

forest, and for two or three years, you have crops there. Then the land begins to run out, because you've leached it out and worn it out; so you move on, let the thing go back to forest, you find some other area and you slash and burn there.

That's what this free trade is. You go out and destroy an area of the world, loot it of its productive potential in the form of cheap labor. Then you move on and loot and burn something else.

In the process, the first thing you do, is you loot, then burn, the industrial-economic potential of your own industrialized nation, which is what the British have done. They've destroyed whatever industrial potential they had, and they've left behind, in large part, nothing but a bunch of Yahoos who are incapable of doing anything—probably not even of “changing their own napkins,” I believe, as the phrase goes. And we're doing the same thing now to the U. S. population, especially with the aid of these Goals 2000 education policies and similar things. We're going to destroy the U. S. population, turn it into a bunch of useless, baboon-like unemployable Yahoos; into slave labor, and nothing better.

The free traders essentially make the point that if it's cheapest, it has to be the best; the market decides. When the whole history of mankind shows it is an investment and setting a price for *replacement* and *maintenance* of something more advanced, which increases the productive powers of labor, population density, at a higher standard of physical living, as well as the possibility of higher standards of political life and human freedom.

So we say protectionism. They say, “That's bad! That's command economy.” But that's the only way the world has ever progressed: by protecting and insisting that a fair price be paid, a fair price being the price which you must pay to maintain improved land, improved productive facilities generally, and improved qualities of labor, which means, of course, improved qualities of life of the family household, higher standards of education, less child labor, a longer period of maturation in terms of educational and social and related development, and so forth.

These fools are destroying the very basis of civilization with their cheap labor, but they cling fanatically to it: “You will see that nobody who is a Nobel Prize winner (except Maurice Allais) will agree with you.” And so you have the crowd around Wall Street talking about free trade and the various kind of other nostrums, all amounting to the same thing, destroying reality, failing to see that the laws of nature are against free trade; and that if we cling to that policy still, and we do not bend to the imperatives of nature, then our institutions, if they will not bend, *will be broken* by the impulse of their own folly. And it is people committed to that belief in such folly, who refuse to pay any attention to anything which offends their sense of what their present policy compact is. These are the people who are leading the world and the United States, and more immediately the presidency, toward self-destruction.

## Pike issue stirs up a revolt in Nashville

by Anton Chaitkin

Clergymen, students, and civil rights leaders spoke passionately, calling for implementing the ideals of the American Revolution. They were answered by spokesmen for groups which have fought against the Declaration of Independence. It was an extraordinary Veterans Day hearing of the Nashville Metro (city) Council, on a motion asking the federal government to take down the U.S. national monument in Washington which honors Ku Klux Klan founder Albert Pike.

Since summer 1992, the LaRouche political movement has led a growing coalition in the nation's capital and around the country fighting to remove the obscene statue in Judiciary Square. Several major U. S. city councils have passed resolutions pressing Congress and the President to act, but there has also been a heavy counter-deployment of forces behind the scenes by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, which claims Pike as one of its heros. In Nashville, for the first time, the Scottish Rite was forced to defend Pike in an open public forum.

### Why defend a Satanist?

The first speaker at the Nov. 11 hearing was the Rev. James T. Morris, Sr., a leader of Nashville's black veterans, a Prince Hall Freemason, and an Army officer who had enforced federal desegregation injunctions and protected civil rights workers. Reverend Morris asked, “As a country which claims to be created as a Christian nation, why are we faced with the dilemma of defending the historical legacy of a self-defined Satanist?”

This writer spoke, identifying Pike as a “300-pound Satanist from Boston” who formed the KKK after having been arrested as a war criminal by his own Confederate Army, and having been indicted for treason by the United States. “As a leader of the New Age faction which has driven prayer out of our schools and replaced it with sodomy and drugs, Pike and his legacy are a disaster to our nation and an insult to the South.” I cited the disclosures on Pike's KKK role by Nashville's most prestigious and pro-Confederate historian, Walter Fleming, the dean of Vanderbilt University. I reported that the Prince Hall Masons had exposed Pike as a Satanist and Klan founder in spring 1992, at which time Lyndon LaRouche commissioned a thorough study of the question.

The Rev. David Shivers, a veteran and a Prince Hall Mason, said that he had been angered and moved to testify against the Pike statue when his five-year-old niece came home from the Veterans Day parade with a tiny American

flag and a much larger Confederate flag. He had explained to her that the Confederate flag represented lies and deceit, while the American flag represented freedom.

A letter was read from the Rev. William L. Barnes, the white minister of a racially integrated church: "As a Methodist pastor and a life-long Nashvillian, I urgently support the taking down of the Pike Memorial, and encourage our city's council members, on behalf of equality and healing, to follow the actions of councils in New Orleans, Birmingham, Austin, etc., in recommending the removal of this embarrassing monument."

Several National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) activists testified. A medical student spoke candidly of what may be the secret yearnings for white supremacy by those present who support the Pike statue. The vice president of the NAACP of Tennessee State University said the Pike statue is as inappropriate as would be a monument to other criminals and murderers such as Charles Manson and Jeffrey Dahmer. A statement was read from the president of the Nashville NAACP, supporting the anti-Pike resolution on behalf of the Nashville NAACP chapter. A past president of the Nashville NAACP said that the statues of Hitler and Mussolini and Lenin had fallen because they represented hatred, and that it was cynical to maintain this type of statue in America.

A Muslim leader from Memphis, a 26-year activist in the civil rights organizations SNCC and CORE, told the councilmen that a message had gone to Gorbachov from President Reagan to take down the Berlin "Wall of evil." Passing the Pike resolution, he said, would be a message to take down America's symbol of evil. A young woman from Chicago read a quotation from Albert Pike's book *Morals and Dogma*, calling such views an abomination: "The Demons created Eve, who seduced [Adam and] enfeebled him. . . . That is repeated in the case of every man that lives."

A police officer, a lifelong citizen of Nashville, testified that when black people started to vote in the 1960s, the KKK was burning down the homes of those who went out and registered. "We discovered one person," who employed a member of his family, "was a member of the KKK, because one evening, this individual had gotten too close to a cross burning and his robe caught on fire, and he almost burnt up."

The Rev. James Bevel, the strategist for Martin Luther King and the 1992 vice presidential running mate with LaRouche, said the American Revolution was the sociological realization by a group of men who understood the definition of man as Christ had understood it. "Many countries in the world were created for particular people, Russia for Russians, China for the Chinese, Japan for the Japanese, but here in America, you had a nation that was actually created to honor man in the image of God."

A Tennessee State University professor of physics, an immigrant from Africa, decried the United States speaking

globally of freedom and democracy, while honoring a symbol such as the Pike statue representing exactly the opposite.

### Scottish Rite Masons make threats

A spokesman for the Sons of the Confederate Veterans was visibly unnerved by the outpouring of patriotic feeling against Pike. He brazenly praised both Martin Luther King and W.E.B. Du Bois, whom his faction brands as Communist stooges, while pointing out they hadn't mentioned Pike! This whole thing wasn't even an issue, he claimed, until LaRouche and his organization made it one.

Russell Morris spoke for the white Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, which in 1901 erected the Washington D.C. statue honoring Albert Pike. Morris asserted of Pike, the Scottish Rite's Grand Commander, "some say he was a Satanist, some say he wasn't." Morris claimed that no "direct" evidence of Pike's role in the KKK would ever appear. But even if you could prove Pike were a Klansman, he said, the Klan from 1866 to 1870 was a very different and better organization than the 20th-century KKK! He warned the councilmen to keep in mind the 8,000 Scottish Rite Freemasons in Nashville who had not come to the hearing—but who would be informed of the council's decision. Since these 8,000 include the governor, bankers, judges, FBI men, newspaper executives—and members of the Council—Morris's words carried weight.

Randy Kennedy, chairman of the Council's resolutions committee which conducted the hearing, acted accordingly. He asked whether "do we want to open up a can of worms" by taking down this and that statue? Kennedy asked Councilman Kwame Leo Lillard, sponsor of the Pike resolution, about the statue of Benedict Arnold which Kennedy claimed stands in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Should that be removed also? Lillard said he wasn't aware of any U.S. statue of Arnold, but that we should not publicly honor criminals.

This bizarre interchange—there is no such statue of the archtraitor Arnold who burned U.S. cities for the British—recalls the fact that John Mitchell, the first Commander of the Scottish Rite, was a collaborator of and legal witness for Benedict Arnold as Arnold became enmired in British Tory circles.

Councilman Lillard said he was shocked to hear the Pike advocates pulling the old "outside Bolsheviks are agitating our happy negroes" routine with LaRouche, 30 years after they had done this with Martin Luther King. Lillard read from the 1965 book *In Their Own Words*, printed "before anyone had heard of LaRouche," describing the mass murders of the Klan "led by Albert Pike."

At the conclusion of the hearings, the resolutions committee refused to even vote on the proposed Pike resolution. On Nov. 16, the full council decided to defer the Pike resolution indefinitely; the issue is expected to roil the waters in Nashville toward a possible decision in December. The historically unprecedented two-hour hearing was televised, and a videotape is available for showing in other cities.