

# National News

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## British review praises exposé of ADL

The March issue of the British League of Rights-connected publication *On Target*, features a lengthy review of *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, issued this year by *EIR*. *On Target* editor Donald Martin underlines the substantial differences he and his circles have with *EIR*—particularly this publication's alleged "Anglophobia"—but he nonetheless acknowledges that the magazine's founder, Lyndon LaRouche, was framed up. He dismisses Dennis King's book *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*, noting that "a glance through the text suggests a fairly crude attempt at character assassination."

*On Target*, widely circulated in the British Parliament and among British conservatives, continues: "Unfortunately, LaRouche's reputation had been smirched for some years by rumors of fundraising irregularities, and at the end of 1988 he was sentenced, along with three [sic] of his aides, to a lengthy term of imprisonment. Since then there has been a sustained campaign to reverse the conviction. The material since furnished by his staff suggests that he has been victim of a deliberate and fraudulent legal process."

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## U.S. bishops call for limited force in Balkans

On March 29, the Administrative Board of the U.S. Catholic Conference issued a statement, "War in the Balkans: Moral Challenges, Policy Choices," calling for the limited use of force to stop "the litany of horrors" in former Yugoslavia, according to Catholic News Service. The story was carried front page in the *Arlington Catholic Herald* on April 1, the diocesan newspaper for the suburban Washington area in northern Virginia.

The statement calls for "religious believers and the international community to act with new resolve" in the conflict, and approves "strictly limited" use of force, a

political solution to the war, the creation of a war crimes tribunal, and help for refugees and nations accepting them. It quotes at length from Pope John Paul II and religious leaders in the Balkans.

"We agree with the Islamic, Serbian Orthodox, and Roman Catholic leaders in the region who have declared that 'the evil has surpassed all bounds' and that the international community must show more clearly the political will to use 'all morally justifiable means' to stop aggression and 'ethnic cleansing,'" the statement says. It also concurs with "the view . . . that Serbian military forces bear the greatest responsibility for aggression and abuses."

The newspaper also announced worldwide prayer rallies for Bosnia over the April 3-4 weekend. The Washington, D. C. rally sponsored by Americans for Freedom in Former Yugoslavia and other organizations, drew several hundred people.

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## LaRouche discusses SDI, small nuclear powers

Imprisoned U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche discussed how his policy for a strategic ballistic missile defense would protect against a small nuclear aggressor without imposing anti-nuclear "technological apartheid" on the Third World, in the weekly "*EIR* Talks with Lyndon LaRouche" on March 24. In response to a question on North Korea's alleged development of a nuclear weapon, LaRouche pointed out that his original 1982-83 proposal, which became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, was aimed at making the "penalty of launching a strategic style of nuclear attack by any nation . . . horrendous."

He continued, "That does not mean that you can stop every possible missile they might launch; but it means you can effectively stop a general launch. That is, you can destroy it to such a degree, that either none or only a very small part of the whole attack succeeds, and you can even damage that."

"If we had a *global defense*, any attack from a nation such as North Korea would be totally impotent with modern technology.

But that would require using the new physical principles, not interceptor rockets. As I said, interceptor rockets have *inherent* shortcomings from economic, military, and other standpoints. They are too slow, whereas lasers travel at the speed of light and other types of systems travel at high relativistic speeds. . . .

"One calculation was . . . that possibly a strategic defense would cost us 10¢ for every missile stopped, as against a dollar's worth of missile stopped" by using interceptor rockets. "So you have essentially a 10:1 advantage in economy and in other qualities over the offense . . . and against a small country—this was something we discussed back then, in 1982-83—even apart from the major nuclear powers, against small nuclear powers, the defense, of course, would even have a relatively much greater advantage, almost an absolute advantage as in the case of a country such as North Korea."

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## Spannaus petitions for Virginia governor

The Spannaus for Governor campaign began petitioning on April 2 to qualify Nancy Spannaus as an independent for governor of Virginia. The Commonwealth requires the filing of 15,243 valid signatures by June 8 for independent candidates. Spannaus, a longtime associate of Lyndon LaRouche, has issued a leaflet for the petitioning effort, which identifies the choice for Virginians in 1993 as "barbarism or justice," personified by the choice between herself and the presumptive Democratic candidate, former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry.

Spannaus would not rule out making a last-minute intervention into the May 8 state Democratic Party Convention, scheduled for May 8. Democratic delegates were chosen in virtually closed caucuses, over March 21-22. Spannaus has four delegates pledged to her at the convention, and 60 more at least are uncommitted. So far, the State Central Committee appears to have organized the convention as a coronation of Terry.

"I am a Democrat," Spannaus stressed, "in the pro-science, pro-progress mainstream of the party, whose economic growth

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policies are represented in the programs of President John F. Kennedy and, today, of economist Lyndon LaRouche. But if the corrupt powerbrokers of the party succeed in pushing through their candidate, Mary Sue Terry, then I will be prepared to run on the independent line. If I do this, I can assure you that I will be joined by a slate of citizen candidates for the state legislature as well. All of us will be committed to finally cleaning up the corruption and barbarism in Virginia, reversing the economic depression, and freeing the statesman with the solutions to today's crises, Lyndon LaRouche."

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## Reno announces new Justice appointments

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno announced on April 2 that President Clinton has nominated Philip Heymann as deputy attorney general, Webster Hubbell as associate attorney general, and Drew S. Days III as solicitor general.

Reno gave the following background information on the nominees:

Philip Heymann has been the James Barr Ames professor at Harvard Law School, director of its Center for Criminal Justice, and professor at the Kennedy School of Government. He was assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division from 1978-81, associate Watergate special prosecutor from 1973-75, and in the prior decade held various posts at the Department of State. As director of Harvard's Center for Criminal Justice, Heymann has in recent years managed a number of projects supposedly designed to improve the criminal justice systems of countries including Guatemala, Colombia, South Africa, and Russia.

Webster Hubbell was mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas from 1979-81. He has also been chief justice of Arkansas, and a law partner of Hillary Clinton.

Drew Days is a professor of law at Yale Law School. In the fall of 1969, Days joined the staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense Fund in New York. At the Legal Defense Fund he litigated cases in the areas of school desegregation, police misconduct, and employment discrimination.

In March 1977, he was confirmed by the Senate to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. In January 1981, he joined the faculty of the Yale University Law School.

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## Execution date set for Supreme Court victim

Leonel Herrera, the Texas death row inmate whose *habeas* appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was denied, has been scheduled to die on May 5. The court ruled on Jan. 25 that innocent persons who have been convicted of murder may be executed without violating the Constitution.

Herrera's execution date is May 5, or Cinco de Mayo, the day Mexicans celebrate their country's defeat of the French invasion in 1862. Herrera told the press that he's offended and angered by having his execution take place on this day.

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## Eco-terrorists threaten Mt. Graham telescopes

Earth First, an environmentalist terrorist group, plans to hold an eight-day rally on Mt. Graham, near Safford, Arizona from June 27-July 4, which is expected to be attended by 300-500 activists, near where the University of Arizona is completing an observatory with two multimillion-dollar telescopes. The group has long opposed the project on the grounds that construction of the 24-acre facility will dispossess a species of squirrel.

Over the years, Earth First members have made threats against the construction program. In a 1988 interview with the *Arizona Daily Star*, Dave Foreman, a co-founder of the group, stated, "There are people who are prepared to make them put the scopes up several times, which means a telescope doesn't see the stars very well if its mirror is broken."

Earth First is known for the practice of "spiking" trees—driving spikes into trees that spew shrapnel when hit by a chain-saw—in order to terrorize loggers.

## Briefly

● **A STATUE HONORING** the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall has been proposed to be placed on Washington's Judiciary Square by a local civic group. The square is presently the site of a statue, maintained at government expense, of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike.

● **MIHAILO MARKOVIC**, professor of philosophy and political science at the University of Pennsylvania, should be banned from the school, because he is a war criminal and spokesman for Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic, according to a Schiller Institute petition. Markovic is part of the network around *Praxis* magazine that planned and executed the Serbian "ethnic cleansing" against Croatia and Bosnia.

● **RICHARD THORNBURGH**, a former U.S. attorney general, has repudiated the debts from his failed campaign for the Pennsylvania U.S. Senate seat. He is being sued for \$175,000 owed to Texas political consultant Karl Rove. Thornburgh said that he is not personally liable for his campaign debt, and that if anyone is, it is members of his campaign committee.

● **MARIO CUOMO** asked to have his name withdrawn from consideration to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Byron White, according to *New York Newsday* on April 7.

● **GARY SICK**, a former Carter National Security Council staffer, denounced the trend to make "Islamic fundamentalism" a replacement for the Cold War enemy image, in the *Washington Post* of April 4. "Egypt, Israel, and the CIA have all concluded that their interests are served by the propagation of a new enemy—Islamic fundamentalism."

● **OPENING STATEMENTS** were made in the trial of Robert Altman on March 30, who is charged with hiding the fact that Bank of Credit and Commerce International owned First American Bankshares.