

## Australia Dossier by Lydia Cherry

### Zionist lobby is frantic over LaRouche

*What has Isi Leibler more upset: the CEC's exposure of his corruption, or its program for economic development?*

The November issue of the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs' (AIJA) magazine *Without Prejudice* has devoted a 17-page feature to attacking the growing influence of Lyndon LaRouche in Australia, claiming that "there is no doubt that it [the LaRouche movement] has a disruptive capacity never before seen in this country."

The *Australian Jewish News* on Nov. 27 quoted AIJA Chairman Isi Leibler that "LaRouche and his followers seem to be in step with the ugly recrudescence of the right-wing extremist neo-Nazism which has recently manifested itself in Germany." The daily *Melbourne Age* on Nov. 26 joined the chorus, printing the AIJA's call for an investigation into the activities of LaRouche's Australian friends, in particular the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), an anti-free-trade political organization that has just set up a national headquarters in Melbourne.

Maurice Hetherington is now running a high-profile campaign under the CEC banner for a seat in the Federal Parliament, and the organization plans to run dozens more candidates in the near future, around the CEC's economic reconstruction plan called "Sovereign Australia."

CEC Secretary Craig Isherwood and Al Douglas, an American from *EIR*'s Asia-Pacific desk, held a press conference at the Melbourne Town Hall on Dec. 2. Douglas gave an overview of the *modus operandi* by which Leibler's U.S. friends in the Anti-Defamation League themselves deploy neo-Nazi provocateurs—both

from the "right" and the "left" (see *Bonn*, P. 41).

Douglas reminded the audience that Leibler's friend Edgar Bronfman, just weeks before the East German communist regime fell, was given the highest civilian honors by dictator Erich Honecker. Bronfman and Leibler are co-chairmen of the World Jewish Congress.

Isherwood reiterated his challenge to Leibler to a public debate. "As to his claims that the LaRouche movement, and by clear implication ourselves, are 'anti-Semitic' and 'neo-Nazi,'" Isherwood said, Leibler is "grossly misinformed or is just a plain liar."

Isherwood continued, "Since the charges in the AIJA piece are so obviously nonsensical, then why is Leibler so hysterical? Is it perhaps because the CEC on July 5 put in a submission regarding Isi's brother Mark into the joint Committee of Public Accounts inquiry into tax avoidance schemes, and Mark apparently felt compelled to resign all his official tax advisory positions? Or is it that Isi has some dirty little secrets in his own closet?"

Isherwood noted that the AIJA article complains that a major purpose of LaRouche's "so-called 'intelligence network' in Australia is to 'spy' on Melbourne Jewish community figure Isi Leibler and businessman Sir Peter Abeles. . . . Senior Victorian police fear . . . that confidential reports from the Internal Security Unit and the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence may have ended up in LaRouche hands. LaRouche documents seen by senior police contain a num-

ber of allegations about Australian Jewish community figures. Police believe these documents are based on Internal Security Unit and Bureau of Criminal Intelligence material."

Isherwood asks, "Have the police been investigating Leibler and Abeles, as is clearly implied by the above, and if so, for what?"

Isherwood noted that the career of Leibler's friend Bronfman is perhaps relevant in this regard. He added that an entire chapter of the international bestseller *Dope, Inc.*, written by the editors of *EIR*, is devoted to the Bronfman family.

Isherwood detailed the political history of David Greason, the author of the AIJA article commissioned by Leibler. "Talk about 'neo-Nazism'!" Isherwood laughed. "Greason founded the violence-prone neo-Nazi National Action group in the early 1980s, while at the same time being a member of the Australia-U.S.S.R. Society. Upon quitting National Action, Greason joined the far-left International Socialist Organization."

"So who is Greason, really?" Isherwood asked. "Is he still secretly a neo-Nazi? Is he a radical leftist? Is he a police agent-provocateur? Or is he just a general all-around sleaze, whom Leibler finds useful for dirty jobs?"

Isherwood insisted that the real problem with "this bluster about neo-Nazism" is that there are essential policy issues that are being obscured. "This country is in a bottomless economic collapse!" He added that, as the AIJA article fearfully noted, the CEC and *EIR* magazine will cosponsor an international conference in Melbourne on March 12-13, entitled "Economic Reconstruction for Sovereign Nation States, Post-International Monetary Fund." At this conference, he said, the CEC will detail its economic reconstruction program, "Sovereign Australia."