## Meese Justice Dept. backs liberals, organized crime to 'get LaRouche'

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., replied to an editorial in the April 30, 1986 edition of the ultraliberal Washington Post: "The lead articles published in the April 13 New York Times, the April 19 Washington Post, and today's Washington Post editorial, are an integral part of the same kind of government-backed 'political enemies' operation which sent several high-level members of the Nixon administration to prison."

As LaRouche charges, court records show that there is a Justice Department-sanctioned "political enemies" operation against LaRouche, like the "Watergate" operations for which members of the Nixon administration were sent to prison. Legal transactions prove that U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese has been induced to sanction the continuation of this, so far. The New York Times and Washington Post are acting, not merely as liberal newspapers, but as witting co-conspirators in this unlawful operation.

So far, investigation shows no evidence of improper use of credit cards by the LaRouche campaign organizations. During the period of the campaign, there were fewer chargebacks than is standard for comparable types of merchants' sales by credit-card transaction. However, despite the small percentage of charge-backs

several serious kinds of irregularities perpetrated against the campaign's finances. This included acts of attempted extortion against contributors by some officials of banks, and included astonishing recklessness by a company responsible for issuing credit-card payment authorizations.

The major problem with the LaRouche campaign's finances came at the end of the campaign, when a mob-linked New Jersey bank, First Fidelity, stole approximately \$200,000 of campaign funds, a violation of its contract which the bank's officials claimed was triggered by the Boston FBI office. This action effectively shut down the campaign's process of repayment of loans to the campaign. Since then, methods which are either outright extortion, or which, in other instances, border upon extortion, have been used to elicit false statements from intimidated contributors to the campaign. Since then, hundreds of thousands of documents have been presented to the Boston grand jury over a period of 18 months, and yet the Boston office still claims to lack evidence in support of the charges leaked to the *New York Times* and

Washington Post.

By contrast, in the cases of Walter Mondale's and Geraldine Ferraro's campaigns, there were massive violations of federal election law. Mondale's campaign was let off with a slap on the wrist, and the investigation aborted. The strong case against Ferraro, for falsified reporting, was dropped. The 18-months harassment of LaRouche and persons associated with him, is a purely political operation, which the Boston crowd has been running in collusion with a moblinked bank in New Jersey. Court records show, that the Boston office of the U.S. Department of Justice, has been working in collaboration with forces linked to organized crime, in an 18-months effort to make the federal courts an accomplice in what is nothing but the type of "political enemies" operation of which the Nixon administration was accused.

Attorney General Edwin Meese's guilty part in the operation, has been conducting a cover-up in favor of the notoriously corrupt U.S. Attorney, William Weld, who is at the center of the government's role in this plot. Weld has been exposed by the *National Law* 

his actions have been severely denounced by higher federal courts. Weld is notorious for covering up major drug-money-laundering by leading New England banks with which Weld's family has an intimate business connection. Weld is notorious in Massachusetts for his actions, later denounced by the higher courts, in using the U.S. Attorney's office for partisan purposes, against Boston Democratic Mayor Kevin White. In the present case, Weld's office has repeatedly lied, on the legal record, and has been caught in one instance of outright perjury, as well as collaborating with a mob-linked New Jersey bank tied to Resorts International.

Directly involved in the operation with Weld, is Federal Election Commission General Counsel Charles Steele, a long-standing crony of Weld's. Steele became associated with Weld at Harvard, and has been a booster of Weld's political ambitions since. In addition to Weld and Steele, accomplices include the cited, mob-linked First Fidelity Bank of New Jersey, and also Maryland state Attorney General Steven Sachs, the organized-crime-linked Anti-Defamation League, NBC-TV News, and sundry others. The center of the operation is a pattern of continuing acts of extortion perpetrated

30 Feature . EIR May 16, 1986

against persons and business organizations targeted as suspected of association with LaRouche. This "Cointelpro" operation also includes manipulation of credit-card accounts by banking institutions and others.

In the case of the *Times* item, the *Times* cautiously limits itself to repeating falsehoods "leaked" from the Boston office of U.S. Attorney William Weld. The *Times* also had facts showing that the charges published were false, and knew that Weld's office had violated federal rules of procedure in leaking such false charges; the *Times* suppresses those facts. In the case of the *Post* item, the *Post* went way beyond the falsehoods issued by a perjured assistant U.S. attorney, and then, in the April 30 editorial, declared itself openly an accomplice in an operation which could, potentially, send officials of the U.S. government to federal prison.

The heaviest of the visible political pressure pushing this dirty operation, is coming from Justin Finger and other officials of the organized-crime linked Anti-Defamation League (ADL). According to court decision, the ADL is an organization linked to wanted racketeer and drug-pusher Robert Vesco. Also, according to carefully cross-checked documents received by the international newsweekly *Executive Intelligence Review*, the ADL is allied politically with the narco-terrorist organization which claimed credit for the assassination of India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. These and related actions by the ADL are in massive violation of its IRS tax-exempt status, but, so far, the IRS refuses to act against ADL, as the FEC engaged in a politically motivated cover-up of massive federal election violations by both Walter F. Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro.

Visibly, the leading accomplice of the crime-linked ADL is the TV News division of NBC, which helped to set up the credit-card hoax. NBC took these actions in intimate collaboration with terrorist-linked drug-lobbying circles, with which NBC-TV News has been openly allied for several years.

During 1982, NBC-TV News worked closely with the Chicago office of the ADL and with the Chicago drug-lobby organization, High Times, in a campaign of extortion and corrupt influence, in which NBC and others used extortionist methods to shut down a previously successful anti-drug educational campaign in Illinois. It is notable, that during 1982, and again during 1984, NBC worked with a former FBI agent, the ADL's Abbot Rosen, and with one John Foster "Chip" Berlet of the violence-prone, drug-promoting Yippies. Berlet, a former activist in Cord Meyer's and Tom Braden's CIA front, the National Student Association (NSA), was formerly the leader of the drug lobby and the gay lobby within NSA. In addition to his connections to the ADL, NBC-TV News, the Yippies, and High Times. Berlet also operates under the cover of a drug-lobby front calling itself the Midwest Research Bureau. NBC and the ADL worked closely with another drug-lobbyist, terrorist-linked Dennis King of New York City, a confederate of Berlet's. Berlet's visible collaborators at NBC, have been Mark Nykanen, who wrote

## First Fidelity admits ties to criminal elements

On May 7, First Fidelity Bank in New Jersey informed lawyers for The LaRouche Campaign and Independent Democrats for LaRouche that they would withdraw claims that the bank was libeled by a particular sentence in a leaflet issued by IDL. The leaflet, headlined "Major New Jersey Bank Caught in Grand Larceny!" stated, "an exposé will be issued" tying First Fidelity Bank "to criminal elements opposing the 'war on drugs' policy of LaRouche and Reagan." Not 24 hours earlier, IDL lawyer Mark Malone had deposed Benson Apple, former loan officer at the bank's South Jersey branch, regarding \$22 million in loans to one Richard Mamarella, who deployed the funds for a mob-connected insurance scam. Apple admitted in his deposition that even obvious procedures—obtaining references and financial statements—were neglected in issuing the first \$8 million, and furthermore, that every one of Mamarella's fraudulent loan requests was approved by South Jersey branch President John Petrycki, who is an official of First Fidelity Bancorporation.

published articles as a drug-lobbyist prior to his employment by NBC, and NBC's Pat Lynch.

These facts, documented in great detail both in court records, and in evidence of the quality of legal evidence, must prompt every intelligent citizen to ask: "What is the reason for so massive an attempted frame-up? Why are government officials at high levels, complicit in such activities, which could, potentially, land each and all of them in federal prison, sooner or later?"

The overwhelming evidence is, that LaRouche's U.S. military policies, his proposals for reform of the international banking system, and his fight against the international drugtraffic, are the motives behind the attempted frame-ups and the libelous news-media campaign. Whenever election campaigns appear, which threaten to increase the influence of LaRouche's policies on these three issues, the liberal news-media have conducted coordinated libel campaigns against him and his associates. Just as the current campaign by NBC-TV, the New York Times, and the Washington Post, is a direct response to the results of the recent Illinois Democratic primary.

The coordinated activities of the FEC's Charles Steele, of Steele's Boston crony, William Weld, and the mob-linked First Fidelity Bank, were all a direct part of a response to LaRouche's 1984 presidential campaign. The present escalation of that operation, with continued sanction by Attorney General Edwin Meese, is a direct result of the Illinois primary.

**EIR** May 16, 1986 Feature 31