

# French leftist swamp steps up phony 'right-wing' lies against LaRouche

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For some time now, a slew of writings denouncing the "extreme right" has been flooding the literary markets in France. We've had *AmeriKKKa* by Roger Martin, the *Néo-Nazis* of Michael Schmidt, and *Nouvelles Passerelles de l'Extrême Droite (New Connections to the Extreme Right)* by Thierry Maricourt, as well as the two works of René Monzat *Enquêtes sur la Droite Extrême (Investigations into the Extreme Right)* and *Les Droites Nationales et Radicales (National and Radical Right-Wing Movements)*, just to mention these, since there are plenty more.

A common feature in these works: Aside from the commonplaces on internationally infamous fascist organizations, such as the Ku Klux Klan, there are crude attacks against American political figure Lyndon LaRouche and against his friends throughout the world, including Jacques Cheminade in France, who are lumped together with the far right. With a stroke of the pen, and without the least proof or effort at a proof, Maricourt accuses LaRouche of "not hiding his sympathies with the Ku Klux Klan"; and Roger Martin accuses him of having been influenced by the right-wing extremists and the Ku Klux Klan. For Michael Schmidt, LaRouche is "an extremist of the American right," even though the author acknowledges that "his network has few contacts with the right extremists, but has good relations with the nuclear industry"! As for René Monzat, he dedicates about 20 pages to the LaRouche movement in his book *Investigations into the Extreme Right*, but, unable to come up with any proof whatsoever, he mounts a conspiracy theory according to which LaRouche came out of the very conservative American military intelligence services in their struggle against the "liberals" of the CIA, by means of chopped-up quotations and sentences taken out of context.

Those who know the LaRouche movement cannot help but laugh at these enormous lies. In fact, after some 20 years of working in America's black community, Lyndon LaRouche's movement is in the process of reconstituting the civil rights movement of Martin Luther King. It is interesting to note that, during LaRouche's presidential campaign, his running mate was the Rev. James Bevel, the former right-hand man of Martin Luther King, and that one of the themes developed during their campaign was the necessity of tearing down the government-maintained statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike in Washington, D.C. The now-infamous

statue was erected in 1901 by the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasons, to honor Pike, who had served as their chief judicial officer. When the LaRouche movement launched the campaign to tear the statue down, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)—a branch of the B'nai B'rith Masons—mobilized to defend it.

The calumnies against LaRouche are aimed at discrediting his movement among those who are not yet familiar with his work, and who would otherwise be naturally drawn toward his political ideas. It is even more interesting to note, in order to properly evaluate the honesty of these authors, that most of these calumnies have been penned since the campaign against the Pike statue was launched.

## Terrorists and pedophiles

But who are all these investigators into the far right? One need not be a Sherlock Holmes to see that the sources used by most of these authors are all the same ones, and frankly have nothing substantive to say about racism or fascism. One of the principal sources is, for example, the ADL. The ADL is currently sinking deeper into several legal entanglements for its spying on American citizens, in which are included black American organizations and Arab activists. The ADL even turned over intelligence regarding American anti-apartheid activists to the South African government, as well as information on the peace movement in Palestine to the extremists in Israel's Likud government.

Look at Maricourt, who claims, without providing sources, that the now-defunct European Labor Party (POE), which was headed by Jacques Cheminade, is really and truly "a product of the American secret services," whose founder "the American Lyndon LaRouche" went from "avowed Trotskyism in his younger years to nationalism and anti-Semitism, without hiding his sympathies for the Ku Klux Klan." Maricourt used to be a member of the committee of collaborators with the libertarian publication *Article 31*, which is well known for its connections to the autonomist-terrorist circles and is flirting with homosexual proselytizing.

*Article 31*, which no longer publishes, was an intellectual inspiration for the terrorist group Black War which used to take credit for attacks during the 1980s against right-wing organizations such as Legitimate Defense or the International Conference of Resistances in Occupied Countries (CIRPO)

or against the Church of Scientology.

On Dec. 15, 1985, a bomb exploded in front of the offices of Legitimate Defense; on Jan. 24, 1986, the offices of CIPRO were bombed. These two attacks were claimed by Black War, a spinoff, according to informed sources, of Direct Action. In April 1986, the offices of the European Labor Party (POE) were bombed and the investigation centered around a group called Geronimo, another name for Black War. The right-wing press, *Le Figaro* and *Minute*, among others, lost no time in pointing their fingers beyond Black War to the now-defunct publication *Article 31*. Right or wrong? The atmosphere at *Article 31* was always a bit unsavory, where one could find a mish-mash of anarchists, communists, terrorist-autonomist types, and elements of the pedophile lobby. Next door, in the same building as the offices of *Article 31*, one used to find things such as "Terminal 19/84," close to the terrorist movement, which include "CLODO" in Toulouse, and *Irlande Libre*, an Irish Republican Army support magazine in France. The area is also a meeting place for Paris's pedophiles. One can find there the Emergency Homosexual Anti-Repression Committee (CUARH), the French affiliate of the Gay International Association; also one can find the home base of *Homophonies*, a "homosexual and lesbian monthly," as well as *Le Petit Gredin*, the official organ of the Group for the Research into a Different Childhood (GRED)!

*Article 31* is also close to the Association for the Right to Information on Covert Intervention (BCCI), in league with intelligence old boys, such as Régis Debray and Sean McBride, the president of Amnesty International. At this locale one can run into such former and present communists as Madeleine Rébérious, president of the League for the Rights of Man, and Nicole Dreyfus, secretary general of the Association of Democratic Lawyers, whose current president is Joe Nordmann, the French Communist Party's attorney.

### British spooks and drug legalizers

Aside from *Article 31*, one of the other sources Maricourt cites is *Réflexes*, a magazine created supposedly to fight racism and fascism, but one of whose principal demands is the legalization of drugs. *Réflexes* is also the French affiliate of Britain's *Searchlight*, which is even more revealing of the nature of the operation in which Maricourt and others are taking part. Founded in 1962 by a group of British MPs, *Searchlight* has today become the organ of these elites within British intelligence which interlock with the ultra-right wing of the American Zionist lobby—especially the ADL—while preserving their leftist verbiage. The information service of *Searchlight*, which pretends to specialize in research on racism and fascism, is the European equivalent of the ADL's Fact-Finding Division in the United States.

*Searchlight*, like *Réflexes*, actively militates for the legalization of drugs. That is its main reason for attacking LaRouche and his friends. In their June 1992 issue, for exam-



U.S. drug lobby scribbler Chip Berlet is a leading source for the French slanders against LaRouche.

ple, *Searchlight* denounced the "supposed anti-drug campaign [that] has become an integral part of the fascist repertoire." Then: "Not wanting to be left out of the fascist chorus, the rightist crazies of Germany's Schiller Institute promised very forcefully its own bizarre anti-drug campaign. . . . In its journal *Neue Solidarität*, this bizarre rightist cult, led by Lyndon LaRouche, is attacking liberal thinkers who are issuing appeals in favor of decriminalizing drugs." The same issue reviews a *The Right Woos the Left* by John Foster Dulles "Chip" Berlet of Chicago. Berlet is well known to readers of *High Times*, the organ for the campaign to legalize drugs, where Berlet had written a major feature blaring: "LaRouche Wants to Take Your Drugs Away!"

Now, let's take a look at other sources of the anti-LaRouche slanders. Roger Martin cites, among his principal sources, the 1982 ADL report "Hate Groups in America." Among the sources cited by Monzat in his book *Investigation into the Extreme Right*, we find mostly the ADL, Dennis King (a close collaborator in the "get LaRouche" effort of *High Times* scribbler Chip Berlet), as well as their German collaborator Lorscheid-Muller. Monzat's other book, *National and Radical Right-Wing Movements*, was published by the B'nai B'rith in France. Finally, we mention Michael Schmidt, author of *Néo-Nazis*. Although a German journalist, like the others, works in France. His book, which first appeared in German, was originally written in French. One of the major sources constantly cited by Schmidt is Graeme Atkinson, the western European expert at *Searchlight*!

"Ah, yes, my dear Watson, there can be no doubt: We find the same mud on the shoes of all the above-mentioned authors." Well, both mud *and* money, since the other common characteristic of these persons is the fact that they have available large amounts for publishing. Roger Martin is the recordholder for books on the "far right." In addition to *AmeriKKKa*, since 1985 he has been putting out two books a year of the same type.