

## Jack Anderson Does Not Have The Right To Lie

*The National Caucus of Labor Committees released the following statement Feb. 1, for endorsement by representatives of farm, labor, minority, civic, and industry groups.*

Jack Anderson's nationally syndicated column Jan. 30, in which he libels the National Caucus of Labor Committees, exemplifies the current deliberate misuse of "freedom of the press" for the purpose of falsely characterizing individuals and groups, and associating them with violence, crime, and terrorism.

This Anderson column lies to portray the NCLC as armed fanatics, associated with threats on the life of Nelson Rockefeller. Every so-called fact in the column was fabricated to support this view, and the NCLC will be forced to file a costly and involved legal action for redress and damages.

This same type of deliberate, dangerous fabrication is being run against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Since the NAACP leadership released their energy policy statement in December 1977, they have been subject to a barrage of lies and distortions that they have been "bought out" by "big oil," that they support price deregulation, and that they are in any case incompetent to formulate policies in the area of energy. These racist lies have appeared in format fashion throughout a media circuit

including the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and the *Village Voice*.

These and other media outlets and individual reporters are part of a network including the Fund for Investigation Journalism (of which Mr. Anderson is an Advisory Board member) and the Washington Institute for Policy Studies, which specializes in coordinating slanderous press campaigns against representatives of labor, agriculture, industry, and minority and political spokesmen whose views these same media and their backers oppose. Their particular targets are those individuals who favor economic growth and high-technology energy expansion.

We, the undersigned, deplore this abuse of journalism. At this juncture in history it is vital that the American people have the information necessary to make policy decisions on energy and questions of economic development which will determine the future for ourselves and all the world's people. We condemn in particular the control and use of journalism for political "Watergating" of advocates of economic growth.

We endorse the standards of journalism established by Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton: freedom of the press is the responsibility to honestly inform the population on the national and international news that will enable our fullest competent participation in determining world events.

## The Crib

When New York's fourth daily newspaper, *The Trib*, was launched last month, New Yorkers may have hoped for a respite from the daily lies of the "good grey Times," the no-news *Daily News*, and Rupert Murdoch's British-pedigreed *Post* scare and scandal mongering. But such hopes were quickly dispelled when the Buckley family enterprise, the tabloid *Trib*, appeared on newsstands its first day with an even more Anglophile "non-news hole" than the *New York Post*.

Anyone looking for news found a proliferation of British and American wire service shorts, instead, buried behind the *Trib*'s up-front words news analyses and feature columns cribbed from the Washington Post Writers' Group, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *New Republic*, and the Hearst press, to name a few. Moreover, *The Trib*, in its "First Day" signed editorial column by editor-in-chief and publisher Leonard Saffir, pledged, "Our voice will be moderate...we belong to no

political party." Yet it gave out the front page kicker, "For All Our Sakes...Go, Ed, Go!", the same day, directing the reader to its lead editorial endorsement of Mayor Koch and his "clear mandate" for austerity rule in New York.

Yes, the Buckley family which brought you fraud against Gerald Ford in the 1976 elections, which endorsed decriminalization of marijuana for the nation's youth, which backed Ed Koch for viceroy of New York — all under the label of "dyed in the wool conservatism" — now brings you *The Trib* New York, run by brother James (ex-Senator from New York), with the political duplicity and sheer incompetence that only a Buckley could bring you.

*Trib* editor-in-chief and publisher Leonard Saffir is the not-very-independently-wealthy former chief political aide to, and close personal friend of, former New York Senator James Buckley. The Chairman of the Board of

*The Trib* and investor of at least \$1.5 million in the enterprise to date, is James Buckley's brother-in-law, Raymond J. Learsy. The other *Trib* financiers are a well-kept secret. But James Buckley, a member of the Board of Directors, insists he has no financial or editorial relationship to the "independent newspaper" and is only "a friend." The *Trib's* own announcement of Learsy's chairmanship "objectively" omitted to mention his Buckley Family-in-law connection.

It does not take a bloodhound to sleuth out *The Trib's* pedigree. Their news consists of U.S. wire service shorts — with a generous assist from British Reuters. The *Trib's* own reporters, culled from the newsrooms of a wide spectrum of "left" and "right" press, ranging from the British Murdoch-owned *Village Voice* to the imitation-British *National Observer* (now defunct), contribute lengthy "news analyses" on dated items, served up as *Trib* "exclusives." Their columns draw on the Kennedy-Lazard clan's Washington Post Writers' Group columnists, *Christian Science Monitor* columnists, and heavily on Fabian *New Republic* writer Tad Sculz; features have been cribbed from the *London Economist* and like-minded sources. Saffir's "First Day" column boasted the Oxonian tastes of the Buckley clan, hiring "talented youngsters" from the recently British-acquired magazines, "*New York, Esquire* and the *Village Voice*."

To date, the "independent" *Trib* has managed to crib most of its news and views from environmentalists, Schlesingerian zero-growthers, the Walter Lippman-founded *New Republic*, and from the annals of Winston Churchill's Cold War diatribes. For example, its Jan. 25 headline reporting on the fall from orbit of a Soviet space satellite read, "Reactor Aboard Red Craft — SPY SATELLITE — Story Behind the Crash of Space-Age U-2" (original emphasis). Signed columns warn daily of the danger of communist takeovers around the globe.

*The Trib's* news however follows the "good grey" lies-by-omission technique of misinforming and banalizing the reader to death. For example, under the headline "GOP Cheer Black Leader," Jan 23, here's what *The Trib* did and did not report: "...the Grand Old Party cheered civil rights activist Jesse Jackson" (calling for "full employment" slave labor for blacks) "and heard party chairman Bill Brock promote the traditional democratic line that the best hope for the economy was a big tax cut" (rather than expanded industrial growth and investment favored by prodevelopment Republicans) and "defeated a move by the Republican right to move into party leadership" (that is, a rebuff to the candidate of the Reagan wing of the party).

*The Trib* also omitted to report on the NAACP's January resolution calling on President Carter and Congress to expand energy growth and nuclear energy development as the only real full employment program for blacks, and on former governor Reagan's warm endorsement of this resolution before a Jan. 21 Atlanta convention.

In its energy and environment section, *Trib* writers have touted solar energy, conservation and other James Schlesinger deindustrialization favorites. Its Jan. 9 "Special" from the *London Economist*, entitled "This is Chairman Hua's China Today," promoted the Peking road to labor intensive economic regression and political

alliance with the Great Han Chauvinists against industrial development of Europe, the East bloc and underdeveloped countries.

#### *First Days — Unionbusting*

*The Trib* really only made news on its second day — by disappearing from most New York newsstands. In true Buckley form, Len Saffir had launched the paper with a strict no-union policy for newspaper reporters, production, and delivery — he hoped. The deliverers' union responded with a job action against the paper that succeeded in keeping it off most newsstands the second day, cutting severely into circulation and advertiser confidence. Saffir lived up to another one of his "First Day" column promises — "The *Trib* will demand a fair policy for labor, without self-destructive strikes, brass knuckles and police clubs" — by bringing a court injunction and lawsuit against the union for \$50 million in damages immediately. In this union-busting stance, *The Trib's* publishers were heartily seconded by their "competitor" *New York Post* publisher, Rupert Murdoch. Addressing the Overseas Press Club in New York last week, Murdoch had this to say about *The Trib*: "I'm more optimistic for *The Trib* than most people I meet in the industry.... They are using a modern technology...to produce a newspaper without union contracts.... I think Mr. Saffir is on to an idea... I think you'll find other people will be following this example if he (Saffir) gets away with it."

Murdoch should know — he's been in a battle to destroy the newspaper unions at the Post since taking that paper over in 1976. Not coincidentally, as Murdoch was congratulating one Buckley brother last week, another, "Firing Line" television emcee William F. Buckley, won his long-standing union-busting suit against the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), in a court case overruling mandatory union membership requirements for that industry.

#### *Saved by the Family*

The deliverers' action, combined with lack of advertisers, brought the Buckley-based *Trib* into dire financial straits by the end of its first week. Prospective big-money investors William Simon, Richard Scaife and Robert Abplanalp — all pro-Nixon Republicans — had quit the Board of Directors and pulled out financial support for the paper months earlier in a struggle over editorial control of the paper. Little trust could be placed in Len Saffir, the Buckley agent who helped run Watergate and other British intelligence operations against the Nixon White House.

Unable to swindle honest conservative layers into support for his enterprise, James Buckley looked elsewhere for bankrollers, covering up his finds as "confidential." But news of one of *The Trib's* "friends" broke when British press magnate Vere Harmsworth offered to rescue *The Trib* from its first week's financial collapse. Harmsworth is heir to British Lord Northcliffe's nineteenth century press empire — the same that helped bring Nazi Führer Adolf Hitler to power and supported the rise of his British counterpart, fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley. (Harmsworth had recently been shopping around for press in New York and purchased *Esquire Magazine*, from which Saffir culled some of his *Trib* writing staff. Harmsworth's new *Esquire* editor is

former *Village Voice-New York Magazine* editor Clay Felker, and those publications are now run by "British" press magnate Rupert Murdoch.)

Saffir claimed he would not relinquish editorial control and therefore turned down the purchase offer from Harmsworth for the Buckley family offer instead.

— Fay Sober

## U.S. Publisher Warns Against British-Style Press Censorship

The publisher of the Panax newspapers, John McGoff, has publicly identified the National News Council, which has recently singled out conservative U.S. press for alleged media misconduct, as a "British"-modelled press-policing agency. "I know of no court in the land which would engage in some of the precipitous activities the (National News) Council has," McGoff stated in an interview with *Editor and Publisher* magazine. Referring to the News Council, a self-appointed media "watchdogs" agency that elects its own members from the "media community," McGoff warned against introducing the British system of press censorship here. "From what little I know, the British system is not working too well," he quipped.

McGoff also demanded to know "who is behind the

Council?" and identified a partial list of funders which included Institute for Policy Studies conduits, the John and Mary Markle Foundation; the Twentieth Century Fund; the Ford Foundation; the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.; Bethlehem Steel, and others.

Last year the News Council censured McGoff's press chain for criticizing the Carter White House in a series of articles McGoff describes as reflecting the apprehension with Europeans regard the unorthodox Carter White House. McGoff, who toured Europe last year, had written that Europeans questioned the advisability of delegating the First Lady, Rosalyn Carter, to carry out diplomatic missions of strategic importance such as her 1977 trip to Latin America.

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JAN. 11 - THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, A LEADING U.S. BUSINESS DAILY, DENUNCIATION OF THE CARTER VISIT TO INDIA. IN A SCATHING INCIDENT AND ABOVE ALL HIS COSMETIC CONCESSION THAT HE WOULD AUTHORIZE SUPPLY OF ONE SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO INDIA, FOR ENDING NUKAPUR COOPERATION. THE JOURNAL CONCLUDES: 'IT IS DID AFTER THE INDIAN EXPLOSION. THE JOURNAL CONCLUDES: 'IT IS IS IN ADDITION SO CONFUSED HE THINKS A LETTER WILL KEEP HIS HAND, PERHAPS IT WAS NOT THE INDIANS WHO WERE INTENDED TO OVERHEAR TO TELL US A LIE WAS USING THE PLOT TO MISLEAD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.'

## WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON?

WHILE THE DUST HAS NOT YET SETTLED ON THE CARTER TRIP, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN HAS ARRIVED IN INDIA TO SUPPOSEDLY EVOLVE THE COMPROMISE FORMULA TO BRING INDIA INTO AN ACCEPTABLE STATUS ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTION. WHILE THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY ADAMANTLY DENIED ANY TRUTH TO THE STORY THAT CALLAGHAN 'HAS SUCCEEDED WHERE CARTER HAS FAILED' AS PRESENTED BY THE LONDON TIMES, THE CALLAGHAN TRIP HAS OBTAINING TWO GOALS. ONE IS TO ARRIVE AT A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITHOUT TOTALLY DISPLEASING TO PAKISTAN WHERE HE DESAI'S SECRET PROMISES AND CONTRACTED DETAILS AT THIS TIME. TODAY'S SECRET ASSURANCES TO PRESS THAT CALLAGHAN HOPES TO TAKE NEW RESTRICTIONS AND SAFEGUARDS ON ITS IN PAKISTAN JAN. 11. ONE DAY AFTER THE NEW YORK TIMES ANNOUNCED THAT FRANCE HAS REQUESTED THE PAKISTANIS CONSIDER ALTERATIONS IN CURRENT CONTRACTS.

## MIDWEST COLD FREEZES OHIO COAL STOCKPILES

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