

Australian oligarchs slander LaRouche

by Bruce Jacobs

Conrad Black's major Australian newspapers, *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, have devoted their lead magazine supplement article to an attack on the Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC) and its American associate, Lyndon LaRouche. The article, headlined "The New Right Rises," is written by Dr. Gerard Henderson, executive director of the Sydney Institute, a rabidly pro-free trade think-tank.

Henderson's attack is primarily aimed at the CEC, but is part of a wider campaign to introduce a "Racial Vilification" law into the next session of parliament. This campaign is being orchestrated by Isi Leibler, co-chairman of the World Jewish Congress. The latest issue of the CEC's widely distributed newspaper, the *New Citizen*, has attacked the need for such "vilification" laws, and Leibler, who in recent years promoted a farcical Nazi war crimes witchhunt amongst immigrant communities in Australia, is now frantically organizing to push the laws through parliament.

Henderson's article recites the usual slanders of Dennis King, a pro-drug lobby scribbler whom he claims is an authority on LaRouche. He also cites British-born Australian agent provocateur David Greason, a founder of a variety of neo-Nazi organizations in Australia. Greason now consorts with Australia's extreme left, and in the past three years has led a widespread media slander campaign against LaRouche's associates. During that time, he has been on the payroll of companies run by Robert Maxwell, Conrad Black, Isi Leibler, and now another media mogul, Rupert Murdoch.

Henderson is a highly paid columnist with the Conrad Black chain, and has attacked Lyndon LaRouche on a number of occasions, and his Sydney Institute is a main prop of neo-conservative ideology. It is part of an "up-market" network desperately defending dirty money interests and free-trade looting, and is heavily financed by Rod Adler, head of FAI Insurance and owner of the *Australian Jewish News*. Rod Adler has publicly bragged of his daily contact with the currency speculator George Soros, who went to the same school as Adler's father in Budapest, Hungary, and holds 10% of Adler's FAI. Another source of funds for Henderson is the wealthy Smorgon family, itself linked to questionable financial deals.

The Sydney Institute is at the center of policymaking for

Australia's financial and political establishment, and has led the charge to smash trade unions and to downgrade working conditions. Recent guest speakers at events sponsored by the institute have included spokesmen from the Bank of England, the *Wall Street Journal*, the U.S. State Department, the Australian central bank, other private banks and financial institutions, and financial and media interests associated with the *Australia-Israel Review* and the *Australian Jewish News*.

Henderson is a regular columnist with the Hollinger-run *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, and, when not advocating deregulation of the labor market, he is a strident defender of British geopolitical ambitions. He has been especially galled at the CEC's "strident opposition to all things British." In recent articles, Henderson has defended Winston Churchill, has praised the incompetent World War I military leader Gen. Sir Douglas Haig (see *EIR*, Oct. 18, 1991, p. 54 for a review of Haig's career), and has claimed that World War I was a worthwhile adventure.

The Smorgon and Adler families are also represented on Isi Leibler's Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, an organization modelled on the London Institute of Jewish Affairs. Isi Leibler is the wealthy owner of Jetset Tours.

Leibler pushes hate

Isi Leibler has also announced in the *Australian Jewish News* that pushing through the race hate law is his top priority, and he claims to have recently organized networks within the Federation of Ethnic Community Councils of Australia to promote the law. The *Australian Jewish News* has also launched a broadside against the *New Citizen*, falsely claiming that it is "anti-Semitic." The *News* article pointed out that as a result of the letterboxing of the newspaper into a predominantly Jewish area, the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith was "investigating the paper and its distribution." It quoted the head of the Australian ADC, Prof. Bernard Rechter, who claimed that "the publication has a reputation for making attacks on the Anti-Defamation League in America and the Anti-Defamation Commission of B'nai B'rith in Australia."

The *Australian Jewish News* is owned by the Adler family, which funds Henderson's Sydney Institute. The paper's editor is Sam Lipski, who was also the first editor of the *Australia-Israel Review*, itself a major source of attacks on LaRouche forces in recent years. Lipski has also appeared as a guest speaker at Henderson's Sydney Institute.

Leibler's frantic new push for race vilification laws, and the attack on the *New Citizen*, are a direct response to a planned CEC-sponsored tour by Rev. James Bevel, a veteran of the 1960s civil rights campaigns of Martin Luther King and a former vice-presidential running-mate with Lyndon LaRouche. Bevel will tour Australia to promote a "harmony of interests" among all people—a major threat to the ethnic discord which Isi Leibler has been sowing over the past 20 years.