

National News

Masonic judge orders Bevel, Chaitkin to jail

Rev. James Bevel, who was Lyndon LaRouche's vice presidential running mate in 1992, and historian Anton Chaitkin were ordered by federal Judge Royce Lamberth to surrender themselves on April 7 to federal marshals to complete their seven-day sentence for "statue-climbing." The statue in question is a National Monument in Washington, D.C. honoring Confederate Gen. Albert Pike, the chief judiciary officer of the Scottish Rite Freemasons and founder of the Ku Klux Klan. Chaitkin and Bevel, who is a 30-year veteran of the civil rights movement, have led a national campaign to have the statue removed.

Judge Lamberth, who was himself a member of the "Albert Pike" Chapter of the Scottish Rite's Demolay youth group in San Antonio, Texas, refused to recuse himself from the case. Lamberth convicted Reverend Bevel and Chaitkin in April 1993 and sentenced them to seven days in jail. After serving half the sentence in the D.C. jail, they appealed the conviction to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which upheld the conviction of the odd crime in January 1994.

Clinton denies clemency plea for spy Pollard

On March 22, President Clinton publicly refused a plea for clemency for convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard. The President reemphasized Attorney General Janet Reno's opinion and said, in denying calls for special treatment for spying for a friendly country, that "I nevertheless believe that the enormity of Mr. Pollard's crime, the harm his actions caused to our country, and the need to deter every person who might even consider such actions, warrant his continued incarceration." Clinton, in refusing to reduce Pollard's life sentence, sided with the unanimous recommendations of the country's law enforcement and national security agencies.

According to an earlier report in the *New*

York Times, Attorney General Janet Reno informed the President that the Justice Department recommended rejecting clemency for Pollard—a view which the department said was shared unanimously in the national security community.

The *Times* reported that in December, the President's advisers were unanimous recommending against clemency, but that the process was "sidetracked" by then-Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann, who wanted leniency. After Heymann resigned, Reno "took it upon herself to review the case," and supported the recommendations of the Pentagon, intelligence community, and other agencies against granting clemency.

Pollard, who pleaded guilty to espionage in 1987, was given a life sentence and will be eligible for parole in 1995.

Geologists hear exposé of ozone hole hoax

Scientist S. Fred Singer laid bare the fraud of the ozone depletion theory before 75 scientists of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in an hour-long presentation on March 25. Singer demonstrated that the arguments of the promoters of the ozone depletion theory were either flawed or outrightly fraudulent. There were two camps on the ozone issue, he said: One camp was led and represented by ozone depletion guru Sherwood Roland, and an illustration of the arguments of the other camp, the skeptics, "can be found in Rogelio Maduro's book *The Holes in the Ozone Scare*." "Maduro has done a very credible job on the subject," he affirmed.

Singer concluded his presentation by demolishing the recent paper published in *Science* claiming that there are increases in ultraviolet radiation recorded in Canada, from which the authors extrapolate thinning of the ozone layer in the Northern Hemisphere. Singer said that the ozone depletion proponents had been very gloomy recently because their predicted UV increases had not occurred. Suddenly this Canadian paper appeared, and they all went around telling everyone that this was the evidence to prove their case. However, as Singer demonstrat-

ed, the Canadian scientists Kerr and McElroy had manipulated the data to show an increase in UV radiation where there was none.

Several people asked Singer how *Science* could publish such fraudulent data. USGS's leading statistician told the audience the Kerr and McElroy paper was so flawed that he would have just dismissed it outright.

Florida might execute minors, castrate rapists

In a frenzy to strike an "anti-crime" stance before adjourning in April, Florida lawmakers are considering a number of "look tough" measures, according to the *New York Times* on March 27. One bill that the lawmakers are "moving toward approving" will allow youths as young as 14 years old to be executed for murder, while another bill would treat children, regardless of age, as adults after they had been incarcerated in juvenile centers three times for felonies.

Other lawmakers have endorsed chemical castration for rapists, punishing the parents of juvenile offenders, paying welfare recipients to use birth control, and garnishing the welfare payments of the parents of youthful offenders to help finance juvenile corrections programs.

Spread of Satanism reported in South Dakota

The March 20 Sioux Falls, South Dakota *Argus* carried an explosive five-page feature on the state-wide spread of Satanism, especially involving the abuse of children. While much of the article is devoted to various law enforcement "experts" debunking charges of the widespread satanic activity, the article by Steve Young is nevertheless a convincing report. Young detailed reports to authorities from therapists, doctors, and counselors from institutions such as the Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls, the University of South Dakota School of Medicine, and

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Charter Hospital and Family Service in Sioux Falls of a steadily increasing incidence of satanic activity involving children.

Mary Helen Hopponen, a counselor at South Dakota State University in Brookings, reported 100 cases she has worked with or consulted on in the last 10 years: "I've had clients come out of day-care situations in Sioux Falls and a number of other towns in South Dakota."

In a related development, a satanic "art performance" is being staged at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, in which the artist Ron Athey, an AIDS victim, slices a design into the flesh of a black man. The museum director defended the program, according to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* of March 24, "in the context of contemporary art and historical and religious precedent, including the rituals of the church and the body and blood of Christ being used." The black actor who is mutilated, asserted that it is part of a cultural tradition which is "revered in Africa and feared in America." Performances are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Spannaus files petitions for Virginia Dem primary

On March 29, Nancy Spannaus, the LaRouche Democrat who carried the party's banner against Republican Sen. John Warner in 1990, became the first candidate to file nominating petitions to become the Democratic Party nominee for the U.S. Senate seat held by Chuck Robb in Virginia. Spannaus filed more than 30,000 signatures, more than double the requirement set by the state. This is the first time in many years that Virginia's Democrats have held a primary election, in a hotly contested race, whose candidates include Oliver North running on the Republican ticket.

In her statement, Spannaus said: "Today, I become the first candidate to qualify to participate in the June 14 primary which will decide whom the Democrats put up for the U.S. Senate race this fall. For the first time in a long time, Virginia's Democrats will have a chance to participate in the selection of their candidate, and to debate the policy issues which will determine our fu-

ture as a Commonwealth, and a nation. . . .

"The only obstacle to my winning that support is the scandal which has been created about my close association with world-renowned statesman and economist Lyndon LaRouche. This scandal should finally be put to rest with the issuance of my booklet summarizing the relevant evidence on the court record, which demonstrates that the government always knew that Lyndon LaRouche and his co-defendants were innocent. The evidence is on the record in Richmond, ladies and gentlemen, that the federal and state convictions were the result of the corruption of our judicial system. . . .

"It's time we dropped the legacy of the Bush and Mary Sue Terry prosecutions, and overturned the new McCarthyism which is even targeting our presidency. Let's get to the issues, as Senator Robb has said, and debate how we're going to save our country from the depression collapse that threatens us and world peace."

McFarlane criticizes Whitewater hearings

In a commentary that appeared in March 23 issue of the *Los Angeles Times*, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane criticized calls for congressional hearings into the Whitewater affairs.

Based on his experience during the Iran-Contra hearings, McFarlane said, he knows that any congressional hearing would only be "theater, pure theater." McFarlane was Reagan's national security adviser during the height of the Iran-Contra dirty operations and resigned over the revelations. He was replaced by Adm. John Poindexter.

McFarlane urged President Clinton and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole to rise to the level of statesmen, and proposed that Dole should cancel plans for hearings after Clinton makes a public explanation of the affair. McFarlane urged a return to the time when the President could arrive at agreement with congressional leaders in the opposite party based on a shared recognition that they have a responsibility to govern, not engage in sustained political playground fights with one another.

● **JAMES EARL RAY** has been granted a hearing date for April 6 to determine whether he should be tried for the April 4, 1968 murder of Martin Luther King. Ray, who claims he is innocent, pleaded guilty in 1968 after his own attorney convinced him he would otherwise get the death penalty. New evidence has since come to light supporting Ray's claims of a far-reaching conspiracy to kill King.

● **'IMPEACH HUMPHREY.'** A full-page ad, "A Call to Impeach Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III," appeared in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on March 29. Subtitled "Open Letter to Minnesotans from Lewis du Pont Smith, Du Pont chemical heir and associate of Lyndon LaRouche."

● **FIRED MATH TEACHER** Adelle Jones of Delaware has been reinstated under court order. Jones was fired in June 1993 for refusing to ease her grading practices to allow failing students to pass. She received broad support from students, including many to whom she had given failing grades.

● **MTV ROCK CABLE** network has been banned at the Fairfax, Virginia county jail, according to the March 24 *Washington Times*. Sheriff Carl Peed (former head of the National Association of Sheriffs) said he cut off MTV to make the jail a "less hostile" place, especially for women who work there, and because he wanted to eliminate the influence of "gangsta rap" lyrics which many say encourage violence.

● **A MANURE POWER PLANT**, formally known as the Mesquite Lake Resource Recovery Project in California's Imperial County, the first electric plant to use manure for food, is jeopardized because heavy rains have mixed the manure with mud. The plant was forced to switch to natural gas until it could be upgraded to burn mud, costing \$4 million in fuel bills and running it afoul of EPA regulations.