Virginia judge follows ADL orders

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On May 3, Virginia's 23rd Circuit Court in Roanoke concluded seven days of testimony in which many of the key players in the "Get LaRouche" task force testified to their close relationship with Mira Lansky Boland, the Washington, D.C. office director of the Fact Finding Division of the Anti-Defamation League, one of the most evil organizations in the United States today which has conspired for years to halt the spread of Lyndon LaRouche's economic and political policies. But despite overwhelming evidence that every step of the judicial frameup of LaRouche had been guided or influenced by the ADL, Circuit Judge Clifford R. Weckstein allowed Lansky Boland to evade a subpoena which he had issued only days before, thereby shutting down for the time being any further court exposure of the ADL's conspiratorial activities. The ruling is especially unsavory, considering that Weckstein had already been forced to reveal documentary evidence that he was personally polluted by the ADL.

The so-called "Kastigar hearing" was held in the case of Richard Welsh, the third of 16 LaRouche associates to be tried in Virginia on phony charges of violating a securities regulation which had been concocted well after their alleged "crimes" were committed. The pre-trial hearing was held because Welsh had earlier been forced to testify under a grant of immunity in the first prosecution of LaRouche in Boston, Massachusetts, and then again in a second trial which was staged in Alexandria, Virginia after the first one threatened to reveal the full extent of the political apparatus which was illegally seeking to put LaRouche out of action. Despite Welsh's immunity, the state of Virginia insisted on prosecuting him anyway; but in order to do so, it first had to concoct a legal fiction demonstrating that the indictment against him was not based on any of Welsh's own immunized testimony.

Weckstein claimed at the hearing that he would not be biased by his contacts with the ADL, but his rulings proved otherwise: In addition to vacating the subpoena of Lansky Boland, who was conveniently "on vacation" out of the country, he rejected defense motions that the charges against Welsh be dismissed on the grounds that the prosecution's evidence against Welsh is most clearly polluted with his immunized testimony.

Testimony at the hearing revealed that the prosecution of LaRouche and his associates is being conducted by one fully integrated conglomeration, comprised of the Department of Justice, various state prosecutorial agencies, and the ADL. The ADL plays the critical role of transmitting information throughout the task force, disseminating inflammatory, prejudicial propaganda through the news media and integrating into the task force a network of private attorneys involved in civil actions against LaRouche and his associates.

Mira Lansky Boland's conspiracy

Virginia State Police officer C.D. Bryant, who travels around the country harassing financial backers of LaRouche's political movement, testified that he has had a continuing relationship with Mira Lansky Boland ever since the time of LaRouche's trial in Alexandria in late 1988-early 1989. He stated that the two had exchanged information, and that on at least one occasion Bryant had gone to the ADL's Washington, D.C. office to meet someone whom Lansky Boland had been cultivating as a witness.

Virginia Assistant Attorney General John Russell, who is prosecuting the Virginia cases against LaRouche associates, testified to having numerous discussions with Lansky Boland. But Russell uncharacteristically claimed he couldn't remember the details of the conversations. However, he admitted that he had sought out Lansky Boland when he wanted documents to present at the sentencing hearing of LaRouche associate Donald Phau, who is now on bail appealing his 25-year sentence.

Department of Justice special prosecutor Mark Rasch, who prosecuted LaRouche in Boston and in Alexandria, said he had exchanged information with Lansky Boland since 1988. He also said he has a continuing social relationship with her.

Loudoun County, Virginia Deputy Sheriff Don Moore testified he has been in touch with Lansky Boland ever since 1985, when he was involved in stripping LaRouche's security guards of their county concealed weapons permits. Moore was with Lansky Boland during the civil case of *Yoder v. EIR et al.*, and both were on the prosecution witness list at a trial of three LaRouche associates in Ogle County, Illinois.

Moore testified that he had arranged for Galen Kelley, a "deprogrammer" with the ADL-linked American Family Foundation, to attend the sentencing hearing of LaRouche associate Michael Billington. It was at that hearing that Weckstein handed down his barbaric 77-year sentence to Billington.

Moore shocked the courtroom when he said that he had a problem because some of the elderly witnesses he contacted had died the day after he met with them.

Weckstein's ties to the ADL were revealed after Welsh filed a motion asking Weckstein to recuse himself for bias. At that hearing, Weckstein disclosed that he had had correspondence with the ADL's Virginia regional director Ira Gissen, in which Gissen offered Weckstein a bribe in the form of ADL support for the appointment of a Jewish judge to the Virginia Supreme Court.

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