

Australia Dossier by Lydia Cherry

ADL-tied pornographers under fire

An independent MP's testimony on ties between the ADL, the prime minister, and the X-rated video industry has caused quite a stir.

On Aug. 21, Denis Collins, Member of Parliament in the Northern Territory state parliament, introduced a bill to outlaw the advertisement and distribution of X-rated videos. Noting that all Australian states except two had banned such videos, and that the Federal Attorney General had also recommended some years ago that they be banned, Collins demanded, "I ask why the prime minister did not ban pornographic videos nationwide, as the Attorney General agreed to do?"

His answer to his own question caused such an uproar that portions of the debate were stricken from the official record.

Collins began by noting that Dennis Stevenson, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Canberra, the nation's capital, who introduced similar legislation in the Canberra Assembly, had produced extensive evidence on the pornography "industry." Stevenson had named a Melbourne lawyer, Leon Zwier, as a key figure in the business. Collins added that Zwier had recently joined the law firm of Arnold Bloch, Leibler Associates, a partner of which is Mark Leibler, who "holds a number of senior advisory positions with the federal Labor government."

Leibler's brother Isi is not only the "best mate of Prime Minister [Bob] Hawke," said Collins, but is "claimed to be number-two man for the ADL, the Anti-Defamation League" of B'nai B'rith.

It was the influence of the ADL over the prime minister, Collins intimated, which allowed pornography to flourish.

To make clear what the ADL is,

Collins read to his colleagues from an *EIR* special report of May 30, 1990, "The ADL operates as a tax-exempt public interest organization, while in reality it engages in a wide range of activities that are inherently criminal in nature, including interference in the judicial and law enforcement process, support for domestic and international terrorist organizations, instigation of 'hate crimes,' espionage, support for suspected international narcotics traffickers."

Collins also stated that "such things as the murder of the Swedish prime minister have been linked back to the Anti-Defamation League," and that "the ADL has now been christened 'The American Drug Lobby.'"

"Leiblers Outraged by 'Crime Links' Claims," headlined the *Australian Jewish News* on Sept. 6. Isi Leibler, the number two official in whiskey magnate Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress, denounced Collins's allegations as the "outpourings of a sick mind," while brother Mark blustered that "Mr. Collins's conduct clearly constituted an abuse of the absolute privilege conferred upon him by law," and that the Northern Territory legislature itself "should deal with" Collins.

The Opposition Leader in the Northern Territory Parliament, Mr. Ede, leaped to the defense of the Leiblers—and of pornographic videos—in a speech on Oct. 1. Denouncing what he called Collins's "transparent attempt to link Mark Leibler and Isi Leibler with international pornography and the drug trade," Ede acknowledged that there are "good people who

agree with the member's extreme views on X-rated videos." But, he emphasized, "I do not share them."

Ede also launched a wild tirade on Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR* as "virulently anti-Semitic," and responsible for "defrauding institutions and individuals of many millions of dollars." He concluded with a most undemocratic threat against Collins: "I certainly do not intend to dignify him with a censure motion on this speech, but we may have to discuss, with members of the government in a bipartisan way, just what we intend to do if he continues to dabble in this fevered and disgusting sewer from which he popped his head up in the last sittings."

In an Oct. 10 speech, Collins renewed his attack, asking why, if the *EIR* charges were false, had not the ADL sued *EIR* and "taken them to the cleaners?" Though the official transcript is not yet available, he reportedly charged, based on information from "Quebec police sources," that shortly after Lyndon LaRouche commissioned the first edition of the book *Dope, Inc.*, in 1978, Edgar Bronfman had ordered his attorneys to prepare a multimillion-dollar libel suit. But after "careful deliberations," Bronfman's attorneys argued strongly against such an action, since it would leave Bronfman, under American law, open to discovery. Instead, Collins charged, Bronfman reportedly began pouring large amounts of money into the ADL, which began a shrill publicity and dirty tricks campaign against LaRouche, demanding his elimination.

Collins then informed the house, that Dennis Stevenson's bill in the Canberra Legislative Assembly to ban pornographic videos had just been defeated by one vote. "Hooray!" Opposition Leader Ede reportedly shouted, unable to contain himself.