

National News

Va. Court denies move vs. LaRouche associates

At a hearing in Loudoun County, Va. Circuit Court May 12, Judge Carlton Penn denied the Commonwealth of Virginia's request to prohibit the defendants, associates of Lyndon LaRouche, from contacting thousands of LaRouche supporters.

The Commonwealth had asserted that these individuals were "victims" of alleged securities fraud charged against five corporations and 15 associates of LaRouche.

Commonwealth Attorney William Burch stated that any individual who had ever made a loan to CDI, Campaigner Publications, the Fusion Energy Foundation, PGM, Inc., or *EIR* was the "victim of the sale of an unregistered security" and thereby a potential witness at upcoming trials. Since bail bonds prohibit the defendants from contacting "victims" in the case, Burch asked the court to extend the prohibition to all such lenders. Defense counsel argued that the commonwealth was subverting the purpose of the bail laws to halt the political organizing and first amendment activity of the organizations involved.

The judge asked Burch if he intended to call all the people they alleged to be "victims" as trial witnesses. Mr. Burch's mute response prompted a ruling restricting contact only to witnesses the commonwealth names and those already named in the indictments. "If they are not going to be called," Judge Penn said, "the court should not restrict contact with three or four thousand people. . . You're just going to have to tell the defense who your witnesses are going to be."

Among other issues heard by the court was a defense request for a continuance of the case because of an involuntary bankruptcy action brought by the federal government on April 21 after a Boston judge had imposed a multimillion-dollar "contempt of court" fine against three of the corporate defendants. Defense attorneys argued that

documents critical to the defense were under the lock and key of newly appointed trustees. Judge Penn granted a 30-day continuance despite the protestations of assistant attorney general John Russell who claimed that the Commonwealth had nothing to do with the bankruptcy proceeding.

But . . . accompanying Russell in court was Dennis Szabala, from the Alexandria U.S. Attorney's civil division, who argued on behalf of the government at the bankruptcy proceedings.

Health service opposes broadened AIDS testing

U.S. Public Health Service officials have rejected additional mandatory testing for AIDS and called for stronger laws to protect the secrecy of test results and the "civil rights" of the virus to continue spreading.

According to a report in the May 12 *Baltimore Sun*, the health service proposals, in a 99-page confidential report by the Centers for Disease Control, said mandatory testing would waste resources better used for other purposes, and that mandatory testing was "not justified" by current knowledge [sic] of how the AIDS virus was spreading.

The report did concede, however, that presence of AIDS antibodies "is tantamount to a diagnosis of current and persistent infection, even though many infected people have no clinical evidence of disease."

OSI officials head for Vienna

Neil Sher, head of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, and Justice Department honcho Mark Richard were scheduled to arrive in Vienna, Austria May 15. The visit was announced by an Austrian government spokesman and reported in the May 9 French daily *Le Figaro*.

Sher's OSI is allegedly a "Nazi hunting" unit within the Justice Department. As *EIR* has documented, it is closely interfaced with the Soviet Justice Department and the KGB, and has devoted its resources to attacking whom the Soviet wish attacked.

The Sher visit to Austria comes after Attorney-General Meese declared Austrian President Kurt Waldheim *persona non grata* in the United States, on the basis of his alleged Nazi past. Waldheim is currently suing World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman, an outright Soviet agent of influence, for defamation following a diatribe by Bronfman on the Nazi theme.

Convicted Israeli spy attacks Weinberger

Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, now spending life in a U.S. prison for stealing secrets for the Israelis and Russians, fell just short of calling Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger an anti-Semite in a letter written to a friend and published in the *Jerusalem Post* under the title, "What I truly believe." In the letter, Pollard revealed his own racist outlook.

"I'm sorry if I'm a painful reminder of this fact, but the evident problem some people have accepting the transcendent nature of our racial allegiance over that of any other alien nationalism can't be solved by simply dropping me down a dark hole and wishing that I disappear." This attitude Pollard proclaims proudly to be "racial arrogance."

Pollard also writes: "To be perfectly frank . . . I had completely underestimated the unbridled enmity Weinberger feels toward Israel, in particular, and Jews in general. . . . Unfortunately, the so-called leaders of the American Jewish community in their mad, self-flagellating wish to reaffirm their loyalty to their country, are overlooking the implications of this letter at their peril. . . . If this case can instill a fear of 'pogrom' within our Jewish leaders, then what does this say about the durability of our life here