

## Editorial

### *An enemy bites the dust*

Lyndon LaRouche's enemies have not been faring well lately. First, Massachusetts voters repudiated William Weld in his race for U.S. Senate. Now, the Cult Awareness Network, another major capability of the dirty networks within the Justice Department who were responsible for the railroading of LaRouche and his associates to prison, has been destroyed. CAN is being dismembered as a result of having been forced to declare bankruptcy, after it lost a million-dollar legal judgment. The case against it was brought by Jason Scott, who was kidnapped by CAN's "deprogrammers" in 1991.

CAN is an offshoot of the notorious MK-Ultra program, set up in the 1950s by the London-based Tavistock Institute, in collaboration with CIA chief Allen Dulles, to hook the baby-boomer generation on LSD and other drugs. Like MK-Ultra, CAN disguised its true motives with nice-sounding propaganda and lies.

CAN created an aura of legitimacy for its criminal activities, such as kidnapping and terrorizing young people who had become members of groups identified as "cults."

Then, using its so-called expertise on cult matters, CAN was used on the political front. Most notable was its role in instigating the bloodbath in Waco, Texas, by misinforming Attorney General Janet Reno that Branch Davidian leader David Koresh was about to resort to violence, and had abused the children of Branch Davidian members—none of which proved to be true. The bloodbath shrouded the early days of the Clinton administration with an otherwise avoidable tragedy.

Similarly, CAN was used to target LaRouche and his associates, defaming them and spreading lies through the media, and through its own networks.

As part of this operation, individuals associated with CAN were prosecuted for conspiring to kidnap LaRouche associate and du Pont heir Lewis du Pont Smith. A book, *Travesty*, was published by *EIR* in 1993, exposing the du Pont kidnapping case and its connection to the railroading of LaRouche and his associates.

CAN was founded in 1974, supposedly to assist

parents whose children had been "programmed" by cults. Among its founding members were psychiatrists and psychologists, such as Louis J. West and Margaret Singer, who had a long history of working with the MK-Ultra program.

CAN kidnapers and deprogrammers-for-hire specialized in cranking out self-serving reports from terrorized former members of organizations labelled as cults by CAN operatives. These often chilling reports were used to justify the need for CAN's "expertise" in deprogramming "cult" members, and to drum up business and increase the influence of CAN. But, when they attacked LaRouche, they bit off more than they could chew.

Exposed by *EIR* for its dirty operations at the behest of the eastern establishment, various groups joined in the attack on CAN, to close down its dirty operations. The self-styled "cult-deprogrammer" Galen Kelly was indicted on March 3, 1993, after he kidnapped a young woman named Debra Dobkowski, on May 5, 1992. As it turned out, she was the roommate of the intended target. Kelly's original conviction was overturned after spending 16 months in prison. To avoid a re-trial, he pleaded guilty to related charges.

The attempt was made to justify CIA support of the MK-Ultra project at the time, as necessary in order to learn how to fight communist mind-control techniques. In fact, such projects destroyed the United States more effectively than the communists ever could have. Similarly, were George Bush to admit his role as the crack cocaine kingpin of the 1980s, overseeing the flooding of U.S. cities with cocaine by the Contra networks, he would no doubt trot out some mythical justification.

The truth is, that MK-Ultra and its offshoots, such as CAN, were operations run against the United States by institutions set up by the British House of Windsor. Their purpose was never really to stop communism, or to defend the Contras, but to destroy the United States as a potential opposition to their oligarchical aims. The current demise of CAN, shows that they can be stopped.