

formerly a mountain kingdom. The map that the British have in mind of the northern part of South Asia is very much what the disintegrated Soviet Union looks like now.

But the British design, propagated on the ground by the JKLF, is scarcely understood either in India or Pakistan. In Pakistan, where the Islami Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI) government under Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has dug its own grave by acceding to International Monetary Fund-World Bank policies, Kashmir appears to be the only issue on which a consensus can be built to keep the IJI in power. In India, policy failures in Kashmir, which alienated Kashmiri Muslims from New Delhi, and the alleged Pakistani involvement in the valley, are being highlighted as the causes for the trouble. It appears that New Delhi wants to believe that if Pakistan is disciplined by the international community, the crisis will evaporate.

The latest crisis erupted when JKLF leader Amanullah Khan gave the clarion call that he, along with some 50,000 volunteers, would cross the Line of Control and move into India in support of the "freedom fighters" in the Kashmir valley. Khan said that his men would face the Indian bullets and become martyrs. Khan, who had given a similar call in 1990, seemed determined to carry out the threat and, in fact, had arranged transport to bring his volunteers in. But India warned that the situation may lead to an all-out war, which Pakistan at this stage can ill afford. The Pakistan Army was not willing to play with fire, so to speak, and prevented Khan and his followers from getting anywhere near the Line of Control.

Crisis could have been avoided

The crisis could have been averted earlier, but for the desperate maneuverings of the ruling government in Pakistan. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's 15-month-old rule is tarnished with massive corruption charges, failure to bring peace in the state of Sindh, and an insane privatization policy which has bankrupted the country's treasury. Under the circumstances, Prime Minister Sharif has run into serious problems with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and with the Army, which is getting worried about the growing dissension within the country and the confrontation between the government and the opposition. Prime Minister Sharif is also under increased pressure on the nuclear issue from the United States, which has stopped economic and military aid from Washington.

In this milieu, instead of arresting Amanullah Khan and putting a stop to the building crisis, Nawaz Sharif encouraged the protesters by calling a general strike on Feb. 5—just six days before the scheduled JKLF border crossing. By closing down all government offices, Prime Minister Sharif made sure to make the strike a success. As a result, the Kashmir hype became the focus in Pakistan, and Prime Minister Sharif quietly slipped into the hands of those whose only preoccupation is anti-India and pro-Kashmir agitation.

Australia

ADL dirty tricks against LaRouche

by Allen Douglas

During early 1992, observers have witnessed a step-up of harassment against the growing movement in Australia associated with U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, and other elements of that nation's "freedom movement" fighting the Anglo-American new world order. Judging by the operatives caught red-handed in the recent campaign, most of the dirty tricks had their genesis in a meeting held in Montreal, Canada on Nov. 3-4, 1991 entitled "Anti-Semitism Around the World," sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL).

In Montreal, 200 participants listened to speakers from East and West Europe, Israel, Asia, and North and South America rail against real and alleged anti-Semitism worldwide. Aside from a defense of George Bush and an attack on the U.S. black population as "the worst anti-Semitic group in the U.S.," the conference was informed about the ADL's most compelling task by ADL vice chairman Joel Sprayreger: "I can think of no better reason for the existence of the ADL than stopping LaRouche." As per Sprayreger's dictum, the audience heard an unscheduled presentation by Michael Danby, an operative of the Australian branch of the ADL, the Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC). Danby is the editor of the Melbourne-based *Australia-Israel Review*, and his wife until recently was employed by the U.S. consulate in Melbourne.

Danby began by thanking ADL international director Kenneth Jacobson of New York for his help against "anti-Semites" in the Asia-Pacific region, prominently citing Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia, before turning to his main target. The LaRouche movement in Australia, he warned, is "gaining ground" and a "big expansion" of the LaRouche forces is under way down under, which must be stopped. As he spoke, one of his henchmen handed out a flow chart on "Far Right Factions in Australia." Privately, Danby made clear that a chief purpose of his visit with the ADL in the U.S. was to plot operations against some of those identified in the handout.

The pattern of harassment

Within weeks, a pattern of harassment against anyone identified with the ideas of LaRouche, in particular the Citi-

zens Electoral Councils (CECs), was identified.

- In December, Matthew Abraham, host of a morning radio show on the Australian Broadcasting Corp.'s affiliate 2CN in the nation's capital of Canberra, spent nine days in a row railing against the LaRouche movement, the CECs, and Dennis Stevenson, a local member of parliament active in anti-pornography efforts.

- Peter Sawyer, publisher of *Inside News*, Australia's most widely read newsletter, and an endorser of LaRouche for President, received a visit from federal police shortly before Bush's New Year's visit to Australia, asking him what he had planned for the visit. On Jan. 2, Sawyer was raided by Queensland state police on "firearms" charges, and on Feb. 9 he received a summons to appear in court on March 4. The ADL's top man in Australia, Isi Leibler, the vice president of whiskey magnate Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress, had earlier circulated a nationwide letter against Sawyer as an "anti-Semite."

- On Jan. 3, at the tail-end of the Bush visit, *New Federalist* editor Nancy Spannaus received a telephone threat to the life of Lyndon LaRouche from "Arthur Smith" of Australia. "Smith" claimed he was calling from Australian Associated Press. The news service says it has no such employee. "Smith" said he had been contacted by someone in Bush's entourage with a message that "LaRouche was in danger," and that he had names of LaRouche's Australian supporters. Pressed for a callback number, "Smith" left a number which turned out to be an office of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO). Australian sources believe "Arthur Smith" is an alias for David Greason, a freelance journalist linked to various intelligence agencies and Michael Danby.

- On Feb. 4, Ross Bensted, the associate editor of the CEC's newspaper, was visited by the livestock squad of the local police in Gladston, Queensland. The police claimed, though Bensted had documents to prove otherwise, that he had defrauded a neighbor of cattle. Bensted had coordinated an extremely effective CEC intervention into a protest demonstration of farmers in Canberra against Bush's visit, with a 16-by-3-foot banner, "LaRouche for President, Bush for Jail."

- On Feb. 8, a Queensland LaRouche supporter received a warning from a federal parliamentary source close to ASIO: "You know you're a marked man. You will be coming under scrutiny soon. You'd better leave it [support for LaRouche] alone."

The harassment follows the pattern established in the United States: the ADL takes the point in a combined private-governmental assault involving propaganda, dirty tricks, and legal actions. This *modus operandi* was apparent during trials against LaRouche fundraisers in the state of Virginia, in which "former" CIA agent Mira Lansky Boland, now director of the ADL Fact Finding Division in Washington, lent the ADL's services to coordinate key elements of the state

and federal prosecution.

The *Australia-Israel Review's* Michael Danby is the ADL's point man on LaRouche down under. His connections shed further light on the "get LaRouche" operation.

Danby: the ADL point man down under

Danby got his start in politics in the 1960s as a leader of the Australia Union of Jewish Students, which ran a major campaign against the larger (and pro-PLO) Australian Union of Students, which "virtually destroyed it," according to one Australian source. By the late 1970s, he was deputy editor of the *Australia-Israel Review*, then run by one of Australia's leading Zionists, Sam Lipsky. He was also plugged into U.S. intelligence circles: during his wife's tenure at the American consulate in Melbourne, Danby organized intimate soirees at the consulate for visiting luminaries of the U.S. "neo-conservative" movement. These included Gen. Vernon Walters and Iran-Contra operative Michael Ledeen. The *Review* has featured the writings of such "neo-con" leaders as Norman Podhoretz, Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ADL national director Abraham Foxman, Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), and Henry Kissinger. The "neo-con" movement in the U.S. is largely composed of ADL operatives and, in turn, is a crucial arm of "private" U.S. intelligence operations. The government-funded, but privately-run "Project Democracy" which oversaw Oliver North's Iran-Contra affair, is a case in point: Project Democracy's head Carl Gershman, a former operative of the ADL's Fact Finding Division, now oversees the \$30 million a year operation which, in his own words, will "do the kinds of things the CIA used to do, but no longer can."

Michael Danby's friend and *Australia-Israel Review* columnist David Greason is another operative of the Australian "Get LaRouche" task force. According to Australian sources, Greason is a typical ADL, intelligence-connected provocateur, like the infamous Mordechai Levy, who took out a permit to organize a neo-Nazi rally in Philadelphia several years ago, while heading the ADL's Jewish Defense League.

Greason started in politics circa 1975 as a member of the League of Rights, demonstrating in favor of then Governor General John Kerr's sacking of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, after Whitlam attacked the CIA for funding Australian political parties. Kerr, who wrote Greason a letter thanking him, was himself later exposed as a longtime CIA operative.

Greason next helped found the neo-Nazi National Action party, whose violence has been used as a pretext to pass "hate crimes" legislation, aimed at curtailing the freedom of the press and the right to organize. He now masquerades as a leftist, and recently authored a diatribe entitled "Lyndon LaRouche—Stormtrooper for the CIA," which attacks LaRouche and his wife, German political leader Helga Zepp-LaRouche, as being "Zionist agents" who report to the CIA. Greason concludes his "Stormtrooper" piece with an incitement to violence against the LaRouches.