

National News

Pope cites Washington on morality in politics

Pope John Paul II quoted George Washington in exhorting Catholics to be aware of "their social and political responsibilities." On the heels of his mid-August trip to the United States, the pope urged in his "General Intentions" for the month of September: "Corruption exists in public as well as private life, and Christ's cross was raised against both. To separate our politico/social life from our religion is a betrayal of Christ. . . .

"To be Christian is to forward the civilization of love, the kingdom of the Heart of Christ. Our lives are to be prayer and service to that end. When formed by Catholic social doctrine, our minds and hearts are attuned to Christ's Heart by the Holy Spirit.

"Promoting the common good is a most noble form of charity. It is praiseworthy to enter politics, media work, and other social careers to promote the dignity of persons, the inviolability of life, family causes, religious freedom, and the well-being of all.

"We impose no Catholic doctrine; we urge the natural law ethic and religious freedom that surfaced through the ages wherever higher principles prevailed. In support of the body politic, 'Religion and morality are indispensable supports' (George Washington)."

Kennedy Center musicians strike in Washington, D.C.

Director of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Lawrence Wilker has torn up the center's expiring orchestral contracts, forcing the Kennedy Center Orchestra to begin an "unfair labor practice strike" with a full picket line on Sept. 2. The strike shut down all three Kennedy Center concert halls. Management is refusing to continue paying a full-time standard orchestra, but instead wants to hire players for each performance as a "pick-up orchestra."

A real orchestra is a "unit of musicians

which performs as an ensemble," a D.C. Federation of Musicians press release noted. "Musicians are not interchangeable widgets that can be moved around arbitrarily. For an ensemble to work, the same musicians have to be playing together regularly." A unionist told reporters, "If you want opera, it's a musical necessity. If you want a one-night band for a bar mitzvah, don't go to the opera."

Management has hired Pinkerton security, which is notorious for provoking violence against picket lines. "Ask any member of the United Mine Workers or the United Steel Workers about 'Pinkerton' agents, and they will tell you a horrifying tale of violence and intimidation on the picket line," a union spokesman said. Scabs are also being brought in to break the union.

U.S. prisoner's wife in Prague, Bratislava

Gail Billington, the wife of Michael Billington who is serving an outrageous 77-year sentence in Virginia, met with members and former members of government, parliament, and human rights organizations, and with journalists in the capitals of the Czech Republic (Prague) and the Slovak Republic (Bratislava) in mid-August, in order to brief them on the judicial barbarism in the United States exemplified by the political imprisonment of her husband and Lyndon LaRouche. Michael Billington is the China desk editor of *EIR*, which LaRouche founded in 1974.

Mrs. Billington was interviewed at length by the leading government daily in Slovakia, as well as some opposition papers. She also gave a three-hour briefing on the political persecution of the LaRouche movement to the most important human rights organization in Slovakia, a transcript of which will be published by one newspaper. After a heated debate in Slovak, the organization's chairman told her: "Mrs. Billington, you have totally convinced us that this is a huge case of political prosecution in the United States. . . . It is the irony of history, that, now, small Slovakia will have to intervene."

One member of parliament, who considers LaRouche's European "Productive Triangle" program to be strategically urgent, told her of the threat of a renewed war in Europe if the Clinton administration turns its back on LaRouche's strategic ideas.

Science adviser packing staff with enviros

Presidential science adviser John Gibbons, head of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, is filling his top staff with greens. Gibbons, who came to the job from the congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which has a longstanding anti-technology, anti-science bias, appointed Skip Johns as his number-two man to handle technology and space issues. His choice for coordinator of environmental and energy-related matters is Robert Watson, an atmospheric chemist from NASA whose experience in greenwashing comes from the Ozone Trends Panel. Watson chaired this group and hand-picked its members to produce a thoroughly dishonest view of ozone depletion which set the stage for the Montreal Protocol to ban such life-sustaining chemicals as refrigerants and fire suppressants.

Jane Wales, a journalist and arms control activist, has been appointed as associate director for international affairs. Wales was the executive director of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a group that is anti-nuclear, opposed to antiballistic-missile defense, and anti-defense generally. Another appointee is Frank von Hippel, a Princeton physicist who is publicly against nuclear power. Von Hippel will be assistant director for science and security policy.

Du Pont heir demands ouster of Skip Humphrey

Lewis du Pont Smith, heir to the Du Pont chemical fortune and a political associate of Lyndon LaRouche, announced on Aug. 31 that he and his wife Andrea will tour Minnesota from Sept. 9-19 to press for the investigation and impeachment of Attorney Gener-

al Hubert H. ("Skip") Humphrey III. Smith also announced the release of an extensive white paper, "Skip Humphrey and the Criminal Abuse of Power: Case Studies of Corruption, Coverup and Official Oppression in Minnesota."

Chapters of the white paper include: "The Mob, the ADL and Skip Humphrey: Plotting with Kidnappers"; "The Looting of Minnesota from Kid Cann to Carl Pohlad: How Organized Crime Became 'Respectable'"; "Skip Humphrey, Protector of Sex Criminals: The Jordan Child Abuse Coverup"; and "Humphrey and Abortion: Case Study of a Political Prostitute."

Smith and his wife were targets of a kidnap conspiracy involving his father, along with agents of the Cult Awareness Network and the Anti-Defamation League, in 1992. The plot was foiled when the conspirators were arrested and indicted by the federal government. Over 60 hours of undercover recordings and wiretaps were released by the FBI during the trial. Among those recorded was Rick Munson, an investigator in Humphrey's office, in a discussion with former Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Lt. Donald Moore, a ring-leader of the kidnap conspiracy. Munson told Moore that the Minnesota Attorney General's office intended to press criminal charges against LaRouche supporters in the Midwest in order to stop their political activities.

Mayor ordered S.F. police to work with ADL

A recent San Francisco Police Commission report said that Dianne Feinstein, during her term as mayor of San Francisco, had ordered the police to work closely with the Anti-Defamation League and its paid informant Roy Bullock, according to the Sept. 4 *San Francisco Examiner*. The ADL is under criminal investigation in California for using proprietary government files to spy on its political enemies, including Jewish activists who disagree with the ADL's policies on Israel.

Feinstein, who is now a freshman U.S. senator, denied the allegation in a letter read

to the Police Commission on Sept. 1. She said that in 1979 she had asked for weekly reports from the police, who were told to "work with all groups" in the Jewish community after a series of anti-Semitic incidents. Feinstein said she met with leaders of the Jewish community, but that it was never her intent "that police work with or establish a liaison exclusively with any one organization."

At the Sept. 1 commission meeting, an Arab-American leader called for Katherine Feinstein, the former mayor's daughter, to remove herself as one of the two Police Commission members looking into the case of former police inspector Tom Gerard, who has been indicted for passing confidential police files to Bullock and the ADL. Katherine Feinstein refused to step down, according to the *Examiner*.

Kirkpatrick calls for U.S. action in Bosnia

Former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Jeane Kirkpatrick told Cable News Network on Sept. 3 that unilateral action by the United States is the most important form of action that could be taken to save Bosnia. "I believe the United States should take, if necessary now, unilateral action under Article 51 of the U.N. charter," which guarantees a state's right to self-defense. She called for "military action by way of air strikes, to lift the siege of Sarajevo for once and for all, and to drive those people who are now occupying Mt. Igman and other mountains around Sarajevo off their positions. If we do that, we will send a very important message. That's about the only important message we could send right now, I think."

Kirkpatrick said that she and other prominent U.S. signers of an open letter to President Clinton are "calling for an end to any kind of pressures to force Bosnia to agree to a so-called peace plan which would leave Bosnia dismembered and simply some isolated little mini-states. And we're also calling for military action; in fact, for air strikes, quite specifically, and then for arming the Bosnians so that they can defend themselves."

Briefly

● **NAMBLA'S** first national conference, set for Washington over the Labor Day weekend, was forced to find other rooms, when the University of the District of Columbia discovered that a front group for the North American Man-Boy Love Association had signed the contract, and cancelled its agreement. Nambla's motto is "Sex before eight [years old], or it's too late."

● **PAUL WATSON**, head of the radical ecologist Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is planning to buy a surplus submarine in order to harass whalers and fishermen undetected. The Greenpeace co-founder is reportedly eyeing a 1958 Foxtrot-class sub for his purchase, according to Putting People First.

● **LAROCHE ACTIVIST** Sheila Anne Jones announced on Aug. 31 that she will run for governor of Illinois at the head of a statewide slate for next year's elections. Her running mate is Chicago resident Anthony Harper. In 1986, two LaRouche associates won the Democratic candidacies for lieutenant governor and secretary of state, causing an international furor among LaRouche's enemies.

● **CHRIS DROGOUL**, former head of the Atlanta branch of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, was forced into a plea bargain, when the new judge in his case ruled as inadmissible evidence showing that the Bush White House knew about BNL's loans to Iraq. Drogoul pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and two counts of making false statements to bank regulators on Sept. 2.

● **BUSH'S EMBARGO** against Iraq came under attack by Houston's NBC affiliate on Aug. 31, which aired an investigative report detailing the suffering the continued embargo has caused the Iraqi people, and especially the children. The reporter asserted that Clinton has not had the courage to break with his predecessor's policy.