

government prosecutors are still stunned by losing their case against Kidnappers, Inc. But it could become an issue in the legislature, and certainly among the general public, and give Terry a lot of embarrassment.

EIR: The Democratic Party has controlled Virginia's legislature and courts for more than 100 years, heavily influenced by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, and the Scottish Rite's 20th-century creation, the Anti-Defamation League. Is the ADL the real power in Virginia?

Spannaus: It has become evident through the course of the LaRouche cases, that the ADL has inordinate influence in legal circles in Virginia, and considerable influence in the courts. In fact, the Bronfmans themselves and leading ADL funders, from John Kluge to major bluebloods, have established estates in Virginia, and play a major political power role. Terry herself received a human rights award from the ADL—just about the time that she began her recent drive for sped-up executions. She's venal enough, and racist enough, to be their darling.

The case of Virginia, which has a relatively small Jewish population, just underlines the fact that the ADL has nothing to do with Judaism. It's a lobby for organized crime and drugs, and a hit squad for financial interests who want to eliminate their opponents—which is the way it has acted in Virginia.

EIR: Although Terry is nominally a Democrat, she is opposed to a union dues checkoff privilege which Gov. Douglas Wilder granted state employees last year. Terry has declared that she is ready to participate in bankrupting the United Mine Workers Union, through the collection of \$50 million in court fines. Should labor support you, and will they do it?

Spannaus: I believe I will have a broad base of labor support in the election, regardless of what their leadership does. Unfortunately, the state leadership is viciously corrupt, and in the last election, when I ran against the generally disliked Republican Warner, the state AFL-CIO leadership would not even permit me to fill out a questionnaire. Danny LeBlanc threatened to have me arrested for simply asking for a form, and preferred to support Warner, de facto. I don't know whether he'll be successful in doing the same thing this time, although I'm sure he wants to. For the reality is that the labor bureaucracy in Virginia, feeling it has a tenuous hold on existence, really propitiates the powers that be. I've had labor leaders tell me I can't afford to come out pro-labor, because that will be the death of any politician politically. With these kinds of fighting attitudes, it's no surprise labor gets nowhere.

But I am encouraged to see that some labor leaders who were afraid to declare publicly for me in 1990, are now willing to come out in support of LaRouche's freedom. This indicates that they will be more willing to fight this time. They will also be encouraged by the fact that Governor

Mayors are fearful that Clinton won't deliver

At the 1993 winter meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 17-19, there was widespread recognition that President Clinton does not have any proposals on the table that even come close to addressing the magnitude of the problems facing urban areas in the United States.

The mayor of an Ohio steel city told *EIR*, "I am a steel worker, first and foremost, and I was a steel worker before I was a union representative or a mayor." He said that he had received "no response" from Clinton, after writing two letters to the President-elect detailing the devastation that will be wrought by the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The mayor of Virginia Beach, Virginia warned of what will happen in his area if threatened budget cuts in the military go through, wiping out an estimated 47,000 jobs in the state of Virginia alone. "I sense the embryo of retreat" in the new administration, was the view of the mayor of Gary, Indiana.

The Task Force on Hunger and Homelessness

heard testimony on the extent of these problems around the country, estimating the number of homeless at 750,000 and the number of malnourished as at least 30 million. "In your most far-reaching proposal, how many of these homeless do you propose to be able to assist?" *EIR* asked. The answer: "4,000 at best."

The Committee on Arts, Culture, and Recreation, which was supposed to discuss funding of the arts in the cities, instead dwelt on the issue of casino gambling (a new art form?). Many mayors, especially older ones, expressed disgust with the idea of making this practice even more widespread than it already is.

The recognition that Clinton's honeymoon may already be over, created a considerable receptivity to the alternative presented by *EIR* and Lyndon LaRouche. Discussing LaRouche's proposal to nationalize the Federal Reserve, along the lines of Alexander Hamilton's National Bank, one Texas mayor said, "If we could deal with that problem, we could do so much more on the real problems." Other mayors remembered LaRouche's warnings about the economic crisis and other issues. "I hate to admit it, but LaRouche was right on AIDS," said the mayor of a large downstate Illinois city.

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