

Government: LaRouche stole millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has charged in court papers that fringe presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, who claims he is penniless, has siphoned millions of dollars from three corporations forced by the government into involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

Interim trustees appointed by federal bankruptcy court assumed control and assessed their inventory Wednesday, as lawyers for the LaRouche organization searched for ways to escape forced bankruptcy. Followers generally stayed away from their Leesburg, Va., headquarters, which federal agents have seized.

LaRouche, who left the United States for

Europe last December, has acknowledged filing no personal income tax returns in more than 10 years and contends he has no income.

The fresh allegations about his use of corporate money emerged in the government's court pleadings unsealed by a federal bankruptcy judge. They cited a pattern of transferring assets from the companies "to cover the expenses and luxuries of LaRouche organization insiders."

"Millions of dollars have passed through the books (of the companies) with no corporate purpose, on the whim of Lyndon LaRouche," the court papers said.

"Assets continue to be siphoned off for the

personal use of Lydon LaRouche and his cronies," they said.

"The assets are used not only to pay ordinary living expenses of members of the LaRouche organization, and to satisfy the extraordinary security fetish of Lyndon LaRouche, but also to provide Lyndon LaRouche with a mansion and estate," the papers said.

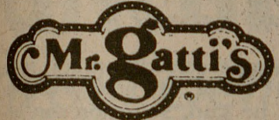
A federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., is conducting a tax investigation into LaRouche and his followers. Federal agents, including some from the Internal Revenue Service, are going through LaRouche organization financial records.

Prosecutors said internal records of La-

Rouche's organization showed at least \$812,000 had been taken from the three companies to buy or improve land owned in the names of other individuals or companies — including the million-dollar estate where LaRouche lives.

The government said the companies' computer records showed that during a 17-month period, they transferred more than \$2 million into still another corporation holding title to real estate.

LaRouche espouses eccentric theories of world conspiracies involving such figures as the queen of England, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the Soviet KGB secret police and intelligence agency.

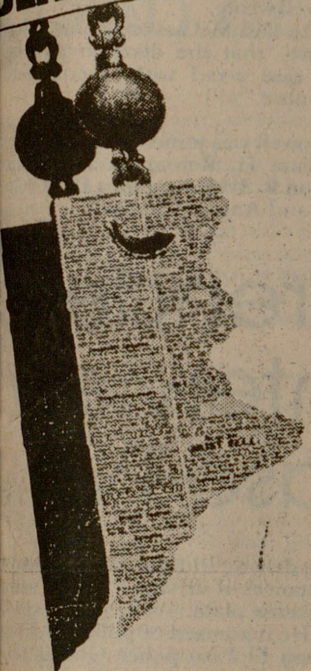


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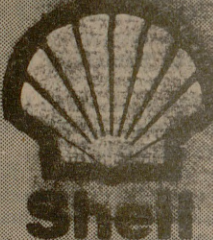
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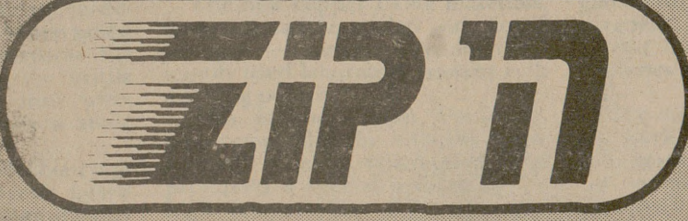
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