

New York AIDS lobby continues assault on LaRouche backers

by Herbert Quinde

Throwing caution and the U.S. Constitution to the winds, the "gay" and lesbian mafia which dominates New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams's office, cracked its whip on St. Patrick's Day, arresting numerous supporters of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Fifteen supporters were indicted by a New York State grand jury, on charges of alleged illegal fundraising, in a continuing attempt to stop LaRouche's 1988 presidential bid. As network television cameras bumped into each other, attempting to film LaRouche supporters being led to jail in handcuffs, Edward Spannaus, LaRouche's campaign treasurer and law editor of *EIR*, with hands locked behind his back, said to the pre-assembled media, "The issue is AIDS."

LaRouche described the latest indictments as "politically transparent." He commented, "This is one of a series of actions launched during 1986 by the AIDS lobby, in revenge for my support for the famous anti-AIDS, California ballot Proposition 64. In the case of Abrams's office, my friends possess a tape recording of voluntary statements by an official of that office, in which Nathan Riley bragged of the intent to frame up friends of mine, and identified the homosexual lobby in Abrams's office as an instigator of this effort."

"It is already widely recognized, around the nation, increasingly, that the current wave of legal harassments against my friends, is a desperate effort to stop my campaign for the Democratic Party's 1988 presidential nomination. The corruption-riddled New York State Democratic organization has stated publicly, repeatedly its politically motivated intent to 'stop' my friends by 'legal and other means.'"

Confirming LaRouche's analysis was the *Washington Post's* coverage of the arrests, quoting unnamed government "authorities" that the New York indictments are "the latest in a string of criminal and civil actions that are acting like a tightening noose around the financial lifeline of the LaRouche organization," which is threatened with collapse "like a house of cards."

In a politically explosive interview, duly recorded by an investigative reporter last summer, Nathan Riley, a "gay" activist and official "spokesperson" for Attorney General Abrams, spilled the beans. Asked why LaRouche had to be stopped, Riley responded, "The Illinois thing [March 18,

1986 primary victories in statewide races by two LaRouche Democrats] was a great embarrassment for the Democratic Party. . . . I think the problem is political. I don't know what the problems are legally . . . but politically Ronald Reagan has nothing against LaRouche. LaRouche is embarrassing to the Democrats. On the political level LaRouche is also a tumor to the Republican Party. I don't think these things are decided by politics alone and I was hoping people concerned about LaRouche and what he is doing with AIDS, who have influence with the Reagan administration would be urging them to indict these guys and expose them before the November elections. . . . I think [then U.S. Attorney William] Weld discovered what he thought was a routine investigation became a hot potato, into something terribly significant after the Illinois primary."

Riley also revealed that Attorney General Abrams had briefed his staff to vigorously pursue the investigation of LaRouche's associates. On Oct. 6-7, this publication's offices were raided by a paramilitary force of 400 federal and state agents at the instigation of the "conservative homosexual" network of "Spitz" Channell, Lt. Col. Oliver North's pro-Contra fundraiser, now under investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Congress for Irangate. (See *EIR*, Feb. 27, 1987: "Disturbing role of GOP 'gaypaytriots'".) On Nov. 17, 1986, the California offices of the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee (PANIC), were raided by state authorities.

Although Attorney General Robert Abrams was forced to sheepishly deny the obvious at the press conference announcing the witchhunt, the political nature of the arrests was demonstrable in numerous instances. One of the 15 arrested was Governor Mario Cuomo's opponent in the recent gubernatorial primary, Judah Philip Rubenstein. He and Senate candidate Webster Tarpley made charges of corruption and perversion in New York State government a centerpiece of their campaign. The blatant corruption in New York should prove a severe embarrassment to state's attorneys around the country who have been collaborating with Abrams.

Vindictive bail shows political motive

In California, where Mark Calney, a LaRouche supporter and volunteer paralegal was arrested, Los Angeles District

Judge Glennette Blackwell set the bail at an outrageous half-million dollars (\$500,000). Appointed by former Gov. Jerry Brown, Judge Blackwell scandalously stated that the bail was "perfectly appropriate" because "this is part of a national and international investigation of Lyndon LaRouche." Because of that, she said, Calney must be considered a significant threat to the community. Calney is charged with two counts of alleged financial wrongdoing and one misdemeanor charge. In comparison: **Suspects in homosexual homicides, known by law enforcement specialists and forensic specialists as particularly violent and vicious, usually have their bail set at \$100,000!**

Attorney General Abrams, who first requested the vindictive bail, was fully backed by both the offices of California Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner. Van de Kamp and Reiner come out of the political machine of Moscow's favorite "capitalist," Occidental Petroleum's Armand Hammer. **Both have been outspoken foes of the LaRouche-backed Proposition 64, which proposed traditional public health measures to stop the spread of AIDS.**

Van de Kamp, who publicly slandered LaRouche as a "fascist," refused to protect the rights of Prop 64 organizers who were regularly assaulted across the state of California while petitioning to place the initiative on the ballot, **by proto-terrorist homosexual activists.** Reiner has gained national attention for his office's refusal to vigorously prosecute child sex abuse cases and was a defense attorney for a member of Charles Manson's murder cult.

While William Weld and Stephen Trott have been using the U.S. Justice Department to conduct a continuing illegal harassment campaign against LaRouche and his associates, **New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams has a particular animus against LaRouche and his supporters, because they have repeatedly exposed the nest of child-molesters and drug-pushers who operate out of his Albany and New York City offices.**

Abrams office boosts child sex, sodomy

Abrams and Van de Kamp both presented an *amicus* brief in the United States Supreme Court case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, **defending the rights of sodomists.** In an interview given in March 1984, to the New York deviant periodical *Connection*, Attorney General Abrams describes his staff and their advocacy role for perversion. "In the early days when I was expressing support for gay rights legislation," comments Abrams, "I guess it was unpopular like a lot of other things I was doing. I was somebody who was outspoken with respect to the war in Vietnam; it wasn't the majority or popular position at that point. I was outspoken on behalf of the rights of women to be able to control their bodies. . . . We have a number of caucuses in our office, a Women's caucus, a Third World Caucus, and a Gay Caucus."

Besides Riley, another leading light on Abrams's team is Ethan Geto. Last summer, he was Abrams's campaign man-

ager. Geto, who from his high school days was part of the New York network of radical leftist and homosexual activists linked to the Communist Party U.S.A., was also a leading organizer for the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 1984 Gays-for-Mondale extravaganza at Madison Square Garden. Geto also has been identified as a funder of the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), a group which openly supports sex with young boys.

It is no surprise to discover that the Abrams office also opposes the "war on drugs." Frank Fiormanti, a member of the board of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), the lobby associated with *High Times*, the drug magazine which advocates legalizing marijuana, is Attorney General Abrams's liaison to the New York State Assembly. Dennis King, a writer for *High Times* magazine and self-proclaimed expert on LaRouche, had criminal charges dropped against him by Abrams's office when it was established that King's full-time job was slandering LaRouche. King has acted as an "informant" against LaRouche associates for the Attorney General's office in the present case.

Perversion and corruption are pervasive throughout the Democratic Party-controlled administration of the state of New York. On June 24, 1986, Democratic Committee Chairman Paul Kirk and New York Gov. Mario Cuomo held a press conference in Albany to announce their campaign to "Stop LaRouche." They admitted that they were committed to using "any means necessary" to prevent LaRouche backed candidates from taking part in the state's elections.

Five days after the press conference, Virginia Apuzzo, **a leading lesbian activist and Cuomo's Deputy Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, spoke at a "whips and chains" Lesbian and Gay Freedom Parade, held in San Francisco to oppose organizing by LaRouche supporters there for Prop 64.** Apuzzo is a member of Cuomo's AIDS task force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (a gay and lesbian political action committee).

On July 14, Abrams began his illegal operations to shut down his LaRouche opponents by issuing a personal letter to all New York State LaRouche contributors, soliciting complaints from them. Nathan Riley, in early August of 1986, indicated to the investigative reporter who interviewed him, that the Attorney General's office had only been able to squeeze out five complaints by that time. This came just as Governor Cuomo's own links to organized crime were being exposed.

As *EIR* has documented and the *New York Post* reported, convicted drug smuggler and organized crime gopher Lawrence Iorizzo testified before Congress that he had given mafia money to Cuomo's 1983 election campaign. Indeed, not 48 hours before the recent arrests, two leading New York Democrats, Congressman Mario Biaggi and Party boss Meade Esposito, were indicted on seven counts of bribery and conspiracy. Will Attorney General Abrams and Governor Cuomo be next?