

resident licenses. The administration claims that a Memorandum of Understanding signed with Mexico last November preempts state laws and requires California and other states to recognize Mexican commercial licenses.

This creates a serious threat to economic well-being and public safety in the states. . . .

Sincerely,

Ron Carey, General President, IBT

Los Angeles: fair trade with Mexico

This resolution was unanimously passed by the Los Angeles City Council on June 16:

WHEREAS state and local governments play an important role in protecting public safety and health and the rights of workers, and

WHEREAS international trade agreements must respect that role, and

WHEREAS Mexico is an important trading partner with whom we have close economic and cultural ties, and

WHEREAS expanded U.S.-Mexico trade could be used to increase jobs and improve living standards in both countries, and

WHEREAS international agreements between our two countries must take into account the major differences in wage and benefit levels and environmental, consumer protection, and public safety practices, and

WHEREAS lower wage levels in Mexico mean that a substantial percentage of Mexican citizens cannot purchase significant amounts of goods and services from the U.S., and

WHEREAS the Bush administration is negotiating a "free trade" agreement with Mexico, and

WHEREAS the Bush administration has already made an agreement with Mexico to preempt the right of California and other states to require their own licenses for commercial drivers from Mexico, and

WHEREAS that agreement contains no requirement for increasing toward U.S. levels the wages that truck drivers from Mexico receive, nor guarantees that highway safety will be maintained,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that international agreements should not preempt state drivers' licensing authority or other state and local laws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government should not make international agreements or take administrative actions that would undermine jobs, health, and safety in the U.S., and should rescind the action ordering recognition of Mexican commercial driver's licenses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that international agreements with Mexico should include specific measures for raising Mexican living standards, working conditions, and environmental and consumer safety practices toward U.S. levels and should insure that U.S. standards will not be brought down, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no international agreements should be negotiated without the active participation of the citizen groups that will be affected.

ADL leads lynch mob against Demjanjuk

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The gangsters at the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) are desperately scrambling to keep their hooks into the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), despite the fact that they have been caught in the middle of the biggest scandal to hit the federal government since Watergate.

On July 15, officials of the DOJ's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), the purported "Nazi-hunting" unit, are scheduled to submit to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio all the documents in their files that showed that John Demjanjuk, the retired Cleveland auto worker now sitting on death row in an Israeli jail, was innocent of the charges of Nazi war crimes for which he was denaturalized and deported in the late 1980s. On Aug. 11, the same court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on a motion to have Demjanjuk returned to the United States on the grounds that the OSI unlawfully prosecuted him and sent him to certain death in Israel while wittingly concealing evidence that they had targeted the wrong man.

Despite widespread publicity in the United States and Israel of the evidence of Demjanjuk's innocence, Elliot Welles, the ADL's liaison to the OSI, penned a disgusting letter to the editor of the July 6 *Washington Post*, demanding that Demjanjuk be persecuted anyway. Welles headed the ADL's office in Israel at the time that KGB-forged evidence was being passed between the U.S. DOJ and Israeli prosecutors. He told the *Post*:

"Regardless of the final outcome of the Demjanjuk case, there is little doubt that John Demjanjuk engaged in the persecution of Jews while serving as a concentration camp guard during World War II. There is also little doubt that he lied about his wartime activities when he entered the United States and that evidence of his deception warranted his denaturalization and deportation. . . . Under no circumstances should he be allowed to return to Cleveland."

Demjanjuk's Israeli defense attorney has presented evidence that his client was never involved, as Welles charges, in any concentration camps. Even more to the point, under the U.S.-Israel extradition treaty, Demjanjuk could only be tried for the specific charges relating to his alleged actions at Treblinka. Twenty-seven separate affidavits were presented in May and June of this year in Demjanjuk's appeal before the Israeli Supreme Court proving that he was not the Treblinka guard known as "Ivan the Terrible." Under the rule of law,

Demjanjuk should be freed and restored to his American citizenship.

Put the real criminals behind bars

Evidence now under review by the Sixth Circuit suggests that there were indeed serious crimes committed in the Demjanjuk case, but those crimes were carried out by officials of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Israeli government, and the ADL.

One senior DOJ official who was earlier involved in the railroad prosecution and jailing of Lyndon LaRouche, Assistant Attorney General Robert Mueller III, has been cited by the court for his stonewalling on the Demjanjuk documents between January and June of this year, during a period when Demjanjuk was under a sentence of death by hanging in Israel. Despite repeated efforts by Sixth Circuit Clerk Leonard Green to obtain copies of the DOJ's files and status of its internal investigation of possible criminal misconduct by OSI officials, Mueller refused to answer phone calls or letters. Had Demjanjuk been executed in Israel, Mueller would have been complicit in murder—along with the ADL.

On June 3, after being stonewalled by Mueller since Jan. 7, the Sixth Circuit, in a highly unusual move, reopened the Demjanjuk case on its own initiative.

Calls for probe of the OSI

A week after the Sixth Circuit action, Rep. James Traficant (D-Oh.), who along with Rep. Mary Rose Oakar (D-Oh.) has called for a House Judiciary Committee probe of the OSI, issued a blunt attack on the OSI in the *Congressional Record*:

"Mr. Speaker, a great crime was committed in the Demjanjuk case relative to the trial where he was charged with being the infamous Ivan of Treblinka. The criminal, as it turns out, was not Demjanjuk, a retired auto worker from Cleveland. It was a crime of the U.S. Justice Department that knew as early as August 1978 that the real Ivan [the Terrible] was Ivan Marchenko, not Demjanjuk.

"Our Justice Department chose to prosecute, more like persecute, Demjanjuk for that count. This is not wrongful prosecution, Members. This is a felony.

"And Alan Ryan and Neal Sher of the Office of Special Investigations can sue me, but I say they should go directly to jail for what they did to that man."

Ryan and Sher should be joined behind bars by the top officials of the ADL who not only helped conduit the false, KGB-manufactured evidence into all-too-willing U.S. and Israeli judicial systems, but who organized the lynch-mob climate in which Demjanjuk, along with a score of other falsely accused "Nazi war criminals," were deprived of their citizenship and sent to their deaths either behind the Iron Curtain or inside Israel. (One OSI-ADL target who beat the ADL in court, Tscherim Soobzokov, was assassinated in Paterson, New Jersey by Israeli killers who to this day have never been even indicted.)

'Neo-Taney' Supreme demolition of the U.S.

by Edward Spannaus

As it reached the end of its 1991-92 term, the U.S. Supreme Court reached new depths in its assaults on the fundamental freedoms of American citizens. Patriotic observers could only breathe a sigh of relief as the court's term ended on June 29, in that at least the court could do no more damage to the U.S. Constitution until it reconvenes the first Tuesday in October.

Indeed, under the leadership of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the court's majority is reversing previous precedents willy-nilly in their rush to destroy the role of the federal courts as the guardians of constitutional rights, particularly as those rights are encroached upon by the states.

The Rehnquist court is properly described as a "neo-Taney" court, in the sense that it is following in the footsteps of the evil Roger B. Taney, chief justice from 1835 to 1864, and author of the infamous *Dred Scott* decision, who destroyed much of the nation-building accomplishments of the Supreme Court under John Marshall. (For this, Rehnquist has praised Taney as a "first-rate legal mind" who used his states' rights doctrine to undermine the "nationalist constitutional jurisprudence of the Marshall Court.")

The Rehnquist court is a court which has lost any moorings in the principles of the Constitution. Its death penalty rulings are driven by pure blood-lust. Its assaults on the First Amendment betray the most fundamental principles of the Bill of Rights. Its most publicized decision, that in the *Casey* abortion case, was an unprincipled mélange of opinions. The so-called emerging "moderate" bloc—that of Justices David Souter, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Anthony Kennedy—justified its continued upholding of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling legalizing abortion, on the grounds that to give in "under fire" and overrule it would damage the Supreme Court's prestige. Those in the so-called conservative bloc who would overturn *Roe*, would do so only to leave the decision up to the individual states whether to permit abortion on demand, or to outlaw it.

The hypocrisy of the court's "pro-life" conservatives is best seen in their rulings on the death penalty. We will first review these rulings, and then survey the court's assaults