

Cult network attacks LaRouche campaign

by Bruce Director

In early June, state legislators throughout the United States began receiving letters from an obscure West Virginia state delegate containing hate literature defaming 1992 Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. Characteristic of a political "thought police" operation, the letter asks legislators to report any LaRouche campaign activity in their districts to a special anti-LaRouche hotline and to state and local law enforcement authorities.

The mailing is evidently an attempt by the pro-Bush dope lobby to stem the growing influence of LaRouche's 1992 presidential campaign, which is gaining support among state and local officials who see LaRouche as the only real opposition to the lunatic George Bush.

The legislator behind the mailing is one John Overington, a Republican who is a long-time supporter of Bush and Oliver North, the former National Security Council staffer involved in the Iran-Contra scandal. The hate literature is a tract published by the dope lobby-linked Cult Awareness Network (CAN).

Kidnaping and brainwashing

In a highly publicized case in 1990, Overington and his sisters unleashed CAN, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), and Virginia State Police agent C.D. Bryant on Overington's own mother, Helen Overington. According to published accounts, when Overington and his sisters found out their mother had been a political supporter of Lyndon LaRouche, they had her moved from her apartment and had her "deprogrammed" by former CAN president Michael Rokos, the ADL's Mira Lansky Boland, and Bryant.

CAN, the people Overington set on his own mother, is a network of sex perverts, brainwashers, and kidnapers. CAN was set up in coordination with the American Family Foundation (AFF). The AFF in turn is an outgrowth of the CIA's notorious MK-Ultra project. The ADL coordinates activities closely with CAN and the AFF, sharing financial backers, information, and personnel.

CAN's ex-president, Michael Rokos, was forced to resign that position shortly after "deprogramming" Helen Overington, when it became publicly known that he had been arrested in Baltimore for soliciting a male police officer for sexual relations. According to the arresting officer, Joseph

G. Wyatt, on July 3, 1982, Rokos solicited him, saying, "I want you to tie me up, put clothespins on my nipples, and let me suck your _ _ _," describing a perversion which, vice squad officer Wyatt said, surprised even him.

It is also reported that Cynthia Kissner, the current executive director of CAN, in earlier years earned her living as a topless dancer.

Meanwhile, Galen Kelly, CAN's so-called "LaRouche expert," has been convicted of assault in connection with a deprogramming-kidnaping incident; and has had his pistol license revoked. Kelly has carried out "deprogrammings" with Harlin Killstein of the terrorist Jewish Defense League, whose associate, Mordechai Levi of the Jewish Defense Organization, was recently convicted of attempted murder in New York City.

Others involved in CAN are:

- John Markham, the former Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted Lyndon LaRouche and associates in a federal case in Boston, Massachusetts and, after that case mistried, helped prosecute LaRouche and six associates in a federal trial in Alexandria, Virginia. That railroaded conviction sent LaRouche and the others to prison. Markham was a member of, and the attorney of record for, the Process Church, a satanic cult linked to the "Son of Sam" killings in New York City in the late 1970s. Markham was scheduled to speak at the 1990 CAN national conference.

- Dr. L. Jolyon West, who received the CAN's 1990 Leo J. Ryan Award, is an advisory board member of the American Family Foundation, the mother group of CAN. West was a pioneering member of the MK-Ultra project, which tested LSD and other mind-altering drugs on unsuspecting American GIs in the 1950s and 1960s, and led to the proliferation of LSD among American youth in the late 1960s and 1970s.

- Dr. Margaret Singer, who is also an advisory board member of the American Family Foundation, and is the *grande dame* of CAN. Together with West, she ran a survival and torture resistance study for U.S. Air Force intelligence, and studied the Haight-Ashbury (San Francisco) drug "culture."

Junking the Constitution

CAN's activities are not limited to brainwashing and kidnapings. The group also wants to suspend the constitutional protections for political movements. In its anti-LaRouche tract, CAN complains that LaRouche is "wrapped in the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of political freedom." And, in his letter to legislators, Overington announces his own plan for removing constitutional protections from political movements, through a legislative campaign to establish police-state control over fundraising. Overington has proposed a bill making it illegal to solicit "elderly" people at night. He also proposes that any contribution over \$1,000 be supervised by a state agency and be subject by law to a three-day waiting period in which the contributor can change his mind.