

National News

100,000 rally to back Detroit press strike

The fast-spreading political labor ferment in the United States reached a new height on June 21, when 100,000 trade unionists joined AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, and other labor, political, and religious leaders, in Detroit at the "Action Motown!" strike support rally. Unions representing 2,000 workers at the *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, owned by multinational conglomerates Gannett and Knight-Ridder, struck on July 13, 1995 against unfair bargaining in violation of federal labor laws. The newspaper giants went out and hired replacement workers, locked out the strikers, and continued to publish.

In a victory just before the two-day strike support rally, on June 19, National Labor Relations Board Law Judge Thomas R. Wilks ruled in favor of the unions on almost every unfair labor practice charge they had brought, most importantly that the strike was over unfair labor practices: This means that the companies have no right, under federal law, to hire permanent replacements if the strike was not over economic issues, and therefore strikers must be rehired, and replacements let go. The companies now also owe back pay and benefits to the strikers.

On the same day, in Erie, Pennsylvania, some 3,000 workers rallied to increase pressure on General Electric to negotiate fairly before the national union contract, covering 46,000 workers, expires on June 29. This is the largest number of workers in the manufacturing sector with a 1997 contract expiration.

Pat Robertson college gets Murdoch funding

Through a financial transaction between televangelist Pat Robertson and British Empire media mogul Rupert Murdoch, \$147 million has been transferred to the account of Robertson's Regent University in Virginia, according to the *Washington Times* of June 15.

Murdoch gave \$1.2 billion to Robertson and entities he controls, to merge with lucrative cable television giants: Murdoch's Fox Kids Worldwide network with Robertson's International Family Entertainment.

Through this transaction, Regent University has become one of the 25 best-endowed colleges in the United States. The school is a center for networking of British intelligence and global institutions' front operations of all kinds, including religious, diplomatic, and banking activities.

Robertson's "Operation Blessing" is still in trouble in Virginia, where State Sen. Janet Howell (D-Reston) has demanded that Attorney General James Gilmore investigate charges that the charity to aid sick and starving African children diverted funds to a diamond-mining operation in Congo-Zaire. Gilmore, the Republican candidate for governor, has declined to investigate, using the excuse that it is being handled at the level of federal and Commonwealth attorneys. Robertson has made at least two contributions, each \$50,000, to Gilmore's campaign.

'Afghansi' terrorists extradited to U.S.

Mir Aimal Kansi, who killed two CIA employees and wounded several others in a shooting spree outside CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia on Jan. 25, 1993, was captured in Afghanistan through the joint efforts of the FBI, CIA, and local officials in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Kansi, a native of Pakistan, and an "Afghansi" veteran, was brought back to the United States on June 17. U.S. officials refused to reveal the details of the capture, but described the effort as very complex, that probably involved the collaboration of Afghan tribal leaders who were promised part of the \$2 million reward.

Kansi's return occurred on the same day that another accused terrorist, Saudi national Hani Abdel Rahim al-Sayegh, arrived in Washington from Canada, following his agreement to cooperate with U.S. investigators. Al-Sayegh is suspected by U.S. officials of participating in the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in which 19 U.S. servicemen were killed.

While much of the U.S. press has played up the possible links between al-Sayegh and Iran, it should be recalled that *EIR* published an extensive profile of the "Afghansi" narco-terrorist international, created by the George Bush networks during the 1979-89 Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Osama Bin-Laden, the London-based Saudi terrorist and leading Afghan mujahideen bankroller, has been linked to participants in a number of the terrorist incidents, since Clinton became President, including the Feb. 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing. In recent interviews, Bin-Laden took credit for the Khobar Towers bombing, and an earlier car-bomb attack against a U.S. military training site in Riyadh, killing two Americans.

The captures of Kansi and al-Sayegh could lead to more serious breakthroughs against a London-protected apparatus engaged in deadly warfare against the United States.

Rep. James scores media on Africa genocide

Pennsylvania state Rep. Harold James (D-Philadelphia) wrote an editorial commentary for the *Philadelphia New Observer* of June 17, explaining the truth about the British Empire genocide in Africa. James, chairman of the state Legislative Black Caucus, is a signer of the African Civil Rights Movement's call to stop the genocide in Africa.

"Although, initially, much of the mass media reported favorably on the recent developments in Zaire, the reality appears to be the exact opposite.

"In fact, reports from central Africa indicate that the biggest land grab since colonial times, mainly by British corporations, may be under way there, along with a massive genocide comparable to the Nazi holocaust. It also appears certain that American political figures, such as former President George Bush and conservative leader Pat Robertson, are involved.

"I am calling upon all Americans of good will, particularly African-Americans, to encourage an investigation into the situation in Africa and to organize support for President Clinton to take the actions necessary to stop

the crimes being committed there.

"I recently discovered first-hand how the reality of Africa can be totally different than that portrayed by the established media. I visited the African nation of Sudan in February as part of a fact-finding delegation organized by the Schiller Institute. My experiences convinced me that there is a campaign of disinformation against Sudan . . . designed to justify economic sanctions by the United Nations and military attacks against that nation by neighboring countries, such as Ethiopia and Uganda, backed by the British establishment. . . .

"Is there a British-backed plan to 're-colonize' Africa and re-draw its map using the military power of the Ugandan regime of Yoweri Museveni?"

"A Ugandan newspaper published a shocking speech by Museveni, delivered April 4 before the East African Law Society, where he said: 'My mission is to see that Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire become federal states under one nation. . . . As Hitler did to bring together Germany, we should also do it here. Hitler was a smart guy, but I think he went a bit too far by wanting to conquer the whole world.' Ugandan troops have reportedly been heavily involved in the recent military activities in Zaire.

"It is fitting and proper that concerned African-Americans take the lead in defense of Africa from its enemies, wherever they may be found. Let us resolve that the victims of the ongoing African holocaust shall not have died in vain, that the criminals responsible for genocide shall be brought to justice, irrespective of their rank in society; and that Africa shall have a new birth of freedom and true economic development in the 21st century."

Jerusalem amendment aimed at Mideast peace

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called on Congress in late June to remove provocative, GOP-backed provisions from the Foreign Relations Authorization bill, which passed the House on June 11, that would force the United States to move its

embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Burns told the press: "We hope very much that this particular provision will not end up in a final piece of legislation that the President will have to sign or not sign. . . . We hope that this amendment will be taken off the bill before it reaches the final stage of consideration in conference." He continued, "Jerusalem is the most emotional, the most complex issue that the Israelis and Palestinians will negotiate in the permanent status talks. We do not believe it's wise or appropriate or good policy to prejudge that issue and to take initiatives which, in effect, move that issue in a certain direction before the parties to the conflict have even had a chance to discuss it themselves."

Wall St. Journal attacks Starr as 'irresponsible'

Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr came under attack on June 19 from an unlikely quarter: the *Wall Street Journal* editorial pages. The *Journal's* "Politics & People" columnist, Albert Hunt, opened his harsh treatment of Starr by quoting former White House counsel Abner Mikva, who also served on the federal appeals court in Washington with Starr for six years; Mikva accuses Starr of conducting "an irresponsible, politically motivated inquest of the President." Mikva continued, "I am very disappointed in Ken Starr. He has diminished the institution of the Presidency and exacerbated all of the problems of the independent counsel."

Hunt cites Starr's blunders, including his representation of tobacco companies which wanted to defeat Clinton, speaking at the law school "of the notorious Clinton-hater Pat Robertson," almost resigning to take a post at Pepperdine University, funded by Richard Mellon Scaife, and authorizing a *New York Times Magazine* piece "for which his office appears to have discussed confidential grand jury proceedings." Hunt concludes, "The purpose of an independent counsel is to depoliticize a sensitive investigation. Ken Starr has gone the other way."

THE WHITE HOUSE turned over to Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr notes of conversations between First Lady Hillary Clinton and her attorney, after the Supreme Court on June 23 refused to hear the White House appeal of a lower court ruling that Mrs. Clinton's attorney-client privilege did not apply to the notes, which had been taken by White House lawyers.

HAROLD EVANS, publisher of Random House, and his wife, Tina Brown, the editor of the *New Yorker*, threw a lavish party for Britain's new Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair in New York on June 22. According to the London *Guardian*, both British natives Evans and Brown are being considered for the post of British ambassador to Washington.

HUBERT HUMPHREY Institute of Public Affairs Dean Edward Schuh, praised Uganda's Hitler, Yoweri Museveni, telling the student newspaper: Museveni "is providing exceptional leadership for Uganda and for other parts of Africa. . . . I had a meeting with him Friday afternoon [June 13] and he's just doing magnificent things with the economy there." The Humphrey Institute refused to honor students' demands that the honorary degree granted Museveni in 1994 be revoked.

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S family told a special edition of the ABC News broadcast "Turning Point" on June 19 that they believe that James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing King, is innocent as he now claims, and is demanding that he be given a proper trial.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, residents have had enforced water rationing since mid-June, with running water only every other day for 390,000 of metropolitan San Juan's 1.8 million people. The restrictions will continue until the city's reservoirs are replenished by rain water, according to the Aqeduct and Sewer Authority.