

National News

ADL wails, Clinton picked 'wrong Jews'

The *New York Times* of Jan. 5 carried an article venting the rage of Abraham Foxman and his organization, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) over Clinton's Jewish cabinet appointments, and calls for Richard Schifter to be appointed to a high post as a guarantee that the Israeli lobby will be represented.

Labor Secretary-designate Robert B. Reich and Attorney General-designate Zoe Baird are not the right kind of Jews, according to Foxman, since they have not been associated with "pro-Israel causes," and key Clinton transition aides such as Sara Ehrman, community liaison adviser, Peter Edelman, legal affairs adviser for the transition, and Eli Segal, who was the campaign chief of staff—are associated with Americans for Peace Now, and other Jewish groups the ADL conducts hate campaigns against.

"There is disquiet" about Mr. Clinton, Foxman says, because "all of those who will be dealing with Israel come from that background."

LaRouche bogey haunts hypocritical school debate

A pattern of allusions to fear that the jailed American philosopher Lyndon LaRouche's ideas may be gaining ground in schools, in opposition to prevailing brainwashing trends, is cropping up in the print media. The Dec. 7, 1992 issue of *Business Week* ran a lengthy advertising section to promote free-market education, titled "The Choice Debate." Author Kevin Hopkins (Hudson Institute), in the midst of arguments for and against various "choice" plans, inserts: "Some public-school defenders insist that publicly financed choice will bring about a proliferation of marginal, hate-mongering schools. . . . Predicts California's Bill Honig, 'we'll have schools teaching the Marxist-Leninist view of history, we will have Far-

rakhan schools, we will have schools that teach the LaRouche point of view, and nobody can do anything about it.' "

The December 1992 edition of the liberal magazine *Washington Monthly* has an article entitled, "Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong," by Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the director of the Maryland Student Service Alliance of the Maryland Department of Education. Townsend, a JFK niece, claims that positive changes in U.S. education are coming from introducing "values curricula," "character education programs," and "community service."

Noting that such "reforms" have often generated anxiety and opposition among parents, teachers, and other groups, she writes, "A smart values program includes parents, too. Before a values program at Gauger's Junior High in Newmark, Delaware, was implemented, 100 people—parents, teachers, students, and community representatives—attended a two-day conference in which they learned about the purpose and goals of the program and the ways they could help implement it. Parents provided input and teachers knew they had community support. And in the end, nobody had to worry that little Petey would bounce home from values class clutching the collected works of Lyndon LaRouche."

LaRouche, who has written in great depth about the crisis in education and fought for a return to the classical curriculum, is not mentioned anywhere else in either article.

Ky. schools become 'New Age' test tubes

Kentucky has initiated a pilot program curriculum reform which eliminates textbooks, grades, and classrooms in kindergarten through third grade. Six-year-olds will work with eight-year-olds in common classrooms, instructed by teams of teachers using advanced brainwashing techniques based on the theories of psychologist Jean Piaget. One school has resisted the plan, with the understated objection that "it is almost humanly impossible to teach when you put so many age levels in one classroom."

One elementary school, which pioneered the "hands-on teaching" and "whole language" and "whole math" techniques, last year showed a 21% drop in performance on standardized tests. Principal John McIntyre insisted that this was irrelevant, since the children are "learning to solve problems." Another experimental school last year showed a 10% drop in computational skills and 20% in phonics comprehension.

A typical lesson was described by the *Wall Street Journal*: "When six-to-eight year olds studied forestry recently, they pitched a tent in class, crawled in it and sang camp songs while feasting on trail snacks . . . the lesson ended with a play about the different parts of a tree."

B'nai B'rith member rips phony poll

A letter in the Dec. 16 issue of the Broward County, Florida *Jewish Journal* by Simon L. Cherry took the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) to task for extrapolating the results of a poll to say there were 40 million anti-Semites in the United States. The *Journal* boasts the largest circulation of any Jewish weekly in the country.

Cherry wrote: "Many times I have wanted to rebut an article or differ with an expressed opinion by person or group, giving the impression that he, she, or they are speaking on behalf of most of us when the article is patently untrue.

"The article I am now referring to is the ADL Survey that 40 million hold anti-Semitic views. This is according to a major national survey released this week by the ADL.

"This statement is based (according to your article) on interviews with 1,101 American adults, conducted by the Boston polling firm of Martila & Kiley and the comment by Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director.

"I not only don't believe that the opinion of these 1,101 adults translate into a viewpoint of 40 million people but I decry the use of ADL funds for such a stupid project. I am and have been a member of B'nai B'rith for over 35 years. I have read and seen many

diverse viewpoints and opinions and with it all I have learned to separate the wheat from the chaff. I don't believe the veracity of this so-called report but would like to know how much this service caught and who authorized it. Too many members of our faith carry it as a chip on the shoulder and if any arguments arise, the other party is called anti-Semitic. The most virulent anti-Semitic groups are our own peoples in Israel."

Confederate flag won't fly over Ala. capitol

Alabama's Gov. Ray Hunt was ordered to remove the Confederate flag flying over the newly renovated state capitol by a circuit judge in Montgomery, the first week of January.

The effort to remove the Confederate flag from flying over the state capitol prevailed thanks to the efforts of both Democrats and Republicans, whites and blacks. That effort was further boosted by State Rep. Alvin Holms and three other black lawmakers, who sued Hunt over the flag issue. Circuit Judge Gordon ruled that Hunt can only order the Alabama state flag and the U.S. national flag flown.

Representative Holms told reporters that this was the "greatest moment" he had been associated with, "since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act." Holms had filed suits against the Confederate flag in federal court in 1976 and 1988, failing both times. Speaking on behalf of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Will Hill Tankersly stated, "I regret that it took a court order instead of an executive order" to have the flag taken down.

Washington murder rate dropped in '92

The murder rate in Washington, D.C. was lower in 1992 for the first time in seven years, although still phenomenally high, according to the Dec. 31 *Washington Post*. For the first time since 1985, the number of

people killed in the District is lower than it was the year before: 448 were slain, down from 489 in 1991. In Prince George's County, Maryland, the metropolitan area's second most violent jurisdiction by far, the 1992 homicide toll—139—was 19 less than 1991. The same trend showed up in many of the nation's major cities.

The *Post* quoted local police officials, who, while saying "the problem is not going away by any means," credit the improvement, in part, to "neighborhood leaders who organized anti-violence programs because they didn't want to see any more of their children die." The article also specifically noted the efforts of the Nation of Islam: "For a while, members of the Nation of Islam patrolled Bellevue [a crime-infested neighborhood]. Drug turf wars there ended."

Statistically, one-third of the District's 1992 homicides were related to drugs. 84% of the victims were black males, and most of them were 18 to 25 years old.

Daschle gives backing to Iraqi milk lift

Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.C.) read a statement into the *Congressional Record* on Oct. 8, 1992, detailing the U.S. efforts of the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq. The international activities of the committee are supported by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche.

"Mr. President, I speak today to support the humanitarian effort of farmers across the country who are working to send milk powder to disadvantaged children in Iraq.

"This project is supported by a non-partisan organization known as the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq, founded in May 1991. . . . The effort to send milk powder to Iraq [began] on Oct. 1, 1991, when 20 farmers from 8 states, including South Dakota, developed a plan to help children in Iraq who are being denied proper nutrition. This was conceived at a time when some dairy farmers across the country were considering dumping milk on the ground to protest low farm prices. Since then, they have sent four shipments from the United States amounting to over 9,750 pounds of nonfat dry milk, which would equal about 50,000 quarts of fluid milk for Iraqi children. . . ."

Briefly

● SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Lawrence Walsh's office said on Dec. 31 that "we are continuing to obtain and review the Bush notes," regarding the Iran-Contra operations. Mary Belcher, spokesman for Walsh's office said, "No decisions have been made one way or the other regarding further action because we aren't done yet."

● EARTH FIRST!

has distributed a leaflet opposing the Mt. Graham International Observatory in Arizona that includes fabricated anti-Indian and anti-Semitic remarks attributed to people involved with operation of the Vatican telescope at the observatory.

● BILL CLINTON

was to meet with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari on Jan. 8 in Austin, Texas, according to the *Washington Post*.

● MILWAUKEE

students participating in the city's school choice program scored lower than their counterparts in public schools in standardized achievement tests, according to a study issued Dec. 31 by a University of Wisconsin professor.

● SOURCES

have told *EIR* that several Indian reservations near Woodstock, New Brunswick in Canada are being targeted for casino gambling. The Woodstock chief knows who the casino operators are, but will only say that "they are from Minnesota, have New Jersey sponsors, and have been cleared with the FBI."

● THE FIRST HANGING

in 27 years was carried out on Jan. 5, in Washington State, as a vengeful mob waited eagerly outside the prison to hear news of the death of Westley Allan Dodd.

● VIRGINIA'S

Democratic Party apparatus is splitting over the corruption of Attorney General Mary Sue Terry. Terry expects to succeed Doug Wilder as governor in 1994, but Wilder has reneged on supporting her.