

## National News

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### High court to hear 'hate crimes' challenge

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed in December to hear the case of *Wisconsin v. Mitchell*, which challenges Wisconsin's "hate crimes" sentencing enhancement law. The legislation was based on the model drafted by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, which increases the sentence of someone who is convicted of a crime already on the books, if the defendant "intentionally selects the person . . . [or] property because of the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of that person or the owner or occupant of that property."

The court's decision to hear the *Wisconsin* case comes less than six months after it ruled *St. Paul, Minnesota's* hate crimes statute unconstitutional in the case of *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*. The *St. Paul* ordinance effectively made "hate" itself a crime.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court had struck down the sentence enhancement law, because it effectively punished thought, ruling: "The Constitution may not embrace or encourage bigoted and hateful thoughts, but it surely protects them."

The ADL, whose model legislation has been adopted in some 30 states, issued a press release saying that it welcomed an opportunity for the law to be tested by the Supreme Court, since it means the court "recognizes that its decision last June in *R.A.V. v. St. Paul* cannot be the final word on the constitutionality of hate crimes statutes."

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### Maoist provocateurs try again in Los Angeles

A Dec. 14 demonstration in "support" of the black Los Angeles defendants charged with beating white trucker Reginald Denny during the April-May riots blew up into a violent confrontation with police. The demonstration was held at the intersection of Florence and Normandie in south-central

Los Angeles, where the riots had begun on April 30.

The incident conformed to the *modus operandi* of the Maoist provocateurs involved in the April-May riots: The initially provocative but peaceful demonstration turned violent when a number of "onlookers"—principally gang members and white Maoist crazies—began blocking the intersection and throwing rocks and bottles at passing vehicles. One passenger in a pickup truck was hit in the head when an object smashed through the rear window. At least a dozen people were injured, and there were two fatal shootings in the general area of the disturbance. A fire department ambulance was attacked with rocks and bottles while en route to an emergency call in an nearby area, and a service station was vandalized and looted.

The police department responded in force, declaring first a tactical alert in the South Division, then a city-wide alert which lasted into the night. The area was successfully cordoned off for several hours, and the violence was abated. At least 60 people were arrested.

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### Colorado amendment defends human dignity

In last November's election, Colorado voters adopted an amendment to the state's Constitution barring "gay rights" laws. This action has subjected the state to a pro-homosexual boycott movement, promoted by the media and Hollywood.

The measure on the Colorado ballot, approved by a margin 813,000 to 710,000, has hardly ever been directly quoted in all the fury of media abuse. The reason for this censorship is obvious from the text of the ballot initiative:

"Shall there be an amendment to Article II of the Colorado Constitution to prohibit the state of Colorado and any of its political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing any law or policy which provides that homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual orientation or conduct, or relationships constitutes or entitles a person to claim any minority or protected status, quota, preference or discrimi-

nation?"

The amendment was sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, a statewide group begun in response to the adoption of "gay rights" ordinances by the cities of Denver, Aspen, and Boulder. The group gathered slightly less than 50,000 signatures to place the measure on the ballot, then won the election despite being outspent by opponents by almost two to one.

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### Religion professor calls CAN a dangerous cult

Prof. Larry Shinn, a Bucknell University religion professor who has studied cults and is an expert in cult-related criminal trials, has publicly denounced deprogramming as "the most destructive of the legacies of the great American cult scare." Shinn says that deprogramming was born of the anti-cult fever that raged after the Jim Jones affair, but now cult membership is slackening.

Star "deprogrammer" Galen Kelly charges as much as \$10,000 per deprogramming. Shinn told the Dec. 14 *Philadelphia Daily News*—which was covering the trial of E. Newbold Smith who, along with Kelly, was charged with conspiring to kidnap his son, LaRouche supporter Lewis du Pont Smith—groups such as the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) promote hateful and irrational attacks on any group formed around a deeply held belief. The result, he told the paper, is that "CAN is much closer to a destructive cult than most of the groups they attack."

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### Hooded Shining Path backers march in D.C.

About 20 hooded individuals from the Maoist Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) staged a demonstration in support of their terrorist friends in Peru's Shining Path on Dec. 16 in front of the Library of Congress, where a forum was taking place on "The Role of the United States and Other Hemispheric Countries in the Peru Crisis." Spon-

sored by the Congressional Research Service, the conference featured all sorts of "Peru hands," including, apparently, Gordon McCormick from the CIA-linked RAND Corp. McCormick was the "expert" who a week earlier was praising the Shining Path gang as "robust," "disciplined, created in the likeness and image" of its leader Abimael Guzmán, and which is carrying out a "social insurgency," not committing genocide.

The RCP demonstrators, who share the ideology of Cambodian mass murderer Pol Pot with the Shining Path, handed out a leaflet blasting "Yankee imperialism" and Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori, but praising the "victorious revolution led by the poorest people" and McCormick, "the RAND Corp. expert who will testify . . . [about] the immense support and participation of the indigenous peasants in the People's War, and of the significant support the revolution has among the masses who live in the vast shantytowns surrounding Lima—as well as among large sections of the students, teachers and professionals."

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## Columnist chides ADL over 'anti-Semitism' poll

Richard Cohen, writing in his regular *Washington Post Magazine* "Critic at Large" column on Dec. 20, castigated the Anti-Defamation League for its recent public opinion poll which demonstrated that the American people still harbor anti-Semitic views. Cohen begins his column with the following blunt observation: "The Anti-Defamation League, having commissioned the Boston polling firm of Marttila and Kiley to determine the level of anti-Semitism in America, came up with a most gratifying finding. There is less anti-Semitism than there used to be but more than enough to keep the Anti-Defamation League in business. As a Jew, I can say that last part with tongue in cheek and with a certain amount of impunity. You had better keep your mouth shut. The last sentence is predicated on the assumption that you, the reader, are not Jewish."

Cohen honed in on the ridiculous notion

that it is anti-Semitic to even observe that "Jews pretty much run the movie and television industries," noting, "had I had the time and opportunity, I would have cited several books to back me up. One of them would have been the delightfully written *An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood*."

Cohen chided the ADL survey for claiming it is anti-Semitic for someone to lament the disproportionate power of the Zionist lobby. "Non-Jews know better than to comment about what is before their very eyes. Should they answer forthrightly, they might well be denounced for anti-Semitism."

In conclusion, Cohen observed that such ADL surveys may serve to further fuel the very prejudices that they purport to combat: "As I read some of the statements, it struck me that I would not always have given the 'right' answers, and that a non-Jew might have answered them 'right' by lying. Maybe we are, at last, becoming a nation of unbiased people. On the other hand, maybe we're just becoming a nation of liars."

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## Military takeover of FEMA proposed

A still-secret study conducted by the congressional General Accounting Office (GAO) has proposed that the Pentagon, or possibly the White House, take over the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), according to a mid-December article that appeared in the *Miami Herald*.

The study is highly critical of FEMA's performance during Hurricane Andrew. According to the *Herald*, the issue of the military taking a greater role in emergency operations came up repeatedly during a meeting which the GAO convened in Washington last month to discuss the status of U.S. emergency preparedness. The *Herald* quoted one participant, FEMA advisory board member Robert Kupperman, stating that the military must become much more directly and consistently involved in domestic emergency planning and operations.

## Briefly

● **AUSTIN**, Texas City Council passed a resolution calling for the public statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Gen. Albert Pike to be removed in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 18. So far, five city councils around the country have passed such resolutions.

● **SEN. SAM NUNN** (D-Ga.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) called on President-elect Clinton to appoint a "czar" to handle all U.S. negotiations with Russia, in a *Washington Post* guest editorial on Dec. 22. They warned that it is urgent for the U.S. to finalize a string of strategic nuclear arms pacts.

● **SEN. LEE HAMILTON** (D-Ind.) added his voice to the string of Democrats demanding that a Clinton White House starve Haiti into submission. In a Dec. 22 *Christian Science Monitor* opinion column, Hamilton argues, "A stiffer embargo would impose additional pain, but it could end Haiti's crisis more rapidly," he stated.

● **STANFORD UNIVERSITY** and the University of Chicago extended family benefits to partners of homosexual employees last month. Privileges and benefits include health insurance, tuition benefits, and library privileges.

● **THE FIFTH CIRCUIT** Court of Appeals ruled that a capital defendant received inadequate legal representation because his lawyer was paid only \$11.84 per hour. The defendant, they wrote, "was denied his constitutional right to adequate counsel in a capital case in which actual innocence was a close question. . . . Unfortunately, the justice system got only what it paid for."

● **JOSEPH CALIFANO**, Jimmy Carter's secretary of health and human services, warned of the "three-headed dog from Hell"—drugs, AIDS, and TB—in a column in the *Washington Post* on Dec. 21. Califano argued for more condoms, clean needles, and research money.