

National News

Mark Nykanen, NBC, and the dope lobby

At a press conference in Washington, D.C. on April 9, presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche denounced NBC-TV reporter Mark Nykanen as a "drug pusher." "You guys are a bunch of liars," he charged, citing Nykanen's "disgusting" role in a recent NBC program attacking LaRouche, on the basis of fraudulent information received from terrorist-linked and drug-linked sources.

Nykanen's connections to the dope lobby are extensive. In a 1984 deposition taken in the case of LaRouche v. NBC, he admitted that he had been paid \$200 by *High Times* magazine, the porno magazine of the pro-drug counterculture, for an article entitled "Death in the Desert." The piece described a shootout between a drug smuggler and the border patrol, and argued that laws against drug smuggling are outdated and cause needless deaths: "As long as young men are forced to implement old and dangerous laws, there will be other men willing to take a chance at quick profit, even at the risk of death."

Nykanen is a friend of Chip Berlet, the former editor of *High Times* and author of a May 1981 broadside published in that magazine, titled "War on Drugs—The Strange Story of Lyndon LaRouche—They Want to Take Your Drugs Away!" Berlet, along with another *High Times* writer, Dennis King, is a principal "source" for NBC's libels.

Farrakhan's Libyan ties under scrutiny

The Justice Department is reported to be investigating Louis Farrakhan's visit to Libya in March, where he attended a terrorist convention at which Libya's Muammar Qaddafi called on black American GIs to revolt against "imperialist" America. Farrakhan, the head of the Nation of Islam (Black Muslims), is reported to have re-

ceived at least \$46 million from Qaddafi, to finance operations in the United States.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, the investigation is focusing on the relatively narrow question of whether Farrakhan violated President Reagan's order banning Americans from doing business in Libya. If it turns out he did not spend any money while he was in Tripoli, Justice officials said, he may not be in violation of the President's ban.

After a two-week stay in Tripoli, Farrakhan went on to Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran.

This Perle is a swine

Undersecretary of Defense Richard Perle must be fired immediately by President Reagan, said a spokesman for presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche on April 17, if the United States is to secure agreement with the government of Japan for that nation's participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). According to informed Japanese sources,

to undermine the process by which Japan would affirm a commitment to the SDI.

These sources report that Perle is refusing to give any assurances to Japan that the SDI is a strategic commitment of the United States that will continue after 1988. Asked whether the SDI is a long-term commitment or a passing fancy of President Reagan, Perle reportedly states that he does not know.

The only way that the Reagan administration can give the proper assurances to Japan that the SDI is indeed a strategic commitment of the United States, is to remove Perle from all influence within the U.S. government.

The LaRouche spokesman added that the deadline for that action is April 22, since on April 23, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is scheduled to convene the first in a series of ministerial discussions leading toward the government's decision on Japan's participation in the SDI. The talks are also expected to gauge what kind of response to the SDI will be forthcoming from

the heads of state of the seven industrialized nations scheduled to meet in Tokyo in the first week of May.

Democratic Party to woo black voters

The Democratic Party on April 16 launched what it called an "historic adventure" to help finance black candidates for political office nationwide, and to register minority voters. The move is seen as a response to the strong vote for LaRouche Democrats among the black voters of Chicago on March 18.

Democratic National Committee chairman Paul Kirk and Delores Tucker, head of the DNC's black caucus, announced the formation of a special fund aimed at expanding black participation at all levels in the party. Kirk called the move "a very important step for the party." The party must broaden its base, he said. "We have to earn that [black] support . . . and not to take it for granted."

An April 30 fundraiser in Washington, D.C. is intended to raise about \$100,000. Tucker said she expects \$1 million to be collected eventually for black candidates.

Grand jury breaks law in leaks to N.Y. Times

William Weld, the U.S. Attorney in Boston, has violated federal laws regarding grand jury secrecy, according to Edward Spannaus, an official of the 1984 and 1988 presidential campaign committees of Lyndon LaRouche.

The charge is based upon the publication in the *New York Times* of April 13 of what are called "preliminary findings" in the grand jury's investigation of organizations associated with LaRouche. The *Times* used Weld's leaks to back its claim that these organizations had committed credit card and tax fraud.

"William Weld and his assistant Daniel

Small are in flagrant violation of federal law," Spannaus said. "Small has also repeatedly been caught lying and perjuring himself in affidavits submitted to various federal courts. Not only were documents relating to grand jury proceedings improperly made public, but the information in the affidavits and testimony is itself false. . . . I can only conclude that Weld and Small, knowing that they have no evidence after 18 months to issue indictments, are therefore instead taking the route of 'blowing' their case in the press."

The grand jury system was intended to protect the innocent from scurrilous indictments by unscrupulous prosecutors; proceedings are kept secret in order to prevent press airing of unsubstantiated charges, which can be as harmful to an individual or organization as an actual indictment. Contrary to Weld, Small, and the *New York Times*, a grand jury cannot proclaim "preliminary findings"; either it has the evidence—or it doesn't.

ADL blamed for not stopping LaRouche

Officials of the National Council of Churches are displeased with the failure of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to prevent candidates associated with Lyndon LaRouche from winning the Illinois primary election on March 18. "The material of the ADL and Jewish groups on LaRouche has a 'brownshirt tinge'; it is extremism in the cause of fighting extremism," complained Dr. Peggy Shriver, director of research for the NCC.

She indicated that the NCC itself intends to replace the ADL in its role as the primary anti-LaRouche group.

ADL officials are reportedly worried about how their campaign against electoral candidates associated with LaRouche will affect the League's tax-exempt status. And for good reason, as one recent episode shows:

Ted Fine, B'nai B'rith leader and Democratic committeeman from Allentown, Pennsylvania, went far out on a limb to try to discredit Bill Logue, candidate for the

Democratic Party's congressional nomination in the 15th C.D. Prior to a Candidates' Night event early in April at which Logue was scheduled to speak, Fine circulated a packet of ADL materials attacking LaRouche. He sought to convince Logue's chief opponent, Joe Simonetta, to use the ADL's tired "LaRouche-is-a-Nazi" slanders against Logue, which Simonetta said he felt was improper.

The *Allentown Morning Call* published an article based on Fine's slanders, whose publication was followed by a telephone death threat to Logue received by his wife at their home.

McNamara, Brown seek SDI funding cuts

Two former Democratic defense secretaries, Robert McNamara and Harold Brown, have called for substantial reductions in funding to the Strategic Defense Initiative program, on the grounds that a viable strategic defense system is unattainable for many decades.

In testimony before the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee on April 10, McNamara said that the \$2.7 billion in the FY86 budget is "excessive," and that the President's FY87 request of \$4.8 billion should be cut to a maximum of \$2.5 billion. McNamara insisted that the United States is ahead of the Soviet Union in research related to anti-missile defense, and said that he sees "no evidence [Moscow] is preparing to break out of the ABM Treaty, but they fear we are"—and are getting prepared to counter such action.

McNamara further claimed that the growth of Soviet forces in the last 20 years has been in response "to our own actions." If the SDI research program were put on the time schedule suggested by SDI Director Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, the United States will "almost certainly" violate the ABM Treaty soon, he said.

As for Harold Brown, Jimmy Carter's defense secretary, he said that President Reagan's "vision" of the SDI is "unattainable."

Briefly

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** was asked, at a meeting of the White House Correspondents' Association on April 17, whether he expects that the Republicans can beat the Democrats in 1988. "You bet," he replied. "We can beat Lyndon LaRouche." The statement was reported by Baltimore radio station WBAL.

● **GAIL GANS**, assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League's Fact-Finding Division, defended the ADL's obstruction of efforts by American Jews to organize a boycott of Hitler's Germany before World War II. Speaking on the Mike Levine talk show on Pittsburgh radio station KDKA on April 14, she said that there were "other," more effective, ways of dealing with Hitler.

● **A SHORTAGE** of U.S. physicists in the next decade will have serious consequences for national defense and the economy, a National Research Council panel said on April 14. The council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, stated that the number of new physics majors graduating from college has dropped to 900 a year, down from a peak of 1,500 a year in 1970. Foreign students now make up 40% of those enrolled in graduate physics work.

● **POLICE CHIEF** Charles Knox of Newark, New Jersey has called for the U.S. government to enter the business of selling drugs like cocaine and marijuana. "We've got to reduce the profits," Knox said. Since 70% of Newark's crime is drug-related, making it easy to get drugs would reduce crime, he said. Knox was testifying before the House Subcommittee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse.

● **THE ENERGY** Department has revived a plan to put nuclear reactors into space, to help serve the needs of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The program had been abandoned in 1973.