

World dignitaries appeal for justice

Political figures, scientists, religious leaders, and others from around the world have expressed their outrage at the Roanoke jailings. Some of the statements printed here have been slightly abridged.

International

Sen. Alma Agata Capiello, member of the Judiciary Committee of the Italian Senate and of the National Committee of the Italian Socialist Party:

I met Anita Gallagher on my recent trip to the United States, during which I had meetings in Congress and the Senate to call for a solution to the LaRouche case. I must say that if she had not reported to me in detail how she and her husband and two of her associates had been given incredibly high sentences, in her case 39 years, I would never have believed that such sentences were possible in a country like the United States, which used to be considered the land of freedom and justice. As I expressed during my meetings in Washington, I can only call on President Clinton to undo the injustice done by his predecessor at the White House, and intervene to free LaRouche and his associates.

Dr. Hans Klecatsky, former minister of justice of the Republic of Austria:

I have been informed that four more associates of Mr. Lyndon H. LaRouche were recently incarcerated in Virginia, after the trial judge denied a motion to reduce the harsh sentences of 25 to 39 years. On numerous occasions, I have expressed my concerns about the practice of such extremely long sentences, especially when they are imposed in a case like this, where political motivations appear to be behind the prosecution.

Viktor A. Kuzin, elected member of the Moscow City Council, "*The Holy Inquisition Does Not Require Evidence.*"

Not even two years have passed, since the U.S. authorities became the good friend of the bloody dictator B. Yeltsin and the Russian neo-Bolshevik clique that he heads. The explanation for this phenomenon, which is so surprising at first glance, is to be found in the singularity of the fundamental interests of the ruling oligarchies of the two countries,

their geopolitical situations and their roles. Their desire to band together, with the aim of surviving and dominating their own peoples and the whole world, turned out to be stronger than their ideological differences. Communist ideals on the one side, and democracy and the rights of man on the other, turned out, when put to the test, to be not the highest moral values, but just small change in a big political game.

And when the masks are torn away and there is no need for using ideological demagoguery, then political cynicism and, directly related to it, the repressive essence of the current state structures of Russia and the U.S.A., stand before us in all their disgusting nakedness. Evidently there are no crimes that they are not willing to forgive one another, in the name of tender mutual friendship. Suffice it to recall the recent friendly gesture of the U.S. administration, which gave unambiguous support to the Moscow usurper who declared war against his own people.

In view of all this, it is not surprising to anyone that there have been reprisals against leaders of the political opposition in the United States, inflicted either with silence from human rights groups, or even with their abetment.

On Nov. 4 of this year, after unsuccessful efforts to have their convictions overturned or at least their sentences reduced, four more members of the movement headed by L. LaRouche were jailed: Laurence Hecht (33 years), Donald Phau (25 years), the spouses Paul and Anita Gallagher (34 and 39 years, respectively).

The obvious absurdity of the official charges; the farcical character of the court examination, where the judge knows ahead of time what evidence he needs and what what he does not, and does not consider it necessary to conceal his intolerance toward the views of the accused; the imposition of astronomical prison terms—these, and many, many other things show the essentially inquisitorial character of this trial, which was nothing other than the worst hold-over of medieval barbarism, betraying the authorities' convulsive fear before the strength of spirit, power of intellect, and purity of convictions of these brave people, who are selflessly working for the sake of a better future for their homeland and the whole world, against a global conspiracy of the political elites.

The worthy response to the continuation of the political repression against L. LaRouche and his co-thinkers would be for their numbers to grow, and for the support given them in different countries around the world to be strengthened.

The crisis, and the incipient dissolution of the nominal human rights defense movement, which has effectively become a servant of the state's punitive policies, both in Russia and in the United States, confronts human rights activists with a new problem—how to revive that movement on the basis of true independence, mutual support, and devotion to a moral ideal.

Haroun Tazieff, *volcanologist, former French secretary of state for the prevention of natural disasters, Paris:*

I am deeply shocked by the severity of the sentences. . . . I know part of the work done by *21st Century Science & Technology*, which published one of my articles, and whose managing editor, Marjorie Hecht, is the wife of Larry Hecht. I think that this magazine is motivated by the sincere quest for truth in science rather than by profit: It's one of those rare magazines which dares to demolish the ozone myth, against established ideas.

The severity of those sentences is still more shocking when people like Michael Milken, king of junk bonds, or Col. Oliver North, the man of Irangate, are today free and are profiting by the enormous amounts of money they dishonestly got.

United States

Rev. James L. Bevel, *civil rights leader, 1992 vice presidential running mate of Lyndon LaRouche:*

Being a Christian revolutionary, I view jail quite differently from violent revolutionaries.

Violent revolutionaries work to eliminate their so-called enemy. On the other hand, a Christian revolutionary seeks to establish truth based on love. This love, being agapē, is self-sacrificing. The jailing of Lyn, Rochelle, Michael, and now Laurence, Paul, Anita, and Donald, will do more to uproot and eliminate the evil practice of sexual perversity and economic exploitation than the killing of 10 million soldiers and the destruction of a dozen empires.

As an African-American and a "Third-World person," who is denied scientific education and industrial and economic development rights, I am deeply indebted to you for making this kind of sacrifice, so that I, my children, and people will be vindicated from slavery and prostitution.

You, my friends, are the salt of the earth. You are the lights of the world. And please know that you are healing people and the nation and you are shining light into the darkness.

I pray for you, but I do not pity you. For you are now among those who are worthy to matriculate in the company of the redeemed.

Amelia Boynton Robinson, *vice-chairman, Schiller Institute:*

I wonder what has happened to this supposed "sweet land of liberty," to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence, which set this country apart from all other constitutional republics.

Lust for power, greed, jealousy, and fraud, like termites, are eating away the very foundation of justice, peace, and the inalienable rights of our citizens. The very courts are rotten with prejudice. The corruption is destroying the very

What you can do to restore justice

Readers are urged to contact the Virginia governor and members of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate Courts of Justice Committees, to demand a full investigation of the unjust imprisonment of LaRouche's associates.

Write to Gov. Douglas Wilder at P.O. Box 1474, Richmond, Va. 23212. Fax: (804) 786-3985. After January 1994, write to Gov. George Allen.

While the Virginia General Assembly is out of session, legislators must be reached at their home offices. After the Assembly convenes in January 1994, letters can be sent to House of Delegate members at the following address: P.O. Box 406, Richmond, Va. 23203. Letters should be sent to Senate members at the following address: P.O. Box 396, Richmond, Va. 23203.

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love that Americans had for America, as well as prompting the disgust of citizens the world over for America.

Six Americans, seven including Lyndon LaRouche, have been given from 25 to 77 years in prison—for what? For allegedly violating the Virginia securities law, which has never been applied to political loans before.

Remember Michael Milken, the mastermind of federal securities fraud, where billions of dollars were involved; George Bush's brother, guilty of the same charge; Ivan Boesky; Neil Bush, the President's son; Oliver North; and

numerous others, who were slapped on the wrist or told to do community service.

What happened to our rights, which were given Americans by our Constitution: freedom of speech and freedom of expression, protection against excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment?

If Donald Phau, Paul and Anita Gallagher, Laurence Hecht, Rochelle Ascher and Michael Billington had been working in the interests of those who are corrupting this country, dealing in drugs, gambling, killing, and other corrupt practices, their deeds would have been covered up by the evil ones that have a death-hold on this country. But they have been targeted because they are associated with a man, Lyndon LaRouche, who fought and is still fighting against the evils that are destroying this nation. . . .

Termites and cancers work alike. They don't stop until everything is destroyed. Look out America!

John Remington Graham, county attorney (prosecutor), Crow Wing County, Minnesota:

Little did I ever expect that the Old Dominion, the birthplace of American freedom, would sink to such depths of barbaric and naked oppression, such obvious abuse of the prosecutorial function to suppress political dissidents. Prisons are for dangerous criminals, not for political activists. This kind of legal savagery has brought down Mary Sue Terry in Virginia, and will bring down her partner in oppression, Attorney General Skip Humphrey in Minnesota.

Yousef Haddad, president, Arab-American Press Guild:

Lately the American justice system proves to be a mockery; the denial of sentence reductions for the Gallaghers, Hecht, and Phau is a continuation of what we've seen over the years, from the sentencing of LaRouche to many other cases.

William Nezowy, president, American Ukrainian Political Action Council of United States:

Even Soviet Russia had lesser sentences for innocent people imprisoned as political dissidents. Mary Sue Terry and Judge Weckstein are in the same category as the worst tyrants of history, like Ilsa Koch of Nazi Germany.

Nancy Spannaus, independent candidate for governor of Virginia in the 1993 election:

The fact that the Virginia electorate so thoroughly rejected former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry in the recent election, provides considerable hope that her filthy legacy in the form of the atrocious jail sentences for Paul and Anita Gallagher, Larry Hecht, and Don Phau, can be reversed in the near term. Terry's defeat was directly related to the fact that Virginians saw her as a vindictive, corrupt person, who was willing to disregard the human and legal rights of pensioners, death row prisoners, and anyone else who got in her way. . . .

Scientists decry political atrocity

The Fall 1993 issue of 21st Century Science & Technology magazine included an interview on the Virginia case with Laurence Hecht and his wife, Marjorie, by Dr. Jonathan Tennenbaum, editor of the German-language magazine Fusion. Laurence is an associate editor and Marjorie is managing editor of 21st Century. It was suggested that readers write to the Virginia governor concerning the cases, and scores of readers sent copies of their letters to the magazine. Here are some excerpts:

From a professor at the National Institute of Hygiene in Poland:

In my opinion [the defendants] they are politically oppressed people. . . . We have a long history in this country of political oppression and are very interested in any similar situation elsewhere. I appeal to you to nullify the sentences of the court which has been misguided.

From a professor of chemistry in Texas:

I ask your intervention and release of these people so they can get on with their work. If there is some civil case against them, let them be fined as with other people who have committed the same sort of offense. For goodness sake, let us stop this business of political persecution for views which are not those of the Establishment.

What kind of a country do you think we are in? The incredible sentences to which these people have been sentenced are characteristic of Russia or Germany in the late 1930s.

From a professor of microbiology in New York City:

It is difficult to understand how this lengthy term of imprisonment, which is clearly cruel and unusual for a nonviolent crime, can be seriously considered in any part of the United States. . . .

I write to you on my professional letterhead to indicate that although the news media seem to be generally uninterested in this unusual set of circumstances, I and other scientists worldwide will follow the outcome of [the] hearing next week.

From a science professor in Copenhagen:

A society advances by ideas and debate, and suffers stagnation from suppression. Expressed opinions, especially when not acceptable by a majority of people, generally are true signs of a healthy state of the society.

The case exemplifies mass or group suggestion which is an imminent danger of all varieties of mob rule. The Ameri-