

## Narco-satanism invades America's living rooms

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As Americans were sitting down to dinner on Tuesday night, April 11 the nation was given a collective jolt, as the gruesome details of a gang involved in drug trafficking and Satanic activity, including human sacrifice, began to unfold from Matamoros, a Mexican border town across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas. Mexican police were led to this grisly discovery after chasing a car which had attempted to avoid a drug roadblock. When they apprehended the driver, they found marijuana and a gun, which led them to raid the Rancho Santa Elena, taking three others into custody.

They were then led to a burial site on the ranch. Officials in Texas were notified, since a major manhunt had been under way, looking for a University of Texas student, Mark Kilroy, who had disappeared almost one month earlier during spring vacation, while in Matamoros. Within hours, 12 bodies were dug up, including Kilroy's; a 13th was later found, and the search for more continues. The bodies had been mutilated, with organs cut out and limbs amputated.

In a nearby shack, police found an altar and candles, providing evidence of Satanic rituals. There were bowls with animal parts, and a large cauldron, with twigs, feathers, and a rotting turtle shell. Police reported that human hearts, brains, and amputated limbs had been mixed with herbs and boiled in the cauldron.

Police now believe that the group responsible for these ritual murders includes at least 12 members, headed by Adolfo de Jesús Constanzo, a Cuban national from Miami. Called "El Compañía" ("The Company") by members, the cult was shipping 2,000 pounds of marijuana per week to the United States. At the time of the arrest, police found 220 pounds of marijuana, 4 ounces of cocaine, and 12 high-powered fire-

arms on the ranch.

The members of the group in custody admitted that the human sacrifices had been conducted to "give them power, to protect them from the police and make them invulnerable to bullets." They practiced a form of Satanism which includes Santeria, a Cuban-based cult which incorporates animal sacrifice as part of its rituals. Investigation into Constanzo's background revealed that his family members were active adherents of Santeria; former neighbors in Miami reported finding animal heads and bodies in their yards following confrontations with the Constanzo family.

While some so-called experts attempted to downplay the role of Satanism in El Compañía's criminal activities by saying that Santeria does not include human sacrifice, police in Houston pointed to Palo Mayombe as an offshoot of Santeria, in which human skulls are used as part of the rituals.

Constanzo is still at large. As police were seeking him, they were stunned again when they entered the room of his girl friend, Sara Villareal Aldrete, a student at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville. (One of the other members of the cult, Serafín Hernández García, was also enrolled at the college.) Known at school as a very good student and an outgoing, attractive girl, it has been learned that she is a practicing witch, who lured some of the victims to their death, and who was present during many of the murders.

In her room, they found an altar, other occult paraphernalia, blood-spattered walls, and children's clothing covered with blood stains. Police have confirmed the stains are from human, not animal, blood.

As this scene was beamed onto television screens throughout the United States, a previously hidden phenom-

enon was seared into the American consciousness: that "narco-satanism" is a reality that threatens us all.

This is not the first time the connection has been made between drug trafficking and Satanism. The raids by the Colombian Army against the headquarters of convicted drug kingpin Carlos Lehder led to discoveries of Satanic practices similar to those found in Matamoros. (In fact, several law enforcement officials have suggested that investigators look for links between the Matamoros gang and the Medellín Cartel due to the mutual practice of Santeria, and connections to Miami.)

This connection challenges the pronouncements of many sociologists, psychologists, and other "experts," who vehemently deny any link between criminal activity and Satanism, or who say it is "unusual" to find such a bond. They argue that Satanism is "like any other religion," with constitutional protection.

However, the evidence linking the two is overwhelming, starting with the very nature of Satanism. Satanic belief begins with a rejection of Western Judeo-Christian morality, which is the cornerstone of our system of law. In his *Book of the Law*, Aleister Crowley, the father of modern Satanism, makes this explicit when he says "There is no law beyond 'Do what thou wilt.'" Commenting on this mentality, Lyndon LaRouche recently said, "On the very simple level, Satanism is evil. In a well-organized society, to be a Satanist means to be a criminal mind, a form of criminal insanity." (See box.)

The events in Matamoros must therefore be seen as not one ghastly event, but as a window through which the existence of narco-satanism can be seen, understood, and defeated.

This is not a new phenomenon. In his book *The Ultimate Evil*, investigative reporter Maury Terry presents conclusive evidence that the "Son of Sam" murders in the New York City area in 1976-77 were committed not by a "lone psychotic," David Berkowitz, but by a Satanic gang involved in drug traffic and pornography. Terry is able to connect these murders to those committed in August 1969 by Charles Manson's "family" in Los Angeles, which he says were also drug-related.

There is ample evidence to reopen the investigation into the Atlanta child murders, in which at least 29 children were killed. The investigation was closed in 1981 when then-Vice President Bush went to Atlanta and pressured Director of Public Safety Lee Brown (now Police Chief in Houston) to stop the murders, i.e., find a scapegoat. Wayne Williams was convicted of two murders and the books were closed on the rest, in spite of evidence showing that the children were victims of a drug and pornography ring involved in Satanic practices, which may have killed some of them for the production of "snuff films."

Prior to the discovery in Matamoros, two similar finds were made along the U.S.-Mexico border. On March 24, five

bodies were found near Tucson, Arizona. Police said that they had been mutilated; it is suspected that these murders were drug-related. And in Agua Prieta, south of Douglas, Arizona, 12 bodies were found. Again, the victims had been tortured and mutilated, with fingers cut off (a particular *modus operandi* of Satanic killings).

Law enforcement officials along the border expect more of this activity to come to light, especially since the Mexican government has escalated its war on drugs. Since April 5, the army and the federal police have conducted a crackdown, which has resulted in the confiscation of 11,191 pounds of cocaine. It was this anti-drug task force which broke the Matamoros case.

### Growth of narco-satanism in Texas

In spite of the preceding evidence that narco-satanism is not limited to "Latin cultures" but has been a feature of criminal activity in the United States, the media continue to focus on the Matamoros case as something as foreign to the United States as it is unbelievable. Fortunately, many law enforcement officials are beginning to wake up. Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox indicated this when he said, "These same cults could have taken place in Dallas, Houston, or anywhere."

In fact, they do. Houston Police Department Investigator Jaime Escalante said that practitioners of Santeria and Palo Mayombe have been found among Houston drug dealers. "It's just like guns are a part of the drug trade . . . part of the business. These cults have evolved as part of the drug traffic world, too."

Another official predicted a proliferation of this activity in Houston. He said that the drugs run by the Constanzo gang in Matamoros would come to Houston, and that the bank-roller and controller is probably based there. He rejected the media story that Constanzo is the big boss, the *padrino*, saying, "These things are always run from higher up, with political protection."

On April 13, Houston undercover drug agents entered a house near downtown Houston to make arrests after having made a buy. In the house they found pentagrams, a poster of a young, blonde boy with the caption "Eat Human Flesh," and both live and dead animals.

Other Satanic incidents in the Houston area include: In Chambers and Liberty Counties, mutilated and skinned animals, including dogs, have been found. In Baytown, an abandoned house was found to have Satanic symbols on the walls, and mutilated animal remains inside. In Pine Grove (east Texas), two 14-year-olds are in custody, charged with having killed the mother of one in a Satanic death pact.

Had the press been reporting on Satanic activity in the Rio Grande Valley (in which Brownsville is located), the events in Matamoros would not have been such a surprise. Officials there have been quietly noting an enormous growth of Satanic activity. Incidents have been reported in San Ben-

## LaRouche: Satanism is the criminal mind

Political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche, connected by telephone to a meeting of the Martin Luther King Tribunal on Crimes Against Humanity convened in Houston, Texas on April 8, was asked what more can be done to fight Satanism. Below is a transcript of his reply.

"We have to understand what's at stake, we have to understand it on various levels. First of all, on the very simple level, Satanism is evil. In a well-organized society, to be a Satanist means to be a criminal mind, a form of criminal insanity. Having a Satanist in your neighborhood is like having an axe-murderer in your neighborhood. In the past two years, in particular, there has been a great increase in the amount of Satanist organizing activity in the United States and in Western Europe, particularly through the aid of the spread of the heavy metal and other rock concert organizations, which are all controlled by Satanist groups. That is, heavy metal rock is controlled by the Satanist so-called religious movement, and has been from the beginning. The effect of this is an increase in suicides of pre-teen children in particular, and others, an increase in ritual murders of infants and other abominations performed on very young children, as part of Satanist rituals prescribed by the father of Western Satanism,

Aleister Crowley, in his manuals. This means other kinds of effects. For example, one leading official reported to Interpol, an Interpol report, that one murder in five in Western Europe is committed by Satanists. With these kinds of things going on, with as many as 80% of the school children in West Germany being exposed to Satanist practices incidentally or otherwise in the course of an average year, we've reached the point that this epidemic must be stopped. It is not a sociological phenomenon, as some try to claim. It is not a religious issue, as the U.S. Army has insisted since 1980, in legalizing Satanism within its ranks. It is evil. It is the face of the enemy. It is what the Army is supposed to shoot at, not foster.

"Here's another one. What is happening in the attempt to bring about a one-world system of government between London and its friends, and Moscow, around the 'I love Gorby' movement, is a pure and simple effort to set up a satanic form of world imperial system.

"So, when we are fighting Satanism in the neighborhood, fighting to keep it out of the schools and streets, fighting to save children from being abducted for human sacrifices and other abominations, by Satanist groups lurking and spreading throughout the country, fighting to prevent mass murders of the type we've already seen due to the spread of Satanism, we're also engaged in resisting organized Satanism at very high levels, who are attempting to bring into power on a global scale, their system of government and eradicate Christianity and even the memory of Christianity, from the face of this planet."

ito, Port Isabel, Rio Hondo and Mercedes. In Pharr, the Church of the Eternal Flame, believed to be a center of Satanic activity, burned down the night Mark Kilroy's body was found.

### Lesson of Matamoros

One anguished parent told a reporter that what shocked him about Matamoros is that "this thing has grown up from under us without us even realizing it." There are many reasons for this. One was stated by convicted serial murderer Henry Lee Lucas, who was involved in a Satanic cult. He said, "No one wants to believe the cult story. The TV people cut it out. The writers don't write about it."

Several law enforcement officials expressed their frustrations in dealing with this problem. One said, "Police aren't trained to deal with it, they don't know what they're up against." Another, DEA Special Agent William Rochon from Houston, cited budget problems. "We need more manpower, more resources." Almost all blamed the U.S. legal system and the courts.

While these are partial explanations, they are subsumed by a broader problem, a cultural problem. Citizens have been steered increasingly toward obsession with the pursuit of

immediate gratification. This outlook has been shaped by those who control cultural trends. These are the people "above suspicion," who have promoted drugs and Satanism. Drug sales account for almost \$500 billion which passes through the U.S. banking system. The "War on Drugs" has been a failure so far, as it has failed to target the money launderers, those citizens above suspicion. Heavy metal music, integral to both the drug and Satanic scene, is also big business.

More importantly, both reflect the outlook that man is a beast, which is predominant among those elites who shape our culture, who have promoted narco-satanism. To clean out narco-satanism, law enforcement must start at the top, with those who promote it, benefit from it, and truly support its goal, the destruction of Western Judeo-Christian culture. For example, they might investigate why the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, the college once attended by Mark Kilroy, allows Stephen Flowers, a professed Satanist and top official of the Temple of Set, to teach in the Department of Germanic Languages. Or why Dominique de Menil, the Houston patron of the arts, promotes in her museum pagan garbage of a so-called artist, Michael Tracy, who is suspected by police in his town of being a devil-worshipper.