

law and order! Now even a nice liberal like you can understand what that means, can't you?

**S:** (*About to open his mouth*)

**OH:** Stop interrupting. Besides, I can tell from your accent that you're not from around here. (*To crowd*) Is he, boys? (*Audience murmurs in assent.*) See, stranger, this fellow you're so in love with was convicted by a unanimous decision of an All-Athenian jury backed by overwhelming popular demand. And for folks in these parts, that about settles it. So unless you or your God (heh-heh-heh) have any more objections, we'll proceed to the business of killing that menace Socrates!

**Audience:** (*Cheering and whistling*) All hail Opinionatus Humongous!

An unfair parody of Mr. Parody himself? Not at all. It is absolutely indisputable that both Socrates and Christ were executed in a thoroughly democratic fashion, fully in accord with the popular mood. And while today's death row inmates are obviously not comparable to those two great benefactors of humanity, what is amazingly similar, then and now, is the mob psychology demanding the "satisfaction" of executions.

At one point in his book, Limbaugh even answers the objection that crowds demanding the gas chamber for one recent California convict were "screaming for blood, too excited, too happy about it," not by denying the charge, but

by affirming this mob mentality as natural, understandable, justified! When Hitler and Mussolini employed Limbaugh's precise turn of phrase "will of the people," this is just what they had in mind.

Therein, it must be said, lies the key to Limbaugh's meteoric rise. No matter how many valid skew points he may score against the "feminazis," greenies, etc., the hard kernel of his appeal lies in the fact that he's a skillful (and very democratic) fascist manipulator, or to put it in Rush-ian, a "demo-nazi."

To reach you, all he does is to follow the path of least resistance. It is much easier to blame the plague of drugs in your town on some local hoodlums (or, simpler still, on the hapless parents of the kids who get hooked) than to launch a serious attack on the highest level Anglo-American bankers (and their Anti-Defamation League hired thugs) who constitute the command center of Dope, Inc.; far less difficult to wail about "welfare cheats" in the ghettos than to take on and dismantle what is easily the biggest something-for-nothing program in the country—the Federal Reserve System that hands hundreds of billions of dollars each year to a clique of international financial parasites; and too often a lot more comfortable to listen to a Rush Limbaugh articulate "your" pet peeves than to someone like LaRouche who will tell you the hard truth about these matters and demand that you do some real thinking.

## Books Received

**Hannah Arendt-Karl Jaspers: Correspondence 1926-1969**, edited by Lotte Kohler and Han Saner, translated by Robert and Rita Kimber, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, 1992, 821 pages, hardbound, \$49.95

**The Great Melody: A Thematic Biography and Commented Anthology of Edmund Burke**, by Conor Cruise O'Brien, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1992, 640 pages, hardbound, \$34.95

**Evil Money: Encounters Along the Money Trail**, by Rachel Ehrenfeld, HarperCollins, New York, 1992, hardbound, \$22

**Jubal: The Life and Times of General Jubal A. Early, C.S.A., Defender of the Lost Cause**, by Charles C. Osborne, Algonquin Press, Chapel Hill, N.C., 560 pages, hardbound, \$29.95

**Stonewall: A Biography of General Thomas J. Jackson**, by Byron Farwell, W.W. Norton, New York, 1992, 560 pages, hardbound, \$29.95

**The Civil War, An Illustrated History**, by Geoffrey C. Ward, with Ric Burns and Ken Burns, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1992, 448 pages, hardbound, \$37.50

**The Civil War: A Treasury of Art and Literature**, edited by Stephen W. Sears, Hugh Lauter Levin, New York, 1992, 368 pages, hardbound, \$75

**The Fire This Time, U.S. War Crimes in the Gulf**, by Ramsey Clark, Thunder's Mouth Press, New York, 1992, 325 pages, hardbound, \$21.95

**A Paper House, The Ending of Yugoslavia**, by Mark Thompson, Pantheon Books, New York, 1992, 350 pages, hardbound, \$23

**Western Approaches to Eastern Europe**, edited by Ivo John Lederer, Council on Foreign Relations Press, New York, 1992, 112 pages, paperback, \$14.95

**Forgotten Fatherland: The Search of Elisabeth Nietzsche**, by Ben Macintyre, Farrar Straus Giroux, New York, 1992, 256 pages, hardbound, \$22

**Brother Number One, A Political Biography of Pol Pot**, by David P. Chandler, Westview Press, Boulder, Colo., 1992, 254 pages, hardbound, \$24.95