## ADL racists claim black anti-Semitism

by Joseph Brewda

Are blacks the "worst anti-Semites" in the United States, and have they always been the worst anti-Semites in the United States? So claims the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, which also claims that criticizing the racist state of Israel or reporting that mobster Meyer Lansky was Jewish is "anti-Semitic."

The ADL began a new phase of this racist campaign at its November 1991 conference in Montreal, Canada, entitled "Anti-Semitism Around the World," from which we quote below. In July 1992 the ADL issued a report, "The Anti-Semitism of Black Demagogues and Extremists." On July 6-8, the World Jewish Congress, an organization linked to the ADL, had an international conference in Brussels, where ADL officials, including ADL national chairman Abraham Foxman, continued on this theme. At the conference, speaker after speaker railed against blacks. A 1991 racial confrontation in the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn, New York (after a Hasidic Jew ran over a black girl) was depicted by ADL mouthpiece Eric Breindel, editorial page editor of the New York Post, as the first "formal anti-Semitic pogrom in the western world since the early 1890s." The Nation of Islam, an organization actively involved against narcotics trafficking, was singled out for "anti-Semitic black consciousnessraising."

## In their own words

The speech that best exemplifies this racist campaign was given by University of Arizona Prof. Leonard Dinnerstein, before the ADL's Nov. 2-3, 1991 conference in Montreal. Dinnerstein, whose speech was met with enthusiastic applause from the 200-person audience, came right to the point at the beginning of his 20-minute address: Blacks are the worst anti-Semites. His statements follow:

"Only one group—the blacks—is significantly anti-Semitic or oblivious to the shortcomings of leaders who insult or denounce Jews.

"Anti-Semitism is most likely to flare up in any society in times of social and economic crisis, in times of intense feelings of nationalism and patriotism—for example, during major wars—and among the most religious people who see Jews and others not of their faith, as pariahs outside of the fold. And in fact, if we look back historically, we can identify the issues most associated with anti-Semitism: 1) Christiani-

ty; 2) war; 3) economic crisis and Bolshevism and nationalism

"The periods of the greatest amount of anti-Semitism in the United States occurred during the Civil War and then between the First and Second World Wars. But the peak of American anti-Semitism occurred during World War II, when the U.S. was fighting Germany. That's the highest recorded anti-Semitism that we have.

"One group that appears particularly anti-Semitic today, and I could have given this speech 25 years ago and not changed a word, is the blacks.

"The most recent poll that I have seen, is the Yankelovich poll, [which shows] that the educated blacks and the less-educated whites are the ones who are most anti-Semitic.

"Black anti-Semitism's envy and ambivalence toward Jews has been constant and continuous in American society as far back as slavery days. It probably developed because of the attitudes expressed by Christians in the South before the Civil War, and has continued ever since. At times, blacks praised Jews for overcoming the bigotry that they had to endure and other blacks who were admonished to be more like Jews, but consistently and over time, blacks expressed traditional Christian hostility toward 'Christ-killers' and 'Shylocks.' You can read W.E.B. Dubois's writing in 1902; you can take the remarks of Booker T. Washington in the late 19th century; you can take the secretary of the NAACP, who says Jews have all the money in the world, in 1916. You could take the scholarly writings of blacks: Wedlock in 1942; Ralph Bunche in 1942; Kenneth Clark in 1946; James Baldwin in 1948; there is nothing that has been said about Jews by blacks that was not reported by these scholars in the 1940s. During the 1930s, many blacks were either gleeful or indifferent to the plight of European Jewry."

## The fist behind the threat

Lest such rantings be ignored, it is important to note that the ADL, despite its liberal veneer, has multiple ties with the Ku Klux Klan. Police records from Meridian, Mississippi show, for example, that the notorious Roberts brothers—the killers of civil rights workers Cheney, Goodman, and Schwerner in Philadelphia, Mississippi in 1964, had received at least \$69,000 from ADL regional director Adolph Botnick. This triple assassination, as it was known, was an attempt to break the back of the civil rights movement, which the ADL had also infiltrated. There are also indications that the Roberts brothers may been have tied to the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Then there is the case of the California KKK leader Tom Metzger, whose former security chief, Doug Seymour, is today the assistant to the chairman of the Center for Democratic Renewal, a mouthpiece for the ADL's Atlanta office. Court documentation has shown that Metzger was funded by Jewish businessmen who simultaneously funded the ADL-linked Jewish Defense League.

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