

84-year-old Elizabeth Rose fights for rights of America's elderly

International human-rights fighter Elizabeth Rose was received Nov. 5 by Sen. Vincenzo Carollo, Christian Democratic vice-president of the Italian Senate. After listening to what Mrs. Rose told him about her own persecution in the United States as a result of her financial contributions to American presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Senator Carollo stated: "The world would be much better if more people were to put their personal fortunes into very moral causes, as Mrs. Rose did."

The meeting with the Italian political leader underscores how Mrs. Elizabeth Rose has made herself a rallying point for the rights of political dissidents, and the elderly, around the world.

An outrageous injustice

She has been the victim of one of the most outrageous instances of injustice in the history of American courts, abrogating the rule of law in favor of the whimsical political

Mrs. Rose's statement: 'a reign of terror'

The following is the text of Mrs. Elizabeth Rose's statement to an Oct. 29 press conference in Rome, announcing formation of an International Commission to Investigate Soviet-Style Human Rights Violations in the United States.

I am happy to be in Rome today, to help launch the International Commission on Human Rights that will investigate Soviet-style injustices that are rampant in the United States. You have no idea how far the justice system has collapsed in the United States already.

I am 84 years old. This past year, I made several large donations to organizations affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche. These organizations are doing vital work to help stop the spread of AIDS, to help stop the drug plague, and to promote the rapid development of the SDI and the colonization of space. I believe that if we don't make significant progress in these areas, then the United States will cease to exist as a free nation.

Because I gave this money to associates of Lyndon LaRouche, I have been subjected to the kind of persecution that I thought existed only in the Soviet Union. My children, working with political forces that hate Lyndon

LaRouche, have sought to have me declared incompetent, so that they can then sue the LaRouche organizations and get the money back.

A veritable reign of terror exists, now, for the elderly, in the United States. Many of my friends have told me that they are afraid to contribute to Mr. LaRouche's efforts, or related political ideas, for fear that their children will move to have them declared incompetent, just like my children are trying to do to me. People of my generation remember what the United States was once like, how it once was truly a temple of liberty and beacon of hope for the world.

Younger generations, having gone to schools that don't teach history, and having been inordinately influenced by the TV and mass media, have largely lost sight of what America once was, and what it once stood for. Motivated by greed, and pursuit of earthly pleasures, these generations are preying upon the elderly of the United States. They are being encouraged to do so by corrupt political forces in the United States who, like their friends, and associates in the Dope Lobby, and the Soviet Union, hate Mr. LaRouche, and want to see him dead.

I have come to Europe today in much the same spirit that Europeans traveled to America centuries ago, in search of liberty, justice, and freedom of thought. I fear that unless concerned citizens from the countries of Europe act on these issues immediately, then the United States and the Western Alliance will be doomed to collapse.

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The Commission is to investigate violations of human rights in the United States committed against people such as Mrs. Rose, a political supporter of LaRouche whose children have been turned against her and taken her to court.

Mrs. Rose, an 84-year-old, was in Rome, because she chose not to sanction "incompetency" proceedings brought against her by her family in a Pennsylvania court. She therefore walked away from the Bucks County courtroom, where her daughters with the obvious aid of a corrupt judge were seeking to have her declared mentally incapable of managing her person or finances.

Ironically, these daughters argued that the LaRouche supporters to whom their mother had made political donations were "designing persons."

Pandemonium

Elizabeth Rose's failure to appear in court to hear herself declared incompetent caused pandemonium among her daughters, who are known to be working with journalists who work for the drug lobby against LaRouche. The daughters were instructed in how to move to destroy her after she contributed several hundred thousand dollars to three organizations which have backed the political and economic policies of Mr. LaRouche—the Fusion Energy Foundation, Cau-

cus Distributors, Inc., and the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee.

The judge, named Sokolove, had already indicated a prejudice in favor of the daughters' position, ignoring Mrs. Rose's own testimony concerning her political motivations for the donations, and ignoring the testimony of a highly regarded New York psychiatrist. He testified that Mrs. Rose was completely sane. In seeking a ruling from the Court which would have declared their mother incompetent, the daughters would have obtained power over their mother's considerable personal finances and eventually her person.

Mrs. Rose in earlier hearings had demonstrated clearly her lucidness and sanity when she testified on the importance of the President's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), of which LaRouche is broadly deemed the "intellectual author" and leading symbol; and the campaign for public health measures to stop the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), which Mrs. Rose's donations had helped fund.

But the judge sided with the testimony of her daughter, one Nancy Day, who said that her mother's mind and pocketbook had been picked by supporters of LaRouche. She luridly demanded that the judge return to her "my mother and her stocks."

Because Elizabeth was not present at the final day of testimony, the judge refused to rule on the question of her competency. He did, however, remark before the press that he thought she had been the victim of "designing persons" and appointed the designing daughters temporary guardian *ad litem* to "investigate" whether the funds donated by Elizabeth could be returned to her estate through a court suit.

Elizabeth did submit testimony in writing to the final day's hearings, through her attorney, Oscar Gaskins. She characterized the hearing as disgusting and described her family members as being instructed on how to lie, in order to obtain an incompetency ruling.

"No one," she pointed out, "is interested in finding out why I gave the money. The law is not being carried out here as anyone but a lawyer could see. . . . This was a chance for an old lady to do something exciting for the country for which she will be remembered. I knew I had more than enough money for myself. I had taken care of my children to the best of my ability . . . so I was privileged to give the money I did to the efforts which Lyndon LaRouche's associates had initiated."

If the pattern established in this court is permitted to continue, political opposition to the Eastern Establishment will be crushed.

Should Mrs. Rose be declared incompetent solely on grounds of her political affiliations when she returns from Europe, she will be the second *known* victim of Shcharanskii-style justice in U.S. courts. Earlier, in July, another Pennsylvania court found Lewis du Pont Smith, heir to the du Pont family fortune, "incompetent" on grounds of his support for LaRouche, and removed from his control his personal assets and his right to marry.