

Soviets unnerved by LaRouche again

The Soviet foreign-circulation magazine *New Times* devoted six pages of its July 20, 1987 issue to attempting to refute a lawsuit filed against it in Paris by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. and the European Labor Party. Laughably, the journal's conclusion after this diatribe, was to insist that, really, LaRouche is not that important. "Let us add," wrote *New Times*, "that we do not propose to identify the anti-Soviet action of Mr. LaRouche and the EWP either with French public opinion or with the position of government bodies. The very modest place occupied by the EWP in the spectrum of French domestic politics is well known. Hence we do not want to exaggerate the importance of the LaRouche affair."

Yet the virulence of *New Times'* latest attack, makes it clear that LaRouche is "public enemy number one" in Moscow. The timing of the new attack is significant, a signal to the Reagan administration that LaRouche must be silenced,

if superpower arms-control negotiations are to proceed.

On Sept. 15, 1986, less than a month before the Oct. 11-12 Reykjavik summit meeting between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachov, *New Times* published a five-page blast against LaRouche and associates, under the headline, "Nazis Without the Swastikas." (The headline is taken from a pamphlet by Dennis King, the drug lobby scribbler, formerly of *High Times* magazine, who has made a career of writing lies about LaRouche.) That formulation was repeated, in a more oblique manner, by Gorbachov himself, in an Oct. 3 speech. Three days later, the U.S. Justice Department ordered a massive raid on companies associated with LaRouche in Virginia, and indicted numerous of his associates.

To Moscow's astonishment, LaRouche sued *New Times*, the authors of the article, the magazine's French distributor, and Aeroflot airline—something no foreigner has ever done. As *New Times* writes, "Hearings in a libel action against *New Times* opened in the Palais de Justice in Paris on July 1. This is the first time legal proceedings have ever been instituted against our journal." When the editors received the "bulky envelope" containing the LaRouche complaint, "some of us were inclined to treat it as a joke in poor taste. But experts on French law took a different view—the case had to be taken seriously. . . . The fact remains that the complaint had been filed and accepted for consideration by the highest judicial authority in Paris, which has its seat at No. 1 Bld. Palais—the famous Palais de Justice."

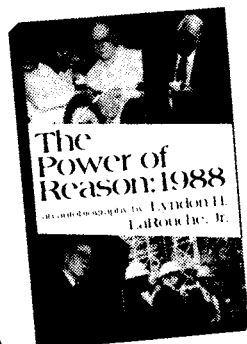
As *New Times* correctly states, the case was scheduled to go to trial on July 1—the day before an indictment against LaRouche was unsealed in a Boston federal court. This "coincidence" was noted by LaRouche, in a statement issued the day of the Paris hearing.

"This time, William Weld's Criminal Division has moved to attempt to bail Moscow out of a trial which began today, in a Paris, France court. I am the co-plaintiff in a libel suit brought against the Soviet government. Weld has acted to attempt to force me to leave Europe during this trial."

New Times focuses particular fire against LaRouche for his role in the Strategic Defense Initiative, and the latest article is replete with photos showing pro-SDI literature circulated by LaRouche's associates in the Federal Republic of Germany. Given the importance which Moscow places upon breaking the German-American alliance, the Soviet publication betrays particular concern over the influence of the Patriots for Germany—an organization headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche. A major sub-section in the article focuses

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LaRouche and the Paris trial

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WASHINGTON—Question: What do the Democrats and New York Governor Mario Cuomo, the Republican Justice Dept., and the national media have in common with the KGB's disinformation apparatus and the Soviet propaganda machine?

Answer: A passionate hatred of Lyndon LaRouche, the movement he started, and the publications and services that his movement has engendered.

This may sound frivolous, but I have watched the national media, Democratic bigwigs at the highest levels, and the Justice Department pursuing an unholy vendetta against the LaRoucheites and what they stand for. This has led me to a little private investigating.

I must confess that there is some truth to the charges of LaRoucheite subversion. In Leesburg, Virginia, where they are quartered, the LaRoucheites offer free concerts of the dangerous music of Mozart and Beethoven, and encourage members to play such instruments as the violin and the fortepiano so that they can participate. (Did you know that, gasp, Mozart was a Freemason?)

They also publish newspapers and magazines, do their best to broadcast their political views, and (Lord help us) even run a candidate or two for public office. Their views may upset or even offend some Americans, and because of this they are being dragged through the courts on charges either of no reasonable validity or clearly trumped. For this, too, Americans who have said only that whatever we may think about the movement it has the same constitutional rights as others, have been dealt up a gratuitous kick in the gluteus maximus.

One national newspaper has blasted the LaRouche movement as being a creature of the Kremlin (McCarthyism?). The Anti-Defamation League and other did-

dlers of fact have called Lyndon LaRouche and his movement Nazi. Both hint at a satanic nature. And the media has limited itself only to reporting what publicity-minded D.A.s hand out. Anything good about the movement will never get on the AP or the UPI budget.

Which gives me a golden opportunity to report what has been studiously kept out of the newspapers—namely that the LaRouche movement, through its Parti Ouvrier Europeen (European Workers Party, or POE) is suing the Soviet Union and various of its disinformation and propaganda branches for libel. The Kremlin has for years libeled whom it would with utter impunity—but Lyndon LaRouche has bearded the behemoth.

The Kremlin made the mistake of taking out after the POE for its alleged involvement in the assassination of Olaf Palme, the prime minister of Sweden. There is not one iota of evidence to back this up, and in fact the Swedish government has given the POE a clean bill of health. But the Kremlin tends to forget that it's easier to get convictions when manufactured evidence is presented to Soviet courts, as in the Moscow Trials.

In its response to the plaintiff's brief, the Kremlin has argued only that the POE is buddy-buddy with the CIA, that it supports the Strategic Defense Initiative, and that it has called on the French military to stand up to the U.S.S.R. I looked for but could not find any allegation that the POE liked apple pie.

It is chilling to note, however, that our Justice Department joined the KGB's game by turning over to the Swedish government the notebook of investigative researches into the assassination compiled by staffers of the LaRouche newspaper. The notebook had been illegally seized in a raid on the paper—and would have been as incriminating as my notes on the Kennedy assassination. That the Justice Department should have made itself a party to so obvious a Soviet ploy makes me wonder.

The wheels have begun to grind in the case. The Soviets have no defense at all and are hoping that a French judge will throw it out on a technicality. But wouldn't it be odd? If the POE wins a judgment against the Soviets, it will be correct to say that Moscow money helps finance its operations.

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on the Patriots' campaign to torpedo the "zero-option" sellout, and their warnings that Russia has "come dangerously close to the attainment of its main goal—the establishment of its hegemony over West Germany and thereby over the whole of Western Europe." Moscow notes ominously that the Patriots have "succeeded in winning the support in the F.R.G. of some retired ultra-right military men," naming

Patriots vice-chairman Brig. Gen. (ret.) Friedrich Grunewald and Brig. (ret.) Friedrich-August Freiherr von der Heydte.

One photo in the article sums up the reasons for Moscow's ire: It shows a demonstration of the European Labor Party in Bonn, West Germany, on behalf of the German-American alliance, replete with American flags, and a figure dressed as the Statue of Liberty.