

## Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

### British intelligence asset on trial

*A leader of the International Socialist Organization has been charged with assault against a LaRouche associate.*

On April 30-May 1, Nigel Peacock, a student leader at LaTrobe University in Melbourne, Victoria and a leading member of the Melbourne-based International Socialist Organization (ISO), will go on trial in Heidelberg Magistrates Court for assault against Ross Russell, a member of the Citizens Electoral Council, the Australian associates of Lyndon LaRouche. The police of the state of Victoria have charged Peacock with the following crimes: robbery, theft, assault causing injury, criminal damage, assault in company, assault by kicking, recklessly causing injury, and unlawful assault.

The charges stem from an incident on April 22, 1997, when Russell was organizing at LaTrobe University. Peacock, then head of the Students Representative Council, incited and led a three-person attack on Russell, during which Russell was severely beaten, and almost choked to death. According to intelligence sources, Peacock's two associates are known ISO thugs, whom he brought on campus especially to help carry out the assault.

The affair has ramifications far beyond LaTrobe: The ISO, most of whose members are British-born or British nationals, is a subsidiary of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) of Britain, and an asset of British intelligence. It has served for over a decade as the left-wing "guard dog" for Melbourne's Anglophile establishment, in carrying out violent demonstrations, infiltrating Australia's trade union movement, and determining who is allowed to organize on Melbourne-area

campuses. The career of Peacock is exemplary: At the time of the assault against CEC organizer Russell, Peacock had been a "student" at the university for 13 years! The CEC had just started organizing at LaTrobe one week before the attack.

The ISO has started plastering the streets of Melbourne with posters headlined "Don't Ignore the Right! Fight the Fascists, Close them Down." The posters call for a mass demonstration to support Peacock, and attempt to link the neo-Nazi National Action party to the CEC. The irony is, that, if anyone is linked to National Action, it is the ISO itself, through ISO featured speaker David Greason, a founder of National Action. It is a story which sheds light on ISO's British intelligence pedigree.

The ISO, like its British mother, the SWP (no relation to the U.S. group of the same name), is part of British intelligence's international "anti-fascist" operations centered around *Searchlight* magazine in London, for which Greason works as an "international correspondent," and whose editor, former British Communist Party member Gerry Gable, is an "intelligence adviser" to the "Anti-Nazi League" founded by the SWP. *Searchlight*'s links to Britain's MI5 and to other intelligence agencies, including Israel's, have been the subject of frequent commentary in the British press. Gable was particularly close to the East German Stasi, through the Stasi's West German front, Victims of the Nazi Regime (VVN) organization, and his main U.S. collaborator is the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic

Renewal, a joint asset of the Anti-Defamation League and old networks of the Communist Party USA.

Though directed by MI5, *Searchlight*'s funding sheds light on who really controls it, and its international "anti-fascist" activities, of which the Australian ISO's "Campaign Against the Nazis," of Peacock, Greason, et al. and chaired by British national and ISO leader David Glanz, is a key component. According to records at the Foundation House in London, two of *Searchlight*'s generous benefactors are the Rowntree Trust and the Barrow and Geraldine S. Cadbury Trust, two of dozens of such trusts controlled by the Cadbury family of chocolate bar fame, whose senior member is Sir George Adrian Hayhurst Cadbury, a director of the Bank of England for 25 years, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes, a director of IBM, and so on. The Cadburys and related Quaker and "nonconformist" families have managed the "left" for the British Empire since the mid-19th century.

*Searchlight* has often bragged of its "infiltration" of the extreme right in Britain; some informed sources there have charged that, under the guise of "infiltrating" the neo-Nazis, *Searchlight* orchestrates "right-wing" violence, together with its friends in MI5, much as the FBI/ADL often run "KKK" violence in the United States. Little surprise, then, that *Searchlight* correspondent Greason helped to found both National Action and the National Front (the latter a spin-off of the British National Front) in Australia, before allegedly repenting and becoming a star speaker at ISO events.

Peacock has hired Rob Stary, senior partner of Stary and George, to represent him. Stary, a top criminal lawyer, is reportedly "quite expensive"; he formerly worked for the elite Slater and Gordon law firm, which specializes in "indigenous" causes.