

## Editorial

### *The corrupt NBC and terrorism*

The 20-minute slander against Democratic presidential candidate and *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. on NBC-TV's "First Camera" on March 4, and the simultaneous publication of a four-page libel against LaRouche and his organization in West Germany's *Der Spiegel* newsweekly, both long in preparation, had two results: one inevitable, the second intentional.

First, these slanders—wild lies which are the subject of a \$60 million dollar libel action against NBC by LaRouche and his campaign—will convince the public that LaRouche is *not* the insignificant "fringe" phenomenon that the Establishments of the United States and Western Europe previously insisted, but the leader of a movement they view as a powerful threat to the oligarchy's plans for a one-world post-industrial empire. This was inevitable, and indeed for that reason, one faction of the oligarchy had long preferred to publicly ignore LaRouche than to give him even libelous coverage.

Secondly, however, the NBC "First Camera" and the string of other libels of LaRouche which came in its wake have served to activate a potential terrorist assassination of LaRouche. This is intentional.

The threats against LaRouche fall within a broader pattern of terrorist threats against three principal targets: *first*, the President of the United States, *second*, U.S. interests and nationals in the U.S.A. and abroad, and *third*, candidate LaRouche.

Right now, the United States is the bull's-eye of the new terrorist international, known since August 1983 as the Assembly of United Islamic Movements, which is linked through several channels to Soviet bloc intelligence services. On Feb. 27, the Italian daily *La Repubblica* reported an international terrorist planning session in Teheran in early February. There, representatives from over 40 countries plotted an international terrorist assault, directed mainly against the U.S.A. (the "Great Satan"). On the same day the leading West German paper *Die Welt* reported that Iranian and Libyan-backed terrorists had moved back into the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, making it once again an operational

center for the terrorist international, whose agents have penetrated every Western capital.

- On May 23, 1983, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, a Soviet magazine used by the Soviet KGB, attacked LaRouche and a former associate for a book, *Hostage to Khomeini*, which "discredited" the Khomeini revolution. On July 6 and Oct. 23, 1983, the same magazine continued its attacks on LaRouche by name, accusing him of being subversive, provocative, and intensely anti-Soviet.

- On Jan. 9, the official Libyan press agency, JANA, charged that Mr. LaRouche's activities in Rome during December were part of a Reagan administration conspiracy against the Qaddafi dictatorship. "Libya is endeavoring to bravely confront and thwart all U.S. conspiracies," the JANA release threatened. This came in the midst of a Libyan-Iranian terror wave that led within weeks to the assassination in Rome of U.S. diplomat Leamon Hunt.

- LaRouche has simultaneously emerged as a major target of the Jewish Defense League of Rabbi Meir Kahane and its even more radical terrorist underground arm, Jewish Direct Action. Both these violent groups have publicly put LaRouche at the top of their "hate list." They are indistinguishable from the Israeli-based Terror Against Terror, which is killing Arabs on the West Bank.

The growing portion of the public which has become familiar with Lyndon LaRouche's real policies through his two half-hour national television broadcasts in January and February will not buy fabrications such as NBC's lie that he "plotted" to kill ex-President Jimmy Carter (see page 56). But the inflammatory newspaper headlines programmed by such lies across the country are intended to cover for the terrorist killers.

We add our voice to the hundreds of signers of a full-page ad March 6 in the *Washington Times*: Candidate LaRouche must be granted Secret Service protection now. The libels of the corrupt media make that more, not less, urgent.