,

is, in the final analysis, simply whether this planet shall be restored to a system of sovereign nation-states engaged in the benefits of scientific and technological progress, or a globalist utopia whose characteristic feature is slave-labor workshops of the type which Jeremy Bentham called "Panopticons," and Adolf Hitler built as "Concentration Camps." That renewed conflict, between the U.S. and imperial traditions, is the axiomatic form of the issue which, among Mr. Leibler's other points of difference with me, made me an ally of Israel's martyred Prime Minister Rabin, and dumped Mr. Leibler among the political camp-followers of such neo-churchillian utopians as Conrad Black's anti-Clinton Hollinger Corporation and its international press empire.

I would suggest that, in such troublesome times, the public interest, of your nation-state and my own, were better served by an effort seeking truthful clarity respecting this fresh outbreak of the Roosevelt-Churchill conflict, and less effort wasted on the the notorious Mr. Crossman's World War II tradition of official political lying.

Sincerely,
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Israel's Peres reports progress in peace talks

by William Engdahl

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres delivered an important signal at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland the first week in February, which has been all but ignored by the international media. In his plenary address, he reported his "seasoned optimism" that a new phase of the Mideast peace process is near, namely, an agreement among Israel, Syria, and Lebanon. "I am convinced that [Syrian] President Assad, as [are] we, is determined to come to an agreement."

"What I am allowed to tell you today," he said, "is that both sides have agreed on one point, and this is perhaps the most important of all, is that we [Israel, Syria, and Lebanon] have already agreed on one thing. Once we three conclude our peace agreement, we have agreed to immediately convert those negotiations into negotiations with the rest of the Arab world, in order to make a comprehensive peace settlement which will end the threat of war in the region."

Asked by the press about concrete results to date, he stressed, "Water is the major problem in the talks with Syria and Lebanon. We have begun talks with an international consortium of U.S., European, and Asian companies, which re-



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volve around desalination projects and modernization of the present water conduit." Peres noted that Turkey holds the key to the solution of the water problem of the region, with its damming of the Euphrates River flowing from Turkey into Syria and south. He noted that Turkish President Suleyman Demirel was to come to Israel in March for talks, but declined to elaborate on what proposals around water might be included. On the existing Jordan-Israel agreement, Peres mentioned that the two countries were discussing turning the Jordan rift valley into a joint venture to develop the rich agricultural potential, to expand the food supply for both countries in an area which is now a wasteland.