suffered as a result of working with LaRouche in the United States.

## Prosecution's case discredited

The discrediting of the prosecution's case actually began with their own final "defector" witness, Wayne Hintz. Hintz resigned from the NCLC in 1986, according to his own testimony, because he had concluded that the "loan situation" was "too difficult" for him to manage. However, unlike the other former members, Steve Bardwell, Christian Curtis, and Charles Tate, who had testified with clear prejudice earlier, Hintz refused to give the prosecution the venomous lies that the others had so willingly concocted.

At every point, Hintz remained honest in saying that the defendants' organizations were attempting to repay the loans, although with inadequate funds. In fact, Hintz's testimony was so favorable to the defense that prosecutor Kent Robinson early on began virtually to cross-examine his own witness. This fact was noted in open court, and acknowledged

by Judge Bryan.

The lies of other prosecution witnesses were exposed in turn, as the defense put on three NCLC members and three FBI agents to conclude the first day of their case. The FBI agents were brought to the stand to testify to the accuracy of Tate's and Curtis's testimony, relative to statements they had earlier given those agents. The impeachment was clear, as both Tate and Curtis had substantially changed key parts of their testimony between the time they were interviewed by the FBI and the time they appeared as government witnesses on the stand in Alexandria.

Richard Spida, the only other person identified by Tate as being present when defendant Will Wertz is alleged by Tate to have said "there is no such thing as a loan," denied ever having heard Wertz make the statement, and denied ever having spoken with Tate about the subject. Since Spida himself was not a fundraiser at the time of the alleged remark, Tate's mendaciousness became abundantly clear.

Another NCLC member, Sanford Roberts, testified that

## International figures speak up for LaRouche

While only a few international figures were able to become witnesses in the LaRouche trial, numerous others have sent personal messages of support to be available to the court. We excerpt them here:

## My friend Lyndon LaRouche

. . . As head of the "Alliance" Resistance network, a network of 3,000 persons (more than 30% of them died in serving our fatherland)—ambassadors, generals of the French Army, civil servants of the higher ranks and concerned citizens from all walks of life—I learnt during the whole period of World War II, between 1940 and 1945, to make judgements on people. The correctness of my judgments was a matter of life and death for the individual fate of all the men and women patriots under my orders, as well as for the collective fate of my country.

It is therefore from the standpoint of this knowledgeable judgement, formed under such tragic circumstances, that I can assert with a firm conviction that Mr. Lyndon LaRouche is a perfectly generous and honest person on all accounts. He is the kind of man who acts according to his word; and if he displeases some, it is because of his constant lack of diplomacy in defense of what he believes to be the truth.

I will add that I am even shocked and, to say the truth, angry, to have to stand for a man whom I deeply regard

and whose reputation should hold by itself, were those who judge him themselves inspired by truth and fairness.

Marie-Madeleine Fourcade

Commander of the Legion of Honor, France

As a Spaniard, and a practicing lawyer who is personally involved in fighting narcotics traffic, I have carefully followed over a period of years the debate around the case of Lyndon LaRouche.

I am convinced:

—that Mr. LaRouche is the object of merciless persecution, caused by the worst political intriguing I have ever seen

—that behind the supposedly legal forces used against Mr. LaRouche, are hidden political and economic power which Mr. LaRouche threatens. . .

Víctor Girauta y Armada Lawyer, Spain

I declare that I have known Mr. Lyndon LaRouche for several years, have read the majority of his works, and have followed his social-political direction with great interest.

He appears to be a correct and honorable person, very clear in his concepts and determined in his ideas, with a vision of the world and of politics very much in line with Christian humanism, and which offers real perspectives in the future for a better and more just world.

Father Pedro Rubio
Augustinian Order of the Philippines
Madrid, Nov. 22

Tate's alleged meeting with him about Wertz's alleged statement was actually about a statement that Wertz had made, stating that the LaRouche presidential campaign committee would be seeking loan forgiveness from those to whom it still owed money in 1984.

Marjorie Hecht, NCLC member and former manager of Fusion magazine, showed through her testimony that former member Steven Bardwell was lying when he stated that Fusion had not fulfilled the full sum of issues for which subscribers had paid.

Finally, NCLC member Dana Scanlon, who had refused the government's offer of immunity to testify as a prosecution witness, testified to having personally paid for the furniture in the safehouse used by the LaRouches in Virginia, and that the furnishings were done "in the cheapest possible way."

The defense expects to complete its case by Dec. 14. If so, and barring extensive rebuttal witnesses by the government, the case will go to the jury for final determination a week before Christmas.

I am a long-time defense analyst and commentator, with an international reputation as a writer, broadcaster and lecturer. In the course of my many activities I have had to familiarize myself with a broad spectrum of opinion. . .

Lyndon LaRouche's material formed part of that spectrum of opinion. . . . It is well known I have marked reservations concerning his "conspiracy" theses, preferring a more casual relationship between events. Nevertheless, I have always respected and admired his wide-ranging interests and his ability to construct plausible analyses on subjects he has addressed in his public statements.

S.R. Elliot Surrey, England

- 1) I am a medical practitioner and elected Councillor in the City of Exeter and have been engaged for some years in campaigning on pro-family issues and in other social and moral issues. I act as adviser to a pressure group known as Conservative Family Campaign. Through publicity given to my work relating to AIDS, I was contacted by the LaRouche organisation in Germany and known to me as Executive Intelligence Review.
- 2) On several occasions my advice has been sought and my opinion canvassed both via telephone and letter and concerning measures political and social needed to help curb the spread of AIDS. . . .
- 8) In all my communications with Executive Intelligence Review I have been of the impression they are a legitimate organisation . . . and seeking to promote his [LaRouche's] views in a sensible and democratic manner.

Dr. Adrian A. Rogers, Exeter, England

## Brainin, Ludwig dedicate concert to Lyndon LaRouche

by John Sigerson

To be exposed to the works of a truly great man or woman, or still better, to meet with them in person, can never fail to uplift any but the most withered soul. But to hear one great man, in his own language of preference, paying tribute to another of equal stature, not only elevates us, but makes us, so to speak, junior senators among the great assembly of those composers, statesmen, and scientists who confer with each other across continents, generations, and even millennia.

It was this higher dialogue which characterized the violinist Norbert Brainin's beautiful musical tribute in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, "Dedicated to Mr. Brainin's Good Friend Lyndon H. LaRouche." Mr. Brainin, the first violinist of the world-renowned Amadeus Quartet, and the West German pianist Günter Ludwig performed three classical sonatas in a way which could not have failed to please Mr. LaRouche, who, along with a number of associates, has been warring in an Alexandria, Virginia court against those agencies of evil who believe that Western civilization is a horrible mistake, never to be repeated.

The concert was sponsored by the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations, for the benefit of the Constitutional Defense Fund, which is funding the legal defense of LaRouche and his associates. In a short introductory remark to the concert, Mr. Brainin said he was "here tonight to pay homage to a great man," and "to bear witness to his stainless character." Mr. Brainin added that he was also playing the concert "because I love the United States. God bless America!"

But the fact that the concert was a tribute to LaRouche, was only one element of the productive tension around the event. With the help of a recent National Public Radio program about the Schiller Institute's initiative to lower the standard tuning-pitch to A = 432, rumors had been flying around Washington musical circles that Mr. Brainin would lead the charge by playing at the lowered tuning.

Alas, that was not to be, mostly because the very short