

Attack on ADL sparked by Gulf policy fight

Conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan launched an open attack on the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and their ilk for their use of the charge of “anti-Semite” as a tool to smear and silence political opponents and suppress debate, in his nationally syndicated column which appeared in the Sept. 19 *Washington Times*. Political figure Lyndon LaRouche, incarcerated as a result of a corrupt government task force which collaborated with the organized crime operation known as the ADL, remarked that Buchanan’s comments were a “breath of fresh political air.”

Buchanan was responding to attacks from a coterie of Anglo-Israeli poison pens, including most prominently editor and columnist A.M. Rosenthal in the Sept. 14 *New York Times*, *National Review* contributing editor Mona Charen, and ADL officials, which started when he began attacking the Bush administration, beginning in a late August column, for adopting a version of Britain’s rotten “balance of power” doctrine in its Persian Gulf adventure. Buchanan identified this doctrine as the major cause of two world wars this century.

Buchanan noted that the pretext for Rosenthal’s smear of anti-Semitism against himself was over the statement he had made on “The McLaughlin Report” that “There are only two groups that are beating the drums for war in the Middle East, the Israeli Defense Ministry and its amen corner in the United States.”

“The truth,” Buchanan wrote, “is Israel has been beating the war drums for weeks. Every major newspaper, including Abe’s own [*New York Times*], reported it. And, Mr. Rosenthal, whom the liberal *Nation* calls one of ‘Israel’s personal messengers to the *New York Times*,’ has been leading the war cry. And what I implied was nothing more than what [*Washington Post* liberal columnist] Richard Cohen said flat-out: ‘The problem . . . with those who argue for a quick military strike is that they seem to be arguing from an Israeli perspective.’

“No, what we have here, friends, is a contract hit, done, my guess, in collusion with the same folks who used to feed me all that good stuff on the Rev. Jesse Jackson when I was considered more reliable. For the one character who has been howling about the ‘amen corner’ is Abe Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League.”

Anti-Semitism charges used to stifle debate

Buchanan wrote that if he were really an anti-Semite, “I wouldn’t have lasted 10 minutes in a profession where I have reveled, on and off, for 30 years. The newspapers that carry

the Buchanan column don’t print hate literature.

“Which brings us to a second definition of anti-Semitism. And that is a word to describe the branding iron wielded by a tiny clique, to burn horribly heretics from their agreed upon political orthodoxy. It is used to frighten, intimidate, censor and silence; to cut off debate; to so smear men’s reputations that no one will listen to them again; to scar men so indelibly, that no one will ever look at them again without saying, ‘Say, isn’t he an anti-Semite?’

“To its credit, American journalism, Jewish and Gentile alike, is waking up to this contemptible attempt to stifle debate, especially on the issue of America’s relations with Israel. Regrettably, we did not do so before decent and honorable men, left as well as right, had careers damaged and reputations seared.”

Buchanan said a change in attitude on what American foreign policy should be toward Israel has taken place “for many reasons. Among them: The manipulation of the traitor Jonathan Pollard to systematically loot the secrets of the most generous friend Israel will ever have. The gratuitous brutality against Palestinian old men, women, teen-agers and children. The Good Friday land grab at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The shipment of cluster bombs to the Stalinist Mengistu regime in Ethiopia. The caustic, cutting cracks about my church and popes from both Israel and its amen corner in the United States. Finally, the hate mail and hate columns, every damn time some new fight breaks out.

“Comes now a report that Mossad knew in advance terrorists were building that Mercedes truck bomb used to massacre our Marines in the Beirut barracks—and they deliberately didn’t warn us. It is but one measure of the diminished regard in which Israel’s regime is held in this city, that not one person I have spoke to has said he feels Mossad incapable of such an act. And, if that charge, made in a new book by a former Mossad agent, is true, and if they did sit back and watch those Marines die like that, Congress ought to turn all these rocks over before the Israeli government gets another dime.”

LaRouche responded, “I am so sick and tired of people supporting the crimes of Israel against the Palestinians and others, and also the crimes of outright gangsters, such as the Anti-Defamation League’s crowd, the Bronfmans, the Galinskis, and so-forth—these butchers and criminals; enemies of humanity. And then, to defend them by means of projecting the charge ‘anti-Semite’ against anyone who objects to mass murder, sodomy, drug-pushing, and similar crimes—we have had our bellies full of this.” LaRouche warned, however, “The danger is, that unless we who go at the crimes, take the leadership in dealing with this issue, I’m afraid that real anti-Semites will come to the surface in seeking a scapegoat. The time to destroy this thing, is *now*. And, anyone who thinks they’re Jewish, or sympathetic to the Jews, better join us, and make sure we do the job, not the anti-Semites.”