

## Jeffreys fled to prison to escape mob

The George Lord Jeffreys of the Bloody Assizes to which LaRouche refers was England's Chief Justice and then the Lord Chancellor during the period 1683 to 1689, best known for his bloody rulings following the defeat of Monmouth at the Battle of Sedgemoor in 1685. Of the peasants who supported Monmouth in his rebellion against King Charles II, somewhere between 300 and 350 were hung, 800 were deported, and many more whipped and imprisoned by the presiding Jeffreys. Drunken and debauched, Jeffreys meted out "justice" with yelling and swearing and packed juries.

Perhaps the most shocking rulings were those which condemned two women to death—Alice Lisle, the widow

of an anti-Crown conspirator, who was beheaded, and the elderly Elizabeth Taunton, who was burned alive. Both were accused of having aided fugitives following Monmouth's defeat. The populace was also disgusted with the fact that those sentenced to hang were left unburied, tarred, and hanging from gibbets all around the towns.

Jeffreys held sway for three more years, but the worm had begun to turn in late 1688, with the trial of seven bishops who were defying an order from King James II. At that point, although Jeffreys carried out his normal packing of the jury and the judges were fixed, the railroad was not carried out. The jury voted "not guilty," to the roar of applause of the citizenry, who had packed into the courthouse.

Sir George ultimately escaped the wrath of the mob, only by expressing his preference to be imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time of the takeover of William of Orange. After several months of the usual treatment, he died there—before he could be executed.

founded by Helga LaRouche, who testified for the defense. Upon hearing of Russell's comments, Mrs. Boynton Robinson said, "Is that so? I could tell him a thing or two. Nobody uses me."

### The corrupt Weckstein

Throughout the trial, the corruption of Weckstein has been blatant. On various legal and evidentiary matters, he has consistently ruled with defiance to the Constitution and on the side of the prosecution. The extent to which outrageous political bias motivates his decisions was indicated by one little example at the close of trial.

In response to a defense request to keep out the memoranda of prosecution witness Wayne Hintz, or in the alternative to redact them, taking out prejudicial material, Weckstein made a gratuitous comment on the record, that during the Mike Billington trial, he had allowed the liberal redacting of the Hintz memos, and he later regretted it because, he claimed, the prosecution was unduly hampered. Billington, another LaRouche associate also charged on concocted "securities" violations, was sentenced a year ago to 77 years.

### Nation of Islam condemns injustice

Among the many national and international observers to attend the trial, was a delegation from the Minister Louis Farrakhan-led Nation of Islam, which observed the judicial proceedings on Dec. 14. After viewing the proceedings, Dr. Alim Muhammad, national spokesman for Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, said, "It is clear that a vast miscarriage of justice is taking place in a remote corner in the state of Virginia and that pre-arranged legal chicanery to

prevent all the facts from being known is taking place, which prevents the possibility of justice."

Dr. Muhammad added, "The scene in the Salem [County] courtroom is that of a kangaroo court, very familiar to black victims of America's injustice system for a very long time, where the innocent are punished so that the guilty might go free."

## Roanoke 'justice' like East German brand

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The trial in Roanoke, Virginia against three more associates of Lyndon LaRouche, who are accused of alleged financial crimes, is drawing to a close after 10 weeks. Despite the insane way in which the trial was conducted by Judge