

## EIR Feature

# Racist ADL uses gestapo tactics to boost fundraising

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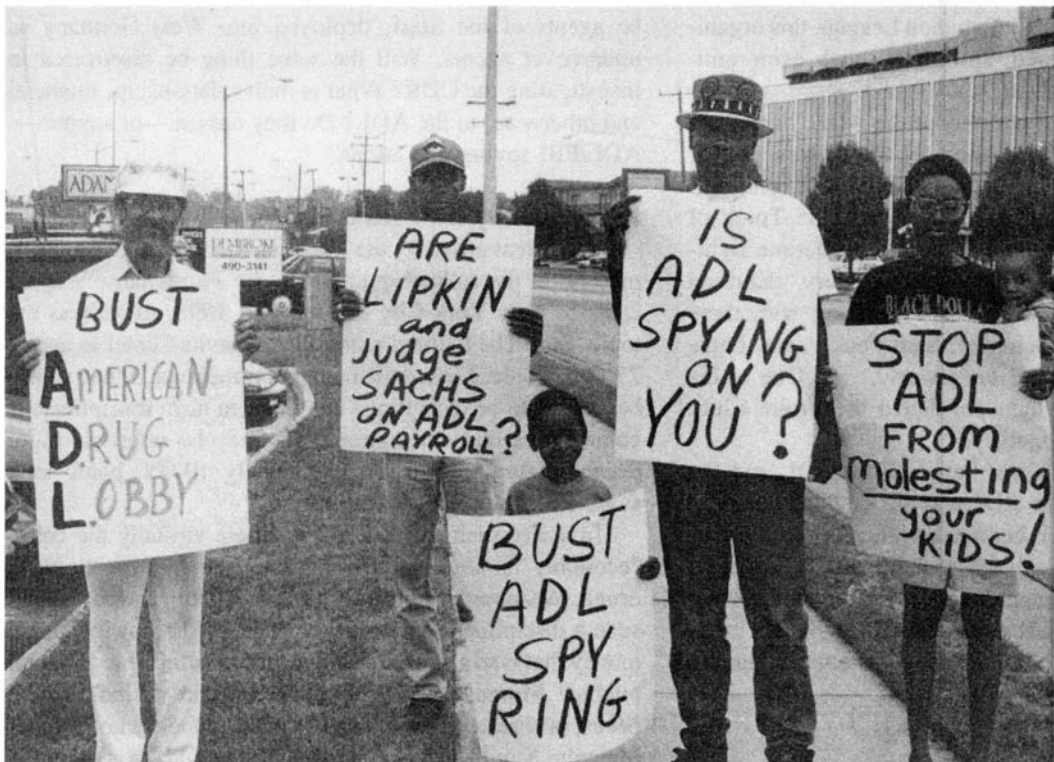
In 1965, Martin Luther King, Jr. was interviewed and asked how he might respond to the charge, that he was viewed by many people as an “extremist” for his dedication to the cause of civil rights. King answered, “It disturbed me when I first heard it. But, when I began to consider the true meaning of the word, I decided that perhaps I would *like* to think of myself as an extremist—in the light of the spirit which made Jesus an extremist for love. . . . Thus I consider myself an extremist for that brotherhood of man which Paul so nobly expressed: ‘There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.’ ”

It might have shocked King to know, that those who were the source of his being characterized as an “extremist,” were, among others, the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL). This report documents that not only has the ADL engaged for years in spying on over 900 organizations and thousands of individuals that they claim to consider “anti-Semitic,” but that, going back to the early 1960s at least, the ADL spied on Martin Luther King, on behalf of the FBI, even while it claimed to be a civil rights organization in support of King and his movement.

In an appearance before the 68th conference of the Rabbinical Assembly, King stated, in response to a question, “First let me say that there is absolutely no anti-Semitism in the black community in the historic sense of anti-Semitism.” That was on March 25, 1968. No one in that assembly challenged King on his observations.

Yet, in November 1991, at an ADL conference held in Montreal, University of Arizona professor Leonard Dinnerstein would state, “Black anti-Semitism’s envy and ambivalence toward Jews has been constant and continuous in American society as far back as slavery days.” Dinnerstein would call even Booker T. Washington and Ralph Bunche, “anti-Semitic.”

To comprehend the racist roots of Dinnerstein’s outlook, one has but to refer to the characterization given by Henry Schwarzschild, an official in the ADL’s publications department in the 1960s, as to the view of those in the ADL who had



A demonstration in Norfolk, Virginia in August 1993, at the headquarters of the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL's current dirty tricks against the black community are no surprise, when you consider the group's longstanding involvement with the Ku Klux Klan and the FBI.

King under surveillance for the FBI. "They thought King was sort of a loose cannon. He was a Baptist preacher. . . . The ADL was very anxious about having an unguided missile out there."

Recent revelations on the King assassination, aired on national television in December, threaten to call attention to the role played by the FBI and its head, J. Edgar Hoover, in the persecution and, perhaps, in the execution of the slain civil rights leader. Also, the fact that ADL-paid operatives spied on the Nation of Islam, and sold their information to the South African security agencies, begs the question of ADL support for the earlier apartheid policies of the South African regime. The violent death of South African leader Chris Hani, one of the targets of that ADL spying, should provoke interest as to whether ADL operatives might have done, and might do, more than simply collect information.

In the past five weeks in New York City, there have been at least three attempts to provoke violence between city police and the Nation of Islam. The first such attempt left eight policemen injured on Jan. 9, and resulted in a \$1.5 billion suit being filed against the Muslims. On Jan. 11, the son of a prominent Muslim cleric in East New York, Shu'aib Abdul Latif, 17, was killed by four policemen, despite the fact that he was unarmed.

### The ADL extortion game

In this atmosphere of heightened tension, on Jan. 17, the weekend of Martin Luther King's birthday, the ADL

ran a full-page ad in the *New York Times*, excerpting quotes from a speech given three months earlier by Nation of Islam spokesman Khalid Abdul Muhammad, in which he attacked Jews, the pope, and the media, at Kean College in New Jersey. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), appearing on the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour, would ask, "with all the anti-Semitism, can't we find some positive way to work together to expose it without publicizing people and asking people to send in contributions?" (emphasis added).

Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, became apoplectic, saying, "Congressman Rangel, I respect you too much for that comment." Of course, Rangel had in fact identified the ADL extortion game precisely. Faced with declining contributions and credibility in the wake of the December 1992 raid on its San Francisco headquarters, in which its illegal possession of police files was discovered, the ADL, as soon as a deal was struck not to indict such people as Irwin Suall (head of the ADL's Fact-Finding Division) began the cynical fundraising operation better known as the "Tar-Baby caper."

The ADL, in point of fact, had a ready-made target in Minister Muhammad, who has been a well-known figure on the college campus circuit for years. Minister Farrakhan, in his press conference of Feb. 3, observed, "The Anti-Defamation League has a history of spying, not only on black leaders, but all those leaders and organizations that have popular support—black, white, Arab, and even other Jews of whom they disapprove. . . . In view of the history

and the practice of the Anti-Defamation League, this organization must be considered anti-black, and even anti-American.”

The gangster past, and present, of the ADL, have been thoroughly documented in a book by the editors of *EIR* entitled *The Ugly Truth about the ADL*. There, one will find, for example, that the ADL gave its 1985 Torch of Liberty Award to Morris “Moe” Dalitz, “a lifetime right-hand man to organized crime’s twentieth-century ‘chairman of the board’ Meyer Lansky. . . . He, along with three other gangsters, Morris Kleinman, Sam Tucker, and Louis Rothkopf, ran the Cleveland underworld. . . . One of his Miami ‘investments,’ a nightclub called the Frolic Club, was a joint venture with Lansky.”

The connection, therefore, between the ADL and the FBI, as well as between the ADL and the Ku Klux Klan (all documented in that book), becomes even more intriguing. Hoover’s collusion with, and blackmail by, the Lansky mob, has been the subject of recent book-length exposés. Moreover, statesman Lyndon LaRouche, in a Chicago radio interview on Jan. 29, pointed out the unity of outlook among the ADL, the Klan, and the FBI.

### ‘An extension of the FBI’

“I’m opposed to gangsterism,” stated LaRouche. “And some people who profess to be Jewish don’t know the difference between a Jew and a gangster, which offends a lot of Jews, and offends me. . . . The ADL has been, all of its existence, an extension of the FBI. . . . It was created in the same period, and by the same people. J. Edgar . . . was a president of the Ku Klux Klan chapter at his college, George Washington University. He hired many people to be top officials of the FBI who were members of this KKK affiliate called the Kappa Alpha Society.”

*EIR* readers know that Hoover has his own shrine at the temple of the Scottish Rite of Freemasons in Washington, D.C., the same group that erected the statue of Confederate Gen. Albert Pike, a founding member of the Ku Klux Klan, on public property in Judiciary Square. The ADL, along with Rep. Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-D.C.), has been the major opposition to removal of the Klan monument, citing the campaign’s connection to its originator, Lyndon LaRouche. Holmes-Norton has led the denunciations of Farrakhan, as well as (implicitly) his attack on the ADL.

“Why have not the black leaders denounced the ADL for spying on and keeping dossiers on our leaders?” asked Farrakhan. This question should also be directed to agencies such as the Center for Democratic Renewal, one of the major intelligence units engaged in slandering Lyndon LaRouche in the African-American community. Ties are known to exist between operatives of the CDR, and the East German secret police, the Stasi. Recently, it has been established in Germany that many of the press opponents of LaRouche, who slandered him as “anti-Semitic,” have turned out to

be agents of the Stasi, deployed into West Germany as undercover agents. Will the same thing be discovered in investigating the CDR? What is their relationship, financial and otherwise, to the ADL? Do they oppose—or support—ADL/FBI spying operations?

### Dirty money flow threatened

The threat posed by the Muslims to the likes of the ADL may lie in the following comment by Farrakhan: “When I came to New York City on Dec. 18, 1993, to address the topic ‘Stop The Killing’ at the Jacobs Javits Center to nearly 25,000 people, I asked the men in the audience if they would be willing to be disciplined and then, in turn, discipline our communities that our communities may be safer and more decent places to live. Approximately 10,000 black men stood and stated they were willing.”

In a city such as New York, where virtually the entire “economy” is now “service industry,” such as prostitution, drugs, weapons, and contraband trafficking, what would such a disciplined force threaten to do to the flow of illegal money that is so critical to the ever-more vulnerable financial bubble? Moreover, what kind of shift in outlook would occur, or threaten to occur, among individuals who, such as Malcolm X, willfully decided that they would not continue to act like, or be treated as, animals in an increasingly bankrupt theme park?

In his 1965 interview, King also stated:

“America will be faced with the ever-present threat of violence, rioting, and senseless crime as long as Negroes by the hundreds of thousands are packed into malodorous, rat-plagued ghettos; as long as Negroes remain smothered by poverty in the midst of an affluent society; as long as Negroes see their freedom endlessly delayed and diminished. . . . No nation can suffer any greater tragedy than to cause millions of its citizens to feel that they have no stake in their own society.”

In times when conditions have worsened far beyond anything that could have been imagined by King, there is no possibility that the Anti-Defamation League will, or could, do anything other than augment the effectiveness of its opponents by its antics. There is a more fundamental issue, however. When will American citizens stop insisting that the targeting of elected officials, political dissidents, and even the clergy are “exceptional circumstances”? When will they face that there are those among us that seek to impose upon our now-defunct urban centers, a “Limes,” from the Roman imperial wall to keep out the barbarians, cordoning off the rich from the poor, the desirables from the undesirables, the “socially necessary” from, in the phrase of Himmler, the “redundant”?

The ADL’s role as *kapos* in such a situation, targeting, in particular, “black intellectuals” for thought-control, would only corroborate the already too abundant evidence of their racist roots.