

morning that the residents of the nation's capital were "split 50-50" on the death penalty referendum Congress forced them to hold, Washington citizens turned out in large numbers and crushed this draconian capital punishment law by 2-1.

The LaRouche-Bevel campaign to bring down the statue of Albert Pike, which sits on Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C., is still ongoing. Barry, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, and most of the City Council members signed on supporting a resolution to remove this disgraceful monument, although no one on the City Council had the courage to introduce the resolution to bring down the statue—a resolution that was passed in many cities around the country. The ADL played a big role in blocking the efforts to topple the statue of a fellow freemason, and their main ally in that was City Councilman Nathanson of Ward 3.

These two campaigns both influenced and helped capture the new fighting spirit that could be seen in the Barry victory. It is interesting that Carl Rowan, the FBI's favorite African-American journalist, who has run smear campaigns against Martin Luther King, Ben Chavis, and Marion Barry, characterized the Barry victory as an example of racial bigotry and class discrimination. Richard Cohen, a *Washington Post* political columnist with close ADL ties, warned Barry against any associations with the Nation of Islam, reporting that Barry had a Howard University student, close to the Nation of Islam, on the podium with him at his victory celebration. Cohen also points out that Barry has had past associations, especially during his trial, with Louis Farrakhan.

In the District of Columbia there is a long history of the ADL's effort to create antagonisms in the black community by treating the Nation of Islam like pariahs. The NOI's Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad started the famous "Dope Busters" in 1988 at the Paradise Manor housing project, and had tremendous success in driving out the dope pushers. In 1991, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly honored Dr. Muhammad for his service in going after the drug peddlers. At that time, the ADL and Councilman Nathanson led the fight to try to force Kelly to renege on naming Dr. Alim Muhammad Day. Dr. Muhammad also runs the Abundant Life Clinic, the largest clinic in D.C. for minorities, which has pioneered work in the United States with alpha-interferon as a promising treatment for AIDS victims.

Dr. Muhammad has participated with LaRouche associates in numerous forums throughout the Greater D.C. area, exposing the role of the ADL in its campaign of harassment, persecution, and abuse of power in the black community. If the Rowan and Cohen columns are any sign of what lies ahead, the ADL intends to spare no efforts to pressure Barry. But the Democratic Party nominee for mayor can call upon his strong grassroots support and the fact that District citizens, from the defeat of the death penalty to his own primary victory, have shown a new level of maturity, to put the *Washington Post* and ADL crowd, the greatest purveyors of divisiveness in the city, in their proper place.

Bush Leaguers rally under banner of Christian Coalition

by Scott Thompson

It's getting harder and harder to tell the Christians from the lions these days, and nowhere was that problem more evident than at the annual convention of the Christian Coalition, which took place at the Washington Hilton on Sept. 16-17. Although the organization, sponsored by televangelist Pat Robertson, professes to push Christian values like family, community, patriotism, and down-home morality, and has recently come out attacking the just-concluded Cairo depopulation conference and even the organized-crime linked Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), the annual coalition fête, attended by several thousand people, turned into a combination of populist political campaign rally and Roman circus.

Above all, it was a class reunion of some of the Reagan and Bush administration officials who brought you such exemplary "moral" figures as the "narc-Contras."

Heading the list of Reagan-Bush alumni were Bush Vice President Dan Quayle, Education Secretaries William Bennett and Lamar Alexander, Bush Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, Bush Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, Quayle Chief of Staff William Kristol, and Reagan State Department official Elliott Abrams. There's hardly any mystery behind this turnout: Quayle, Alexander, Cheney, and Bob Dole are all stumping for the GOP presidential nomination in 1996, as is Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.), another conference speaker.

Underscoring the political campaign rally quality of the event was the constant theme of Clinton-bashing. Speaker after speaker delivered diatribes against the President, often leaving the truth in the dust in their fervor to rally the crowd. Pat Robertson has been in the forefront of the British Crown-instigated assault on the presidency, and his various front organizations have raked in millions of dollars peddling books, videos, and bumper stickers retailing the latest anti-Clinton smears churned out by such British smut sheets as the Hollinger Corp.-owned *Sunday Telegraph*.

Pulling for a pusher

About the only Iran-Contra crook who failed to turn out for the event was Oliver North, who is now the GOP nominee for the U.S. Senate seat from Virginia currently held by Democrat Charles Robb. Perhaps North got wind that a delegation from the Stop That Son-of-a-Bush political action



Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) led the charge for more free-market liberalism and austerity, and against President Clinton's health plan.

committee would be out in force, and he chose not to run the risk of having to defend his Central American drug-running activities in front of his most dedicated constituency base.

Although North was not there, Pat Robertson put in a plug for him anyway: "Ollie is going to win in November. And let me ask you something: I don't know which way the Whitewatergate investigation is going to go, but won't it be sweet to have our lieutenant colonel sitting on the other side of the hearing table?"

How Robertson, who professes to uphold family values, can stand behind the very same Oliver North who, according to former Senate investigator Jack Blum and retired Drug Enforcement Administration officer Celerino Castillo, smuggled cocaine "by the planeload" into the United States, is a matter for Robertson's own conscience.

Robertson's public embrace of North at the Christian Coalition meeting was not a first. Earlier this year, his 700 Club aired a news broadcast touting a book by former Contra trainer Terry Reed that accused President Clinton of abetting secret arms supplies to the Contras in Mena, Arkansas. The newscast failed to report that the book clearly identified Oliver North as the mastermind of the entire operation, including drug trafficking from Ilopango Air Base in El Salvador, a Contra military hub, to the United States.

Un-Christian economics

The low point of the convention came when presidential contender Phil Gramm took the podium. Gramm, the co-

author of the brutal austerity measure known as the Gramm-Rudman Bill, which has decimated the country's educational, health care, research and development, and infrastructure systems through mandatory budget cuts, delivered a fire-breathing speech accusing Bill Clinton of many of the sins he himself ushered in.

Typical of Gramm's demagoguery: "I won't let Clinton tear down the greatest health care system the world has ever known, to re-invent it in the image of the Post Office. Now I'm sure you have heard there are some self-appointed saviors in Congress in the last three weeks who say they are going to bring Bill Clinton's health care package back to life. But, there is a big difference between Elvis and the President's health care plan. And the difference is that Elvis may be out there alive somewhere."

Phil Gramm made it clear that the GOP strategy is to sabotage every piece of legislation that comes from the White House to the Congress between now and the 1996 presidential vote.

Gramm and another conference speaker, Michael Novak, are two of Washington's most unabashed apologists for British East India Company economist Adam Smith's free market dogma. Although the Christian Coalition made a big point of encouraging an evangelical-Catholic dialogue, the sponsors ignored the fact that Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger have for years cited Adam Smith, alongside Karl Marx, among the leading enemies of Christianity for their brutal economic theories. Senator Gramm proved the point by calling again and again for the trashing of government entitlement programs and their replacement by forced-work schemes.

Educational hypocrisy

The neo-conservatives, who turned out in numbers for the Christian Coalition convention, are staking out the education crisis as "their" issue for 1996, hoping to worm their way back into power on the heels of a GOP victory in the next presidential election. In 1981, the same neo-cons flooded the Reagan administration and were ultimately responsible for its self-destruction.

The Reagan and Bush administration secretaries of education, William Bennett and Lamar Alexander, focused their speeches on the collapse of education. While Bennett scored points with the crowd by assailing "outcome-based education" and arguing for such no-win "alternatives" as school vouchers (in which parents choose the public or private schools they send their children to), he failed to mention that he personally presided over the worst collapse in American public education in history—including the onset of OBE! And Bush-baby Lamar Alexander, who echoed Bennett's charge against OBE, was the overseer of the America 2000 project of the Bush administration, which vastly expanded the educational "reforms" they are now smugly blaming on Bill Clinton and Bill Clinton alone.