

## ADL uses Farrakhan hearing to target President Clinton

by Dennis Speed

As the year 1996 unfolds, the “war and a half” that has been raging between the Clinton administration and the British monarchy-run Hollinger Corp., has expanded its battlefield. The Oct. 16, 1995 Million Man March, and this year’s Presidential campaign, particularly the stunning percentages of Lyndon LaRouche in the late winter-early spring primaries, have unleashed a force in American politics not heard from for over a quarter-century. In response, corrupt factions and agencies of government have begun to wield the same repressive measures that were used against LaRouche, to target Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Farrakhan, who returned Feb. 24 from a 38-day tour of 16 nations, called the World Friendship Tour, has been made the target of the most intensive investigation of any American figure since LaRouche. The same apparatus used against LaRouche, the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith, including ADL assets in Congress, such as Reps. Peter King (R-N.Y.) and Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), is being used against Farrakhan.

The latter, during Farrakhan’s tour, had announced their intention to “bring Farrakhan before the Congress” to answer questions about his trip, which included visits to Nigeria, Sudan, South Africa, Iraq, and Libya. A report from the Libyan press agency JANA, stating that Col. Muammar Qaddafi would contribute \$1 billion to the Nation of Islam (NOI) as a way of intervening in the U.S. elections, which was later retracted, was used as the pretext for including Farrakhan as the lead item in hearings called by the House International Relations Subcommittee on Operations, chaired by Chris Smith (R-N.J.).

Upon his return, Minister Farrakhan defiantly declared to an audience of over 10,000 at the University of Illinois, “Bring

me before Congress!” He stated that he wished to give Congress a full report on every aspect of his trip, especially his controversial meetings with Qaddafi, Saddam Hussein, and the Iranian and Syrian governments and Heads of State. Several times, his legal representatives and others sought to contact the Congressional committee, only to be told that they now intended *not* to call Farrakhan to testify.

The official reason, given by the office of Representative King, was that the hearings would not be about Farrakhan, but about “rogue regimes.” In a signed statement, issued March 14, King had stated, “This is not a hearing about any particular individual, and no such hearing has ever been scheduled.” Associates of Farrakhan, as well as political observers, agreed that it were better to disregard this assurance as specious. About 500 supporters of Minister Farrakhan and his Million Man March showed up on the morning of March 19, along with a large contingent of reporters, to await the opening of the hearings. Sure enough, Representative Lantos shamelessly declared from the outset, “It is self-evident that this hearing was called in response to a series of statements made by Louis Farrakhan to some of the most despicable, bloody dictatorships on the face of this planet.”

### Not allowed to testify

Neither Farrakhan nor his representatives were allowed to testify. Farrakhan, however, was able to respond to some of the charges by way of an impromptu press conference on March 14 at the National Press Club in Washington. He had come to Washington to receive the “1995 Newsmaker of the Year” award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association. His remarks (see *Documentation*) to the group’s banquet dinner honoring him, were broadcast live by the C-SPAN

television network.

The Clinton administration, which had already announced it was making inquiries into the matter, was continuously baited by the committee grouping, because it had refused to send anyone to testify with respect to a matter that was already under administrative review, and in which the primary participant was disallowed from testifying. *Final Call*, the newspaper of the NOI, printed a statement by Farrakhan's Chief of Staff Leonard Farrakhan Muhammad, and NOI legal counsel Minister Abdul Arif Muhammad, both of whom were prevented from speaking at the hearings. They stated: "It was . . . apparent that you and other Republicans intend to use Minister Louis Farrakhan as a political weapon in your efforts to defeat President Bill Clinton in November.

"It is apparent that you wish the Clinton administration to unjustly attack Minister Louis Farrakhan, causing a political backlash or a negative response from the millions of black voters in this nation that you assume to be Democrats."

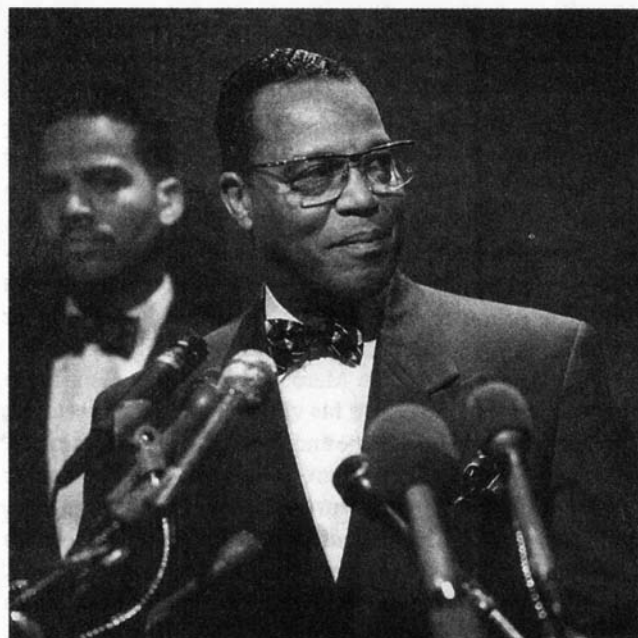
Three weeks earlier, the Feb. 27 *Wall Street Journal* had contended that Clinton had not acted because he had attended the inauguration of former Maryland Congressman, African-American Kwesi Mfume, as head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

The crudity of the electoral politics being played in the Presidential race, is made all the more difficult for Clinton by the ADL-influenced, anti-LaRouche elements in the Democratic and Republican parties. LaRouche, the only major candidate who has consistently endorsed the Farrakhan-led Million Man March, and who has stunned the country with double-digit percentages in several Democratic primaries, is well known throughout the Middle East for his "Oasis Plan" for large-scale water management and infrastructure development proposals. The ADL, a tool of the British Empire which is opposed to peace and development, has done everything in its power to defame LaRouche, his candidacy, and his "Oasis Plan."

### Stability is the threat

Minister Farrakhan has embraced an idea, the World Day Of Atonement, originally proffered by the Rev. James Bevel, and taken it to precisely the people who most need to hear it. The World Friendship Tour has resulted in a reconsideration of the possibility of dialogue among hostile forces in the Islamic world, both Islamic and non-Islamic. Because of this, Farrakhan is considered to now be a potential player in the *stabilization* of the Mideast—a role the ADL will oppose at all costs.

"These attacks are orchestrated by the extreme right-wing forces that are attempting to get hegemony over the body politic of the U.S.," said the Rev. Ben Chavis, executive director of last year's Million Man March and National Convenor of the National African American Leadership Summit (NAALS). "I believe these attacks are manifestations of political repression. They're certainly anti-democratic. But I believe that the spirit of the Million Man March has enough



*Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan at the National Press Club on March 14, where he received the Newsmaker of the Year award. The Anti-Defamation League and its friends in government are using the same corrupt measures against Farrakhan, that they used against Lyndon LaRouche—and they are trying to rope President Clinton into their schemes.*

force . . . to be able to withstand these attacks. We have truth on our side, we have facts on our side, and we have history on our side. . . . I've just arrived from Atlanta. We had over a thousand people at the Atlanta LOC [Local Organizing Committee] meeting last night, from all walks of life. We've registered over 30,000 voters in Atlanta alone" since October 1995. This, in the state from which Newt Gingrich hails, and in which the Democratic Party has refused to invest funds for voter registration!

Chavis continued, "I think there's a right-wing Jewish element in the U.S. that did not want to see the minister's trip be successful, particularly in the Middle East. The truth of the matter is, that to the extent we can have greater atonement and unity among brothers and sisters in the Mideast, is the extent to which there can be a lasting peace. Obviously, I do not believe that the right wing in this country *wants* a lasting peace in the Middle East, because they can gain monetary profit from *instability*. That's been the problem of instability in the Middle East for all these decades, that people are profiting from the instability, and don't want to see a man of peace travel to the area. Minister Farrakhan is a man of peace."

That element to which Chavis refers is the ADL. The ADL, which allows its proponents, such as Leonard Dinnerstein, to speak at conferences and make statements such as "educated blacks are the worst anti-Semitic group in the U.S. . . . and blacks overall have been the most anti-Semitic group since slavery" (the infamous epithet spewed at the November 1991 Montreal international ADL meeting), plays the role in

the policy establishment of “slave-breaker” toward African-American intellectual leadership. Though briefly embarrassed by its exposure for having given over \$60,000 to the Roberts brothers (two Mississippi Klansmen convicted in the 1964 murders of civil rights workers James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman), to have them blow up the house of a prominent Jewish businessman in Meridian, Mississippi in 1968, the ADL “takes it all with a smile.” Essentially unchastened since exposed as a spy organization in 1993, the ADL prefers to operate, wherever and whenever possible, through stooges, such as Lantos and King.

At the opening of the March 19 hearings, King made sure to enter into the record his virulent, and ADL-vectored, opposition to both LaRouche and Farrakhan. “Mr. Chairman, I think it’s fair to say that there is no place in a democratic society for bigotry and racism of any type. . . . That is why, Mr. Chairman, I have . . . consistently denounced the Nation of Islam. . . . I believe that they are anti-white, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, and racist. Similarly, I was the first person on my side of the aisle to denounce the LaRouche movement. They are also racist and bigoted. And whether it’s on the left or the right, black or white, there is no room in our society for racism or intolerance.” Even Nazi Judge Roland Friesler, had he been present in more than spirit, might have criticized King for his heavy-handedness.

### **The testimony of a fascist**

In furtherance of their attack on Farrakhan, Lantos and King produced LaRouche enemy Michael Ledeen, one of the most notorious “shadow people” of the secret government apparatus presided over by George Bush during the 1980s. As documented in the 1987 *EIR Special Report*, “Project Democracy: The Parallel Government behind the Iran-Contra Affair”: “On May 30, 1985, the U.S. ambassador in Israel reported to the State Department that Ledeen was on a ‘secret mission for the White House’ and asked if Secretary of State [George] Shultz knew ‘what was going on.’ Ambassador Lewis said he had asked the Israeli Ministry of Defense about Ledeen, and had been told it was ‘too hot’ to talk about.”

The report earlier states: “The name of Michael Ledeen is among the most frequently mentioned in the investigative report into the Iran arms-for-hostages scandal. . . . It was Ledeen who made the first contact with emissaries of the Khomeini regime. It was Ledeen who first discussed these contacts with the highest levels of the Israeli government. Ledeen was present at every important secret and non-secret meeting thus far uncovered in investigations into the Irangate-Contras scandal.”

Ledeen, whose best-known book is the 1972 *Universal Fascism*, believes in covert foreign policy as the norm for his fascist version of a “democratic society.” In a fall 1986 article, Ledeen states, concerning the relationship of the Congress to foreign policy, “One cannot conduct foreign policy with more than 500 secretaries of state.” Ledeen, only days before his testimony against Farrakhan, had renewed his 1980s call for

the repeal of “the Executive Order, dating from 1975, prohibiting any official of the American government to conduct, order, encourage, or facilitate assassinations.”

In the testimony itself, Ledeen chastised the President for not denouncing the Million Man March. “I would be remiss if I did not say that it is discouraging that there are no administration spokesmen here, as it was terribly disappointing to hear President Clinton, on the occasion of the Million Man March, call on the American people to focus not on the rhetorical excesses of the leader, but on the ‘faces of the people.’ This is a profound error.”

Rep. Donald Payne (D-N.J.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, angrily responded, “On the occasion of the Million Man March, you criticized President Clinton; I guess you probably criticize me, because I was a supporter of the Million Man March. . . . I take offense, for all of those people who participated, for you to feel you have the right to tell me, why I participated.”

Representative Payne inquired as to the propriety of the entire hearing, officially called to discuss the actions of what were termed “rogue regimes.” “In all candor, Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that this hearing has been called. Perhaps the term ‘rogue regime’ could be more clearly defined. We have watched with great concern as military exercises have been conducted by the Communist regime of China in the Taiwan Strait in an apparent attempt to intimidate Taiwan before their elections. Yet, while the U.S. has sent the *USS Independence* battle group to the area . . . in what could escalate to a U.S.-China showdown, China continues to enjoy Most Favored Nation status as a U.S. trading partner. Maybe one of our panelists could explain this.”

Though laughable in their crudity, these people, particularly the pro-assassination types such as Ledeen, are as dangerous as the Nazis. They pose a clear and present danger to due process in the United States. Without a cleanout of the corrupt Justice, State, Treasury, and other departments that house them, beginning with forcing the exoneration of Presidential candidate LaRouche, they will continue, with impunity, to harass American citizens, under the protective pretext of such devices as the March 19 “rogue Congressional hearings.”

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## **Documentation**

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*On March 14, at the National Press Club, Minister Farrakhan received the “1995 Newsmaker of the Year” award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association. The following are excerpts from his remarks:*

Beloved brothers and sisters, if it is against the law for a citizen of the United States to interfere with foreign policy, I don’t know how a citizen could be charged, when foreign

policy is made in the State Department, and you don't know what the policy *is*. There's an *overt* policy, and there's a *covert* policy. The American people are suffering from America's foreign policy. You travel abroad and they tell you, "Yankee go home"—*you* don't know why. The American people are not guilty of the policies that are formed in secret, of the things that are going on in the government that the American people know nothing about. But all you have to do to understand why people don't like America, is to come out of America and travel, and see the effect of America's foreign policy, in Africa, in Asia, in the Caribbean, in Central and South America, and in the isles of the Pacific. When you can see, as I have seen with my eyes, then any man or woman of moral character has to stand up. I was not born to bow down. And if you're looking for a scared-to-death Negro, then you look past me.

I never went to Iran or Iraq or Syria or Sudan to say that, "Muslims, God is going to give Muslims the honor of destroying America." Lies! Lies! We will prove this before the American people, why you can't trust the American media. You can't hang me on what Brother Qaddafi says. I didn't say it! You report what JANA news said, and now you go before Congress to get a resolution based on *press reports*? The Justice Department sends me *newspaper clippings* as their basis of questioning me? What kind of country is this? What kind of intelligence is this? If you have something, then bring it, but if you have nothing, then shut up!

In all of my speeches overseas, in the Muslim world in particular—and you will hear this and see this—I said, "America is not your problem. Israel is not your problem. *The West* is not your problem." You never heard that, did you? I said, "Your problem is your deviation from the path of God as laid down by Prophet Muhammad—*that's* your problem. And when you come back to God and the straight path, no problem that you consider a problem will *be* a problem." For me to be in Iran, and hear them saying, "Death to America," "Death to Israel," I couldn't be comfortable. So, to say that I was among them chanting, "Death To America," that's not Farrakhan. That I called you "the great Satan"—*I* didn't say that. That's what *they* said. But don't you live up to it.

When they were saying "Down with America," "Down with Israel," I said, "Stop!" I said, "Say, 'Up with God! Up with the Koran! Up with Truth! Up with Righteousness!'" And when you go up with God and up with truth, you've already put the enemies of God and truth and righteousness down.

My role is the role of a teacher. And the sad thing is, you've got too many politicians, and too few teachers, and ignorance is the worst enemy of the peoples of the earth, and America if full of it—full of ignorance, that is.

*Earlier in his speech, Minister Farrakhan had made extensive comments on the use of the press, including African-American press, in the targetting of leaders, including Martin Luther King:*

That brilliant human being, that man of great moral

strength and courage, became an enemy to those in power when he made an innocuous-sounding speech—"I Have a Dream." But to those who saw that dream as a nightmare, when *my* little black boys and little black girls, and Catholics, and Protestants, and Jews, and what not, can live together in peace, somebody didn't like that. And so, the next day, at the field office of the FBI, a memo was sent to J. Edgar Hoover that "this man is the most dangerous Negro in America." And when the good doctor decided against the war in Vietnam, and decided to stand for a principle, that Americans could not fight the War on Poverty, and then spend untold billions of dollars, bombing people in rice paddies in Vietnam. And today, you have *peace* with Vietnam. You go there now, and you have trade opportunities. But when a man of principle said it was wrong to kill, and when Muhammad Ali stood up and said, "Them Vietcongs ain't never called me 'Nigger,'" [they] took his [World Boxing] title.

... Martin Luther King had done a grave disservice, because he dared to enter the international field and interfere with what is called America's "foreign policy objectives." And, therefore, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and all those that move in that arena, had to be silenced. But first, *you* had to be made to abandon them. And many Christian pastors, who today laud Dr. King—and I think it *was* Carl Rowan back then who spoke evilly of Dr. King. He was a traitor. He was not in the best interests of his people. He should "stay within the confines of Negro desires."

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