

Editorial

An opening for justice

For a good number of years now, we at *EIR* have been writing about the corruption in the U.S. Department of Justice. Coverups of money laundering, political prosecutions against enemies of the administration, and connections with organized crime and terrorism have all been fully documented in this magazine as being perpetrated by the likes of William Webster at CIA and FBI, and many of his cohorts.

Now, in what looks as though it might indeed be the final days of the Bush-Reagan administration, we suddenly find that others are characterizing the Department of Justice as "corrupt." Even within the government itself, charges of wrongdoing are being exchanged between the FBI and DOJ, the CIA and special prosecutors. One British magazine is even beginning to talk about the possibility of George Bush going to jail.

We are not prepared to comment upon all of these charges and countercharges, but we are well acquainted with the corruption of the Justice Department. And once the files are opened, what a stinking mess is going to come out.

This news service has been following the U.S. government's skulduggery on the question of Iran and Iranian terrorism since 1980. Next to the minions of Henry Kissinger, the Justice Department has been the worst.

First, we had the FBI covering up for Iranian terrorists here in the United States. Then we had the Justice Department covering for U.S. officials like J. Stanley Pottinger, who were engaged in illegal arms sales to the Iranian government, which was engaged in acts of war against the United States.

It got worse. Slightly later into the 1980s, the Justice Department and the FBI were charged with carrying out coverup operations for individuals working with the National Security Council and CIA on exchanging arms for hostages with Iran. The other side of this endeavor was the provision of arms to the Contras in Nicaragua, allegedly purchased through the proceeds of the weapons sales to Iran. Unstated, but known to those on top of these matters in law enforcement,

was the fact that many of these weapons were provided in exchange for cocaine.

We at *EIR*, joined by our founding editor Lyndon LaRouche in the political arena, blew the whistle on these dirty dealings. Not surprisingly, we found ourselves prime targets of the corrupt apparatus.

Information received from lawsuits, prosecutions, and Freedom of Information Act requests over the past decade or more, shows that the federal government has accumulated a massive amount of paper on the question of LaRouche. The conclusion of an official FBI investigation of LaRouche and his friends, announced by the government in 1976, by no means ended active government involvement in trying to hinder the activities of the LaRouche movement.

Evidence exists to show that the FBI and the Department of Justice (to mention just two of a myriad of agencies involved) were in regular touch with private agencies who wanted to destroy LaRouche politically. These included the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Henry Kissinger. In addition, the FBI and the Department of Justice worked with state attorneys general, the Democratic Party, major news outlets, and others to launch investigations and run dirty tricks operations against the political movement.

The FBI alone has tens of thousands of pages of documents on LaRouche and his associates, most of which are being withheld on spurious "national security" grounds. Clearly, many in the FBI and the Justice Department fear that these documents would show the illegalities committed by the government—from dirty tricks to the illegal forced bankruptcy against companies run by LaRouche's associates and many other things.

Rumor has it that the Bush Justice Department, like Oliver North and various communist secret police agencies before it, is already in a rush to shred documents. The danger exists that invaluable proof of U.S. government illegalities against LaRouche will be destroyed. Now, before it's too late, is the time to insist that the LaRouche files be released.