

# National News

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## Dr. Muhammad's AIDS work receives tribute

A gala dinner held in Washington, D. C. on July 11 paid tribute to Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, a surgeon and national spokesman for the Nation of Islam and for Minister Louie Farrakhan, and his work against AIDS. It was announced at the dinner that he has been made minister of health and human services for the Nation of Islam.

As *EIR* reported on Sept. 20, 1991 ("Shocking Revelations on AIDS Research"), Dr. Muhammad traveled to Kenya last year, and returned to announce that a team at the Kenyan Medical Research Institute had made dramatic advances in the treatment of AIDS with a new derivative of the drug alpha interferon. Dr. Muhammad charged that the coverage of this work by the U.S. establishment media reflects a deliberate policy of genocide against black populations.

At the Washington dinner, various individuals were cited for their help to the Maryland surgeon in his work. Dr. Muhammad asked the chairman to add to the list *EIR*'s Carlos Wesley and the Schiller Institute's Debra and Lawrence Freeman.

Dr. Muhammad's research to fight the AIDS epidemic was praised by Minister Farrakhan, as well as by members of the Washington City Council. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly declared July 11 to be Abdul Alim Muhammad Day.

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## Clinton called 'more hardline' than Israel

The Bill Clinton presidential campaign is so much under the influence of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), that his Middle East policy now is more hardline than that of the new government of Yitzhak Rabin in Israel, wrote the British magazine *Private Eye* in mid-July.

"The political influence of Bill Clinton's financial backers is getting out of control," according to the article. "Clinton's biggest

campaign backer has been the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and his 'general counsel' is one David Ifshin, who holds the same position for AIPAC. His Middle East policy was drafted by Sarah Erhman, also from AIPAC, and his chief fundraiser is Israeli-born Rahm Emanuel, who took time off work in an Israeli Army base 'near the Lebanese border' during the Gulf war.

"These, and scores of other AIPAC hangers-on, are why the so-called liberal Clinton is pledged to recognize Jerusalem, including the occupied eastern side, as Israel's capital, and not to allow a Palestinian state. And it is why he pushed for unconditional handover of the \$10 billion loan guarantees to former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"It is also why he is not the current Israeli prime minister's best friend. It was Bush's refusal to give Shamir the \$10 billion that allowed Yitzhak Rabin to win the election, and Israel's victorious Labor Party well remembers the years of uncritical AIPAC support for Likud, which allowed Shamir and Begin to buy the support of the loony religious parties.

"The result for Clinton, however, is that his Democratic election platform is now even more hardline on the Middle East than that of the new Israeli government!"

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## FBI 'psycho-spooks' study riot potential

The FBI's Behavioral Sciences Unit in Quantico, Virginia have been profiling the potential for urban riots, according to Gerald Arenberg, executive director of the national Association of Chiefs of Police. Arenberg told the July 13 *Parade Magazine* that the FBI unit began planning for mob violence "at least three years ago" and says that the FBI study "discussed changes in demographics that had occurred over the past 30 years. Because of those changes and social problems that had developed, the study predicted that before the year 2000 we would have the worst possible rioting we've ever had in history."

The Behavioral Sciences Unit is headed

by Kenneth Lanning, who specializes in suppressing evidence of satanic criminality, and who claimed that "more people have been killed in the name of Christ than in the name of Satan." The same unit botched the Navy investigation into the explosion on the battleship *Iowa*, with the theory that the Bible studies of seaman Clayton Hartwig proved that he was a homosexual obsessed with death. The unit was favorably depicted in the film "Silence of the Lambs," and "trained" actress Jodie Foster for her portrayal of a member of the FBI unit.

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## Canada intervenes to block Texas execution

Joseph Stanley Faulder, 54, is one of at least three Canadians on death row in the United States. He has spent 15 years in a Texas prison, apparently without the knowledge of his family or even the Canadian government.

According to Amnesty International, Faulder has now become the subject of Canada's first attempt to stop the imminent execution of one of its citizens by a foreign country.

The Toronto *Globe and Mail*'s Sean Fine reports that, while Canada abolished the death penalty in 1976, it does not interfere in capital sentences imposed by other countries "without some cause," says External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall. In the case of Faulder, she has found a cause to intervene.

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## NED suppresses Christian trade unions

The U.S. government's National Endowment for Democracy is suppressing Christian trade unions in eastern Europe, according to a July 13 *Washington Times* profile focusing on the activities of AFL-CIO agencies operating on NED money. The article also points out that there is an ongoing battle between the NED and the World Confederation of Labor throughout the eastern European labor movement.

## Briefly

● **OVERHEARD:** Two black restaurant employees discussing Clinton's choice of Gore for vice president. One said to the other, "Did you hear about Clinton? He picked Gore for vice president. 'That's the [Democrats'] southern strategy.'" He then added, "And they want to reduce the population. Do you think they have a particular race in mind, or do you think they're talking about somebody else?"

● **LYNDON LAROCHE** has qualified for ballot status as an independent presidential candidate in the state of Washington, supporters announced on July 16, the day after the Democratic Party's nomination of Bill Clinton. LaRouche qualified at conventions held throughout the state two weeks before.

● **PAT MOYNIHAN** told reporters at the Democratic National Convention on July 13 that "the Democratic Party should try unity for a change." The New York senator concluded, "It's time for us to rise above principles, and win." CBS News's Cokie Roberts, who had asked him what Democrats could do to win the presidential race, was compelled to point out that Moynihan was joking.

● **'UNDECIDED'** won an unusual poll taken in Pennsylvania in late April and again in late June. Most polls disallow such a response. Between late April and late June, Bush dropped from 30% to 20%; Clinton dropped from 29% to 19%; Perot rose only from 27% to 29%; and "undecided" rose from 12% to 30%.

● **FBI agents** raided the Virginia farm of Phil Costis on July 11, and searched it for nine hours, ostensibly looking for the banned pesticide DDT. The agents took samples of agricultural chemicals he had stored on the farm (it is not illegal to store DDT, just to use it). It is believed that the raid took place because Costis is politically active.

According to the WCL's Carlos Custer, the NED is "anti-Christian." Polish Solidarnosc official Krzysztof Dowgiakko said that Solidarnosc is one of two unions with dual affiliation in the WCL and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which is controlled by the AFL-CIO. Dowgiakko said that NED and the AFL want the WCL "to disappear . . . WCL thinks that there are different traditions. One is our tradition, the Christian tradition, and the other is the social democratic tradition, both being very present and combined in some way in Poland, but we don't feel the unity of trade unions is very good."

The WCL's American affiliate is the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, which was formed in 1913 to counter the racist policies of the AFL. The 65,000-member, all-black union is shunned by the AFL-CIO, and it has been denied grants by the NED despite the fact that it is very active among African trade unionists.

### White House in uproar over Provost appointment

White House Chief of Staff Sam Skinner announced the appointment of Steven Provost as the new White House communications director and chief speechwriter for George Bush on July 8, after a number of people in the administration had rejected the post. The appointment of Provost, who is currently public relations director for Kentucky Fried Chicken, caused an uproar at the White House. Evidently staffers feel that it will take more than experience selling fried chicken to be able to sell this President to voters in November.

The *Washington Post* wrote: "Skinner's announcement, at yesterday's senior staff meeting, generally sent a ripple of disbelief and anguish through a campaign and White House operation demoralized by Bush's plummet in the polls and self-acknowledged inability to communicate a positive message to American voters."

One Bush intimate told the *Post*: "This seals it. This is the end of Skinner. I predict right here and now James Baker will be

back, and he'll bring a team of professionals with him." Baker and Bush were planning a private hunting trip in Wyoming. They made a similar trip in 1988, just before Baker left his post as Treasury secretary to take over the Bush election campaign.

### Did FBI, NBC try to frame LaRouche in Palme death?

Washington, D.C. federal Judge Gerhard Gesell ordered the FBI to allow him to inspect its documents pertaining to efforts to link associates of Lyndon LaRouche to the assassination of Olof Palme in 1986. The court order was issued on July 10 in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case brought by Michele Steinberg, a former co-defendant of LaRouche's in the mis-tried Boston federal prosecution.

Steinberg's FOIA request asked for all documents pertaining to the FBI handing over copies of her and others notebooks to Swedish police authorities. Prosecutor John Markham has testified that the exchange of information with Swedish authorities was arranged by NBC producer Pat Lynch. NBC had repeatedly attempted to link associates of LaRouche to the Palme killing.

The FBI did release some heavily redacted documents, but is withholding about 85% of the information in its documents, much of it on so-called "national security" grounds. Steinberg has argued that the information is probably being withheld because it would be highly embarrassing to the U.S. government, including the fact that the campaign to link LaRouche to the Palme assassination was spearheaded by Soviet news outlets such as *Izvestia*, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, and Radio Moscow.

Judge Gesell has now taken the unusual step of ordering the government to "file with the court for *in camera* inspection an unredacted copy of the materials that have been released to plaintiff pursuant to her FOIA requests at issue in this case." Steinberg had asked the court to examine the unredacted documents, and then to order the FBI and Justice Department to conduct a further search for the rest of the Palme documents.