

Cult Awareness Network: thought police of the 1990s

by Our Special Correspondent

Beware of what you think, say the modern-day thought police! The Anglo-American financial elite and their associates in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) have created a private gestapo to maintain their own political and financial power, and to suppress any dissenting movements or individuals.

The thought gestapo in the United States is led by the so-called Cult Awareness Network (CAN) and the American Family Foundation (AFF), two organizations with interlocking advisers and associates. According to documents from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), numerous prominent Anglo-American Wall Street families are, through their foundations, the major financiers of the AFF, including the Scaife Family Foundation, headed by Richard Mellon Scaife, a close personal friend of former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, and the Pew Foundation. As the gestapo methods of these organizations are described below, it should be of no surprise to learn that the Pew family was a secret funder of pro-Hitler organizations in the United States during the last Great Depression.

In recent years, large sums have been donated by the Swig Foundation, which is headed by ADL National Commissioner Melvin Swig. According to our sources, CAN hides the names of its contributors by raising amounts of money just under the threshold requirement for reporting to the IRS.

Profile of a gestapo

CAN/AFF is a network of psychiatrists and self-proclaimed "deprogrammers," whose ostensible purpose is to retrieve family members who have been brainwashed into joining cults. In reality, CAN/AFF's function is twofold: to retrieve family fortunes which have been donated to independent religious and political organizations that are not controlled by the Eastern Establishment, and to provide law enforcement officials with information and witnesses for prosecution of target organizations.

CAN recently announced the formation of "The LaRouche Victims' Support Group," whose spokesman is CAN director Cynthia Kissler. This group asks family mem-

bers to monitor the political activities of their relatives, and "turn in" anybody caught giving financial support to the political movement associated with Lyndon LaRouche, to CAN's network of Nazi psychiatrists, deprogrammers, and law enforcement officials. Their aim is to psychologically break supporters of LaRouche, to brainwash them into thinking they were defrauded, and to turn them against their former political associates.

The case of Helen Overington

Currently, Kissler is highlighting the case of Helen Overington, who has appeared on radio talk shows with her daughters Mary Rotz and Peggy Weller.

Helen Overington is a former financial and political supporter of the LaRouche movement. Her real story is told in bits and pieces of the truth that have made their way into otherwise slanderous articles that have appeared over the past year. The truth is that her daughters opposed her political views, wanted her money, and called upon CAN thought police to end her political association.

According to a May 1990 article in the *Sun Gazette* of Loudoun County, Virginia, Mrs. Overington was a charitable woman who had given hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable, educational, and political causes. The *Washington Post* of May 21, 1990 reported that she donated "to more than 200 mostly conservative charities and causes." According to the same article, Mrs. Overington supported President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, a policy that LaRouche had authored years earlier, about which, she said, "my children didn't want to hear."

In a January 1991 article in *Woman's Day*, Mrs. Overington revealed, "When I tried to talk politics with my children, they'd say, 'Oh, Mom, you really don't believe that stuff, do you?' or 'Oh, Mom, you've been reading all that conservative literature again.' Especially Peggy, the most liberal. She finally told me, 'Look, Mom, we can't discuss these things. We just don't agree.'"

In that same article, Mrs. Overington detailed how she had the same concerns about drugs, nuclear energy, and other matters as LaRouche associates, and said, "They wanted to

make the world better, and so did I.”

The article further revealed that even after she had been confronted by her daughters and others in their attempt to get her to drop her association with LaRouche, it took several weeks and meetings with several law enforcement officials to get her to “rethink” the matter.

What occurred is that Mrs. Overington’s daughters called the Virginia Attorney General’s office, who put them in touch with Mira Lansky Boland, the LaRouche case officer for the ADL. Boland in turn put them in touch with CAN. Soon, Mrs. Overington found herself under virtual house arrest, with visits from Boland, CAN president Mike Rokos, and Virginia State police special investigator C.D. Bryant, who worked her over with lies, slanders, and half-truths, like a prisoner of war, until she finally broke.

Thugs and perverts

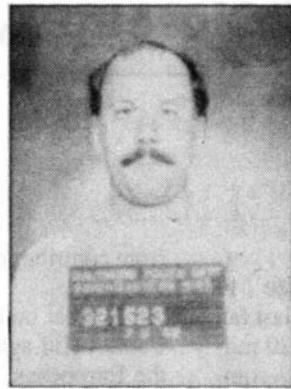
The following selections from *EIR*’s dossier on the CAN/FPP/ADL network gives the flavor of what kind of dirty operation they are running:

Mira Lansky Boland is a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. She is the ADL’s “LaRouche expert,” who has provided intelligence and counsel for every criminal and civil case brought by the “Get LaRouche” task force. Lansky Boland works closely with CAN.

Rev. Michael Rokos, the national president of CAN at the time that he “counseled” the Overingtons, is himself a fraud, a criminal, and a pervert. In October 1990, news stories broke in the *Baltimore Sun* and elsewhere in the Washington, D.C. area, that Rokos had been arrested in July 1982 for soliciting sex with a Baltimore vice squad officer posing as a minor. According to an affidavit from arresting officer Joseph G. Wyatt, Rokos solicited him, saying, “I want you to tie me up, put clothespins on my nipples, and make me—” (perversion deleted by editor). While hiding his criminal past, Rokos spoke before police and civic groups and on numerous radio shows slandering LaRouche. Rokos also fraudulently portrayed himself as the chaplain for the Maryland State Police, while in reality, he was one of several ministers who volunteered at one of the police barracks. After he was exposed, Rokos resigned as national president of CAN and from his position with the Maryland State Police.

C.D. Bryant, special agent for the Virginia State Police, spent over 20 years with the IRS and retired from its Criminal Investigative Division (CID). Documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and congressional testimony have shown that CID has taken part in the IRS’s secret operations which collected intelligence files on political opponents and carried out investigations and indictments that were politically motivated.

Galen Kelley, head of Security for CAN and their current national “LaRouche expert,” is a “deprogrammer” who, according to court documents, has been convicted of assault and has had his pistol license revoked. Kelley has carried



Police mug shot of the Cult Awareness Network’s number one pervert, the “Rev.” Michael Rokos.

out “deprogrammings” with Harlin Killstein of the terrorist Jewish Defense League, whose associate Mordechai Levy was recently convicted of attempted murder in New York City. Levy publicly threatened the life of Lyndon LaRouche on several occasions. According to sources, Kelley has direct ties to the FBI and other federal agencies.

The brainwashers

Giving this gestapo an air of respectability are the Nazi psychiatrists who are official advisers and collaborators of CAN/AFF:

Dr. L. Jolyon West received CAN’s 1990 Leo J. Ryan Award. West was a pioneering member of the CIA’s MK-Ultra Project, which was designed to spread the use of LSD and other mind-altering drugs among American youth in the 1950s and 1960s. West’s research on brainwashing began with his stint in Air Force Intelligence during the Korean War. After the war, West ran studies of the effects of psychedelic drug use, at the University of Oklahoma. Drugs and Satanism promoter Aldous Huxley praised West in 1957 for his work on LSD, and a *New York Times* article of August 1977 revealed West’s ties to the CIA. In the early 1970s, West proposed an experimental violence center, which was to include the work of psychiatrist Frank Ervin, a notorious racist who advocated the use of lobotomies for rioters in black ghettos of American cities.

Margaret Singer, an adviser to AFF, is the *grande dame* of CAN. Together with West, she ran a survival and torture resistance study for Air Force Intelligence and studied the Haight-Ashbury, San Francisco drug “culture.” Her work is frequently cited by social fascists.

Dr. Robert Lifton is noted for his “groundbreaking” work on Nazi interrogation and torture techniques. He is the ADL’s darling, and is often cited as an authority on mind manipulation. Lifton worked for military intelligence, and analyzed Korean brainwashing techniques by studying American POWs and Korean War veterans.