

## Masonic judge jails two to save Albert Pike statue

by the Editors

On April 19, Judge Royce Lamberth of the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. sentenced civil rights activist Rev. James Bevel and historian Anton Chaitkin to seven days in jail each for “statue climbing” at the site of the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike, located at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. The jailings—ordered by a judge who himself as a youth had been inducted into an “Albert Pike” freemasonic lodge, but who refused to recuse himself on those grounds—occurred only three days after the National Conference of Black Mayors, by unanimous voice vote, adopted a resolution calling for the removal of the statue, since public support “should not be given to the memory of one who espoused beliefs and attitudes that are perverse to the principles of our nation.”

Albert Pike was chief judicial officer and founder of the Ku Klux Klan. His statue is maintained by the National Park Service at public expense. Reverend Bevel, the former director of Non-Violent Direct Action for Martin Luther King, Jr. and the former vice-presidential running mate of Lyndon H. LaRouche, has been leading the fight, nationally and internationally, to remove the Pike statue from Judiciary Square in the nation’s capital. Historian Anton Chaitkin, author of *Treason in America* and co-author of *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography*, has documented in numerous articles the unbroken line of philosophical and family connections stretching between the instigators of the slaveholders’ rebellion against Lincoln’s United States, and the modern-day advocates of gnostic satanism, drug-trafficking, euthanasia, and genocide, such as the Scottish Rite Freemasons and its outgrowth, the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith.

Until recently, the Anti-Defamation League had tried to hide behind its claim that it was a civil rights group. But the ADL’s blatant defense of KKK founder Albert Pike, plus the

latest revelations of illegal ADL espionage activities against black civil rights leaders on behalf of the South African and other governments, has so undermined its credibility, that Scottish Rite Freemasonry is now being forced to defend its racist principles in its own name.

### Discovery motions quashed

During the pre-trial motions in the “statue-climbing” case, in which Reverend Bevel and Anton Chaitkin acted as their own attorneys, Judge Lamberth, despite his acknowledged membership in the Albert Pike Lodge of the Masonic Order of DeMolay in San Antonio, Texas, refused to withdraw himself from the trial, claiming that since then he has left the Masons. Following this, Judge Lamberth quashed every defense motion for pre-trial discovery, and quashed all subpoenas for testimony and documents that would have proven the improper purpose of what clearly was a selective prosecution of Chaitkin and Bevel.

The defendants had subpoenaed officials of the ADL, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Cult Awareness Network (CAN), and numerous officials of the National Park Service which effected the arrests, to testify. “We have the right to know if there is a secret clique operating against the constitutional rights of the people and the citizenry,” defendant Chaitkin argued. “If we don’t know who is prosecuting this case, this would be farcical.”

Representatives of those subpoenaed, present in the courtroom, all moved to quash the defense’s discovery motions. Attorney Mark Rasch (a participant in several cases against political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche and his associates) represented the ADL in support of the motion to quash. Also present in the courtroom was Charles S. Iversen, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the District of Columbia’s Scottish Rite Freemasons, Southern Jurisdiction, who like-

wise presented a motion to quash the defense's motion for discovery.

Bevel and Chaitkin presented videotaped evidence and witnesses substantiating that on several occasions prior to their arrests, many individuals had regularly and repeatedly stood on the base of the statue, as they had, during demonstrations which have been held every Friday noon over the past few months.

Judge Lamberth then heard testimony of two government witnesses, the two officers of the Park Police SWAT team that had conducted the arrests. Their testimony clearly indicated that such actions represented no threat to their own or the public's safety, nor represented a threat to the statue. Nonetheless, the judge found both Bevel and Chaitkin guilty of a violation of the federal ordinance. In so doing, Judge Lamberth rejected all evidence of the First Amendment character of the campaign Bevel and Chaitkin have led to have this symbol of freemasonic and Confederate control in America removed. Arguing that such an act was "civil disobedience, in having yourselves arrested to advance your political cause"—which both the defendants had strenuously argued was not their intent, nor the real issue in the case—Lamberth sentenced the two to seven days in the District of Columbia jail. Both refused to allow the judge to exercise the option to stay execution of their sentences pending appeal.

Chaitkin, upon hearing the verdict, told the court: "It's amazing that a man who swore allegiance to a white racist secret society would not recuse himself from this case. . . . You're going to have to face the consequences of this disgusting decision!"

### **ADL drubbed in court**

During the pre-trial motions, Chaitkin took the opportunity to put on the court record the dirty role of the ADL in singling him and Reverend Bevel out for persecution. ADL attorney Mark Rasch opened the door to Chaitkin, by claiming that the defense subpoenas to ADL leaders should be quashed because they would violate the constitutional rights of the ADL, "a political organization, a defender of human rights."

Chaitkin, exposed this sham by documenting the evidence of the ADL's real purpose as a criminal enterprise of spies and thugs. Noting that on the very day subpoenas in this case were served on the ADL in Washington, San Francisco District Attorney investigators were raiding the ADL's offices in that city and Los Angeles as part of an ongoing criminal investigation of ADL activity, Chaitkin exposed ADL spying operations on thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations, including LaRouche and his associates. He pointed out that describing the ADL as a "defender of human rights is pure hypocrisy," given their sale of information on the NAACP and other black organizations in the U.S. to the South African government.

Chaitkin further documented the ADL's history of activi-

ty in illegal actions against LaRouche, pointedly noting the role of Rasch and of ADL Washington "Fact Finding Division" head Mira Lansky Boland in various "Get LaRouche" prosecutions, and in the conspiracy to kidnap LaRouche associate Lewis du Pont Smith. In the context of this longstanding illegal activity and animus toward the political movement of the defendants, Chaitkin pointed to the ADL's direct contact with Washington, D.C. City Council members to slander LaRouche and to block the passage of an anti-Pike statue resolution that was pending before that body late last year.

Lamberth later also denied a motion for dismissal on the grounds of selective prosecution, arguing that although it was true that others had also "climbed the statue" but had not been prosecuted, the defendants nevertheless had been unable to present any evidence of improper conduct or purpose. But as both Chaitkin and Bevel noted in their closing statements, that inability had been ensured by the judge's own rulings, denying the very discovery and testimony that would have allowed them to prove such improper conduct.

### **'Pull down Pike, and Stop the Serbs!'**

One consequence of the jailings will certainly be an avalanche of demands for the obscene statue to be pulled down.

At the National Conference of Black Mayors held in New York City on April 14-18, a resolution calling on President Clinton to dismantle the statue was submitted by Mayor William M. Branch of Forkland, Alabama. In his letter to the Resolutions Committee, Mayor Branch noted that similar resolutions had been adopted in various cities in the U.S., including New Orleans, Birmingham, Ala., Newark, and Buffalo. Since Mayor Branch could not be present at the Resolutions Committee meeting, Portia McCaskill made the presentation on behalf of the Schiller Institute, the *New Federalist* newspaper, and the international civil rights movement.

The text of the adopted resolution was as follows:

"WHEREAS a memorial statue dedicated to Albert Pike stands in Washington, D.C. on public grounds supported and maintained by public funds; and

"WHEREAS Albert Pike has been identified in the historic literatures of the day as the Founder and Chief Judiciary Officer of the Ku Klux Klan after the Civil War; and

"WHEREAS such support should not be given to the memory of one who espoused beliefs and attitudes that are perverse to the principles of our Nation.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Conference of Black Mayors calls upon the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to remove the statue of Albert Pike now standing in Washington, D.C."

In addition, going beyond its usual self-imposed limits to domestic matters only, the conference unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the President and the U.S. Congress to take effective action to prevent Serbia from continuing its genocide against the populations of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.