

National News

New York Times covers Mississippi jail 'suicides'

The Feb. 21 issue of the *New York Times* devoted nearly a full page to the series of 22 hangings of young black men in Mississippi jails in recent years. The article cited the death of Andre Jones, which authorities ruled a suicide, but which his family and supporters called a "lynching," saying "it is only one of the many committed in the jails of a state where the terror of the Jim Crow and civil rights eras lives on in new forms."

"This is a continuation, it's a revival of the fear that existed in Mississippi prior to 1964," said Ben Chaney, whose older brother James Chaney was murdered in Philadelphia, Miss. along with Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner during the civil rights struggles. "These atrocities are just building up and are continuing."

"There's a feeling among blacks across the nation that the new way of lynching us is to get us in jail and lynch us," said Mississippi State Rep. Barney Schoby, chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus. Trying to downplay the situation, the *Times* noted that "suicide, usually by hanging, is the quiet plague of the nation's prisons and jails, particularly in the South." But of the reported suicides in Mississippi jails over the last five years, 52% were black, compared to a 16% rate nationally.

Robinson, Bevel appeal for LaRouche's freedom

Veteran civil rights leaders Amelia Boynton Robinson and the Rev. James Bevel are circulating a letter to prominent individuals to join the international petition effort to free political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche. Bevel was LaRouche's running mate in the 1992 presidential campaign. On Inauguration Day, over 1,000 names appeared in an ad in the *Washington Post* calling on President Clinton to free LaRouche. That campaign is now being extended to include 10,000 prominent individuals and 5 million names worldwide.

The letter reads in part: "We, who

worked in the civil rights movement, are familiar first-hand with the abuse of the law in the defense of systemic injustice. We worked personally with Dr. Martin Luther King, and often preceded or joined him in jail, for a cause which we all hold dear—the inalienable rights contained in the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution. . . .

"There is no excuse, in our country, for the unjust prosecution, conviction, and incarceration of the innocent. Yet, case after case of violent abuse of the judicial system, usually by factions of government, or by unscrupulous but powerful individuals, shock the national consciousness. An exemplary current case of such abuse is that of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche. . . .

"For example, Chief Justice Rehnquist has declared that his model of enlightened jurisprudence is Roger Taney, who, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, passed the infamous 'Dred Scott Decision' in 1857, declaring that, under the Constitution blacks were to be judged to have no rights, over and against the fact that they, as slaves, were property first and foremost. . . . On June 11, 1990, the court declined to review the LaRouche case, despite abundant evidence of gross injustice pervading lower court decisions. . . ."

Citing the fact that two of LaRouche's associates are also imprisoned, one of them for 77 years, Mrs. Robinson and Reverend Bevel conclude the letter with an appeal to join the petition effort.

Boston Globe defends 'hate crimes' laws

The June 23, 1992 ruling by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in overturning the state's hate crimes law "has created deep anxiety among law enforcement officials who prosecute" those crimes, the *Boston Globe* wrote in its lead editorial on Feb. 21. "Hate crime laws focus on criminal conduct, not speech," the *Globe* insisted, and it is "the duty of the state to link the defendant's bigotry to the discriminatory selection of the victim and to the commission of the underlying crime. . . . Its aim is to assign consequences to those who act criminally upon such thoughts."

Wisconsin has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear the case this term. The law, which exists in some form in roughly 30 states and is modeled on legislation created by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, enhances the sentence of anyone committing an existing statutory crime, if the individual committed it out of bigotted intent. The U.S. Supreme Court one day earlier struck down St. Paul, Minnesota's law which made certain "hateful" actions themselves crimes.

The little-known federal statute, also backed by the ADL, makes police agencies responsible for reporting information on the race, religion, beliefs, or sex of both suspects and victims, to assemble national "hate crimes" statistics. Many local police officials fear that such classification affects the outcomes of trials and threatens due process.

Notes show Shultz tried to stop Iran arms sales

The Feb. 20 issue of the *Washington Post* ran a lengthy summary of "voluminous" notes from November 1986 kept by Charles Hill, an aide to then-Secretary of State George Shultz. Released a week earlier by Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh, whose investigation and office no longer exist, the notes reveal a tremendous crisis within the Reagan administration during that month.

Hill's daily record of Shultz's meetings and conversations apparently show that, once the Iran arms-for-hostages deal had been exposed, Shultz tried to engineer the ouster of National Security Adviser John Poindexter and halt the arms sales to Iran.

The *Post* also reported that Nancy Reagan was attempting to get Shultz fired for not being supportive enough of President Reagan; and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was angling to take over as secretary of state, and trying to arrange the return of William Clark as national security adviser.

According to Hill's notes, Shultz was particularly worried that the arms sales to Iran "could get mixed up with help for the ff[freedom fighters] in Nicaragua." He told Attorney General Edwin Meese on Nov. 22

that there "may be a connection. Our enemies on Capitol Hill would love to wrap the two together." Hours later, Meese was informed by Justice Department aides that documents discovered in Oliver North's White House office pointed to the diversion of funds from the arms sales.

European musicians to honor late Dr. King

Norbert Brainin, founder and first violinist of the legendary Amadeus Quartet, and distinguished pianist Günter Ludwig, announced their plans to hold a concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, at the corner of 4th and D Sts., SE, Washington, D.C., March 22. A second concert is planned for Birmingham, Alabama. Brainin expressed his appreciation for the incalculable legacy bestowed by Dr. King on the people of the world, on this, the 25th anniversary of his untimely death on April 4, 1968.

The Ebenezer United Methodist Church was founded in 1801 as an integrated congregation; blacks who opposed the practice of the "Negro pew," and who had become too numerous to continue to be segregated, founded the church as "Little Ebenezer." Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln both spoke there.

Tickets are available from the Schiller Institute which is sponsoring the concert, at (202) 544-7018.

Satanist Anton LaVey was a mobster and eugenicist

According to a 1990 book, *The Secret Life of a Satanist—The Authorized Biography of Anton LaVey*, by self-described Satanist Blanche Barton, Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan in San Francisco, was the son of a Chicago liquor distributor. As a young man, LaVey accompanied his uncle Bill to Las Vegas, to help Bugsy Siegel and Meyer Lansky set up the Flamingo Hotel and Casino. LaVey was later involved in running guns to the Zionist terrorist groups Irgun and Stern Gang.

LaVey's hero was arms merchant Sir Basil Zaharoff, whose house contained a "black-draped Satanic chapel," the book said. Among the "first members of what would eventually evolve into the Church of Satan . . . was the heir to the Vickers munitions estate." Zaharoff was an agent of Albert Vickers, the head of the Vickers arms empire.

Barton wrote: "Lurking behind all the nasty tricks of high heels, seamed stockings, fantasies, fetishes and odors, however, is the real, and dangerous, content of Anton LaVey's *Satanic Witch*. . . . In the guise of practical witchery, LaVey has written a handbook of eugenics, insidiously putting forth a system for applied natural selection to be implemented by any woman who reads and heeds what LaVey has written. 'Because of forced egalitarianism,' says LaVey, 'the lost science of eugenics, the art of typing people, has been all but outlawed, and the Darwinian process of natural selection has been virtually reversed.' "

'Lead or Leave' incites 'age war' vs. elderly

A gang of yuppie punks called Lead or Leave, founded last summer by Jon Cowan and Rob Nelson, is holding forums on college campuses in an effort to foment a generational war of young against old, and charging that Social Security is a "rip-off by the elderly." Despite claiming to be "grass-roots," LOL got an initial boost from Wall Street banker Peter G. Peterson and the Concord Coalition, headed by former Sens. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) and Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.). LOL revealed that it has received \$40,000 from Ross Perot, as well.

The two LOL founders appeared on a Washington, D.C. talk show on Feb. 23, complaining that Clinton's economic package didn't go far enough in spending cuts. They insisted that "53% of the budget is entitlements. . . . This means tough belt-tightening. . . . The younger generation won't pay. . . . When our generation gets to be 40, our enemy will be the older generation who are sucking up resources."

LOL recently demonstrated in front of the D.C. headquarters of the American Association of Retired People, and plan a March 10 "Rock the Deficit" concert.

Briefly

● **AL KHAFIR**, an Arabic magazine published in Beirut Lebanon, carried a three-page review of *EIR*'s book, *The Ugly Truth about the ADL*, including a large photo inset of the book's cover.

● **BRENT SCOWCROFT**, George Bush's national security adviser, will be knighted as a Commander of the British Empire, by Queen Elizabeth II on March 17, "for his duty on behalf of the kingdom and its allies during the Gulf war," according to the *Washington Times*.

● **NANCY SPANNAUS**, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, filed to become the Democratic candidate for Virginia governor on Feb. 22. Former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry is her opponent, whom Spannaus characterized as "the 'Ilse Koch' of Richmond. . . . If I didn't give [Virginia Democrats] the opportunity of an alternative, it would weigh on my conscience," she said.

● **CALIFORNIA'S** euthanasia ballot initiative received the highest vote from voters under 30, and those with postgraduate education and incomes over \$75,000, according to a study by the Tarrance Group. The strongest opposition came from women, older voters, Asians and blacks.

● **'USA TODAY'** ran two editorials on Feb. 16 calling for women on welfare to get the five-year sterilization implant Norplant. In a guest editorial, Walter A. Graham, president pro-tem of the Mississippi Senate, called for "mandated contraception through legislation." In a bill last year, Graham called for disqualifying women who do not accept such sterilization.

● **JACK KEVORKIAN**, the Michigan "suicide doctor," is still licensed as a physician in California. A spokesman for the California licensing bureau responded to an inquiry from *EIR*, "When are they going to stop giving that man grief?" and said no action will be taken to discipline Kevorkian, or to even put a reprimand on his record.