It Comes With the Territory

Interview with Labor Attorney

STATE OF DELAWARE:

Fronts for Justice Department Against Sheeran

*The **Beacon** reported in January the campaign by the Philadelphia U.S. Attorney's Office to get Frank Sheeran, IBT 326 president in Wilmington, Delaware. On Tuesday, March 10, Sheeran was reindicted for the third time in Delaware State Superior Court on charges stemming from a previous trial in which he was acquitted. Two previous indictments in state court were thrown out when proven faulty by Sheeran's attorney.*

The Justice Department refuses to let up on Sheeran. Even Jimmy "the Weasel" Fratianno, a potential witness and confessed killer, was trotted through the local media this week to spread his lies about Sheeran.

Tom Little, a former state legislator and Sheeran's attorney in Delaware, had a few words to say about the Justice Department's vendetta against Sheeran:

Tom Little Interview — March, 1981

Q: *Frank Sheeran was acquitted in the federal court last year. Why was he indicted in the State of Delaware?*

IBT-326 President Frank Sheeran

A: The State of Delaware is not any bigger than a large county in any other state. The State of Delaware has a very predictable population. Juries in Delaware are generally extremely conservative, mostly because they're professional people, they work for major corporations, executive departments and things like that. The chances of having the general labor community represented in a jury box are remote at best. That's step one. Number two, the charges that were brought against Frank in Philadelphia, that he subsequently was acquitted of, could not be brought again in any other state with any security that they would not be subject to double jeopardy. So, what the federal government did was convince the state prosecutor in Delaware to charge Frank with solicitation, using the exact same evidence, the exact same transactions, the exact same occurrences, the exact witnesses, the exact everything that they had in the federal court, but hoping to get lucky in Delaware, with a different crime, all relating to the exact same transactions. So, the federal government is using the State of Delaware as a surrogate prosecutor for following up on something that they screwed up before.

Q: *There is no new evidence to warrant this state indictment?*

A: No, none whatsoever, not a scrap, not a scintilla, not a smidgen of evidence that's brand new. Everything that we have is three years old. It's strictly a very, very frustrated federal government believing somehow, deep-down in their craw, that Frank Sheeran had something to do with the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa. They don't believe it when Frank said he was a very, very good friend of Hoffa's, that he would be loyal to him until they patted his face with a shovel and stole his cufflinks. They don't believe that. Somehow they think he had something to do with it, and as a result, they're not going to let up on this guy until they get some kind of conviction, in some way, whether it's trumped up or not.

Q: *Is the state planning a new indictment?*

A: Well, first of all, this is the third indictment. The first indictment was dismissed because there was a clerical error. They left out the words, "Newcastle County". The second indictment was dropped by the prosecutor because I proved to his satisfaction that the tapes that they were relying on were not produced in Delaware, and therefore a crime couldn't have been committed in Delaware. Now, the third indictment, which the newspaper reported, was handed down on Tuesday, we haven't even gotten a copy of it yet. We have no idea what it is, we know they're going to come back with another indictment, but we just don't have any idea what it is. But whatever it is, it's gonna be a lot weaker than the one that was knocked out.

Attorney, Thomas L. Little Delware; Surrogate Prosecuter for the Justice Department

Q: *Did any of the relationships or discussions between the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, or the Justice Department and the State of Delaware come out on the record?*

A: Well, there's nothing on the record, but everybody freely admits that the FBI's directing this case. There's no question in anybody's mind where the pressure is coming from.

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ALL THE HALF-TRUTHS FIT TO PRINT

an objective journalist seeking truth, Windrem has made a career out of attacking labor.

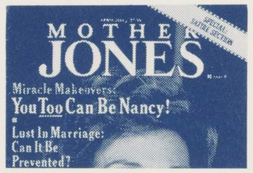
Windrem's Collaborators: Khomeini Lovers & The Justice Department

Windrem's collaborators on the Nightly Snooze's labor attacks were a queer combination of long-time labor baiters. Herbert Hill, one-time head of the NAACP's labor division, was a continuing commentator on the "failure" of labor to clean up its house.

Hill, who was fired by the NAACP, has been attacking the building trades as racist since the 1960's. He was responsible in part for the infamous union-busting Philadelphia Plan. Hill has been associated with the Socialist Party for years.

His other collaborator was one Wakil Abdunafi, a member of a fanatical Muslim cult which thinks people who don't support Khomeini should be killed.

NBC PROUD AS A PEACOCK



Windrem's third and by far most important collaborator was the Justice Department, which provided him reports based on hearsay, rumors, and lies to give his series credibility. This is the same Justice Department which recently refused to prosecute Ramsey Clark for collaboration with Khomeini. The same Justice Department which helped free four unrepentant Puerto Rican terrorists who attempted the murder of former President Harry Truman.

Bob Windrem — Paid Dissident & Right to Work Collaborator

Windrem was a paid staffer for the socialist "dissident" Teamsters group PROD.

He worked with the Right to Work Committee on a previous NBC attack on the Culinary Workers union.

He authored a slander on the Laborers Union in the notorious pro-terrorist rag *Mother Jones*. Windrem's NBC series was nothing more than a replay of the *Mother Jones* article.

Isn't it interesting how a supposedly respectable news outlet like NBC can pick up smears from the Komeini-supporting *Mother Jones* and give those smears the respectability and credibility they would not otherwise have.

John Chancellor NBC Nightly News

In fact, before joining NBC, Windrem worked very closely with the Justice Department from his staff position at PROD to try to develop charges against Teamsters union officials.

Today he is performing a similar but more crucial job, and now he has the power of NBC behind him. His associates in various dissident movements help the Justice Department develop "charges" which have a small chance of leading to conviction. But with Windrem using NBC to influence a jury, what union official has a chance of a fair trial?

Perhaps the Congress should investigate using anti-trust laws against our national broadcasting networks rather than wasting its time pursuing unsubstantiated charges against union officials. Maybe then the networks will be forced into flushing out the sewage on their payrolls.

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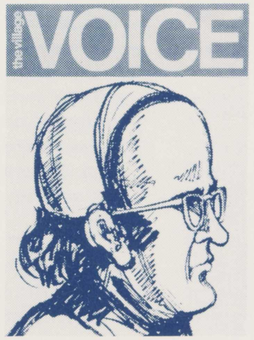
The U.S. taxpayer footed the bill for a multi-million dollar investigation of Justice Department leaks to the press in the Abscam and Brilab cases. We were told that a thorough investigation was done which resulted in seven employees being punished.



Thomas Puccio, making money in more ways than one

However, startling revelations have shown the Justice Department doesn't quite put in the effort to investigate its own in the same way it pursues its enemies.

On the last day of appeals hearings in the Abscam case, Thomas Puccio admitted that he had a close personal relationship with *Village Voice* writer Jack Newfield.

Newfield is a biographer of Bobby Kennedy. He has extreme praise for Kennedy's unrelenting persecution of Jimmy Hoffa. Although he prides himself as a civil libertarian, he sees no problem with Kennedy's unconstitutional wiretapping surveillance and infiltration of Hoffa's defense team with a rapist on Kennedy's payroll.

Newfield also leaked a report of a meeting between Abscammed former Congressman John Murphy (on appeal) and former Attorney General Civiletti, 24 hours after the meeting took place.

Beyond Puccio's personal friendship with Newfield, it seems Newfield is going to write a book on Abscam. One provision of the book contract is the delivery of a yet unnamed co-author which would net a $40,000 bonus. It has been implied that Puccio will be that co-author.

Puccio was cleared by the Department of Justice in its investigation of pre-trial news leaks. Newfield's name was not mentioned in the report. The fact that Newfield, a major source for Abscam leaks, shared a summer home with Organized Crime Strike Force head Puccio, seemed of no concern to those Justice investigators using your tax dollars for their "thorough" investigations.