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Union, Local 28 v. Atty Gen of U.S.

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O'Brien: Plaintiff himself is an agent of the P.I.O.

Ethical Declaration 76 writing to the Court,
— where Chief Justice Warren said that "when
'speech' and 'nonspeech' elements are combined in the
same course of conduct, a sufficiently important
governmental interest in regulating the nonspeech
element can justify incidental limitations on
First Amendment freedoms." Here, the
Secretary of State has again shown a
sufficiently important governmental interest
in conducting foreign policy to justify
regulating the P.I.O. as a "foreign mission" of
the P.I.O., as nonspeech regulation, in spite
of any alleged incidental limitations on
plaintiffs' First Amendment rights.

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Vance:

Furthermore, plaintiffs face a heavy burden in
"when requested immediately — persuading the
Court to grant the requested injunctive relief.
In this case, they have, in fact, failed. "When
requested immediate injunctive relief deeply
intrudes into the core concerns of the executive
Branch, a court is 'quite wrong in routinely
applying . . . the traditional standards governing
more orthodox "stays.'" Adams v. Vance, 570 F.2d
950, 954 (D.C. Cir. 1977), quoting Sampson v. Murray,
415 U.S. 61, 83-84 (1974). The Adams court went on to add



(p.8) agency:

By plaintiff Rahman's own admission "the PLO has been registered with the Department of Justice as an agent of the [PLO]." Rahman Declaration ¶ 3 (emphasis added). Rahman himself is an agent of the PLO. Rahman Declaration ¶ 6.

Adams
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→ "the party seeking this kind of relief would have to make an extraordinarily strong showing to succeed." 570 F.2d at 955. As in Adams, plaintiffs here have not made such a showing.

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the organization's exclusive reliance of funding from PLO in order to carry out its mission of representing the interests of the PLO and its exclusive representation of the PLO. Rahman Declaration ¶ 8; Exhibit 1 to Rahman Declaration.

C. The Secretary's Decision to Close the PLO as a "Foreign Mission" of the PLO Does Not Violate the Due Process Clause

Plaintiffs have challenged the Foreign Missions Act

defining the term "foreign mission"
See, e.g.: Cleveland Board of Education v. Loudermill, 470 U.S. 532, 541 (1985)

Considerations of due process apply to government action that impairs an individual's life, liberty or property.²¹ ^④ The Secretary's order is directed at the PLO as a "foreign mission" of the PLO. As such, the PLO is required to divest itself of all real property through the Office of Foreign Missions pursuant to 22 U.S.C. §§ 4305(b)(3) and 4304(c). See "Determination and Designation of Benefits," Exhibit A to Complaint. Divestiture is not without remuneration. See 22 U.S.C. § 4305. Thus, the order that the PLO divest itself of its real property interests is not a "taking," implicating due process concerns. ← Follow →

With respect to the alleged interference with plaintiff's ^{Rahman's} First Amendment rights, the order does not punish him for what he says or with whom he associates. The Secretary's order is only directed

Rahman, a naturalized U.S. citizen, does have standing to invoke such guarantees, at least with respect to himself.

²¹ Defendants' cite to Santa Clara County v. Kageneck, 383 U.S. 301, 323-24 (1966) for the proposition that a foreign political entity should have no more, if not less, standing than a state for purposes of invoking due process guarantees is compelling, but the individual plaintiff,

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at closing a foreign mission of the PLO. Further more, Rahman's salary is paid for by the League of Arab States. Rahman Declaration ¶ 8. The order does not prohibit the League of Arab States from continuing to pay Rahman. ~~✓ The~~
~~order~~ It is not at all clear, as the suggest, that Rahman will lose his job as a result of the order. See T's Mem at 36.

→ He is free to continue his advocacy efforts on behalf of the PLO or whomever or whatever the League of Arab States decides.

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→ Plaintiffs claim to have been deprived of at least some constitutionally protected rights without any procedures at all.

(2) Plaintiffs' Memorandum at 35-37. These include "an infringement of their liberty interest, enshrined in the First Amendment, in political speech and association," a "loss of property in the most literal sense," and the loss of Rahman's job. Id. The court finds that the plaintiffs have not been deprived of any these constitutional rights, and, thus, they are not entitled to any ~~any~~ particular type of due process as a result of the Secretary's order.

(3) The most compelling due process argument advanced by plaintiffs is that the Secretary's order deprives them of their First Amendment rights in speech and association. Notwithstanding the fact that the PLO, lawfully adjudged to be a "foreign mission" of the PLO, lacks standing as a foreign political entity to assert a claim to due process guarantees, plaintiffs are not precluded from speaking on behalf of the PLO, disseminating information on behalf of the PLO, ^{sending} receiving or ^{receiving} sending information to or from the PLO, or associating with others who share common interests in the PLO.

In fact, as the Court reads the Secretary's order, the PLO can continue to function as an advocate of the PLO and its causes; it may not operate as a "foreign mission" of the PLO as that term is defined in the Foreign Mission Act. ~~It~~ best one conclude that this is a distinction without a difference.

The Court simply does not agree with plaintiffs that this situation is similar to that addressed by the Supreme Court in Perry v. Sindermann, 408 U.S. 593 (1972). The order directing that the P.O. leave operating as a "foreign mission" of the P.O. does not rest on the premise was clearly not ~~under~~ constituted for the purpose of ~~denying~~ infringing ~~constitutionally~~ protected and upon anyone's ~~sights~~ First Amendment rights. Had any evidence been presented to that effect, the Court would have ~~better~~["]hesitancy in striking down the order.