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DoJ 'polled' jury pool in trial of black judge

Department of Justice (DoJ) officials conducted a telephone poll of 400 potential jurors in the trial of New Orleans U.S. District Judge Robert F. Collins, in an effort to determine public opinion as to whether the prosecution of Collins, a black federal judge who was the target of a federal sting operation, is racially motivated. People who received the calls contacted defense attorneys, who disclosed the scheme in court, the *National Law Journal* reported.

Defense attorneys immediately pointed to the DoJ activity as further proof of their contention that the prosecution was racial targeting from beginning to end.

Judge Joseph Young of Baltimore, the trial judge, reacted with outrage to the revelation. "I condemn the procedure, I think it's outrageous," he said, and ruled that no one contacted by the DoJ could serve on the jury.

Young, at least in this case, has not adopted the Supreme Court's views about jury prejudice elaborated in *Mu'Min v. Virginia*. In that case, the Court gave the green light to seating juries which are prejudiced by inflammatory publicity. Young told prosecutors that determining the bias of the jury is his business, and "I don't want anyone else doing that."

FBI's 'darling' ousted as Aurora police chief

Robert Wadman, close to the FBI in Nebraska where he is accused of pedophile crimes, has submitted his resignation as chief of police of Aurora, Illinois, effective the end of August, Aurora Alderman Bob Cutter announced June 4. "He was never accepted here," Cutter said. The resignation, the press reported, stemmed from a lack of support for Wadman by rank and file officers.

Wadman, who is the former Omaha police chief, testified in May in the Nebraska perjury trial of pedophile victim-witness

Alisha Owen, now 22, that she was telling "disgusting lies" about him, and that he had never seen her before. Wadman has been named by all the victim-witnesses in the sexual child abuse scandals in Nebraska. He is charged in a suit by Paul Bonacci as being instrumental in "brutal intimidation" of victim-witnesses to cover up for the pedophile ring, as well as having obscenely penetrated then-adolescent Alisha Owen with the barrel of his gun, and, according to eyewitnesses, engaging in sex with young boys, and other criminal acts.

In an attempt to extricate himself from the escalating citizens' fight against the FBI-protected pedophile ring, Wadman has filed suit against the state of Nebraska, charging that the investigation of him by the Senate Franklin Committee and its chief investigator, Gary Caradori, damaged his reputation. Caradori and his eight-year-old son were killed in a suspicious plane crash in July of 1990 outside Aurora just as he was finishing his investigation.

Methodist, Catholic bishops criticize Israel

Bishop Thomas B. Stockton, head of the Virginia conference of the United Methodist Church, has joined Episcopal Bishop C. Charles Vaché in criticizing Israel's treatment of Palestinians. Also criticizing Israel, in agreement with Vaché and Stockton, were Episcopal Bishop W. Heath Light of the 13,000-member diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and "in qualified ways," according to the June 4 *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Catholic Bishop Walter F. Sullivan of Richmond, and Peter J. Lee of the 78,000-member Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

Stockton issued a public letter June 3 denouncing "massive human rights violations that are experienced by the Palestinians at the hands of the Israelis."

The bishops are quoted strongly criticizing settlements on the West Bank that have displaced Palestinians, while conceding that Israel is a close ally of the U.S., and should have secure borders.

Vaché, after coming under intense attack from the Anti-Defamation League,

signed a statement saying he was wrong to compare the treatment of Palestinians to Jews in pre-war Germany, after a closed breakfast meeting with representatives of various Jewish organizations, the June 8 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported. Tommy Baer, vice president of B'nai B'rith International, said, however, that Bishop Vaché "firmly believes that there are human rights violations in Israel. We did not get into that."

LaRouche prosecution unfair, says publisher

Morton A. Kaplan, professor of political science at the University of Chicago and editor and publisher of the monthly *The World and I*, attacked the U. S. government prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche in a four-page editorial in the June edition. "The World and I" is a Reverend Moon-linked monthly.

Entitled "Selective Prosecution versus Selective Exculpation," Kaplan said because of how the case has been handled procedurally by the courts, "it has become the equivalent of selective prosecution. In fact, one federal court held that the Justice Department and another court had acted improperly to destroy one of his businesses. Their animus toward LaRouche has apparently affected every phase of the case."

Kaplan notes that "former Attorney General Edward Levi once said that anyone could be found guilty of a crime if sufficient resources were devoted to the matter. . . . Prosecution is selective if it is directed toward the punishment of the offender because of who he is and not because of the crime that was committed . . . and legitimate considerations for inhibition of criminal activity."

Kaplan contrasts the "selective exculpation" of draft card burners with the "selective prosecution" of Reverend Moon, which "began when Sen. [Robert] Dole [R-Kan.] wrote to the Justice Department to suggest that it open an investigation to see if it could get Rev. Moon on a tax charge."

Kaplan says that his views on LaRouche's prosecution are not based on

sympathy. "I have strong personal reasons to dislike Lyndon LaRouche," he said.

"The handling of these cases was a far more serious threat to the American system of law than the activities of a Lyndon LaRouche. . . . One of the most important touchstones of a system of justice is how the unpopular are treated."

EPA financing creation of eco-fascist SDS

The Environmental Protection Agency is funneling tax funds into a movement on college campuses that is trying to replicate the success of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) of the 1960s, but geared toward environmentalism. The group is called the Students' Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), according to an exposé in the June 10 issue of *Forbes* magazine.

According to *Forbes*, members of SEAC believe that mainstream environmental groups have sold out to the corporations and are not radical enough. The movement is now present on 1,100 campuses.

Last October, more than 8,000 students from schools in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries gathered on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana for SEAC's second national conference. The keynote speaker was Robert Redford, Hollywood's darling eco-fascist. Others speaking made up a Who's Who of environmental radicals, including eco-terrorist David Foreman, founder of Earth First!, United Farm Workers President Cesar Chavez, Jesse Jackson and Ralph Nader.

Law journal warns of emerging police state

Stuart Taylor, a senior writer with the *American Lawyer Magazine*, warned in a commentary in *Legal Times*, a Washington, D.C.-based legal weekly, that the recent Supreme Court decisions are a foreboding of an emerging police state in the United States.

Entitled "High Court in a Police State of Mind," Taylor reviews recent restrictions imposed on Fourth Amendment protections by U.S. Supreme Court decisions. "The erosion of important rights proceeds, restrained neither by adherence to precedent nor by deference to the law-making role of the Congress." The problem, he says, is that these "three decisions, and others in which the Court has recently extended its two-decade constriction of Fourth Amendment rights, are too technical to come across as blockbusters on the evening news. . . . But the pattern suggests an ominous shift in fundamental values at the top of our legal system, a shift that will have little impact on crime while leaving us all less free."

Gallo admits his lab used Pasteur AIDS virus

Dr. Robert Gallo, chief of tumor cell biology at the National Cancer Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, finally acknowledged the truth of the charge that his "discovery" of the AIDS virus was based on a culture sent him by the Pasteur Institute, according to the May 31 *Washington Times*. In 1984, Gallo had challenged the claim of Luc Montagnier and the Pasteur Institute to have been the first to isolate the virus. Gallo made the admission in a briefletter to *Nature* magazine.

Gallo's letter came in response to a report by Montagnier in *Science* magazine in mid-May, in which he stated that the AIDS culture sent to Gallo had been accidentally contaminated with a different, virulent strain of the virus from a patient identified as Lai, and that this mixed culture had somehow been allowed to contaminate one of Gallo's own cultures.

In an interview with *Le Monde*, Montagnier said, "Professor Gallo has not told the truth, notably in 1984 and 1985," because of "the manifest will to hide the fact that he'd made a mistake."

Gallo developed an AIDS test based upon his claimed discovery, for which patent royalties have so far been split 50-50 between France and the U.S. because of the disputed priority.

● **L. DOUGLAS WILDER** toured Britain, Belgium, Germany, and Poland over June 2-12, and attended the oligarchic Bilderberg Society meeting in Baden-Baden, Germany, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported. Henry Kissinger and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton also planned to attend.

● **MILTON FRIEDMAN** proposed the legalization of drugs in Colombia, in an interview on Colombian television June 5. The present situation, "with drugs being illegal but without the power to enforce the law, creates a criminal environment," responsible for the last seven years of assassinations and terrorism, he said.

● **SATELLITE** real-time intelligence access has now been granted to Israel for the first time, and was arranged during Defense Secretary Cheney's trip there in late May, according to the June 2 *Jerusalem Post*.

● **DONALD GREGG**, the former national security adviser to Vice President Bush and present U.S. ambassador to South Korea will be indicted soon by Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh for perjury, according to rumors among aficionados of the Iran-Contra scandal.

● **MANUEL NORIEGA'S** defense team says George Bush targeted him for refusing to invade Nicaragua. The defense has demanded U.S. government documents about federal agencies using drug dealing to finance the Contras in the 1980s, that would show that Noriega was ordered to invade Nicaragua through Costa Rica.

● **THE WEDTECH** convictions of E. Bob Wallach, the attorney of Edwin Meese, and two others were reversed by the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York May 31 because one of the witnesses later admitted he had perjured himself, even though the testimony was unrelated to the charge.