

Sharpton ‘Outed’ As Right-Wing GOP Mole

The *Village Voice* of Feb. 5. exposed Al Sharpton as a tool of right-wing Republican dirty tricks operative Roger Stone, who is “financing, staffing, and orchestrating” Sharpton’s Presidential campaign. Author Wayne Barrett quotes Stone saying that he and Sharpton share “a mutual obsession: We both hate the Democratic Party.”

According to the article, Stone, who is a protégé of the late Roy Cohn (the organized-crime witchhunter and lawyer for Sen. Joe McCarthy) is running all the finances for Sharpton, and personally funding much of the campaign. Stone got GOP friends to contribute \$250 each so Sharpton could qualify for matching funds, and he has “loaned” the Sharpton campaign over \$200,000, without likely repayment. Stone is acting as Sharpton’s campaign manager, for virtually no pay.

The *Voice* reports that two of Stone’s operatives, who had worked on the campaign of rightwinger Tom Golisano in New York, ran Sharpton’s campaign in Washington, D.C. Not noted by the *Voice*, is the fact that Sharpton’s vote total in D.C. appears to have been augmented with the votes of Lyndon LaRouche, who had visible presence and support in D.C., as contrasted with Sharpton’s virtual non-existence.

Sharpton’s previous record as an informant for the FBI against black leaders, and his role as a “rent-a-black” asset of the Republicans, also gets coverage in the article.

This is not the first time that Sharpton has emerged as an asset of the Roy Cohn wing of the GOP. Several years ago, Sharpton travelled to Sudan, with a group of *New York Post* reporters and editors, in a public relations stunt aimed against the regime in Khartoum. The *Post* is owned by Rupert Murdoch.

As sleazy as Al Sharpton is, Stone is sleazier. His career began as early as age 20, when he infiltrated the McGovern campaign on behalf of Richard Nixon. He participated in creating the National Conservative Political Action Committee in 1975, an organization notable for its funding of the Nicaraguan Contras, and for its unorthodox sexual practices (including tours of the White House after hours for homosexual buddies of NCPAC).

Stone’s company, Black, Manafort, and Stone, was the long-time handler of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), now retired, and worked closely with the neo-cons who took over Helms’ operation in 1984, through none other than Roy Cohn. Stone also is a fixer for the gambling casino world, and is well-known for working with both white racist extremists and left extremists, depending upon what suits his political objectives.