

Du Pont Smith declared 'competent' by Pa. judge

In a stinging rebuke to the enemies of statesman Lyndon LaRouche, a Pennsylvania judge on Aug. 30 terminated an incompetency order against Lewis du Pont Smith, a LaRouche associate and heir to the Du Pont fortune, and restored his control over his financial estate.

An elated Smith met the press the next day outside the same West Chester courtroom where a corrupt judge had made him the first U.S. citizen to have ever been declared "mentally incompetent" for his political beliefs. Flanked by his wife Andrea, Smith said, "This day represents a triumph of justice for my wife and me and for all those who fight against political corruption and persecution."

The order, signed by Dauphin County Judge William Lipsett, set aside an order entered nearly nine years ago by West Chester Judge Lawrence Wood, a man firmly in the du Pont family's pocket, who had ignored all evidence of Smith's manifest competence. It also comes almost a month after former Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Lt. Don Moore, the operative of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Cult Awareness Network (CAN) who was hired by Smith's father to kidnap Lewis Smith in 1992, submitted court papers showing that *Moore himself* was mentally unstable. Moore, along with his fellow kidnapper-for-hire Galen Kelly, could not be reached for comment on the Lewis Smith case; both are serving sentences in federal prison for their role in another kidnapping.

Smith's family, acting in concert with the ADL and its CAN operation, moved to strip Smith of control over his financial estate in 1985 after he had contributed \$212,000 to publish *Dope, Inc.*, a book on the illegal narcotics trade which identified the role of powerful British-linked oligarchical families and operations such as the ADL in running and protecting that trade. The book, which had been commissioned by LaRouche, shows the role of these families in laundering the proceeds of upwards of \$1 trillion annually in illegal narcotics traffic.

After Judge Wood's ruling, the 36-year-old Smith was stripped not only of control over his fortune, but was denied his right to vote and to marry, without consent. He was able to marry Andrea Diano only through the direct intercession of the Vatican. During this time, Smith and his wife were harassed by his family. This culminated in the 1992 "Kidnappers' Inc." plot, exposed in the book *Travesty*, for which Moore, Kelly, the lawyer Robert Point, and Smith's father, E. Newbold Smith, were indicted in federal court. Though

they were caught redhanded, they were let off by the actions of a judge whose jury instructions virtually directed an acquittal.

Smith's efforts to have his rights restored gained international attention. They were the focus of several newspaper and magazine articles and television shows in the United States, Europe, and Ibero-America, where Smith and his wife travelled to bring his case to the public.

'An end to injustice'

"This brings to an end, I hope, over nine years of injustice, a shameful travesty of justice, a total sham," Smith said. "The people involved in this assault on my dignity and constitutional rights—principally, the ADL and CAN, which constitute an anti-LaRouche cult, as well as representatives in the media—have failed and have failed miserably.

"Not only have they failed to break my spirit to speak out, to run for political office, and to associate with LaRouche and his political movement," he said, "they have totally failed to destroy LaRouche and the growing influence of his international movement.

"As a testament to their failure, I present to you the full-page advertisement which appeared in the *Washington Post* on Aug. 11," Smith said. "Over 400 prominent citizens from all over the world signed the ad, calling on President Clinton to exonerate Lyndon LaRouche, based on six volumes of new evidence submitted by LaRouche's attorney, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, evidence which documents that the U.S. government knew at all times that LaRouche and his co-defendants were innocent of the false charges for which they were convicted. That evidence is gathering dust at the Richmond, Virginia U.S. Court of Appeals, while five associates of LaRouche are still in prison serving barbaric sentences—in one case up to 77 years! . . .

"Two of the leading thugs who were an integral part of the ADL-CAN government-connected apparatus that railroaded LaRouche and co-defendants to jail, were Galen Kelly and Donnie Moore," Smith continued. "Both are now in jail as convicted felons serving prison time for kidnapping and related charges. While they 'beat the rap' in the kidnapping case against my wife Andrea and myself, justice finally caught up with these punks, who think they're above the law. As Lyndon LaRouche said, sometimes the stomach of justice turns slowly; it seems to be turning faster these days.

"As for myself, I am no different than I was nine years ago before I was dragged into court, except I am a little older and wiser. . . . My character and integrity have not been stained—unlike some other unfortunate people. I am in good health and happily married, and doing what I enjoy the most."

Smith said that he is now a resident of Minnesota, where he is running for attorney general in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party against Hubert H. "Skip" Humphrey III, the incumbent, whom Smith described as "arguably the most corrupt state elected official in the United States."