Interview: Lyndon LaRouche

Kidnappers' trial shows how rotten U.S. system has become



On Dec. 31, 1992 in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, Judge Timothy Ellis, in a blatant act of political corruption, intervened with the jury in the conspiracy to kidnap case against former Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Don Moore, self-proclaimed deprogrammer Galen Kelly, lawyer Robert "Biker Bob" Point, and the conspiracy's alleged paymaster, millionaire E. Newbold Smith, causing their acquittal (see EIR, Jan. 8). The four were charged with conspiring to kidnap Lewis du Pont Smith, an associate of political leader Lyndon LaRouche and an heir to the du Pont fortune.

In response to questions from the jury while they were deliberating, Ellis created a novel and restrictive standard of conspiracy which effectively allowed the jury to ignore the contents of hours of surveillance tapes that featured the would-be kidnappers plotting the kidnapping and discussing contingencies, including the possible murder of Lewis should their plans go awry. Ellis declared that for anyone to be guilty, two or more of the defendants had to agree on a specific common plan for a way to kidnap; general agreement on a kidnapping was, in his opinion, not sufficient for a guilty verdict.

The trial, and especially the more than 60 hours of secretly recorded tapes, brought into the daylight the dirty side of the conspiracy arrayed against the LaRouche political movement, which has corrupted the U.S. justice system, and would use all of the methods described on the tapes, including kidnapping and murder, to achieve its aims.

The following comments by Lyndon LaRouche on that trial are excerpted from an interview conducted by Mel Klenetsky on Jan. 4.

EIR: There was recently a trial that took place in Alexandria, Virginia, which involved E. Newbold Smith, Galen Kelly, Don Moore, a number of people who were involved in an alleged attempted kidnapping of Lewis du Pont Smith, an associate of yours. The trial ended in an acquittal of these people on conspiracy to commit kidnapping charges. Can you tell us a little bit about what was going on there?

LaRouche: Well, a very interesting development occurred in the last day, approximately a day and a half after the jury had begun sitting in the trial. Some legal questions were floating in from the jury to the judge, and the judge sent back

a message, saying that there could be no conviction on a conspiracy against any of the defendants unless it were demonstrated that at least three of the defendants had agreed upon a detailed plan for the execution of the kidnapping; that is, an agreement to participate, to solicit, and act to effect a kidnapping, was not itself grounds for conspiracy. That, of course, is against every precedent in conspiracy charges of recent years. And it was also contrary to the nature of the instruction which the judge had given repeatedly, including in his charge. There may have been some forewarning of that buried between the lines, but to all observers of the point, the judge very clearly suggested the direct opposite of that view, that simple agreement to participate in the conspiracy to kidnap and all that participation that was involved, was sufficient evidence of a conspiracy and also of solicitation.

What obviously happened, was that at the last moment in the process, the judge was somehow turned by some kind of pressure to reverse himself, and, in effect, to order an acquittal, contrary to everything which apparently had been the case in the trial up to that point. In short, the fix was put in, but it was put in in a very naked way, where it could not be denied.

For example, the foreman of the jury, interviewed after the verdict, said that it was this particular information which the judge had sent in, which broke all resistance to acquittal, and the acquittal therefore came down fast for all the defendants based on this sudden turn-around by the judge. It's a fix. That is, the interesting thing is that it's an open fix, one which is not done behind the scenes, not done so really surreptitiously, but done overtly, where a judge was turned to go against himself in order to save a protected asset of the political circles behind the kidnappers.

EIR: Galen Kelly is known as a cult deprogrammer. He has worked with the Cult Awareness Network. He was involved in this. What does this say in terms of the LaRouche organization and the efforts of people like Kelly? Does this mean it's open season on people in the LaRouche organization?

LaRouche: It does not. Quite the contrary. There are other trials impending against Galen Kelly and also Donald Moore, the former deputy sheriff who was involved in this. The action here was simply to save Newbold Smith.



Defendant Galen Kelly, a self-proclaimed "deprogrammer" and member of the "Get LaRouche" task force, along with his friends in the Cult Awareness Network. His legal troubles are not over, as past victims of his kidnapping schemes would like to see him behind bars.



Don Moore, a former sheriff's lieutenant and self-proclaimed expert on the LaRouche movement, who boasted on tape that the kidnapping of Lewis Smith could end up with Smith "sneakers up in a ditch . . . a murder rap."



Defendant Edgar Newbold Smith, who moved to have his son declared incompetent and to take away control of his fortune, when Lewis Smith invested in the publication of a book exposing the toplevel controllers of the drug trade.

Newbold Smith is a "cousin," so to speak, by marriage of the former governor of Delaware, Pierre du Pont, and thus the du Pont family, which, together with its allies among the Mellons and so forth, actually has a controlling influence within the Republican Party, as well as elsewhere, and, with the Mellons, have a very specific influence, including that of John Warner in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These pressures were put on to save a member of the family, Newbold Smith, from embarrassment not only to himself but to the families themselves. The trials against the others will undoubtedly proceed.

But to understand this, you have to understand that the so-called Cult Awareness Network is an outgrowth of two things. One thing is the American Family Foundation, an organization which is engaged in kidnapping, or sponsoring it, over years. This is the group that was behind the creation of the Jim Jones cult of Jonestown, Guyana. But the Cult Awareness Network is an outgrowth of some very radical orthodox Jewish groups which were concerned to stop a Christian missionary recruitment of Jews—even Jews who were not members of their particular orthodox sect.

Thus the history of Galen Kelly, is that he is a tool of JINSA, that particular so-called Zionist organization, and is very closely tied to these types of sects, particularly wild radical sects such as the Lubavitchers around New York. So the Cult Awareness Network is really an attempt to prevent

the Christianization of Jews.

EIR: Can you give us a little bit of background on the Cult Awareness Network, what is the American Family Foundation, and what does this have to do with the Lyndon LaRouche organization?

LaRouche: This happens to be a group of people, the American Family Foundation, who are philosophically our enemies. That is an offshoot of what was exposed in the 1970s as MK-Ultra, the organization which included the CIA, British intelligence, and others, participating in a project to use LSD drugs and other means for certain kinds of sociological experiments. This went together with getting God out of the schools, with introducing what was called a cultural paradigm shift, to produce the kinds of cultural changes which have been in progress over the recent years. We've been opposed to them, and opposed to what they're doing, because we were opposed to drugs. They were the initial group behind spreading the practice of drugs in the United States, through people like Margaret Mead, who was in anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History and at Columbia University, and who was a leading figure of certain foreignbased circles which were running this drug operation in the United States back in the early 1960s.

So we've been their enemies, and this is one of the instruments that our enemies have used to attempt to harass us, over a period of years. And a lot of the filth that has come out against us, which has been used through the major media—these filthy, libelous accusations that are intended to shock people and so forth—is actually produced by people who are part of this American Family Foundation-Cult Awareness Network. These people are essentially just a bunch of kidnappers and gangsters. Many of them are poor, lost souls; they're wrecks—the people who are used in these groups. And they work with Galen Kelly and with these thugs.

Remember, the Lubavitchers are the heart of the criminal community among American Jews. So these criminals are used, together with Kelly, who works closely with them as a coordinator, to throw them into some closet someplace and terrorize them the way Patty Hearst was terrorized by the Symbionese Liberation Army, and to try to turn them, the way the Symbionese Liberation Army turned Patty Hearst into a terrorist, so to speak, from being a normal heir of the Hearst family. And that's the kind of thing they do.

EIR: There was a great deal of evidence that was presented. Explain it to us. What does this mean, this general conspiracy and this particular conspiracy? It's hard for people to understand these kinds of terms.

LaRouche: That's because it doesn't accord with what most people believe. Most people tend to believe "what I heard on the news," "what my friends and I seem to know from what we hear on the news," "our opinion." They don't know how their opinion and their minds are manipulated by most of the news media.

But in point of fact, from the FBI investigation of the kidnappers, the FBI had, for a period from about June 30 to Sept. 30, when the kidnappers were arrested as they were going out to put the final details on the plans for the kidnapping, 60 hours of electronic monitoring of the conversations of these conspirators. Now in those tapes were a lot of things which were in part directly relevant to what came up at trial, but a lot of other things which had a broader relevance which did not come up at trial. And this included a great deal of information going back to 1985, which identified, in fact, the way the government had committed crimes (or what would be crimes if anybody but the government did it), and how it used private organizations, including CAN, to commit these crimes in order to create not only financial injury and other crimes against supporters of my efforts—that is, brainwashing, thuggery, this whole business that they did—but how this group of thugs, including this former deputy sheriff, had been key in creating the fraudulent information, known to be fraudulent by the government prosecution, which was used to incarcerate me and some friends of mine, by information, testimony, and acts which were completely fraudulent in nature, which were done either by the government or done with the knowledge and complicity of the government. And crucial parts of that came out in these 60 hours of consensual

tapes. We haven't seen them all, but we've seen enough of them, including the affidavits which were submitted to the court with the copies of the tapes attached and so forth, to get a smell of what is in those tapes.

EIR: One of those supporters was Lewis du Pont Smith. What happened to him?

LaRouche: He was against drugs. And in 1985, the minute he moved in to support, to risk money by investing in the publication of a book, *Dope, Inc.*, the second U.S. edition of an exposé of the drug trade, which was part of a broader anti-drug effort which was later shut down by friends of the American Family Foundation and CAN, his family moved against him to have him declared incompetent. That is, because of his investment, actually a political not a financial investment, in getting the book out along with others, they used a judge who the du Pont circles owned, Judge Wood in Pennsylvania, to have him declared incompetent in the administration of his own money, because of his assistance in financing the publication of that book.

So he was victimized in many ways by that. The Bronfmans, who are very close to the DuPont firm, who are the leaders of the DuPont organization, moved in heavily and demanded that Newbold Smith, the father of my friend, Lewis du Pont Smith, do everything possible evil, even up to risking the life of his own son, in order to remove this connection between our efforts and some of the Du Pont family. And all kinds of evil things were done over the years, including earlier kidnap attempts in Paris and elsewhere, which were authorized by the father and in some cases—in all cases, I believe—involved Galen Kelly.

EIR: You are coming up to the fourth year of your sentence in prison. Many people around the world have described your incarceration as a political incarceration. Does this case shed any light on your case?

LaRouche: Sure. Particularly with the fix being delivered by a federal judge to change his views or change his rulings up to that point, to fix a trial to get an acquittal of people that he knew to be culprits and to invent, in effect, to go against the standing law in conspiracy to commit crimes, in order to get people acquitted, to give a virtual directed acquittal.

That kind of thing exposes to anyone who looks at the record, the kind of muscle at the highest level of government, in not only the Executive branch but the Judiciary as well, and the extent to which they're willing to go to try to keep me out of circulation. As was said on Evans and Novak by Novak in an interview back in 1986, he thinks "they're afraid of Lyndon LaRouche." And they are. They want to keep me out of circulation.

Everyone in the world who is a legal expert who has studied this case, knows that this is a completely rotten case that shows how rotten the entire system of justice has become in the United States.