

## Lt. Col. Oliver North: patriot or pusher?

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On July 20, Oliver North's 1989 Iran-Contra conviction was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals, under the 1972 Supreme Court *Kastigar* ruling; namely, that North, who was given immunity by the U.S. Congress and gave his immunized testimony on national prime-time TV, is constitutionally protected from having that immunized testimony used against him in a criminal trial.

North's successful appeal of his conviction on *Kastigar* grounds is obviously sound law. Nevertheless, it is a fair conclusion that the congressional investigation which preceded his trial was intended to keep North from ever being punished.

In a speech at the National Press Club on July 25, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh said that his office will consider requests, such as the one recently made by Rep. William Broomfield (R-Mich.), to shut down the probe of North and company.

If Iran-Contra Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh finds he cannot re-try North for his role in the Iran/Contra fiasco, he has the U.S. Congress to blame, which interfered grotesquely in the Irangate probe by immunizing North and former National Security Adviser Adm. John Poindexter—over Walsh's strong protest—thereby making it almost impossible to try the two. Congress did it, for political advantage, and pretty much blew away Walsh's careful investigation and trial preparation.

North now appears to be bamboozling a number of otherwise patriotic Americans who wish to see a patriot in the White House but are unwilling to take the heat involved in supporting a real patriot like Lyndon LaRouche. North has appeal because he has a lot of positive things to say about family values, and he takes a tough stand against disarmament.

In fact, North is one of the dirtiest figures on the American political scene today. He is also dangerous: dangerous not only because he is a man who clearly believes that the ends justify the means, but because his true goals are themselves suspect.

He is dirty because even though North was made a scapegoat for operations sanctioned at a higher level, he bears responsibility for what he himself did. The excuse: "I did it for patriotic reasons," was demolished once and for all at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal.

### What is Project Democracy?

The combined evidence of North's own diaries, declassified documents released as a result of the numerous governmental investigations into the worst scandal of the Reagan-Bush years, and testimony in related trials around the country, is exposing the fact that the extended conspiracy which North called "Project Democracy" is a criminal enterprise of drug trafficking, gun running, and terrorist extortion.

Although the criminal syndicate is much more sinister, more degenerate, more corrupt than any Mafia or Cosa Nostra gang, it has performed a miracle of public relations by cynically wrapping itself in the American flag and calling itself Project Democracy.

One side of the latest spate of revelations, reported in recent issues of this publication, indicates that the CIA was willing to run cover for the drug runners operating on the Mexican-American border—the Camarena affair. Another brings in Israeli intelligence and involves Colombian networks from the Medellín Cartel who were and are still based in Panama. This piece of the puzzle involves Israeli intelligence agent Yair Klein, who used Panama as a staging ground for Contra deals with the Cartel. (This was the kind

of operation which General Noriega was trying to stop; his opposition ultimately led to the U.S. invasion of Panama.)

Then there are the Brenneke revelations now being investigated in Italy (see story, p. 40). On July 25, Lyndon LaRouche had the following to say, with regard to this new series of revelations:

“There are aspects of the breaking story spreading out of Italy to which we do have definite answers as opposed to those we don’t. What we have that is certain, is that in the context of the threat that Palme would expose and impair the arms trafficking by way of Israel into Iran, on Feb. 28, 1986, Palme was assassinated and an immediate effort was launched to cover up the authorship of that assassination.

“The coverup included Soviet intelligence services; it included more prominently certain Western agencies, especially those linked to Project Democracy and thus to Ollie North and to the drug and weapons trafficking involving Israeli participation.

“The issue we know, insofar as it involved Palme, was the activity in which the fake patriot, the drug running-linked, arms trafficking-linked Col. Oliver North was prominently involved as part of the social democratic Project Democracy organization.”

LaRouche’s comments, issued from his federal prison cell in Rochester, Minnesota where he is being held as a America’s foremost political prisoner, caused enough stir in Italy to be highlighted in a news story filed from Rome which appeared in the Italian-American daily *Oggi* on July 26. Reporter Salvator Arcella described LaRouche as “the controversial politician sentenced last year to 15 years in prison, but a congressional candidate for election to the House of Representatives,” and wrote that LaRouche was calling for the investigation to “be expanded to include the Soviet secret services, . . . ‘Israeli circles,’ Col. Oliver North, and international arms and drug traffickers.”

### **Project Democracy framed LaRouche**

Indeed, Oliver North was personally involved with the multi-jurisdictional “Get LaRouche” task force, whose activities are arguably the greatest single threat to U.S. national security today. They have removed the freedom—and threatened the life—of Lyndon LaRouche, the 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988 presidential candidate who has been the only major U.S. political figure of the last 15 years to have correctly forecast the current strategic and economic crisis, and to have prescribed the profound reversal in national policy which can solve it.

North’s recently declassified diaries, according to one expert, are replete with references to drug trafficking. Phil Mabry, identified by the *Boston Globe* as a former CIA operative who worked for North early on, told *EIR* that he personally reported the allegations of Contra drug involvement to him. Mabry also produced documents supporting his story that North had told him to monitor and keep a file on

LaRouche because he was considered “dangerous.”

If Lawrence Walsh hopes to ever get the full truth about the workings of the secret government, then an investigation of those who framed LaRouche is long overdue.

Let us take a look at Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff’s Deputy Donald Moore, a person who in his own puffed-up court testimony says he singlehandedly conceived, motivated, and carried out the investigation that culminated in the judicial railroading of LaRouche. According to numerous published articles, including the *Washington Post*, which he proudly displays, Deputy Moore’s primary claim to fame is that he slept with Ollie North. Back during the Vietnam War, Deputy Moore not only served in the same Marine unit with North, but was a friend and confidant, sharing a bunk in the rice fields.

For some the Vietnam experience led to maturity and greater wisdom, but for others the war never ended, producing a subspecies of human garbage which became the new recruits for Project Democracy. In some circles they are known as “Rambozos,” a subculture of government officials and private citizens who out of the Iran-Contra affair created a series of private front groups, businesses, and intelligence community “interagency task forces,” to carry out their warped own political agenda.

Working under the colors of law provided by the Department of Justice, Deputy Moore also worked for a mysterious private foundation headquartered in Leesburg, Virginia known as ARGUS. The Armored Response Group United States (ARGUS) Foundation is a private paramilitary foundation which provides specialized tactical equipment to law enforcement agencies for dealing with “special crises” such as terrorism or narcotics problems, according to its own public relations. But ARGUS has been characterized by some federal law enforcement officials as a “bunch of political vigilantes.” During the 400-man assault by federal agents in October 1986 on the Leesburg, Virginia offices which publish LaRouche’s writings, ARGUS provided “tactical equipment” including an armored personnel carrier, according to the January/February 1987 issue of *Law Enforcement Technology* magazine. Intelligence sources have confirmed that ARGUS is an “off-line” creation reflective of “secret government” networks which are outgrowths of the Iran-Contra fiasco.

Loudoun County Sheriff John Isom, Deputy Moore’s nominal boss, who stated in court testimony that he assigned Moore to the “Get LaRouche” task force, was the founding vice president of ARGUS which was established in August 1985. By the summer of 1985, Leesburg, a sleepy semi-rural town an hour’s drive from Washington, which had received the “LaRouche organization” with traditional Southern hospitality, was turned on its head. Wild and dangerous rumors began to fly around accusing LaRouche and associates of everything short of the ritual killing of Christian babies. Court testimony later established that Deputy Moore and a

handful of associated “Rambozos” were behind the artificially induced hysteria. Moore testified that his expertise in psychological warfare in Vietnam had been applied to “win the hearts and minds” of the town against LaRouche. To this day, Moore is a member of a “Civil Affairs” Marine reserve unit.

In February 1985, months before the “Get LaRouche” Task Force was in full swing, Sheriff Isom testified he met with Project Democracy operative Mira Lansky Boland, nominally the director of the Washington, D.C. Fact Finding office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and Sally Greenberg, another ADL operative who was an associate of Mark Rasch, one of the assistant U.S. attorneys who prosecuted LaRouche, to plan the attack on the Democratic former presidential candidate. Mira Boland, herself a former CIA employee, and the ADL played an early and important role in the “public diplomacy” side of the Iranamok affair by running a disinformation campaign in support of the Contras which was denounced at the time by leading Jewish organizations (see *EIR*, June 8, 1990, p. 60-61).

### **The ADL and Project Democracy**

The ADL is a participating entity of Project Democracy. Carl Gershman, the head of Project Democracy’s formal governmental arm, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), started his career as a staffer with the ADL in New York. The ADL’s neo-conservative political orientation is not its only credential for participation in Project Democracy. An affinity for associating with pro-drug lobbyists also seems to play a part. The ADL helped sponsor professional LaRouche-hater Dennis King’s career, which included writing for *High Times*, a magazine whose staff is the target of a federal grand jury investigating violation of the U.S. narcotics laws. Kenneth Bialkin, a former chairman of the ADL, was involved in representing Robert Vesco, the infamous dirty money scam artist who was the direct precursor to the complex web of Caribbean drug money-laundering institutions which includes the Medellín Cartel, and banks created by the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), an intelligence front co-sponsored by the AFL-CIO that has figured in the Contra guns-for-drugs scandal.

Corroborating evidence of the Project Democracy conspiracy to “Get LaRouche” comes from another “Rambozo,” Col. George Olmsted, a resident of Leesburg. According to sources, Olmsted bragged that he had been recruited to a local vigilante group which was assigned by the Sheriff’s Department to have their guns ready just in case the “LaRouchites” got out of hand. Colonel Olmsted is believed by some to have been linked to the Iran-Contra mess. An entry in North’s declassified diaries records Olmsted in association with Arthur Arundel, publisher of the *Loudoun Times-Mirror*, the local weekly that regularly published scurrilous editorial attacks and slanderous “news” stories against LaRouche.

Eyewitness intelligence community sources have confirmed that Arundel, owner of a media empire, held fundraisers for Project Democracy at his Virginia estate. According to a profile issued by Arundel Communications in November 1985, Arundel was a “U.S. Marine paratroop officer” who served with “the Central Intelligence Agency in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.” The Pentagon Papers revealed that Arundel while in Indochina was a “black propaganda” specialist.

The network of private citizens trained in “spookery” and working with law enforcement officials in a clandestine manner as if a foreign hostile country, was partially Oliver North’s idea. Under the direction of the National Security Council, in the early 1980s, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was upgraded. Initially, FEMA was created as an arm of government to handle natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. It also had a mandate for “continuity of government” (COG) functions in time of war or national emergency. As part of the reorganization of FEMA, North created a network of elite bureaucrats in every department of government who in time of war or in a “national security emergency,” should the elected officials be unable to carry out their duties, would take over and run the country. The program also included deputizing some local law enforcement officials as federal “national security” officers who could provide support to federal officials who might have to respond to “insurrection” or “national unrest.”

Buster Horton, the foreman of the jury which convicted LaRouche and associates in December 1988, was one of the elite government employees, holding the same rank as North in the COG apparatus of FEMA.

Both Deputy Moore and Sheriff Isom seem not to be strangers to secret arrangements which lend themselves to abrogating the U.S. Constitution. Both originally worked for the Fairfax, Virginia Police Department, which in the 1970s was exposed by the Rockefeller Commission as having illegally cooperated in black-bag jobs, spying on dissidents, and trading equipment and information, as well as providing phony police credentials to operatives of the CIA, whose Langley headquarters are in the department’s jurisdiction.

### **Flotsam of a lost war**

Project Democracy is one conspiracy you don’t have to be a John Birch Society member to understand.

To understand who Oliver North—and his buddy Donald Moore—really represents, one must compare him and people such as Moore with the German soldiers who followed Adolf Hitler’s banner. In both cases, they are the flotsam of a lost war—World War I and Vietnam, respectively. Men of the North and Moore type returned from Vietnam prepared to justify any atrocity in the spurious name of patriotism. They came back bitter that the Vietnam war was unpopular back home. Men like North and Moore are dangerous, in the same way that Hitler’s original following was dangerous.