

D.C.: Gloves come off against ADL thugs

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), notorious for its defense of the international drug cartel and smearing of political enemies as "anti-Semites," was denounced at a press conference in Washington, D.C. on July 28 as an organization which has nothing to do with civil rights, but as a gangster organization with political motives which should be treated as such.

The refreshing statements came at a press conference by Nation of Islam Minister Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad at the Abundant Life Clinic, to show off the work that the Nation of Islam (NOI) has done to fight drugs and the AIDS epidemic, and to respond to attacks against him and the NOI by the ADL. Media attendance was heavy, including all major television affiliates, Fox television, the *Washington Times*, WTOP all news radio, and several black radio stations.

The press conference was precipitated by vicious attacks by the ADL against Dr. Muhammad after Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly proclaimed July 11 "Abdul Alim Muhammad Day," to honor his work as a physician and his volunteer efforts with anti-drug patrols in several city housing complexes. On July 27, representatives of the ADL, the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington met with Mayor Kelly to express their "anger and frustration" over the proclamation, the *Washington Post* reported.

At the press conference, Dr. Muhammad said that he had not asked Mayor Kelly to make the declaration, but thanked her for her recognition. He rejected charges that he and the Nation of Islam are anti-Semitic, and said that the slanders emanate from the World Jewish Congress meeting in Brussels, Belgium (see p. 59). There is no history of a tradition of the black community hating Hebrews, Christians, Jews, or Muslims, he said, and emphasized that dialogue, not slanders, was required. Dr. Muhammad suggested that leaders of the Jewish community and the NOI sit down and talk face to face. He said that the NOI work to stop drugs and AIDS deserved the support of the city of Washington.

Joining Dr. Muhammad were Lawrence Freeman, representing presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR*; Rev. Willie Wilson, a local minister; and Lt. Col. Lionel Duckett, a retired police officer, who praised Mayor Kelly's proclamation. "If we were anti-Semitic, Mr. Freeman wouldn't be here," Dr. Muhammad said. "If we were haters of Christians, Minister Willie Wilson wouldn't be here."

A sordid history

In a prepared statement, Freeman charged that the attacks on supporters and friends of Dr. Muhammad was "part of a consistent pattern of behavior by the ADL to malign those organizations fighting drugs and who represent an independent voice not under their control. It is high time that people stop cowering to the ADL for fear of being called 'anti-Semitic,' and that the ADL was exposed for what it is: a bunch of gangsters, tied into organized crime and the international drug trade."

Freeman outlined the history of the ADL: "The ADL was founded in the early part of this century as a public relations front for the Jewish branch of organized crime. Many of Meyer Lansky's top lieutenants were always among the ADL's biggest contributors. In 1985, the ADL gave its Torch of Liberty to gangster Morris Dalitz, a big shot in the National Crime Syndicate, a founder of the notorious Purple Gang and a close ally of Meyer Lansky.

"Another case in point of the ADL's ties to organize crime and drugs is Kenneth Bialkin, a powerful Wall Street lawyer, who was chairman of the ADL from 1982-86, and today is its honorary chairman and president of the ADL Foundation. Bialkin helped mastermind the looting of over \$200 million from Investors Overseas Service (IOS) for drug kingpin Robert Vesco. Bialkin's client, fugitive Robert Vesco, now lives in Havana, Cuba and was an early partner of Medellín Cartel dope smuggler Carlos Lehder Rivas. Lehder, a Colombian cocaine trader, has publicly proclaimed his admiration for Adolf Hitler.

"It should not be forgotten Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad led the Nation of Islam's Dope Busters in their successful effort to clean drugs out of various communities in Washington, D.C. Not coincidentally, the first full-scale attacks on Lyndon LaRouche and our movement began after the publication of the first edition of *Dope, Inc.* in 1978. Why is the ADL attacking those fighting drugs and supporting those spreading drugs, crime, and terrorism? We should not be surprised to find the ADL linked to the pro-drug Playboy Foundation and the drug lobby's semi-official propaganda organ, *High Times* magazine. . . .

"The ADL must be taken deadly seriously," Freeman warned. "Lyndon LaRouche has documented in court the involvement of the ADL with the Justice Department, the FBI, and CIA in railroading him into prison. Retired Cleveland auto worker John Demjanjuk was stripped of his U.S. citizenship, deported to Israel and convicted for war crimes he never committed, and was almost murdered, for allegedly being 'Ivan the Terrible.' The Israeli Supreme Court may be forced to admit they have the wrong man, but no thanks to the ADL, KGB, and our Justice Department who tried to kill him.

"In closing," Freeman said, "I want to emphasize, that it is not Dr. Muhammad, the Dope Busters, or the Abundant Life Clinic who are guilty of anti-Semitism. No. It is rather the ADL who guilty of and should be exposed for their anti-Semitism."