

'Cult Awareness,' ADL caused holocaust in Waco

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"The irony of the thing," commented Lyndon LaRouche in the course of discussing the hideous deaths of 81 people, including 24 children, at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, "is that this Anti-Defamation League-sponsored holocaust occurred on the anniversary of Hitler's ordering the holocaust against the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto. And if Clinton allows these swine—the ADL, CAN, and their friends—to get by with this, and to try to put the blame on the victims who can no longer defend themselves, then Clinton is finished. He is a dead duck, not a lame one, and he'll never be re-elected, I assure you."

CAN, the acronym for the Cult Awareness Network, is a private group which has "taken over the intelligence function of the ATF," LaRouche specified in an interview on April 28, nine days after Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents stormed the headquarters of the Branch Davidian group in Waco with teargas, setting off the fatal fire. CAN claims to be a group set up to combat cults, but "they're kidnapers for hire," LaRouche said.

"ADL and CAN are tightly integrated, together with a psychiatrist by the name of Park Dietz with the behavioral studies unit of the FBI, which is based out of Quantico, Virginia. That is the unit of the FBI which did the bloody murder at the end of the thing to keep the lid on this," LaRouche explained.

LaRouche minced no words: "The way they manufactured it, is that at the end result, they were using 'witnesses,' the affiants, the sources, the experts, who they were using to justify the initial ATF shootout and then the later misinformation or lying, shall we call it plainly, to Attorney General Janet Reno."

As *EIR* documented in an article in its March 26 issue ("CAN Implicated in Waco Bloodbath") on the original Feb. 28 raid by the ATF on David Koresh's Branch Davidian

compound, the Cult Awareness Network provided the profile used by ATF in conducting that raid.

The role of the Cult Awareness Network

CAN is a "Kidnappers, Inc.," founded by psychiatrists and psychologists such as Louis J. West and Margaret Singer, who first practiced mind control techniques (i.e., brainwashing) as part of MK-Ultra, the CIA's illegal drug testing operation of the 1950s. CAN kidnapers and deprogrammers-for-hire specialize in cranking out self-serving reports from terrorized former members of organizations labeled as cults by CAN operatives. These often chilling reports are used both to justify the need for CAN's "expertise" in deprogramming additional members, and to drum up business and increase the influence of CAN.

The ATF was mobilized to launch the Feb. 28 raid by a campaign run by CAN, which included input from an affiliated organization in Australia tied to the notorious Leibler brothers, who have long-standing ties to both Israeli intelligence (the Mossad) and the U.S. organized crime-connected ADL. CAN works with the ADL in choosing which groups it targets as "cults." California publisher Herb Brin, in an article defending the ADL's spy ring, implicates the ADL in the disaster in Waco. Brin writes, "U.S. and Texas authorities have precise documentation [from the ADL, of course] on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, and how it operated in the past."

CAN's campaign against the Branch Davidians included reports of child abuse, slavery, tax evasion, illegal drug production, and weapons stockpiling. One such report, filed with the ATF, the FBI, and local law enforcement, warned of "possible mass destruction" to be launched from Waco by the sect. Though the FBI released a memo on Feb. 23, five days before the initial raid, which said of this report that

"to date, no information has been developed to verify the allegations," the ATF charged ahead, without conferring with local law enforcement.

The warrant ATF agents were attempting to serve on Feb. 28 with a 100-person armed assault force and two helicopters, which led to the initial shootout in which four ATF officers were killed, was based in large part on confessions from former members "deprogrammed" by CAN.

Clinton like Kennedy?

Many of the nation's press and pundits proclaimed the fiery ending on April 19 to the standoff as President Clinton's Bay of Pigs, but missed the significance of that analogy. For Gerald Seib of the *Wall Street Journal* and others, the admission by Attorney General Reno that the FBI's actions ended in failure offered Clinton the opportunity to act as President John F. Kennedy had after the disastrous collapse of the April 1961 U.S.-sponsored and CIA-run invasion of Cuba: He should step forward, take the blame, then move on, they said. Hence, Clinton must be decisive in taking the blame for the failure of authorities in Waco to achieve a peaceful resolution to the standoff to avoid the impression that he is not in control, or else his presidency is doomed.

This analysis is both bad history and a prescription for a coverup. JFK did not simply shoulder the blame for the failure of the Bay of Pigs operation to topple Castro, an operation put in place by the Eisenhower regime before his election. He launched a review and concluded that the fiasco was in part the result of the CIA's independence, that it was operating outside his control as President. While it is not clear if Kennedy fully understood that this "independence" stemmed from the unique alliance which ran the CIA, linking Wall Street interests (represented by the Dulles brothers and the original wartime Office of Strategic Services networks) and the organized crime networks of Meyer Lansky (which operated the gambling casinos of Havana), he tried to bring it under control. He ordered a shakeup of the CIA, firing both its director Allen Dulles, and the architect of the Bay of Pigs, Richard Bissell; and by tightening the reins on the agency, at least officially.

Corruption of U.S. law enforcement

How did CAN and the ADL gain influence within ATF to the point that ATF would deploy a large military force against people who, up until the raid against them on Feb. 28, had lived peacefully as part of the community?

The pattern of manipulation of federal agencies which prompted the initial raid continued when the FBI took over after Feb. 28. When Attorney General Reno took responsibility for the outcome of the April 19 assault by the FBI, saying, "I made the decision, I'm accountable," she referred repeatedly to her reliance on the advice of "experts."

It was these "experts" who told her that child abuse was continuing within the compound, she said. This was later denied by FBI Director William Sessions. The "experts" advised

her that they had determined that Koresh was not negotiating in good faith and would never come out peacefully. They also told her that "compressing the perimeter" outside the compound, by sending in tanks to smash holes in the walls and pumping in a type of tear gas outlawed for war by the Geneva Convention, would flush out the more than 90 people, including 25 minors, they believed remained inside.

The deaths of all but nine people there are due to the fatal incompetence of these "experts." Who are they?

EIR has pieced together preliminary information on who was advising Reno when she made the fateful decision to escalate on Saturday night, April 17. These include:

- The Hostage Response Team (HRT) and the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI, both based in Quantico, Virginia. They provided the profiles used to develop the tactics employed in the 51 days of unsuccessful negotiations run by the FBI. Reno told House Judiciary Committee hearings in late April that the HRT told her the use of gas "would make them so uncomfortable that they would come out."

Both the HRT and the Behavioral Science Unit are deeply penetrated by CAN and the ADL. The HRT's "Delta Team" was deployed against Lyndon LaRouche in the raid against him and his associates on Oct. 6-7, 1986. CAN and the ADL were central to illegal Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI actions against LaRouche preceding the raid and in the judicial railroad afterwards.

- Murray Miron, a psycho-linguist at Syracuse University who has been on a continuous retainer with the FBI for 15 years. Miron told an *EIR* interviewer that he advised the FBI to take the action they did because, "of all the options, this was the most benign." He argued that Koresh was "a barricaded, dangerous felon . . . a psychopath," and that action against him was justified because "society must show its willingness to use force to enforce the rule of law."

- DOJ official Mark Richard, identified by Reno as the person who kept her briefed during the standoff, who she sent to Waco to prepare the prosecution, and who was among the small coterie of advisers she consulted when she reached her final decision. Richard is known for collaboration with the Mossad and the KGB through his role in setting up the DOJ Office of Special Investigations, through which Mossad and KGB "documents" were laundered for prosecution of "former Nazis."

- CAN and the ADL. CAN is using the Waco confrontation to situate itself as the leading expert on "cults" for the DOJ, to control "future Wacos," which CAN leaders say are inevitable unless they are brought in. As for the ADL, it must be investigated for its role in the 50-year-long corruption of the FBI (see story, p. 32).

Though some congressmen pressed Reno and Judge Sessions to identify the "experts" at the Judiciary Committee hearings, unless those named above are brought under scrutiny, the hearings will be another coverup. Koresh's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, warned, "I don't want to see this be a white-wash, and it's already starting."