

Senate 'New Age' soap opera takes U.S. into the gutter

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By a vote of 52-48, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to be the 106th justice appointed to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States. The vote concluded a 10-day spectacle in which the Senate became the forum for a pornographic propaganda campaign in support of the New Age ethics of the radical feminist mob. The fiasco, accurately described as a "travesty" and a "Roman circus" by Thomas and his defenders, brought to an end a three-month inquisition which showed the Senate to be incapable of seriously discussing the qualifications of a Supreme Court nominee on the level of the philosophical and constitutional issues facing the court. (See LaRouche, p. 60.)

The decision to open a special "X-rated" session, to air an allegation that Thomas had sexually harassed a colleague 10 years ago, came after the anti-Thomas forces were about to go down in defeat. The disgusting events which ensued served only to degrade the citizenry, disgrace the Legislative Branch, and undermine what is left of the rule of law in the United States.

The primary architects of this spectacle were the National Organization for Women (NOW), the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), the People for the American Way (PAW), their associates among the staffers of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and reporter Nina Totenberg from the government-financed National Public Radio (NPR). On the day the Thomas nomination was announced by the Bush administration, a coven of 1960s feminists representing these and similar groups, announced that they intended to "Bork" this man . . . take names and kick ass." They scoured the nation for gossip, rumors, and derogatory material which might be circulated outside the Senate confirmation hearings, in order to taint the nominee, or quash the appointment by blackmail.

Ultimately, this search converged on a charge of "sexual

harassment" which could be thrown at the nominee as well as the senators, and which turned the committee deliberations into a procedure combining New Age irrationalism with the police-state methods typical of Thomas's sponsor, the Bush administration.

Profile of a lynching

In order to give the maximum power to the slander campaign, the accusation against Thomas was framed in the most lurid, prurient fashion possible. Anita Hill, a Yale Law School graduate, and former employee of Thomas at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was paraded before the Senate, and national television, to report conversations wherein Thomas had allegedly described pornographic movies and his own sexual prowess.

Judge Thomas responded by denouncing the Judiciary Committee for carrying out a "high-tech lynching," and pointing to the ugly wellspring in American society from which these allegations drew their sensational power:

"Language throughout the history of this country, and certainly throughout my life, language about the sexual prowess of black men, language about the sex organs of black men and the sizes, etc. That kind of language has been used about black men as long as I've been on the face of this earth, and these are charges that play into racist, bigoted stereotypes, and these are the kind of charges that are impossible to wash off. And these are the kind of stereotypes that I have in my tenure in government and conduct of my affairs attempted to move away from and to convince people that we should conduct ourselves in a way that defies these stereotypes."

He continued, "In the 1970s, I became very interested in the issue of lynching. And if you want to track through this country in the 19th and 20th century the lynchings of black men, you will see that there is invariably, or in many in-

stances, a relationship with sex and an accusation that that person cannot shake off.”

Such lynchings have occurred within the living memory of many Americans, and were by no means merely the frenzied acts of mobs. They were ritual events, carried out according to satanic rites popularized by the followers of freemasonic leaders such as Albert Pike, and were widely reported by national newspapers. The crime typically included the mutilation, castration, and immolation of a victim who had often, but not always, been accused of sexually threatening or raping a white woman.

Kennedy, Metzenbaum, Simon make the rope

The truth or falsity of Professor Hill's allegations against Judge Thomas had ceased to be an issue, even before she regaled the senators with graphic talk about the sexual organs of a nominee to the Supreme Court. The point was made repeatedly by elated feminists, Anita Hill herself, and numerous senators, that the hearings were designed to “sensitize” the nation to the issue of sexual harassment. The available facts of how this came to be, are as follows:

Hill was coerced into making her allegations by a network of aides—associated not with the Judiciary Committee but the Senate Labor Committee—who work for the unholy senatorial trio of Howard Metzenbaum, Edward “Ted” Kennedy, and Paul Simon.

Hill was first contacted by Gail Laster, a Metzenbaum aide who was trolling for derogatory material among Thomas's acquaintances. Hill made no allegations against Thomas at this time. She was then called by Kennedy aide Ricki Seidman (former legal director of People for the American Way), and by James Brudney, who works for Metzenbaum. Brudney, a former classmate of Hill's at Yale, works with sexual harassment issues on the Senate Labor Committee. This is where the dirty stuff really began.

Hill has stated that one of the aides claimed that they had a “mountain” of information against Thomas concerning sexual harassment, and that her name had been mentioned. According to the *Washington Times*, “Miss Hill said the aides also told her that her name was going to come out with the others unless she cooperated. Accordingly, Miss Hill said she decided to work with the committee, but only if her name was kept confidential.”

Not only was Hill threatened with public exposure if she didn't “cooperate,” but she was promised that if she *did* cooperate, her name would not be made public, and Thomas could be quietly blackmailed into withdrawing his nomination. Metzenbaum aide Brudney told her, according to *U.S.A. Today*, “her signed affidavit would be the instrument which quietly and behind the scenes would force him [Thomas] to withdraw his name.”

Hill's conflicting testimony concerning Brudney's statements led Sen. Arlen Specter to accuse Hill of “perjury” during the hearings. In fact, the methods used to blackmail

Hill were precisely those used every day to induce plea bargains and to suborn perjury in U.S. courtrooms.

As a result, Hill eventually gave statements to the Judiciary Committee and the FBI. Her original statements were far less lurid than her public testimony; in fact, she said that she was not charging Thomas with sexual harassment. Her reports were investigated, dismissed by the FBI, and presented to the full committee, where they sat, ticking.

On the eve of the Senate vote to confirm the nominee, the affidavit Hill gave to the committee was illegally leaked to Kennedy-linked attorneys at the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and to Nina Totenberg of NPR, who then induced Hill to go public with her story, by reading back to her the contents of her secret affidavit. The story grew with each telling, soon including descriptions of pornographic movies, and intimations of zoophilia. The revelation sparked a sensation, and a phalanx of feminist congresswomen staged an unprecedented march across Capitol Hill, to force a full hearing on the issue.

The extent to which the spirit of the lynch mob and blackmail tactics permeated these proceedings is illustrated by two particular developments.

The first was a nasty operation run by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum and his staff, during live TV coverage of the Thomas hearings late Sunday night. The incident came to light during the testimony of John Doggett III, a black Yale Law School and Harvard Business School graduate who is a colleague of both Thomas and Hill. Doggett had submitted an affidavit describing a bizarre incident involving Anita Hill which led him to conclude that she is fantasy-ridden and delusional.

While questioning Doggett, Metzenbaum began to read from a transcript which sounded like an official deposition of Doggett. The transcript contained charges of sexual harassment against Doggett made by a former female employee of the international consulting firm where Doggett once worked. Doggett angrily interrupted Metzenbaum, shouting that this is “part of the reason this country is falling apart. This is exactly what happened to Clarence Thomas.”

Doggett explained that he had been called by Metzenbaum's staff and interviewed. The allegation of sexual harassment had been made in an unsworn and unverified statement, accusing him, among other things, of walking up to a white 19-year-old employee on her first day of work and kissing her on the mouth. A transcript of the telephone interview with Doggett, including sections of the woman's unsworn statement, was being read into the record as if it were a sworn deposition!

Committee chairman Joseph Biden (D-Del.) was forced to reprimand Metzenbaum for violating the committee's ground rules by introducing an unsworn statement into the record. Doggett then said that when he decided to come forward with his statement, “People told me I was insane to subject myself to the opportunity to have something like

this crawl out from under a rock. I expected someone to do something like this, because that is what this process has become.”

The second incident involved Juan Williams, a black writer for the *Washington Post* who had written several articles about Thomas in the past. Breaking ranks with his editors, Williams wrote a column on Oct. 10, entitled “Mean-Spirited Mudslinging,” which described how he had been inundated by phone calls from Democratic Senate staffers looking for any dirt to use against Thomas. The Williams column was widely circulated and was read into the record of the hearings by Republican senators.

By Oct. 14, local television stations were reporting that anonymous sources claimed Williams had been guilty of sexual harassment in the *Post* newsroom. Williams declared the charges “absolutely false.” On Oct. 15, the *Post* “suspended” Williams by asking him to stay off television and to write nothing further on the Thomas case.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, the Senate finally approached its long-delayed vote on the nomination. Although the anti-Thomas lynch mob lost the vote, they won the day. The eight hours of floor debate were dominated by the sexual harassment issue, with only a handful of senators even mentioning Thomas’s legal philosophy or constitutional law. The United States Senate had entered the New Age.

Documentation

Candidate LaRouche: Let’s put issues in perspective

Lyndon LaRouche, candidate for the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination, stated on Oct. 13:

“Time has come that I must say something about the Senate confirmation hearings on the subject of the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the U. S. Supreme Court.

“I am not an advocate of Judge Thomas. He has associations, or his wife does, he through her, with two cult organizations, both of which have been my adversaries in the past, one of which has been a part of the strike force of Henry Kissinger in the attempt to put me into prison. That’s not exactly a good recommendation for Judge Thomas. I would like to have seen those questions cleared up as opposed to the kind of garbage which is dominating the airwaves and television screens right now.

“Unfortunately, I have to agree with Judge Thomas’s characterization of the current attacks on him now before the committee as tantamount to a lynching. The logic is well known to all of us who are old enough to remember the lynchings by the Ku Klux Klan of black men in the South

from former times. Or those of us who perhaps younger have done studies of that process. These lynchings were not impulses, they were rituals associated with exactly the kind of sexual imagery which have been aired throughout the press against Judge Thomas. . . .

“Now I think most of the members of the committee would not disagree with me, nor I with them, that this is a most unfortunate business from the standpoint of the committee itself. This matter, if it were to come before the committee, should have come through a proper process in which no inadmissible material was leaked out of the committee investigation into the public domain in the way it has been. This particular committee hearing has been turned into the worst parody of the greatest mistrial of all time on that account.

“The greatest issue here now is no longer the issue of Judge Thomas’s nomination as such; the issue now is who did this to the Senate confirmation process? Who leaked this operation in such a way as to cause the matter of Prof. Anita Hill’s charges to be aired in the irresponsible way which has been imposed upon the committee by the mass media?

“I would propose that the whole process be held up, the Senate not act on this issue, until we’ve gotten to the bottom of discovering who leaked this business, who set this operation up? This is an operation against the Constitution, . . . against orderly self-government by the people of this Republic. When you sit back and cheer for one side or another, you’re making a mistake. We are now in the process of losing our Bill of Rights, we’re losing our government, we’re losing our freedoms.

“The only defense we have, except revolution, if you want that, is Law! Institutions of Law! You are watching people, largely in this feminist mob, under the pretext of a social issue tearing the constitutional process of law, institutions of law, apart. That must not be allowed!

“Now how important is the issue that Anita Hill raises respecting Judge Thomas? Let’s put this thing in perspective.

“How many people in the U. S. are going to die as a result of being thrown off General Assistance in the state of Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, and so forth?! How many people around the world are dying as a result of a bad foreign policy of the Bush administration in particular?! How many people are dying as a result of an HIV pandemic which the U.S. government refuses to combat?!

“Think of all the issues, life or death issues, in foreign policy and domestic policy. How important is the issue that Judge Thomas might or might have not whispered a few dirty words to a tough woman lawyer—Anita Hill—about ten years ago? A report which is just coming uncorroborated to the surface now.

“Let’s get things in perspective! Yes! Sexual harassment in the work place, and other places, is an issue. It should be dealt with. But it is not the only issue. There are much bigger ones. This has been Lyndon LaRouche speaking.”