

'Cannibal' is would-be governor of Virginia

LaRouche for Justice, the campaign committee of Lyndon LaRouche's campaign for the U.S. Congress from Virginia's 10th District, has issued a mass-circulation leaflet exposing the barbarity of one of the state's most prominent Democratic politicians, Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, who is already campaigning actively to become the state's governor in the 1993 election.

The leaflet makes no bones about what LaRouche and his friends think of Miss Terry. Illustrated with a caricature of the attorney general's hatchet-like features, adorned with human bones in her coiffure, the leaflet has the title, "Mary Sue Terry Is a Racist Cannibal." A slogan at the bottom reads, "Mary Sue Terry may install an extra stove in her kitchen in case the electric chair is overbooked."

The leaflet targets not only Terry, but the growing perception among economically desperate Americans that capital punishment is somehow a solution to the social degeneration of the country. "America is the *only* Western nation which still imposes the death penalty; every other Western country considers it barbaric. And, of all the states in the United States, Virginia leads in the number of people it kills," reports the campaign leaflet. "Since colonial times, Virginia has officially executed more than 1,300 people, and 247 have been fried—the highest number of any state in the nation—since the electric chair was introduced in 1908 to make executions more 'humane.'"

It continues, "But for Mary Sue Terry, the numbers aren't high enough. The same state government of Virginia which is carrying out a vendetta to shut down the political movement associated with 10th District Independent Democrat congressional candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, and to throw his associates in prison with 'overkill' sentences, is, measured by the standard of the death penalty, the most barbaric state government in the Western world."

Terry puts budget before human life

Mary Sue Terry flaunts the state's judicial efficiency in carrying out executions. In her 1989 biannual report, she bragged that the U.S. Supreme Court "upheld Virginia's position that a death row prisoner has no constitutional right to court-appointed counsel to pursue legal challenges to his

conviction after his direct appeals have been completed." But LaRouche for Justice charges that the real motive is that Virginia doesn't have any money in its coffers and "Mary Sue Terry doesn't want to pay to keep people alive."

The European Parliament, which last year initially refused to return an American to Virginia to face murder charges that might have brought the death penalty, "regards Virginia's attorney general as a virtual cannibal," the leaflet reveals.

A feature article in the weekly *New Federalist*, published on Aug. 24 of this year, reported that Terry was put into office by the circle of elite financiers, prominently including the R.J. Reynolds tobacco interests, who were instrumental in sterilizing hundreds of minorities and allegedly mentally retarded children—for reasons of "race purification"—in the 1940s and 1950s. "The Reynolds family, which finances sterilization, abortion, and euthanasia projects around the world today, has been the patron and political sponsor of Mary Sue Terry's family in Patrick County, Virginia, since her political career began," charges the leaflet.

Virginia's barbaric record

Of the 50 inmates now on death row in Virginia, 30% are mentally retarded and approximately 70% are borderline retarded. Many have tested IQ's in the range of 60. This fact reminds one of the Nazi policy of gassing those whom they considered "useless eaters." Two of the inmates on death row are probably innocent of the crime they were charged with and proven not to have been at the scene of the crime.

A recent study, comparing the race of the victim and the perpetrator, demonstrates that if the victim is white and the defendant is black, the death penalty rate is four times higher than any other combination. Virginia's death row inmates—as part of the national pattern—are overwhelmingly black men convicted of violent crimes against white women.

Virginia has the lowest rate in the nation of preventing actual executions through legal appeal. In Virginia only 6% of the death sentences are later overturned on appeal, as compared to 44% in South Carolina and 100% in New Jersey. Since Virginia courts demand "contemporaneous objections" for an appeal to be heard, when a lawyer fails to issue instantaneous objections at trial, no matter what the error, the condemned can never come back and raise it on appeal.

"Terry's bloodthirst against capital criminals matches her zeal in carrying out vendettas against the political movement associated with LaRouche," the leaflet concludes.

Indeed, the same report from the Attorney General that boasts of the state's record in executions, includes the following: "We took the initiative again to spearhead the criminal investigation of fundraising groups associated with the Lyndon LaRouche organization." Under Terry's regime, political associates of LaRouche have been framed up and given prison sentences of up to 77 years, on phony charges of "securities fraud."