

# LaRouche's Spook of the Week

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Herbert Quinde, 30, aka Herb Kinney, Herb Strong, Herb Goomi, Herb Kurtz, and David Feingold, is the security man "in charge" of rightwing, cult-leader Lyndon LaRouche's fortress at 33 Sutton Place.

Quinde, who claims to be a former supervisor with the city's Youth Services Agency, often functions as a spy for LaRouche, contacting journalists and public figures under false pretenses. His targets have included League for Industrial Democracy director Arch Puddington; NBC Nightly News, field producer Bob Windrem; *Public Eye* editors Chip Berlet and Russ Bellant; *Inquiry Magazine* reporter Jonathan Marshall; and freelance writer Dennis King, who has written extensively about the LaRouche menace, its hidden agenda, and the cult's operations in previous issues of *Our Town*.



[Photo courtesy of The Hartford Courant]

In May 1981, Windrem says he agreed to meet with Quinde, who claimed to be "Herb Kurtz", a freelance researcher" for the *Newark Star Ledger*. "He was very nervous," recalls Windrem. "He seemed to be trying to find out if we planned an expose on LaRouche." Windrem later identified Kurtz as Quinde from the above campaign photograph of the LaRouche aide, who ran for the Connecticut State Assembly (5th District) in 1978, as the candidate of LaRouche's US Labor Party.

Impersonating reporters from various publications from differing organizations is apparently a pervasive intelligence-gathering technique of the LaRouchians. Last week, the prestigious magazine, *U.S. News & World Report*, filed a \$1.5 million, damage suit against the U.S. Labor Party, charging that affiliates of the extreme rightwing organization had impersonated the magazine's White House reporter with two of the magazine's news sources. In addition, the magazine also charged that a man posing as a reporter for *U.S. News* questioned a staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics about two of its investigators.

The magazine is suing New Solidarity International Press Service and Campaigner Publications, U.S. Labor Party-cult communication organs. The suit seeks an injunction on the grounds of trademark infringement, unfair competition, and damage to the reputation of the magazine's White House reporter, Sara Fritz. The suit asks for punitive and compensatory damages of \$750,000 for the magazine and the reporter.

According to Manny Goldstein, head of the Jewish War Veterans, he also received a call from someone impersonating a *Washington Post* reporter, leaving a phone number, which turned out to be at LaRouche's *Campaigner* headquarters. *Our Town* checked with the *Post*, and found that no one from the newspaper had made any calls to Goldstein.