

ADL caught interfering in Phau sentencing

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), supposedly a tax-exempt charity engaging in civil liberties educational work, was caught red-handed on March 14 attempting to influence the jail term of an associate of American statesman Lyndon LaRouche. In a sentencing hearing before Judge Clifford Weckstein in Roanoke, Virginia, state prosecutor John Russell tried to introduce exhibits to bolster his demand that Don Phau, convicted earlier this year on ludicrous charges of Virginia securities violations, be ordered to serve the full 35-year sentence recommended by the jury. The documents included recent internal communiqués of the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC), a political association founded by LaRouche in the mid-1960s.

Phau's attorney, upon seeing that one of the documents being offered into evidence consisted of fax copies sent from the ADL's Washington, D.C. office to the Virginia Attorney General, moved to have the prosecution verify the documents' origin or dismiss the evidence for lack of authentication. Judge Weckstein, over the objection of Phau's attorney, allowed the documents to be admitted with no mention of the ADL put on the record. Defendant Don Phau, however—allowed by law to have the last word before sentence is pronounced—stood up before the court and detailed the ADL's dirty 20-year campaign to destroy Lyndon LaRouche and the movement he founded. Holding up the document in question, Phau read out loud the ADL's fax number followed by the words "WASH.DC.-A.D.L."

At the hearing, Phau—who is Jewish, with many of his family killed by the Nazis—was given a draconian 25-year term. He was freed on bond pending appeal.

In an earlier case in Roanoke Commonwealth Court, when another LaRouche colleague, Michael Billington, was sentenced by Judge Weckstein to serve an outrageous 77 years behind bars for "securities violations," an official of the Washington ADL office was present in the courtroom conferring with the prosecutorial team. A convicted kidnaper and self-described "deprogrammer" with intimate ties to New York ADL headquarters, Galen Kelly, was also in court. Kelly boasted afterwards that he was summoned to Roanoke by the FBI to provide his expertise in "cracking" Billington.

Phau in his final statement told Judge Weckstein of the torture that Billington is undergoing as a result of the sentence confirmed by the judge. Phau stated, "For the past four months my friend Michael Billington has been dragged from one federal prison to another. Because of his 77-year sen-

tence his prison status changed. He is now being held in these prisons in what is called 'The Hole,' a place reserved for the most dangerous criminals."

The discovery that the ADL had been funneling pilfered documents to prosecutor Russell came as no surprise. The ADL has been boasting, since the railroad convictions of LaRouche and six co-defendants in late 1988, that they had helped send three-time Democratic Party presidential contender LaRouche to prison.

Not to be outdone by the prosecution, Judge Weckstein himself maintains intimate ties to the ADL. Weckstein co-authored a law journal article with Richmond attorney Murray Janus, who was elected to the ADL's governing body, the National Commission, in September 1988.

Since 1978, when Lyndon LaRouche commissioned the book *Dope, Inc.*, in which ADL national commissioner and chief fundraiser Edgar Bronfman's family's ties to the \$500 billion annual illegal drug trade were described, the ADL has spent millions of dollars attempting to silence LaRouche—all in flagrant violation of the ADL's tax-exempt status, which forbids any involvement in politics. After *Dope, Inc.* was published, the false label "anti-Semitic" was first affixed to LaRouche.

During the Iran-Contra scandal of 1986-88, numbers of private citizens were convicted of using tax-exempt fronts illegally to carry out government covert operations. Why hasn't the ADL been prosecuted yet?

The Moscow connection

Operating under a false "Jewish" cover, the ADL is the hooligan arm of the grouping within the Anglo-American Establishment most slavishly devoted to a power-sharing arrangement with the Communist leaders in Moscow. The ADL's published literature and tax filings reveal that its fundraising and National Commission lists are packed with leading apologists for the Kremlin. Edgar Bronfman, who heads the National Commission's task force on fundraising, and who runs the ADL Appeal in the Northeast Region, is co-chairman, along with a Soviet military intelligence general, of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade and Economic Council.

At a packed Washington press conference on March 2, KGB defector Victor Sheymov asserted that the KGB had placed a top priority on penetrating and taking over Jewish organizations in the West, particularly in the United States. If Sheymov's claims are to be taken seriously, then the ADL is a prime target for U.S. counterintelligence investigation. Convicted spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, who stole secrets "for Israel" which made their way into Soviet hands, was intimately linked to the ADL. Not only is the Fletcher School of Diplomacy professor believed to have recruited Pollard to spying, Dr. Uri Ra'anana, a protagonist in ADL conferences on Soviet Jewry, but one of Pollard's classmates, Myra Lansky Boland, heads the ADL's Fact Finding (and faxing) office in Washington, D.C.