

ADL's hate crimes are backfiring

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After years of engaging in smear tactics and dirty tricks while operating under the cover of being a "Jewish civil rights organization," the Anti-Defamation League's days may be numbered. An ad in the Aug. 2 *New York Times* accused the ADL of employing such "discreditable techniques as insinuation and guilt by association. . . . It ill behooves an organization dedicated to fighting against defamation to engage in defamation of its own."

The ad's concluding paragraph challenged the ADL's claim to speak on behalf of all Jews. "As a people whose history so vividly illustrates the bitter results of bigotry, we have a special obligation to guard against it, and all the more so when, as in the case of the ADL attack on our Christian fellow citizens, it emanates from within our own community."

The ad, signed by 72 Jewish leaders, was a response to the ADL's book-length report, "The Religious Right: Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America," which was released in June 1994.

On Aug. 10, two ADL leaders in Houston, Texas, resigned. Both Phillip Aronoff and Gary Polland were members of the ADL's Southwest Regional Board, with Polland serving as chairman. Responding to pressure from ADL National Director Abe Foxman for signing the ad, Aronoff and Polland characterized the ADL's charges of "anti-Semitism" against the "Christian right" as engaging in "the discredited McCarthyite method," with "no desire to check the underlying facts."

In his letter of resignation, Polland wrote, "I have always believed that the ADL was an organization that grew and prospered through the vigorous debate of ideas. That apparently is no longer the case." He described the report as "inaccurate and poorly researched," filled with "extensive mistakes" and "poor scholarship."

The Christian Coalition also responded to the ADL's attack, accusing the ADL of making "reckless charges of anti-Semitism," of being "intellectually dishonest" and "twisting words out of context," while employing "fabrications, half-truths and innuendo."

The signers of the ad, the former board members in Houston, and the Christian Coalition were merely reporting what targets of previous vituperative and illegal ADL attacks, and readers of the *EIR*, already know: that the ADL, which from its inception has been an arm of organized crime, is guilty of fomenting hate crimes against its opponents.

The phony 'left turn'

As the ADL's new-found critics are Republicans (many are Bush-linked neo-conservatives), they claim that the ADL's attack on them is partisan, a kind of "left turn" for the ADL. In reality, the ADL is attempting to reposition itself with the Democrats, and as supporters of the Mideast peace process, for precisely the same reason the British decided to join the European Common Market—to sabotage it from within.

In 1981, the ADL, on behalf of Israel's Likud regime, made overtures to fundamentalist Christians. The alliance was based on the following cynical equation: The Christians would support Likud claims to the land of Greater Israel—which both Jewish and Christian fundamentalists believe is a precondition for the coming (or second coming) of the Messiah; this would provide political support (through their influence on Reagan and Bush) and financial support for Israeli settlers, the Gush Emunim and Kahane fanatics; the fanatics would drive the Palestinians out of the West Bank, thus fulfilling the prophecies of both Jewish and Christian fundamentalists.

This gambit is a continuation of the "Zionist card" designed by chief British imperial strategist Lord Palmerston in the mid-19th century, who used the issue of a "Jewish homeland" to assure constant bloody conflict, and a continuous British presence, in the Middle East, with Europe's Jews the cannon fodder for the Empire.

Thus, the intransigent Shamir, would-be dictator Sharon, Kahane, and the "Temple Mount Faithful" became favorites among misguided Christians, who contributed heavily to Jewish terrorists, who tried on several occasions to ignite regional warfare by blowing up the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, one of the most holy sites of Islam.

The election of the Rabin-Peres Labor government in Israel and Clinton in the United States scuttled this game. With full support from President Clinton, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin successfully has pursued a bold course, trading land for peace. The ADL, together with the neo-cons of the American Jewish Committee, opposed him from the outset. Rabin has blasted Foxman and other U.S. Jewish leaders for obstructing the peace process.

Unable to stop the momentum toward peace, this crowd aimed against the heads. Press outlets controlled by the British intelligence-linked Hollinger Corp., the *Jerusalem Post* and the *Daily Telegraph* of London, launched vicious attacks against Rabin and Clinton.

At the same time, these networks, seeing the hand of Lyndon LaRouche in the outline of the economic development plan for Mideast peace, and Clinton's recent moves to break the U.S. "special relationship" with Britain, have renewed their efforts against LaRouche, releasing two new attacks against him in the last eight weeks. These desperate measures by the ADL are backfiring, as its treachery is becoming increasingly obvious.