

## NEWS

# Independent Committee Reviews Evidence Legal Experts Call For LaRouche Exoneration

On September 3, Curtis Clark, a California trial attorney, released the statement of an independent committee of international jurists and public officials convened to review the case of American economist Lyndon LaRouche, who in 1988-89 was tried, convicted, and sentenced to fifteen years in Federal prison, of which he served five.

The independent committee drafted its statement after having reviewed six volumes of evidence in the LaRouche case. The statement has appeared as a paid advertisement in the *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *Beaumont Enterprise*, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, *Birmingham News*, *Birmingham World*, *Florence Times Daily*, *Wilmington News Journal*, and *Roll Call*. The text of the statement follows.

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We, the undersigned, assembled in Vienna, Virginia, on Sept. 1 and 2, 1994, having studied numerous documents concerning the case of *United States vs. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. et al.*,

have come to the conclusion that there has been a gross, even conspiratorial, misuse of prosecutorial and investigative powers by officials and agents of the U.S. Government. The common purpose and

concerted action of the conspirators was to secure criminal convictions of Lyndon LaRouche and his associates to destroy their political movement.

Throughout the investigation and during the trial, the prosecution, in collaboration with others and in furtherance of the conspiracy, engaged in a course of conduct intended to conceal or otherwise prevent the discovery of the innocence of LaRouche and his associates; concealed or otherwise prevented the disclosure of other exculpatory evidence and evidence relevant to the defense; falsely characterized facts or evidence in an effort to mislead the court, the jury, and the defense; solicited and presented false testimony; and obtained false convictions by wrongful and deceptive acts.

We are concerned because these legal questions not only touch on important issues regarding the Constitution of the United States of America, a codification of natural law, but present issues vital for the tradition and culture of human rights and dignity throughout the world. The disregard of the rule of law has caused and may cause a chain of further violations and lead to further miscarriages of justice. A violation of any democratic constitution anywhere in the world undermines freedom everywhere in the world.

### No Fair Trial

There have been grave violations of the fundamental right to a fair trial, including (a) political motivation of the criminal charges themselves; (b) repeated instances of prosecutorial misconduct, such as the deliberate and illegal withholding of exculpatory evidence and the presentation of manufactured evidence; and (c) the lack of impartiality on the part of the trial judge in the U.S. Federal Court in the Eastern District of Vir-

## ‘National Classical Music Month’ Celebrated



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On Sept. 30, 750 people attended a concert sponsored by the Schiller Institute at the Meridian Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. in celebration of “National Classical Music Month,” as decreed jointly by both Houses of Congress and proclaimed by President Clinton. The concert launched a city-wide Classical literacy project, known as “Exhibit A,” in conjunction with the recently formed National Conservatory of Music Movement aimed at re-initiating the efforts undertaken a century ago by Antonin Dvořák and Jeanette Thurber to establish a National Conservatory of Music in the U.S.

ginia, demonstrated in many ways, including his failure to empanel an unbiased jury.

The total character of this miscarriage of justice cannot be better expressed than by the words of U.S. Federal Judge Martin V. Bostetter, who ruled in the related bankruptcy case [*In re Caucus Distributors, Inc.* (E.D.Va. 1989), 106 B.R. 890] that “an evaluation of the government’s filing [of a bankruptcy petition against companies run by associates of LaRouche] on an objective level leads this Court to conclude that the alleged debtors have established that the government filed the petition in bad faith,” and that “the government’s actions could be likened to a constructive fraud on the Court, wherein the Court may infer the fraudulent nature of the government’s verdict.” These findings were previously expressed by Judge Robert Keeton of the U.S. District Court during the government’s first unsuccessful criminal prosecution, wherein he described the “institutional and systemic prosecutorial misconduct that occurred during the first trial” [*U.S. v. LaRouche et al.* (Memorandum and Order “Emerson Hearing” August 10, 1988, at p. 56)].

The conclusions expressed here were reached by the undersigned as a result of due deliberation. We were invited to assemble in an independent capacity by the Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations and the Schiller Institute. We assembled in order to review new evidence never considered on its merits by any competent court of jurisdiction, even though it was submitted to both the courts and the Department of Justice. Invited to present their arguments before us were lawyers for the defendants as well as the main prosecutors of the case; the latter, unfortunately, did not appear. This procedure was adopted in order to enable the participants to form their own legal opinions about the evidence. Together we had the opportunity to study documents directly, to hear the commentaries of defense lawyers Ramsey Clark and Odin Anderson, and to discuss among ourselves and evaluate the documents and their relative convincing evidentiary value. We agree

with the assessment by former United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark that this case viewed in context “represented a broader range of deliberate cunning and systematic misconduct over a longer period of time utilizing the power of the Federal government than any other prosecution by the U.S. Government in my time or to my knowledge.”

We are mindful of the unlawful persecution and prosecution of dissenters the world over and the threat it poses to the rule of law, freedom, and democracy. We therefore beseech the President, Congress, and all others to investigate, redress, and reform the injustices committed here so that they may never occur again.

Signed (affiliations for purposes of identification only):

**Curtis Clark, Esq.**, trial attorney, San Luis Obispo, California;

**The Hon. James Mann, Esq.**, former member, U.S. House of Representatives, South Carolina

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**James Wilson, Esq.**, Vice President, Alabama New South Coalition

**The Hon. Rufino Saucedo**, member (PRI), Congress of Mexico; member, Human Rights Committee of the Mexican Congress

**Patricio Ricketts Rey de Castro, Esq.**, former Minister of Education, Peru; journalist

**Chor-Bishop Elias El-Hayek**, Collegial Judge, Montreal Regional Tribunal; former professor of Philosophy of Law, Notre Dame School of Law

**Professor Kurt Ebert**, member, Center of European Law, University of Innsbruck; director, Institute of Austrian and German Legal History, Austria

**Viktor Kuzin**, chairman, Bureau for Human Rights Defense Without Borders, Moscow; former member of the Moscow City Council

**Godfrey Lukongwa Binaisa, Esq.**, former President, Republic of Uganda; former Attorney General, Republic of Uganda

*Appended to the statement was an annotated review of the key findings of the evidence examined. Arrangements to review this addendum, or the full materials considered by the legal panel, can be made by contacting the Schiller Institute at P.O. Box 20244, Washington, D.C. 20041, (202) 544-7018.*

## Michael Gelber Memorial Fund Established

A resolution creating the Michael Gelber Memorial Fund was passed at the September 1994 annual meeting of the Schiller Institute Board of Directors, in commemoration of long-time Schiller Institute member and activist Michael Gelber. Michael’s premature and tragic passing in late 1993 has left a void in Schiller Institute activities that is still felt to this day.

The purpose of the Fund, according to the resolution, is to “give American organizers of the Schiller Institute the opportunity to go to Europe, in order to relive the 600-year war between the Renaissance and the Oligarchy.”

It is the desire of Debra Gelber,

Michael’s wife, “that the American organizers who participate in this program are able to come back with those qualities that Michael Gelber embodied: to profoundly communicate these ideas to their fellow Americans who have been sadly cheated out of the Golden Renaissance.”

The first recipients of this “traveling fellowship,” Peter Bowen and Jeffrey Orr, left for Europe in early September.

Those wishing to contribute to the Fund, should make their checks payable to the Schiller Institute Michael Gelber Memorial Fund, and mail them to P.O. Box 20244, Washington D.C. 20041.