

Editorial

Some truth, please

The bloodbath which occurred in Waco, Texas in April 1993 resulted in the unnecessary deaths of over 80 people. Clearly, it was appropriate to investigate how the confrontation between federal agents and the Branch Davidians was brought to that point. Unfortunately, the now-concluded congressional hearings on the subject have been used by the Gingrich gang as a factional maneuver. Their interest has been to protect the Bush networks within the Department of Justice (DOJ), while laying the blame on Attorney General Janet Reno, despite the fact that she was barely in office when the escalation occurred.

Attorney General Reno was deliberately presented with misinformation by the DOJ apparatus. Not only was Reno given exaggerated accounts of ongoing child abuse in the compound, but the Anti-Defamation League and its off-shoot, the Cult Awareness Network, were brought into the picture by Deputy Assistant Attorneys General Mark Richard and John Keeney to give the Attorney General misleading profiles on leading Branch Davidians.

They were the same so-called specialists on so-called cult behavior who were used repeatedly to spread the lie that Lyndon LaRouche and his associates were a cult of which LaRouche was the guru.

A cleanup within the Justice Department is long overdue. There is a corrupt permanent bureaucracy within it, headed by Richard and Keeney, who bear responsibility for the Waco events, and also for the frameup of Lyndon LaRouche and his associates.

Had there been a serious intent to get to the bottom of what is indeed rotten in the DOJ, it would also have been appropriate to look at the case of John Demjanjuk of Cleveland. In that case, Richard was judged by the U.S. Sixth Circuit to have committed a fraud upon the court by falsely and maliciously prosecuting Demjanjuk. Demjanjuk was stripped of his U.S. citizenship and deported to Israel on the false charge that he had been an infamous concentration camp guard. Then, there is the equally disgusting record of the Justice Department in orchestrating a campaign to target black elected officials.

The group of career bureaucrats within the Justice

Department, who operate under Richard and Keeney, were the same people who ran the infamous Abscam "sting" operations, in collaboration with the FBI. Their purpose was to frame up leading Democratic Party figures, and their method of operation was to use hardened criminals to attempt to bribe lawmakers.

In some instances, such as the 1982 case of Sen. Harrison Williams, the fact that he refused to accept a bribe by supposed Arab sheiks (who were in reality government agents) did nothing to convince a jury that he did not have a criminal intent. In a stunning miscarriage of justice, Senator Williams served a jail term in a case where no crime was committed. In any event, enticing an innocent man to commit a crime, in order to be able to then prosecute him, is a despicable and unlawful role for any police agency in a republic to play.

Senator Williams was chosen as a target for the obvious reason that he had been leading a fight inside Congress against the opening of the American banking system to invasion by offshore speculators and money launderers. The unchecked spread of the derivatives market could not have occurred had Senator Williams not been forced out of the Senate.

If republican government is to flourish—by which we mean, not Republican Party government, but the concept of republic embodied in the Constitution—then it is intolerable that such corruption be allowed to run amok. The ability of corrupt officials like Mark Richard to target political figures at will, must be brought to an end.

If this does not occur, then any public figure who dares to buck the International Monetary Fund and its Wall Street offshoots, or who tells the truth about the role of the British royal family, will suffer the same fate as Senator Williams or Lyndon LaRouche and his associates. Ordinary citizens will no longer be free to exercise their democratic rights, as leading public figures are either cowed into silence, or thrown into jail.

This is the context in which the hearings on Waco should have been held, not the disgusting charade we have recently witnessed.