

Tributes to Hulan E. Jack

Below is a sampling of statements which were sent to the family of Hulan E. Jack from the United States, Western Europe, and Ibero-America, after his death on Dec. 19, 1986. Most of the statements have been excerpted.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Founder and contributing editor, *Executive Intelligence Review*; candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for the U.S. presidency. His statement, "A great civil rights hero dies," was written on Dec. 20.

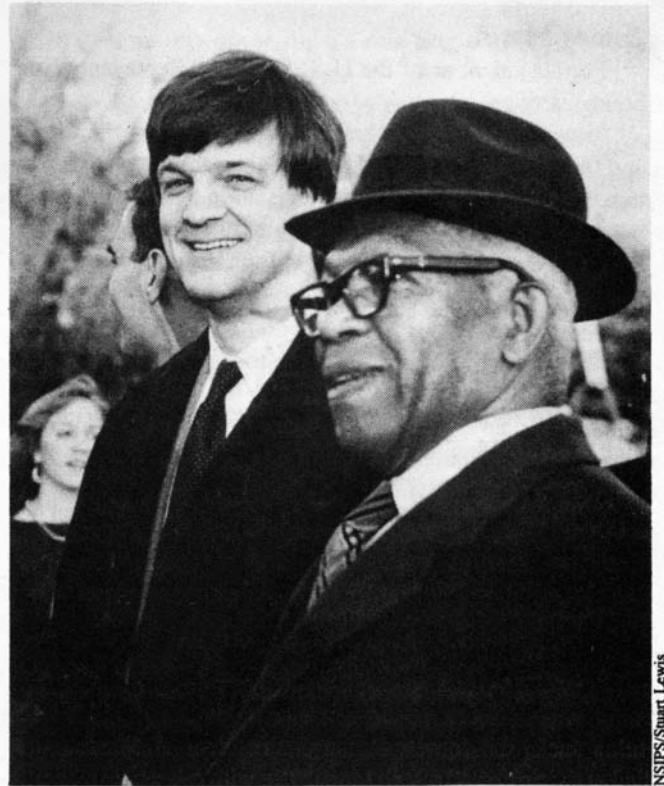
"I was stricken with grief to be informed of the death of my dear friend and collaborator, former Manhattan Borough President Hulan Jack, last night.

"My grief is beyond words, a sense of loss as deep as I have not experienced since the assassination of the beloved Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"Hulan Jack was the first black American to be elected to major office in the United States since Reconstruction. He was a leader of the civil rights movement, and also a victim of those greedy New York financial interests who saw him as an obstacle to their profits at the expense of the people of New York City. I have been privileged to work arm-in-arm with this great man since our first meeting during the New Hampshire presidential primary campaign of 1980. He was a founder of the National Democratic Policy Committee we both participated in establishing during the closing hours of the 1980 Democratic National Convention. He was for us, 'Mr. Democrat,' whose advice usually prevailed in discussions of policy among NDPC leaders. During recent years, he demonstrated repeatedly that the same qualities which had made him a leading figure of the Democratic Party, were also the qualities of an international leader. We saw this at conferences in Rome, in work with leading figures of South America, and in his leading role in our common efforts to bring justice to black Africa.

"He was a man, stricken with the painful illness which killed him after several years of a brave fight, who rose repeatedly from his sickbed, to give inspiring leadership with that beautiful resonant voice of his.

"He lived to the last as a man should live. He lived in



Hulan Jack (right), shown here with Uwe Friesecke, at a demonstration in November 1983 demanding urgent food aid for Africa.

such a manner, that his having lived is now a necessary part of whatever good is afforded to present and future generations, both within the United States and in the world more generally. He was also a devout Catholic, so that Catholics throughout the world may rejoice with just pride that such a man has lived.

"At this time, I can but extend my love to his family, to those of my friends who loved him more or less as much as did my dear friend Dennis Speed, and to that doctor to whom I have so deep a gratitude, that he gave so much of himself in service of our beloved Hulan's fight for the sacredness of his often pain-wracked, few continued months of life. I rejoice, that Hulan knew we loved him deeply. Let us weep and rejoice together; he was a great, eminently lovable man. I pledge that I shall not fail in the mission which he entrusted to me."

Milton Croom

Former chairman of Peace Through Strength, North Carolina; recent candidate for Democratic U.S. Senate nomination.

"I met Hulan Jack on several occasions. I was highly impressed by his accomplishments, patriotism, support for a strong national defense, including the SDI. He was a real patriot, a real human being whose vision and accomplishment were an inspiration for all people."

James Mann

Former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, South Carolina.

"I would like to express my condolences to the family and friends of Hulan Jack. I had the opportunity to work with him on Capitol Hill promoting legislation fighting drugs and money laundering. The country has suffered a great loss. Hulan Jack never stopped his fight for a better society."

Mrs. Enolia McMillen

National President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"Hulan Jack was one of the first black leaders elected to high office as Manhattan Borough President. He served with distinction, and was an inspiration to many who had been shut out by the political system. He was a true fighter for social justice."

Clarence Davis

Maryland State Delegate.

"Hulan was one of the great leaders, and an inspiration to young people who are now in politics. He was a great man, and I was fortunate to be able to work with him on a number of occasions. He will be missed by us all."

Rev. Wade Watts

Past president, Oklahoma State NAACP.

"If there was one man whose life I would pattern my life after, it would be the life of Hulan Jack. . . ."

Fred Huenefeld

President, National Organization of Raw Materials; Member, Louisiana Democratic Party State Executive Committee.

"I was grieved to hear of the passing of my friend Hulan Jack, who once came to Monroe and joined me in the battle for a more perfect world. He was a man who laid a challenge to people to do what was right, based on principles of natural law. I join with others continuing the battle to defend our Western civilization, which Hulan loved and cherished, and battled to his last breath, to make this world better for all mankind."

Amelia Boynton Robinson

Civil rights leader, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

"Hulan has been an asset to people. He has opened doors which have been closed for the poor, the underprivileged, and people of all walks of life. He has been able to implant in others the idea of Democracy in its fullness. Let us rejoice for he will live forever."

Gordon Walgren

Former majority leader, Washington State Senate.

"My acquaintance with Hulan Jack was, unfortunately, limited to one meeting a few years ago. Yet, I knew him to

be a dedicated citizen and public servant; dedicated to New York City and to the United States.

"He was a champion for the ideas he embraced, and willing to step out in front for causes that sometimes were not popular. His willingness to commit himself wholly to his ideas, is, and will be, of lasting benefit to us all.

"I am always sorry to see a good leader, who has contributed greatly to his people and nation, pass on. With Hulan, whom I knew, the sorrow is more personal.

"I know the legacy which he leaves to all his friends, and which embodied his character, is that perseverance in pursuit of one's principles will eventually result in victory."

Juan Rebaza

President of the Board of Pesca Peru, the Peruvian state sector fishing industry.

"His exemplary conduct in the battle against drugs, and his unequalled effort to aid the development of Africa and Ibero-America, will always be remembered by the people of Peru, and we will always continue until we have eradicated these evils which threaten humanity.

"Now with greater impetus, we must follow his example."

Josmell Muñoz

Senator of the Republic of Peru.

"Let me say that his life in the service of humanity, comforts and inspires us in this hour of deep sorrow, and calls upon us to follow his example in the war against drugs, against violation of human rights, and in favor of development, and in search for happiness for all humanity. We Peruvians will remain firmly resolved to follow his good teachings."

Patricio Estévez Nenninger

Local Deputy, the State of Sonora, Mexico.

"From Mexico, we deeply grieve the death of Hulan Jack, whom with his dedication to and passion for the inalienable rights of man, ennobled the people of the United States, in particular, regarding the civil rights of minorities. His participation in the democratic movement inspired by Lyndon H. LaRouche, offers hope to all those of us who live south of the border. I am sure that his death will spur on many other Hulan Jacks to take his place."

Jacques Cheminade

Secretary General, European Labor Party of France; president of Schiller Institute, France.

"I once had the opportunity to rejoice in both my heart and mind on hearing one of Hulan Jack's impassioned speeches.

"When, now, I sometimes despair of the moral quality of leadership in America, then, it is his voice that I hear again, and again, as a promise of a better and brighter future."