

National News

U.S. churches: Iraq needs humanitarian aid

Leaders of 15 national church bodies on Aug. 3 called on Washington to work with the United Nations to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches the Iraqi people. The church officials stressed in a joint statement that the world community "and in particular the United States, is also to be held responsible for the continuing humanitarian consequences of the air war against Iraq." They continued that "as a matter of principle, humanitarian relief should be unconditional. . . . We express our deep concern that the United Nations Security Council is violating this principle in the case of Iraq, thereby making the health of many Iraqi children apparently contingent on the fulfillment of political requirements of some Security Council members."

Denominational leaders signing the statement included Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning. Denominations represented included the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Quakers.

Center to study Southern culture created in N.C.

The University of North Carolina said Aug. 3 that it was establishing a Center for the Study of the American South to oversee research on the nation's most populous region, according to the *Washington Times*. This "culture" that the university center will be studying includes everything from "Elvis Presley, Martin Luther King and Tennessee Williams to the War Between the States, the War on Poverty and the 'cola wars' between Coca Cola and its rivals."

The *Washington Times* reported that sociologist John Shelton Reed, interim director of the center, wants to promote "analysis and an understanding of the interaction among . . . political, economic, environ-

mental, medical, social, and cultural [factors] that shape the history and future of the South." A scholarly journal will focus on topics such as "politics of faith in the South," and "Southern and country music." The center will pattern itself on a number of other such centers, like the one at the University of South Carolina, which have turned the U.S. South into a separate "cultural studies" discipline.

More OSI victims sue Justice Department

The American Ukrainian Political Action Council of the United States, along with William Nezowy, its president, and Frank Walus, Radoslav Artukovic, and Anu Linnas, filed suit July 27 in federal court, challenging the constitutionality of the so-called "Holtzman Amendment" to the Immigration and Nationality Act. The complaint, filed in the District of Columbia, names as defendants Attorney General William P. Barr, the Department of Justice, the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Neal M. Sher, Director of OSI, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Holtzman Amendment was named for then-Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, who was a prime mover, along with the Anti-Defamation League and the *New York Times*, behind the creation of the Justice Department's so-called "Nazi-hunting" unit, now headed by Neal Sher.

The action charges that the Holtzman Amendment was unconstitutionally applied by the Justice Department, OSI, and Sher, which selectively and improperly enforced its provisions for political considerations against only those American citizens of eastern European origin. The complaint points out that, of the approximately 40 actions brought by OSI under the Holtzman Amendment, only two were against citizens whose nation of origin was any other area under Nazi occupation or control.

The complaint further challenges the procedures and methods used by OSI in enforcing the Holtzman Amendment as vio-

lating American constitutional guarantees, by denying to defendants of OSI denaturalization and deportation proceedings even the appearance of due process.

Letter calls for troops to police inner cities

A signed commentary in the Aug. 8 *Baltimore Sun* called on Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke to request the deployment of U.S. troops "currently stationed in Maryland to the worst sections of the city." Declaring that "Baltimore, Washington, and other major cities are in a state of siege as a result of drugs and . . . monsters who do not have any values," the letter from John Pantelides said the "troops could be dressed in police uniforms or be undercover."

The piece continues the recent drumbeat emanating from the circles of Mayor Schmoke. Schmoke is a leading proponent for legalizing drugs and "treating" the problem as a "public health problem."

Pantelides' appeal for police-state measures is couched in liberal phraseology, but appeals to the fear of urban residents.

"Many people who object to using the military are usually living in the suburbs and don't have to face the violence and fear for the lives of their loved ones. . . . I would remind my more conservative friends that if we fail to save those city kids now who are approaching the crossroads, then we should be ready to pay at least \$25,000 apiece each year to keep them in jail."

African-American mason hits Scottish Rite racism

Leaders of African-American freemasonic organizations have attacked white masonry, particularly the Scottish Rite, as a center of racialism. The attack is contained in the latest issue of the *News Quarterly* (Spring, 1992), the publication of the "Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdic-

Briefly

● **MICHAEL BILLINGTON'S** motion to have the Virginia Supreme Court rehear his appeal before the entire court was denied on July 31. Billington, an associate and co-defendant of Lyndon LaRouche, was sentenced to 77 years in prison on bogus "securities fraud" charges. He plans to file papers requesting that his bond be extended while he prepares his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

● **VIRGINIA'S** Attorney General Mary Sue Terry's latest death row victim, Mickey Wayne Davidson, scheduled to be executed in Virginia in mid-August, has so far refused to use his appeal rights to fight his sentence. His case will be an unfortunate precedent, setting a record for the shortest time between a conviction and an execution. Despite the fact that he pleaded guilty, Judge Charles H. Smith heard evidence before sentencing him to death.

● **MANY U.S. JEWS** are becoming increasingly concerned about certain groups with their own agendas which are pushing a "Holocaust industry," almost replacing religion, according to the Aug. 4 German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. The distorted image of the Nazi genocide machine they give, blacks out resistance to the Nazis by non-Jewish Germans, as well as their efforts to save Germany's Jews.

● **BOSTON'S** City Council has passed an ordinance to compel all city restaurants and bars to install condom vending machines, according to a Reuters dispatch Aug. 7. It must be ratified by Mayor Raymond Flynn.

● **TWO CONNECTICUT** papers have urged George Bush not to seek reelection. The *Waterbury Republican-American* and the *New Britain Herald* charge, according to Reuters, that "Bush had run out of ideas on how to deal with the economy. . . . It is time to step aside."

tion, Prince Hall affiliation," in an article by editor Joseph A. Walkes.

Walkes exposes 19th-century Scottish Rite Commander Albert Pike as the national Chief Justice of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan, and the organizer and alleged Grand Dragon of the Klan in Arkansas. Walkes describes Albert Pike as a "traitor to his country." The article carries a photograph of the memorial statue to Pike that is on federal property in central Washington, D.C. under the care of the U.S. Department of Labor. Walkes calls the monument to the KKK founder and Confederate general "an affront" to the residents of the nation's capital, most of whom are black.

The Prince Hall Masons' initiative occurs during a similar, ecumenical campaign by leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptists' June 1992 national meeting adopted an anti-masonic resolution targeting the "racial discrimination" of secret societies. Recent literature of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, also hits white masonry for racism against blacks.

Milken gets reduced sentence, keeps loot

The prison sentence of junk-bond king Michael Milken was reduced from 10 to 2 years on Aug. 5 because he cooperated with federal prosecutors and testified against former associates. Milken and his family retain at least half a billion dollars of his ill-gotten gains. The stink of the Milken deal is too much for even the *Wall Street Journal*, which has a sharp nose for police-state tactics—when they are directed against Wall Street financiers or Republicans.

Nationally syndicated columnist Mike Royko praised Michael Milken and the sentence reduction in a flagrantly racist piece printed in the Aug. 7 *Chicago Tribune*. Under the headline, "Bald Truth: Milken a Crook to Admire," Royko argues that "Milken is a financial genius. And the crimes he is accused of required a brilliant, creative mind. He wasn't busting in store windows and grabbing kitchen appliances or wrist-

watches. . . . To do what he did, Milken had to study hard. . . . and go on to advanced degrees in economics and business. Isn't education one of our nation's top priorities?"

Royko is an ally of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, to which Milken contributed at least \$1 million for its "World of Difference" campaign which has infiltrated schools and police departments around the country.

'Balkanization' hitting U.S., moots London daily

Events in California are helping bring about the "balkanization" of the United States, wrote Charles Laurence of the *London Daily Telegraph* on Aug. 11. Laurence was reporting on California State Assemblyman Stan Statham's campaign for California to be split up into three states: North California, South California, and Central California. "This is northern California, and we are a different country," Statham proclaims. "We are a rural country, with rural values, clean air, and low crime figures. We want to be left to keep it that way. . . . I tell you that by the year 2000, there will be two more stars on the American flag."

According to Laurence, "what he is talking about is the secession of all the Californian counties north of Simi Valley and the Los Angeles conurbation from the Golden State, and not since the American Civil War has such an idea of secession been taken so seriously. On the day in early June when Californians voted in the presidential primaries, those in the northern half were also invited to vote on whether they would like to hive themselves off from the south. For the secessionists, it was the perfect moment. Los Angeles had just been consumed by race riots. The vote was overwhelming; 37 of 41 counties were in favor."

Wrote Laurence: "The idea of U.S. Balkanization, the negation of the old code of the Melting Pot, has gained strength for a decade." Parallel movements are developing in Staten Island, New York; in Florida; and elsewhere in the United States.