

# Humphrey tries Nixon tactics on LaRouche

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In a move reminiscent of the Nixon era, Minnesota Attorney General Hubert "Skip" Humphrey III attempted to illegally seize the bank accounts of the Constitutional Defense Fund and of the publishers of *Executive Intelligence Review* during the last week of January. CDF is a non-profit organization which supports the legal defense of many targeted political organizers, including four-time presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche and a number of his associates. *EIR* and affiliated publications are the leading voice of the opposition to the Persian Gulf war adventure of George Bush.

Humphrey's efforts to derail the anti-war activities of associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. hit a snag, however, when it was revealed that his underlings had lied to judges in Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Humphrey's illegal actions were discovered after the Philadelphia District Attorney secretly obtained an order from Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court Judge John Herron, seizing the bank account of the Constitutional Defense Fund. The Philadelphia D.A.'s office was acting on a request from Humphrey's office, which claimed to be conducting a criminal investigation of CDF and *EIR* in Minnesota. It was later learned that Humphrey's office had obtained a similar secret order from a judge in Duluth, Minnesota.

However, neither judge was told that the incident which Humphrey's office was "investigating" had been the subject of a civil suit which had already been settled!

## Same illegal methods

Humphrey's actions are almost a direct copy of the methods used by the federal component of the "Get LaRouche" strike force to put several companies which published LaRouche's writings into involuntary bankruptcy. In that case, the government lied to Federal Bankruptcy Judge Martin V.B. Bostetter in a secret hearing when they obtained the bankruptcy order. Later, Bostetter ruled that the government acted in bad faith and by fraud to obtain the original bankruptcy order.

But in the meantime, thanks to the government's fraudulent actions, a major science association—the Fusion Energy Foundation—a twice-weekly newspaper with a circulation of over 100,000, and a nationwide distribution company of political literature, had been permanently put out of business.

In a hearing on Jan. 30, Judge Herron vacated his original

order after learning that prosecutors had withheld information about the civil suit settlement from him. On Feb. 5, a Minnesota judge issued a temporary stay on the seizure order and set a full hearing for Feb. 12.

## ADL pawprints

The fact that Humphrey had to use misrepresentation, fraud, and secrecy, to obtain his order exposed his real intention, which was to shut down the publishing and legal defense capabilities of LaRouche's associates. His motivation becomes clear after a short review of Humphrey's political connections.

Humphrey's attacks on LaRouche and his associates are being coordinated with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), one of the most virulent pro-war organizations in the United States. In recent press accounts, the ADL has attacked LaRouche's influence in the peace movement. The ADL has also attacked former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the head of the Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East. Clark is representing LaRouche on his appeal.

The ADL has long had a major influence in Minnesota politics, and Humphrey has been their loyal servant. Among Humphrey's financial backers are the ADL's Honorary Chairman, Burton Joseph of Minneapolis, and ADL National Commissioners Robert Latz and Stephen Lieberman.

Minnesota's pro-Soviet grain merchant Dwayne Andreas is a major contributor to both the ADL and Humphrey. Among Humphrey's out-of-state financial backers are numerous officials of the pro-war, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, (AIPAC), and the late Armand Hammer, who was a major political opponent of LaRouche.

The fact that George Bush and his allies among pro-war Democrats, like Skip Humphrey, would engage in illegal actions against the anti-war LaRouche should come as no surprise to anyone who knows Bush. Bush wasted no time before toasting the butchers of Beijing after they rolled tanks over student demonstrators in Tiananmen Square. Bush has repeatedly turned his back on the people of the Baltics, continuing to praise Gorbachov while Russian tanks roll over unarmed civilians fighting for their independence from Moscow. And now Bush is willing to send U.S. troops to die to defend the thrones of slave-holding sheikhs.

Skip Humphrey is the son of the same Hubert Humphrey whose presidential ambitions were thwarted in 1968 as a result of popular disgust with the conduct of the Vietnam War by the Johnson administration, in which Humphrey was vice president. Richard Nixon won that election by default, and then ran dirty tricks against his "political enemies" to guarantee that he could stay in office.

Almost 20 years ago, Richard Nixon was run out of office, in part for repressing opponents of Henry Kissinger's policy in Vietnam. Bush and Humphrey should learn from history.