

Editorial

Yes, Virginia, there are conspiracies!

This issue carries a “must read” article by *EIR* Founder and Contributing Editor Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., entitled “The Tale of the Hippopotamus,” which LaRouche waggishly decries in the introduction to his review of Daniel Pipes’s *Conspiracy: How the Paranoid Style Flourishes and Where It Comes From*.

LaRouche chose to take the time to comment on Pipes’s pathetic attempt at non-fiction, because Pipe’s denunciation of “conspiracism” is symptomatic of the broader problem of McCarthyite political correctness that particularly grips the Baby Boomer generation today, and also because Pipes chose to regurgitate some of the most widely discredited smears of the LaRouche movement as a prominent, recurring theme of his book.

As LaRouche writes, “to conspire is human.” And, one conspiracy in particular—the republican nation-state conspiracy—has driven oligarchs and their apologists into murderous rage for centuries, particularly since the time of the American Revolution and the formation of our Constitutional Republic. To the extent that Lyndon LaRouche is today the rallying point for republican forces all over the world, he is, lawfully, the leading target of slanders and worse.

Daniel Pipes’s problem, as exposed by LaRouche, is that he himself is a member of a filthy conspiracy, whether he realizes it or not. As LaRouche notes, Pipes’s book repudiating “conspiracism,” draws upon a series of slanderous newspaper articles and books, commissioned as part of the Bush-era U.S. Justice Department drive to frame up LaRouche and a number of his political collaborators, and to dismantle the LaRouche political movement. This real-life conspiracy, to which Daniel Pipes has belatedly attached himself, has been documented in six volumes of evidence presently on file before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The “Get LaRouche” real-live conspiracy was enthusiastically and publicly endorsed, in the early 1970s, by the editors and publishers of the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*; and they continue to remain rabidly committed to the effort to this day—as recent slanders of LaRouche in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post* attest.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, LaRouche’s attorneys, years ago, obtained “conspiratorial documents” written by former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to then-FBI Director William Webster, demanding LaRouche’s scalp. Wall Street banker John Train, beginning in April 1983, assembled a collection of nominal “journalists” at his New York City townhouse, to orchestrate a campaign of press slanders against LaRouche—some of which Pipes dutifully regurgitates in his so-called anti-conspiracy tome.

Among the co-conspirators with whom Pipes has thereby associated himself, are the late Roy M. Cohn, the mouthpiece of Sen. Joe McCarthy, who later became a fixture of the New York City crime syndicate, and whose errand boy, Dennis King, was a player in the Train salon effort, and whose book-length slander of LaRouche was embraced shamelessly by Pipes. King was later bankrolled by the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL), a front group for espionage and criminal gangs, and by the Richard Mellon Scaife interests, recently named by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as part of the “right-wing conspiracy” out to destroy the U.S. Presidency.

Fortunately, a large and growing number of prominent citizens of the United States and many other nations have recoiled in anger at the “Get LaRouche” conspiracy, and have taken a public stand against it. As of this writing, more than 800 current state legislators from every state in the Union, along with several former heads of state, and thousands of parliamentarians, clergy, labor leaders, and civil rights activists have signed an open letter to President Clinton, demanding LaRouche’s exoneration for the railroad conviction that sent him to jail for five years, and still has five of his associates languishing in state prisons in Virginia.

As that open letter concludes, the failure to exonerate LaRouche “does not stain the honor of Lyndon LaRouche, who has paid a terrible price for his innocence, but the honor of the U.S. justice system and Constitution, which, for more than 200 years prior to this dark episode, stood as the symbols of liberty and justice for all.”