

National News

Va. rights activists demand probe of ADL

Civil rights activist Roy Perry and five other community activists held a rally and press conference in Norfolk, Virginia in front of Anti-Defamation League (ADL) headquarters for Virginia and North Carolina on Aug. 4, calling for a "full-scale criminal investigation of the ADL for illegal spying." Perry said that he had sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno detailing the charges and requesting that she personally investigate them.

Perry also called for an investigation of Paul Lipkin, a longtime ADL official and secretary of the Norfolk Electoral Board and Norfolk Circuit Court Judge and ADL crony Leonard B. Sachs, for possible involvement in the national ADL spy ring being investigated in California.

Judge Sachs was identified as "our good friend" in ADL correspondence with Roanoke, Virginia judge Clifford Weckstein, regarding the trials of associates of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche in Virginia. Weckstein presided over the judicial frame-up trials, in which defendants were given the equivalent of multiple life sentences for "securities" violations.

Black women's group passes Pike resolution

The 1993 National Convention of the National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW), meeting over the July 31-Aug. 1 weekend in Washington, unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the removal of the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder and Confederate Gen. Albert Pike from Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C., which is maintained at taxpayers' expense. The statue was erected in 1901 under the auspices of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The resolution was entitled "Removal of Statue Dedicated to Founder of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK)."

The NPCBW membership also adopted resolutions to repeal the death penalty and

calling for emergency relief for bankrupt family farmers.

The anti-death penalty resolution reads in part: "Now, therefore be it resolved that: The National Political Congress of Black Women goes on record opposing the death penalty, and the restriction of *habeas corpus*, and will work to its utmost for the repeal of the death penalty statutes, and the reversal of Supreme Court decisions which have sacrificed equal justice for all to so-called efficiency."

The resolution calling for emergency food relief reads in part: "Therefore, be it resolved that: The National Political Congress of Black Women calls for the following emergency measures: to protect and restore the family farmer by emergency actions, including implementing a stay on farm foreclosures of operating family farms, and mandating payment to the farmer at parity or fair prices to cover their costs and capitalization to guarantee food production."

Children pledge allegiance to ecology

A perverse adaptation of the opening of the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was offered on Aug. 4 before the Loudoun County, Virginia Board of Supervisors by a group of campers who had been invited to the county board of supervisors' regular meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paralleling the pledge, the children recited the "Pledge to the E-Team," which makes a mockery of both the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution:

"We, the members of the E-Team, in order to form a more perfect union with the earth, establish source separation of 'yucky' garbage, ensure the biodegradability of domestic cleaners, provide for the defense of common ground water, promote the general compost pile, and secure the blessings of low-energy consumption to ourselves and our families, do ordain and establish this organization for the betterment of our world."

This was followed by a sing-along with a rock environmental song for children called

"It's Our World," and then an awkward parody of "Frère Jacques" with the words, "Save our earth, save our earth/Let's recycle, let's recycle." During the singing, the children donned little cardboard "glasses" covered with cartoon illustrations of the globe with little pink hearts.

OSI founder probed for possible fraud

Comptroller of New York City Elizabeth Holtzman, who sponsored the formation of the Justice Department's liaison with the Soviet KGB, the Office of Special Investigations, during her stint as a congressman in 1974, is now under New York City investigation for possible fraud in relation to a large loan to her 1992 unsuccessful senatorial campaign.

According to the Aug. 4 *New York Times*, Mayor David Dinkins ordered a probe of Holtzman and James Murphy, vice president of Fleet Financial Group, over a \$450,000 loan that a subsidiary, Fleet Bank, made to the Holtzman campaign.

Months after the loan, Fleet was given a lucrative position as underwriter on New York City loans. In her capacity as comptroller, Holtzman has enormous clout in the selection of the underwriters. Murphy not only pushed through the Holtzman campaign loan, he also co-chaired a Holtzman campaign fundraising effort. Holtzman's campaign still owes \$225,000 on the loan, and has not made a payment to Fleet Bank since February.

Widespread corruption found in IRS

Corruption and fraud is widespread among IRS employees, including violation of privacy of taxpayer records "for no clear business purpose." Such is the finding of an internal report prepared by the Internal Revenue Service itself, released Aug. 2 by Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Almost 370 IRS employees have been

investigated or disciplined for using government computers to create fraudulent tax refunds or to "browse" through private tax records of individuals. Senator Glenn cited one employee who had "altered some 200 accounts and got kickbacks" for issuing bogus refund checks using the agency's Integrated Data Retrieval System. About half of the IRS's 115,000 employees have access to the program, which can also be used to instruct the IRS "master file" computer at Martinsburg, West Virginia to issue checks, send out bills, or stop notices.

The IRS internal investigation referred 80 employees for criminal investigation.

'Rainbow Curriculum' comes to Chicago

According to revelations made by Schiller Institute board member Sheila Jones on a recent Chicago radio interview, the incoming superintendent of schools for Chicago, Argie K. Johnson, comes to Chicago from the New York public school system where she was a protégé of ousted chancellor Joseph Fernandez. Jones told WBEE interviewer John Stephney:

"Being the Deputy Chancellor of Instruction in New York, you see that her signature on the curriculum in question is just below Fernandez. Her area of responsibility was curriculum development. So, these dirty books [*Heather Has Two Mommies and Daddy's Roommate* which promote homosexuality among elementary school-children] and suggested ages and lesson plans were her area of responsibility. . . . As a matter of fact, Fernandez got kicked upstairs into the U.S. government. When the 'kerfuffle' about the Rainbow Curriculum hit the streets, she was immediately farmed out to the City of Chicago. . . . About the only thing covered about her in the Chicago press was what she said on sex education: 'Let's get for real. We can't have teens having all of these babies. I support condoms in the schools, and the sex education program.' Well, to me that happens to be a very interesting comment to be made as your main issue, when you're coming into a system which is fraught with all kinds of budgetary problems, and fraught with all

kinds of problems. . . .

"We need to understand that a part of the education curriculum program in New York City, which is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the NEA [National Education Association], has been . . . in all schools, now—in junior high schools, school-based clinics. And I'm not talking about inoculations or a lot of aspirins being given out. No, condoms! This curriculum program has suggested even 'brown bagging it.' What do I mean? I read that the National Association of School Boards' monthly magazine suggested handing out brown bags, with condoms and dental dams, which are for oral sex, to be available to students in junior high schools."

Court orders clemency hearing for Graham

On Aug. 3, Austin, Texas state District Judge Pete Lowry issued a ruling, agreeing with lawyers for death row inmate Gary Graham, that his constitutional rights would be denied if the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles did not hold a clemency hearing before his scheduled execution on Aug. 17. The purpose of the hearing would be to consider Graham's new evidence of innocence, which would be the basis for granting clemency. This would be the first time that Graham and his lawyers were permitted to bring his witnesses forward to testify under oath. Judge Lowry based his decision that Graham has the constitutional right to a clemency hearing on the U.S. Supreme Court *Herrera* decision, which says that a prisoner on death row who claims he has new evidence of innocence, but received a "fair" trial, can only have his execution stopped based on executive clemency.

The judge's written decision orders the Pardons Board to conduct a hearing, with Graham present, before an impartial hearing officer, to make official transcripts (not usually required), and giving Graham's lawyers the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.

However, because the Attorney General has filed a notice to appeal the judge's decision, the state plans to proceed with Graham's execution.

Briefly

● **THE VIRGINIA SUPREME** Court denied a petition for rehearing for the appeal of Anita and Paul Gallagher and Laurence Hecht, who are facing 30- to 40-year sentences in the Virginia "Get LaRouche" frameup cases. Attorneys for the defendants will now file a motion to allow them to remain free on bond while they appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the court denies this motion, the defendants will then begin serving their outrageous sentences.

● **'GAY AND LESBIAN Parenting and Families'** is the new training program begun by the Washington, D.C. Department of Human Services Adoptions Branch for some of its employees. The program is based on a report by Charlotte J. Patterson of the University of Virginia, called "Lesbian and Gay Families with Children." An *EIR* source reported that many Adoptions Branch employees are very upset about the prospect of homosexual adoptions.

● **FORMER YIPPIE** Dana Beal is promoting the new, violent hallucinogen ibogaine as a suppressant for heroin craving. Beal is now a leader in the anarchist group AIDS ACT UP. A project to use the drug is jointly run by the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse, Johns Hopkins University, and other universities.

● **THE NASHVILLE BANNER** on July 20 reported on the fight to pass a resolution in the Nashville City Council demanding removal of Washington, D.C.'s statue of Klansman Albert Pike. The resolution was introduced by City Councilman Kwame Leo Lillard. The council acted to defer consideration of the resolution after a delegation of Sons of the Confederacy and 20 Masons, all "pillars" of the community, defended Pike.

● **A FEDERAL GRAND** jury indicted seven more members of the Branch Davidians on Aug. 7, for conspiracy to commit murder and premeditated murder in the deaths of four federal agents who stormed the Branch Davidians' headquarters in Waco, Texas on Feb. 28.