

leader Angela Davis, as well as several other “New Left” leaders.

TNI-IPS and ‘Narco-Terrorism’

The director of IPS (since 1988) is John Cavanaugh, who frequently speaks at New York Council on Foreign Relations public seminars. Cavanaugh was a Founding TNI Fellow, and helped establish the IFG. Today, he holds a position on the IFG board along with Goldsmith. He also contributed a piece entitled “Homogenization of Global Culture” to a book, *The Case Against the Global Economy and For a Turn Toward the Local* (San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1996), edited by IFG President Jerry Mander and Goldsmith.

Cavanaugh works closely with the Progressive Caucus of the U.S. Congress, and with the International Department of the AFL-CIO. The latter, since the days of former Bukharinite snake Irving Brown, has been at the center of many filthy operations.

Under Cavanaugh’s direction, IPS and TNI have become protectors of “narco-terrorism,” which is an integral part of the new Jacobin movement. For example, Saul Landau, who is tied to IPS, in a broadcast on Pacifica News on Dec. 22, 1998 entitled “Report From Chiapas,” began: “Chiapas is an Indian nation occupied by a foreign army. . . . The dramatic action of armed Mayans and their demands—land, food, housing, jobs, justice, and, of course, democracy—burst the bubble of Mexico as a democratic and worthy NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] ally.”

Also for example, a piece by Ricardo Vargas Meza, entitled “The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the Illicit Drug Trade,” prepared for TNI, Acción Andina (based in Cochabamba, Bolivia), and the Washington Office on Latin America in June 1999, carefully crafts its rhetoric to separate the so-called “rebel” FARC from the narco-kingpins: “While escalating civil conflict in Colombia is attracting increasing international interest and concern, the complex relationships between drug trafficking, political violence, and many actors involved in the social conflict in Colombia are often absent from the debate. This background brief provides a general overview of the relationship between the largest guerrilla group in Colombia, the [FARC] and illicit drug production and trafficking. In policy debates in Washington, the ‘narco-guerrilla’ theory has been employed to suggest that the guerrillas are major drug traffickers and that counterinsurgency and counternarcotics operations are one and the same. In fact, the role of the guerrillas in illicit drug production and drug trafficking has evolved over time and remains primarily focused on taxation of illicit crops.”

As the Aug. 24 *EIR Feature* made clear, the new Jacobin movement is associated with the EZLN and the FARC to such a degree, that the first activity planned for the Sept. 29-30 riot against the IMF-World Bank in Washington, D.C. will be an attack upon Plan Colombia, the billion-dollar U.S. aid package which has been (falsely) characterized as assistance in a war on drug production.

The ‘Faith-Based’ Scam: Religion As State-Run Prostitution

by Anton Chaitkin

On Jan. 3, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. denounced the efforts to legalize a so-called “Faith-Based Initiative.” He stated: “I have been investigating the development of the Faith-Based Initiative now hitting Congress, and what I see shaping up in the United States, under President George Bush and [Attorney General] John Ashcroft, is a move to turn religion into a form of state-run prostitution.” He said: “This measure must be defeated now.”

LaRouche presented his associates with a detailed assessment, on which he will be reporting much more in the coming days. In the meantime, he asked that a special message be sent to Jesse Jackson to inform him of this evaluation of the proposed law as, in fact, creating a system of government-run, faith-based virtual prostitution.

Proclaimed as Federal funding for religious groups to give services to the poor, the sham program targets those who might otherwise be fighting politically to stop the destruction of the population. While social services are slashed in an economic collapse, George W. Bush’s Faith-Based Initiative aims to coopt Black and Hispanic clergy into competing for the right to prostitute themselves to Bush and his henchmen.

Thus far, the chief coordinator of outreach for the initiative has been the same notorious Republican Party-linked Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who played a key role in soliciting African-American constituencies to help candidate Bush’s cause, against Vice President Al Gore, in the 2000 Presidential campaign. The Bush initiative intensifies the 1996 “Welfare Reform” attack on the poor, which was jammed through the Clinton Administration by Gore. Gore demanded that President Clinton capitulate to the mass-murderous demands of avowed “conservative revolutionary” and then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). Today, the Democratic Party machine is being herded into support of this project of state-run religion by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), who coordinates personally with the Moonies.

Bush Gives Moon the Franchise

On April 24-25, 2001, a month after introducing the Bush measure as H.R. 7, Congressional Republicans staged a “faith-based” political support national summit meeting for clergymen at the Library of Congress. And local meetings, to stimulate appetites for the promised funds, were held throughout the country, with satellite broadcasts of the Washington



The world's wealthiest cult leader, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, has been given significant control of the "Faith-Based Initiative" corruption by which the Bush Republicans are trying to buy up local Democratic and religious figures, at a Depression price.

summit affair. This entire "grassroots" side of the event was sponsored by Moon front organizations—the Washington Times Foundation and the American Family Coalition—by arrangement with the Republican leadership.

In March and April, as the project was launched, Reverend Moon toured all 50 states. He met with many funds-starved African-American ministers and politicians, selling the Bush program. Moon ended the meetings by passing out Christian Bernard gold watches, reportedly worth "thousands of dollars" each, to attendees. He thus positioned his gang as the people to see for a better chance at the promised Federal money.

The Moon tour was organized by his assistant, David Caprara, president of Moon's American Family Coalition. Caprara is also president of the "faith-based" lobby group called The Empowerment Network; his two Congressional co-chairmen are Lieberman and Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), who manage the Bush initiative in the U.S. Senate.

Moonie Caprara, it turns out, was Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development when Jack Kemp was Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, under former President George H.W. Bush. Caprara's boss Kemp has received at least \$60,000 in speaker's fees from the Moon organization, while Kemp's boss, the senior Bush, has personally accepted several millions from Moon. At the end of the Bush-Kemp term of office, Kemp created the "Empowerment" lobby—since run by Caprara and co-chaired by Lieberman. Moon's role followed naturally from his assistance to the elder Bush, then Vice President, when Bush managed the criminal money flows and private-agency propaganda for the Central American Contras.

The Bush-Moon operation includes quiet participation by Rev. Pat Robertson, despite his public denunciations of Moon and the "Faith-Based Initiative." Longtime Robertson aide

Billy McCormack regularly represents Robertson's Christian Coalition at Moon events, while Rev. Jerry Falwell, rescued from bankruptcy by millions from the Moon empire, shows up alongside McCormack.

Smoke and Mirrors

The 1996 Welfare Reform Act sharply curtailed government assistance to destitute people without creating new jobs; but it allocated money to private organizations, including churches, to handle a small portion of the distress caused by the Act. In the Republican-sponsored H.R. 7, passed this Summer by the House of Representatives, there is not a significant amount of *new* money. Rather, the bill envisions re-channeling the existing flow to selected religious groups.

Bob Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches and a former Democratic Congressman, told this reporter that Bush seeks to "dump" Federal social programs; that there will be no new money, and no gain in services to the poor. Edgar said that in this initiative, Bush "has hugged more Blacks and Hispanics than voted for him"; that this is "a political action rather than a social action."

The House bill for the Bush initiative was not passed by the Senate. Lieberman's office says that he will offer some Senate version later this year, but it would only be passed after this year, if ever. Democrat Lieberman claims to want to allocate more money, and Republican Santorum claims that Bush wants to spend more money, but they cannot explain why the bill in the Republican-controlled House only amounted to one-tenth of what Bush is alleged to want to spend.

Meanwhile, Black clergymen and politicians jostle each other to be first in line for the promised manna.

On Moon's national tour, former District of Columbia Congressional Delegate Walter Fauntroy introduced Moon as a speaker, under Caprara's management. Does Fauntroy's new career as a paid Moonie help account for his failure to fight the murderous shutdown of D.C. General Hospital?

Former Washington Catholic priest George Stallings, Jr., also introduced Moon on the "faith-based" tour. He got more than a gold watch: The 53-year-old Stallings recently gained notoriety for marrying a Moon-selected 24-year-old Japanese woman.

Sober churchmen note that the applications filed to qualify for government money include detailed information on the internal workings and finances of the church, while Ashcroft's Justice Department is an active participant in Bush's initiative. Even prostitutes might not be safe from politically motivated, selective prosecution resulting from these payoffs.

Meanwhile, in a relevant development from London, the Murdoch London *Times* reports Catholic Archbishop of Westminster Cormac Murphy-O'Connor as warning, in effect, that "Thatcherism" and the "New Age" are wiping out Christianity in Britain. Those who follow closely the developments around the theme of "faith-based initiatives," must echo the London *Times*: It is also happening here.