

Editorial

Yes Adolf, you are a Nazi

A curious piece was published in the *Washington Post* on June 15. The title of the article was "A Four-Letter Word: Has Misuse Deprived 'Nazi' of Its Meaning?" The ostensible target of the article was Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, who had, quite appropriately, likened House Speaker Newt Gingrich's imposition of a financial control board on his city, to measures taken by the Nazis.

Reading on, however, we see that the real subject of the article is the impeachment campaign launched by Lyndon LaRouche and his associates in Pennsylvania, to drive Pennsylvania's Nazi governor, Tom Ridge, out of office. Success in this fight will mean the final defeat of Newtzi's SS, and a purge of his followers in the November Congressional election.

With thinly veiled racism, the *Post* quotes Towson State University Professor of Rhetoric Richard Vatz, in an attack on both Barry and LaRouche: "Marion Barry," says the racist Vatz, "is outside the rhetorical mainstream, so most people would not be shocked by his use of a term that, say, the President would never use. If a Lyndon LaRouche uses the term 'Nazi,' it hardly raises an eyebrow. But if a particularly respected political figure like a Howard Baker used it, it would still be shocking." For Marc Fisher, the author of the piece, Mayor Barry's use of the term is "far-fetched," "historically abusive," and "carnivalization" of language!

We can certainly understand why the *Washington Post* editors would protest. They, after all, have sat quietly by, as the U.S. capital city has been systematically gutted by the Nazi financial policies that Mayor Barry criticizes. Naturally, the editors are embarrassed. Moreover, their own journalistic practices are embarrassingly similar to those of Hitler's propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels.

The *Post* article seeks to deflect attention from the destitution which has driven masses of homeless people onto the street, and has created conditions of despair for large numbers of those who live in the city—conditions which have led to the destruction of families and the sharp rise in drug-related crimes. To

do this, Fisher describes examples in which the name "Nazi" is trivialized, either in comedy routines or as political slander. But then, he comes to the point of the article: the outrageous claim that only mass murder of Jews qualifies for use of the term.

This is a blatant falsification of history, a denial of the precision of Mayor Barry's identification of Gingrich's austerity policies, with similar austerity policies of Adolf Hitler and his financial backers—policies that led to the establishment of the concentration camps in which not only Jews, but slave laborers of every nationality, were ruthlessly worked to death.

Death camps such as Auschwitz were the last resort of a parasitic bankers' dictatorship, which had bankrupted the economies of the nations it occupied, and which itself teetered on the brink of collapse. The racist ideology of Nazism, like the racism of the Gingrich crowd, was meant to justify mass murder.

Many Americans today oppose the neo-conservatives, and are horrified by the program of Pennsylvania's Governor Ridge, who wants to limit medical care to those people—fewer and fewer these days—who can pay for such care up front. But, many Americans also flinch at the use of the term "Nazi."

It is simply not "politically correct." These same Americans, were Hitler alive today, would most likely wish to refer to him as *morally challenged*. Such flinching is not merely ridiculous, but extremely dangerous. The average American is unaware of the real history of the Nazi party, unaware of the role of Hitler's economics minister, Hjalmar Schacht, who was put into power by Montagu Norman of the Bank of England, under the personal direction of the British royal family and its advisers.

The neo-conservatives today have been created by the same oligarchical forces, on precisely the same model. It is no coincidence that the policies that they advocate to rid the United States of "useless eaters" are mirror images of the policies carried out by Hitler. These are Nazi policies, and any men and women who support such policies, are Nazis, whether or not they carry a party card.