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Who and What is Lyndon LaRouche?

You'll find them at airports and shopping centers selling newspapers and magazines. They're well-dressed and fast-talking. They plug economic growth and nuclear power. They denounce drugs, liberals and Ralph Nader. But appearances are deceiving. These conservative-looking and talking political salesmen are not conservatives—they're pro-Soviet.

They masquerade as representatives of the National Democratic Policy Committee, the New Solidarity International Press Service (NSIPS), the National Anti-Drug Coalition, the Fusion Energy Foundation and the *Executive Intelligence Review*. They used to operate as members of the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) and the U.S. Labor Party (USLP). All of these organizations lead to one man—Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

LaRouche, a former member of the Trotskyite Communist Socialist Workers party (SWP), emerged as the leader of a faction of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the late 1960s. He built his group into a political intelligence network with about one thousand operatives stationed in North America, Western Europe and South America. These operatives tirelessly and mindlessly promote the bizarre conspiracy theories of LaRouche, who ran as the USLP candidate for President in 1976 and campaigned for the Democratic nomination in 1980.

In a series of lectures given in 1976, "What Only Communists Know," LaRouche described his network as a part of the "world's Marxist labor movement" which together with "allied Communist forces within the capitalist sector generally are working overnight, constantly, to bring into being a new Marxist International. . ."

In that same year, however, LaRouche appeared to reverse course, ordering his followers to pursue "tactical alliances" with conservatives. LaRouche became critical of the drug lobby, the anti-nuclear movement, and the left-wing Institute for Policy Studies.

LaRouche also concocted conspiracy theories involving the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Rockefellers, the British and "Zionist agents."

Yet his supposed attacks on the left always seemed to result in attacks on responsible conservatives and Western intelligence agencies, diverting attention away from Soviet aggression.

In 1976, for example, the USLP published "Carter and the Party of International Terrorism," which purported to be a report on the links between liberal foundations, think tanks, the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), law firms connected to the Democratic party and international and domestic terrorism.

The report claimed, among other things, that "Wall Street"—not Moscow—controlled international terrorism and the Communist Party, U.S.A. Another report, devoted to the Institute for Policy Studies, claimed that the CIA was responsible for 90 per cent of the world's terrorism and that Communists involved in terrorism were actually Western intelligence agents. The report also attacked anti-Communist Rep. Lawrence McDonald (R.-Ga.) because he was pressing for an investigation of "alleged" KGB infiltration of Capitol Hill.

In 1979 *Executive Intelligence Review* published an article, "Who Are the Environmentalists?" which claimed that the anti-nuclear movement was run by the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations and a London institute. But the article also attacked London *Daily Telegraph* columnist Robert Moss and Rep. McDonald for charging Soviet manipulation of the anti-nuclear movement in the West. *Executive Intelligence Review* labeled these charges as "wild conspiracy tales."

A 1978 book distributed by the USLP, *Dope, Inc.*, an alleged expose of who controls the world's narcotics trafficking, curiously ignored the role of every Communist power except Red China in the dope trade. This is not surprising, since a Soviet commentator is cited as a source for some of the allegations made in the book.

Also of interest is how the LaRouche group reacted to *The Spike*, the best-selling novel about Soviet espionage and disinformation operations written by Robert Moss and former *Newsweek* correspondent Arnaud de Borchgrave. LaRouche said the book "promotes belief in a non-existent aspect of the Soviet KGB. . . ." Another review of the book in their newspaper, *New Solidarity*, rejected the book's claim that the Soviet Union was a primary sponsor of international terrorism. According to *New Solidarity*, the real sponsor is "Anglo-American intelligence," of which Robert Moss is supposed to be a member.

Last July *New Solidarity* published an interview with Gen. Nino Pasti, identified as a retired NATO military officer who was "to become a member of the Italian Communist parliament on the Com-

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munist party ticket." The general parrots the Soviet line on Afghanistan, saying that the Soviets invaded because NATO had decided to deploy new missiles in Europe and the U.S. and China were allegedly collaborating on military policy, "with a view toward an eventual war against the Soviet Union."

Lately, in a bizarre twist, LaRouche has been making what appear to be attacks on the Soviet KGB and Fidel Castro. These are appearing in *New Solidarity*, reports circulating on Capitol Hill, and a long letter that LaRouche sent to several key congressmen. Even these attacks, however, can be seen as designed to serve Soviet objectives. They are being made in connection with a smear of the Heritage Foundation, the respected Washington-based think tank that has placed many conservatives in the new Administration, as a KGB front. (Heritage published an excellent expose of the USLP in 1978.)

In a variation of a disinformation theme the CIA claims is used by the Soviets, LaRouche suggests a "faction" of the Soviet leadership that controls the KGB, Fidel Castro, the Socialist International, and elements of Canadian intelligence are being manipulated by British agents in an effort to destabilize Poland, Central America and the Middle East. Dictator Brezhnev, we are told, is not part of that faction, however. Brezhnev is supposed to be a member of the "nationalist faction" that favors peace and trade and opposes war, terrorism and "world revolution."

The 1978 *CIA Report on Soviet Propaganda Operations*, prepared at the request of Rep. John Ashbrook (R.-Ohio) of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, points out that the theme that there are "moderates" and "hardliners," or "hawks" and "doves" in the Kremlin, is frequently employed by the Soviets as a way of gaining diplomatic advantages from the West. As the CIA report notes, "If we grant that Brezhnev is a dove, then we must accommodate ourselves to his demands in order to encourage the more moderate elements in the Soviet leadership; moreover, we must expect that the deal Brezhnev offers us is the best we can expect to get from the Soviets."

A recent article in the *Executive Intelligence Review*, "Brezhnev Reasserts a War-Avoidance Policy," picks up on the disinformation theme directly, using some of the terminology mentioned in the CIA report. The article argues that the Reagan Administration must deal with Brezhnev, who represents "Soviet political forces which orient toward cooperation with the West," and not provoke "the Soviet anti-detente hardliners...."

The pro-Soviet line runs through most of the LaRouche operations, including the Fusion Energy Foundation and its publication, *Fusion* magazine. *Fusion* is strongly pro-nuclear, pro-

moting development of fission and fusion energy. Yet an analysis of past issues of *Fusion* shows that nuclear development in the U.S. is almost always pushed in conjunction with demands for U.S.-USSR cooperation in nuclear research and development. *Fusion* also carries many articles and advertisements promoting East-West trade and U.S.-Soviet scientific exchanges.

For example, in June 1978 *Fusion* carried an article, "Brezhnev-Schmidt Treaty: Peace, Prosperity, Progress," that praised the huge economic deal signed by Brezhnev and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt for promoting the "near integration of the two economies...." FEF Director Morris Levitt is quoted as saying, "Should the U.S. enter into comparable arrangements, and begin vast joint efforts in fusion and space research, the face of the planet would be rapidly transformed." Indeed. Control Data Education Co., a service of Control Data Corp., which promotes and engages in technology transfer to the USSR, took out a full-page advertisement in *Fusion* in November 1978 telling readers about a U.S. visit by four Soviet scientists who specialize in magnetohydrodynamics.

Despite the pro-Soviet line pursued by LaRouche and his assorted front organizations, some conservative groups have been taken in by the conservative-sounding rhetoric.

The Conservative Book Club, for example, has taken out a number of advertisements in *Fusion* magazine. The ads plug the book, *Grow Or Die*, by James A. Weber. Last year, the prestigious Freedoms Foundation gave an award to *Fusion* for a series of pro-nuclear articles. After learning of *Fu-*

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sion's backers, however, the Freedoms Foundation acknowledged making a mistake and promised to change its awards selection procedure.

The biggest sucker, however, is the far-right Liberty Lobby and its publication, *Spotlight*, which share LaRouche's fascination with the Rockefellers and conspiracy theories. *Spotlight* favorably reviewed the USLP "Carter and Terrorism" report. It said although there were "occasional distortions and omissions" in the report, it was nevertheless a "valuable addition" to anyone's political library. The problem, according to *Spotlight*, was not the failure to document Moscow's role in terrorism, but the alleged failure to implicate "the major Zionist groups." Liberty Lobby sold copies of the report for \$5, even though the USLP was selling it for \$2. In 1979 *Spotlight* favorably reviewed the USLP book, *Dope, Inc.*, describing it as "exceptionally well written, broad and informative." Liberty Lobby sold the book for \$5.

Spotlight's opinion of the USLP apparently changed over the years. Back when they reviewed the "Carter and Terrorism" report, they said the USLP was "probably the only 'honest' Marxist group in the U.S. because it is not controlled by and supported by Rockefeller money, as are all similar groups." In 1979 *Spotlight* carried a brief item that described the USLP as a group of "former" Marxists.

The evidence is overwhelming, however, that LaRouche and his followers have not repudiated their Marxist beginnings. They push the Soviet line and, at the same time, smear some of the most effective conservative groups and individuals who are exposing Soviet operations. Responsible conservatives should not snap at LaRouche's bait.