

ADL hand in ouster of California minister?

by Robert Ingraham

On Aug. 23, following a two-month controversy, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan fired the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin as vice chairman of the city's Human Rights Commission. The firing had been demanded since June by both a majority of the board of supervisors and all of the city's major "gay rights" organizations, after he had been quoted in the press stating that he supported the Biblical view that homosexuality is inherently sinful. After leaving the mayor's office, Reverend Lumpkin and his attorney Brad Dacus announced that they will be filing a lawsuit within 30 days against the city of San Francisco for violating the minister's freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

The witchhunt against Reverend Lumpkin, a black Baptist minister, goes back to June 25, when Evelyn White, a *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist, called his church for an interview, claiming to be writing an article about "gays in the military," and to be interviewing numerous city officials. In the discussion, Lumpkin stated his support for President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on homosexuals and also described his ministerial work with AIDS patients in the city's hospitals. When pressed on his religious views on homosexuality, the pastor said that, while he favored Christian love and human rights for all people, he agreed with the Bible that homosexual acts themselves were sinful.

On the next day, the *Chronicle* ran an article, not on "gays in the military," but on anti-homosexual bias in the black community. Reverend Lumpkin was the only city official quoted in the article, and his redacted comments, taken out of context, were used as an example. Within 48 hours, five members of the board of supervisors, led by Terrance Hallinan and including all three homosexual members, were demanding the resignation of the "bigot" Lumpkin. Within days, the homosexual political machine in the city, led by the Alice B. Toklas Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, was fully mobilized, issuing statements likening Lumpkin to pro-Ku Klux Klan white southern ministers. During the summer months, the political life of the city was dominated by the "gay lobby's" efforts to force Lumpkin's ouster.

The fervor and hate-mongering of the anti-Lumpkin campaign is inexplicable from an objective standpoint. His votes on the Human Rights Commission consistently supported full human rights for homosexuals, and his personal and church activities belie any charges of bigotry.

The question arises, was Reverend Lumpkin specifically targeted, and if so, why?

The ADL connection

Reverend Lumpkin has been a collaborator of the Schiller Institute, founded by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, for a number of years, and, in 1992, served on the advisory board of Lyndon LaRouche's presidential campaign. On April 28, amid investigations into allegations of widespread illegal spying by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) on American citizens, he submitted a formal request to the San Francisco Police Commission demanding a probe into ADL spying on San Francisco's African-American community. According to documents seized by the San Francisco police last winter, ADL spy Roy Bullock was maintaining computer files on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, the Nation of Islam, and many other African-American organizations.

During May and June, Reverend Lumpkin distributed more than 100 copies of *EIR's* book *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, to political and religious leaders in the city. And on June 26, the very day that the Evelyn White article appeared, Lumpkin hosted in his church a parallel event for the Schiller Institute-sponsored Declaration of Independence Co-Signers' Convention in Philadelphia. It is not implausible that, in the wake of the spying revelations, the ADL was desperate to stop the potentially explosive impact of his activities.

The ADL has a long history of manipulating San Francisco's "gay" leadership in anti-LaRouche efforts. Documents released by the California Attorney General's office show that it was the ADL that approached the "gay political leadership" to lead the fight against the LaRouche-sponsored "AIDS Initiative, Proposition 64" in 1986. The ADL has also collaborated with the so-called gay lobby in installing their pro-sodomy "A World of Difference" program in every public school in the city.

But the most rabid of Reverend Lumpkin's attackers has been Supervisor Terrance Hallinan. On Aug. 7, his brother, Patrick, was arrested for drug smuggling and drug money-laundering in what one police official called "the largest marijuana-smuggling operation on the West Coast." He is now free on \$300,000 bond. The Hallinan law firm, including both brothers, has longstanding ties to the drug scene, having represented clients like the Grateful Dead rock music group going all the way back to the Haight Ashbury days during the "summer of love." The father, Vincent, was indicted in 1951 for sharing profits with a convicted narcotics smuggler. During the public outcry against the ADL spying last winter, the "leftist" Terrance Hallinan played a prominent role on the board of supervisors in attempting to deflect community outrage against the ADL toward the San Francisco Police Department. Recently released police documents show that it was then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein, an ADL supporter, who initiated official contacts between the ADL and the SFPD back in 1979.