

National News

Klan recruitment worries Europeans

The Ku Klux Klan is building a paramilitary organization in Britain, targeting unemployed whites in Derbyshire, reported the London daily *Guardian* on Nov. 16, which wrote, "The U.S.-based race-hate organization has set up its British headquarters somewhere in the county, believes Derbyshire's equal opportunities officer." Ironically, the Klan was founded in the United States after the Civil War by British agent Judah Benjamin and Confederate Gen. Albert Pike.

The German state of Baden-Württemberg also issued a report expressing its concern that the "Skins" (Germany's neo-Nazi gangs who imitate the British Skinheads, adopting even the English name) are increasingly coordinating with the Ku Klux Klan. The report from the state's investigative agency said, "Most recently, evidence is frequently coming in of contacts of the Skinhead scene with KKK groups that are active in Germany. The German section of the KKK is the subject of an official probe on charges of formation of a terrorist group, meanwhile." The report also notes that neo-Nazi rock music groups like "Screwdriver" from Britain have even openly depicted the KKK's white hoods on their album covers.

Editorial blasts Va. death penalty

In an editorial entitled, "Crapshoot: Can't Pay for Innocent Life Lost," the *Roanoke Times* and *World News* editorialized on Nov. 17 that Virginia should abolish its death penalty law, as Massachusetts did in 1975.

The editorial's taking-off point is the Massachusetts case of Bobby Joe Leaster, convicted of murder in 1970, despite the fact that he maintained his innocence. Because "the death-penalty variables lined up in Bobby Joe Leaster's favor," the jury sentenced him to life imprisonment instead of execution. In 1986, new evidence surfaced and prosecutors declined to retry the case,

freeing Leaster after 15 years of wrongful imprisonment.

Leaster was awarded a \$1 million annuity by the state for being wrongfully imprisoned for 15 years. But, said the *Roanoke Times*, "There is no way to compensate for the loss of innocent life: in most cases, the lives of the victims, and in a tiny few, yet still unacceptable number of cases, the life of the accused. And the variables for who lives and who dies remain too many and too arbitrary. Execution is still administered, to an intolerable extent, by the luck of the draw." "Massachusetts got rid of its capital punishment law in 1975. Virginia still has one, which is wrong," the editorial stated.

Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder currently has two clemency petitions before him. One is from Charles Stamper, the paraplegic whose execution was stayed by the governor about a month ago, but who has not received clemency. The second is from Timothy Dale Bunch, who is scheduled to be executed on Dec. 10. Bunch's attorneys have dropped further appeals.

Review of 'ozone hole' book breaks blackout

A highly favorable review of *The Holes in the Ozone Scare* by Rogelio Maduro and Ralf Schauerhammer appeared in Nov. 22 issue of the *Tri-Cities Herald*, which serves Richland, Pasco, and Kennewick, in Washington state, all near the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford nuclear facility. The book, portions of which were published in advance by *EIR*, has received no publicity in the pro-environmentalist major media.

The *Herald's* reviewer, physicist James K. Briant, wrote: "The hole that occurs over a pole during the winter is a completely natural phenomenon, as explained in the book. . . . The only question should be whether . . . man-made chemicals increase the size of the hole. Maduro and Schauerhammer make a convincing argument that this is not the case. . . . Maduro and Schauerhammer present a thorough overview of stratospheric chemistry and the atmospheric dynamics, replete with references to published scientific works. . . . The ban on CFCs will have a dramatic impact on all of us. . . . The

monetary cost of a total ban will be tremendous (trillions of dollars). . . . But the human-life cost may be even greater. . . . We need to be aware of these costs and insist that our legislators make responsible decisions before banning one of the safest, most useful chemicals ever made."

Kevorkian kills another woman

Serial killer Dr. Jack Kevorkian murdered 46-year-old Katrin Andreyev using carbon monoxide in late November. Mrs. Andreyev, of Pennsylvania, was suffering from lung cancer. The event was given extensive coverage, and at least one radio station interrupted its regular programming to broadcast the press conference from Kevorkian's Michigan house, given by the unemployed pathologist's lawyer.

The previous Kevorkian killing had the effect of moving legislation legalizing physician-inflicted suicide in the Michigan legislature, where it has passed the State House. This killing coincided with a Nazi-style euthanasia conference in Minneapolis, on "Managing Mortality: Ethics, Euthanasia, and the Termination of Medical Treatment."

Brits back opening reservations to gambling

The British gambling and brewery multinational Bass Ale, and its subsidiary British-American Bingo, is financing a legal drive in the U.S. to allow casino-style gambling on Indian reservations. The firm already manages the gambling affairs of six Indian tribes, and seeks the spread of Las Vegas-type casinos which the firm will supervise.

Rhode Island opponents of the campaign told *EIR* of Bass Ale's efforts, which many residents believe will hand the state over to organized crime control. The Providence *Sunday Journal* reported on Aug. 16, that a "costly court fight now looms [in Rhode Island], but if there is one thing that Bass PLC has, it's money. One of the com-

pany's executives recently boasted that Bass 'has more assets than all of New England'—\$10 billion worth of hotels, breweries, pubs, bottling plants, bingo halls and betting parlors."

British Bass Ale owns the U.S.A. Holiday Inns and makes slot machines which it distributes worldwide. Bass paid lawyers to press the gaming demands of the Cow Creek Umpquas in Oregon, and runs the bingo parlor for the Tachi tribe near Fresno, California.

In related news, Minnesota has become one of the states with the largest income derived from Indian reservation gambling. The state's 13 casinos bring in an estimated income of \$180 million. The Hubert Humphrey machine played a national role in 1987 in getting the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act passed. One of the Chippewa tribes in Minnesota has been described by the *Duluth News Tribune* as the source of organized-crime infiltration into Indian gambling.

Victims of CIA drug experiments settle suit

The CIA's MK-Ultra program, which involved experimenting on unsuspecting victims with hallucinogens such as LSD, received unwanted attention in the Nov. 19 *New York Times*, which reported that the Canadian government has settled a long-standing lawsuit brought by at least 30 victims of the experiments carried out at Montreal's Allen Memorial Clinic. The experiments, which were carried out on uninformed patients seeking psychiatric care for minor problems, involved long periods of drug-induced sleep, electroshock, large doses of LSD and other hallucinogens, and exposure to taped messages repeated over and over. The CIA put large amounts of money into the Allen Memorial Clinic work, which was directed by Dr. Ewen Cameron, a British Tavistock Institute-linked psychiatrist. The *Times* interviewed one victim of the Cameron experiments, Linda McDonald, and described her experience: "Diagnosed as an acute schizophrenic—she had gone to Dr. Cameron for treatment—she spent 86 days in the 'sleep room' and was subjected to 109 shock treatments

and megadoses of barbiturates and other drugs. When she got out of the experiment, she could not read or write, had to be toilet-trained and could not remember her husband, her five children, or any part of the first 26 years of her life."

Cameron's work for the CIA was part of the agency's effort to develop methods of brainwashing, ostensibly to combat Korean communist brainwashing techniques. Some of Cameron's MK-Ultra colleagues, like Dr. Louis Jolyon West and Rabbi Maurice Davis, followed in his footsteps by setting up the American Family Foundation and Cult Awareness Network, which target political and religious organizations for "brainwashing" supporters. Cameron's efforts are also featured in *EIR's Special Report*, "Satanism: Crime Wave of the '90s."

U.S. radio ads offer bounties for 'terrorists'

French Radio Monte Carlo has refused to carry Arabic-language advertising from the U.S. government that offers bounties for suspects in the kidnaping and murder of Americans abroad in the 1980s, whom the U.S. Justice Department has indicted. Cable News Network (CNN) on Nov. 18 quoted intelligence sources as saying the U.S. Justice Department has kept the indictments under seal while U.S. law enforcement agencies try to track down the suspects.

According to Reuters, the government has tried to cast doubt on the CNN report. Many of the terrorists are said to have been given refuge in Iran, and CNN said the Justice Department was stepping up its efforts to indict more terrorist suspects.

The State Department confirmed that it is running advertisements around the world seeking information on terrorism and offering rewards of up to \$4 million for any clues on past acts of terrorism or any planned for the future. "We are advertising the terrorism rewards program, which has been ongoing for several years," spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters. "We periodically, I think, about this time every year have placed a series of advertisements in posters and done things to bring attention to the terrorism rewards [sic] program."

Briefly

● **CORNELIUS SINGLETON**, an Alabaman with an IQ of 60, was executed Nov. 19. The U.S. Justice Department Civil Rights Division has declined to investigate the case, saying that it found "nothing prosecutable" in executing a retarded man "under the federal civil rights statutes."

● **VIRGINIA'S** Court of Appeals denied the petition of LaRouche associate Donald Phau for a rehearing of his appeal before the entire court. Phau, who is facing a 25-year sentence in the Virginia "get LaRouche" cases, will appeal to the state Supreme Court.

● **FRANK MCCLOSKEY** (D-Ind.), who is on the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees, urged immediate U.S. action, including air strikes, against Serbian positions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, saying to wait until the Clinton administration takes the helm could spell disaster for Bosnia, in an interview with the *Washington Post*.

● **MASSACHUSETTS** Democratic Party chairman Steve Grossman, a millionaire with strong ties to the incoming Clinton administration, said Nov. 20 that he was named to head the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee. AIPAC chairman David Steiner was forced to resign after boasting of AIPAC's influence over the Clinton camp.

● **'SIXTY MINUTES'** devoted part of its Nov. 22 broadcast to the case of Alabama death row inmate Walter McMillan, who claims he is innocent and was framed up six years ago for murder because he is black and his girlfriend is white.

● **SEN. SAM NUNN** (D-Ga.) has received backing for his call for a crisis coordinator to run U.S.-Russian relations during the presidential transition from Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.). Nunn wants the President and President-elect to agree upon such a coordinator, the Nov. 26 *Washington Post* reported.