

Opposition rises to Bush's 'new order'

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Constituent groups ranging from a national meeting of black trade unionists to a branch of the Catholic fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus, are surfacing strong opposition to elements of George Bush's genocidal new world order. In several instances, leaders of the opposition are openly associating themselves with the policies of jailed U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche, who has announced his campaign to become U.S. President.

The most dramatic and thoroughgoing opposition surfaced at the Memorial Day 20th annual convention of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) in Chicago. Debate was passionate, and at times pitted delegates against the organization's leadership. In the course of the three-day conference, a number of speakers, including president William Lucy of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, U.S. Rep. Barbara Rose Collins (D-Mich.), and Dr. Julianne Malveau, syndicated columnist of the San Francisco *Sun Reporter*, had spoken eloquently against the Bush administration initiation and conduct in the Persian Gulf war.

"Bush kept changing his reasons for the war. How could he say it was for democracy when the Saudi and Kuwaiti royal families are holding slaves. Why are we allying with the biggest exploiters of human beings in the Middle East?" Lucy asked rhetorically to the thunderous applause of the 1,000 delegates in attendance.

Said Congresswoman Collins, "It's a sad and tragic day in U.S. history when we start rounding off the number of deaths of innocent civilians in Iraq by the 50 thousands; was it 150,000 innocent killed, 200,000 innocent killed? I think Bush is going to drag out these sick and disgusting 'patriotic' parades until November 1992 if we let him get away with it."

Israel must comply with U.N.

When a resolution came up calling for the end to sanctions against Iraq and full compliance by Israel with all U.N. resolutions, a delegate from Illinois proposed a friendly amendment calling for the cutoff of all funds to Israel until such time as Israel complies with the resolutions. Near-pandemonium broke out when, after the authors of the original resolution accepted the amendment as friendly, the chair attempted to rule the amendment as being unrelated and therefore out of order. Strong speeches by Leo Robinson of the Northern California chapter, and Leroy Hodge of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania chapter, pointed out that the issue of sanctions was

a moral issue and not a pragmatic matter, and that those intimidated by phony charges of anti-Semitism cannot be permitted to stand in the way of truth.

Courageously, these delegates quoted directly from publications associated with Lyndon LaRouche to document charges that Bush is planning further genocidal wars, with an adventure in Cuba possibly on the agenda. Publications reflecting LaRouche's policy perspectives circulated through the delegations despite efforts by the chair to bar access to LaRouche associates. While CBTU president Lucy came down from the podium to the floor microphone to beg the delegates to not pass the amendment, it passed with about 80% in favor, with only those closest to the organization bureaucracy in opposition.

Move to stop Free Trade Agreement

Delegates also strengthened what would have been *pro forma* resolutions opposing Bush's North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), after LaRouche representatives present at the conference urged the necessity of defeating NAFTA despite the recent House and Senate passage of the fast track negotiating procedure, and of exposing the AFL-CIO sellout on the issue. When weak resolutions were proposed, Kenneth Jones of the St. Louis delegation rose with a "friendly amendment" which called upon the AFL-CIO to immediately convene a conference of all trade unions of Canada, the U.S., and Mexico, to discuss and coordinate a strategy for defeating the free trade agreement Bush will negotiate. Jones's proposal drew support as delegates came to the microphone to give testament to why the fight against this slave trade agreement *cannot* be abandoned. Again, an agent of the chair tried to obfuscate the issue by raising technical questions concerning the proposed conference, but this maneuver failed and the resolution and the amendment passed unanimously.

Similar challenges to Bush's policies are under way in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Knights of Columbus. A May 25 meeting of the Philadelphia NAACP unanimously passed a resolution condemning free trade and NAFTA, and the resolution will be raised by NAACP activist O.G. Christian at the July NAACP national convention in Houston as an emergency resolution.

In Philadelphia, a prominent Catholic activist and member of the Knights of Columbus, has issued a statement backing the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq, an organization initiated by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the wife of Lyndon LaRouche. In a letter to Catholic publications, William J. McCartney, District Deputy of Pennsylvania District 37 of the Knights of Columbus, urges all Catholics to act with the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq in the spirit of Pope John Paul II's new encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, and to examine the contributions of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche in developing a science of economics in accordance with papal teaching.