

On The Issues - By Ira Gissen, Director, NC/VA Region ADL

"One-Eyed Chinamen and Cross-Eyed Jews"

That was the unfortunate expression used by Dr. Henry H. Dodge, Chairman of the Chesterfield School Board Selection Commission. His awkward attempt to describe his objectivity struck a sour note. ADL wrote to him:

"...After reading and reflecting upon your reported comments, I would speculate that it was your intent to show that you are a fair minded person whose decisions are free of religious and racial prejudice. Unfortunately your choice of words conveys to many people the opposite impression.

"(Several people told us that they were incredulous that you would speak in such a fashion in the wake of the imbroglio over the Superintendent of schools ill-advised use of the term 'genes'.)

"As you know, in recent years government officials have become increasingly aware that the public will not abide offensive language. Former Vice President Spiro Agnew encountered this reaction, as did former Secretary Butts and former Secretary Watts.

"Needless to say, parents have particularly high expectations regarding comments and conduct by public school officials. That is as it should be. Entrusted as they are with the development of our youth, it is not unreasonable to expect that public school officials will make a conscientious effort to set the best possible example. Hence I am not surprised by the critical reaction to your statement. While your motives may have been the best, your choice of words was ill-advised and rather offensive.

"In view of the unique importance and responsibility of the position to which you have been reappointed, it would seem altogether appropriate for you to issue a statement making clear that your recent comments were an unfortunate choice of words, but not an indication of prejudicial thinking or discriminatory predilections in discharging the responsibilities of your office."

Remember This Alamo

The Tony and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation is an evangelical cult responsible for spreading virulent anti-Catholic propaganda across the nation. Richmond and Greensboro, as well as other cities in Virginia and North Carolina have been the recent targets of their bigotry.

The Foundation is an Arkansas-based cult with vast holdings of property and businesses, there and in five other states — ranging from a cement plant to a grocery, its own printing presses, and a national and international network of TV, radio and short-wave radio programs. Alamo Foundation assets have been estimated ranging from \$25 million to \$60 million dollars.

Since May of this year, the Alamo Foundation has distributed across the country leaflets titled "The Pope's

Secrets" containing preposterous and obscene allegations. The Foundation claims that 5 million copies have been distributed and that 45 million to 50 million more are planned.

Prior to the leaflets, unsigned anti-Catholic posters — pasted to Catholic church walls and property, stores, utility poles and car windshields — began to appear in February of this year — in many cities where the leaflets were later found.

The posters, which claim the Vatican controls the U.S. media, have been attributed to the Alamo Foundation by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Alamo, himself, in a published interview, endorsed the posters and said, "Maybe I am the author and maybe I'm not."

Alamo Foundation materials have referred to the Vatican as "our enemy" and alleged that Catholics are not "true" Christians. Alamo has grievances against the Catholic church which he blamed in 1983 for the investigation which led to a federal court order that he pay minimum wages to the workers in the Foundation's business enterprises.

In early 1983, the Alamo Foundation placed long, rambling discourses by Tony Alamo as ads in several newspapers. Although Alamo denies being anti-Semitic, his tracts condemned "international bankers," a standard hate monger's euphemism for Jews, and quoted a passage from "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," the notorious, anti-Semitic Czarist forgery.

Tony Alamo, 49, and his wife, Susan, who died in 1982, gave up show business careers to found their Christian Foundation in California in 1966.

They preached the tenets of the "Jesus movement," handing out Bibles from paper bags. As the movement grew, the Alamos moved their operations to Arkansas, Mrs. Alamo's birthplace, in the mid-1970s.

Now headquartered in Alma, where it operates 29 businesses and maintains housing for its youthful "converts," the Alamo Foundation has erected a multi-million dollar complex in Dyer, containing offices, day-care facilities, dormitories, apartments and single family residences for its members. In addition to holdings in Arkansas, the cult owns property in Arizona, Tennessee, Illinois, New York and Florida.

The Alamo cult claims it operates "churches in Alma, in Saugus, CA, Brooklyn, NY, Chicago, IL, and Nashville, TN, and claims to have "missionaries" in Europe. Over the years the group printed and distributed millions of Biblical tracts and other literature, attacking targets ranging from the Internal Revenue Service to the Equal Rights Amendment.

According to the IRS, the Alamo Foundation received some half million dollars in contributions in 1971 and was reported to have topped the million-dollar mark in contributions several years later.

The Alamo Foundation has been involved in legal actions brought by parents seeking to reclaim children who they said have been "brainwashed" and physically victimized by the cult. A woman who joined the Alamo group in 1970 and remained with the group for a decade alleged that she was "brainwashed" through sleep deprivation, propaganda harangues, isolation from society, forced labor and was told that her family was "satanic."

"Dancing The Stone"

Proceeds from Hula Classes To Pay For Project Cornerstone

This Fall the JCC again offers classes taught by Anne Yudell, a member of the Charlotte Jewish community for 24 years. She has coached a generation of ballerinas, gymnasts and Hawaiian dancers. When you learn the hula this September in her "Little Grass Shack" in Robinson Woods, you'll have fun while getting trim, and the Foundation will also benefit by getting a marble cornerstone for our newest facility. All the proceeds will pay for the stone, its transportation from Tennessee and its installation before the opening dedication of the educational-recreational facility next year. So sign up for hula classes NOW by calling the JCC, 366-0357.

Anne learned the native island dances and culture of our 50th state from Tutasi, a Samoan who danced in the Hawaiian Room of the Lexington Hotel in New York City; Haleloki of Arthur Godfrey's radio show; Manu, Tony Curtis' Tahitian stand-in for the ritual fire dance in Hollywood films; Miss Hawaii of 1952 and Kaleleonalani, whose Washington D.C. studio is the most authentic on the East Coast.

She has entertained for diverse audiences including a Lake Placid nightclub, Camp Lejeune Officer's Club, V.A. hospital, college president's banquet, debutante pool party, Charlotte TV, Sharonview and Amity Clubs and Temple



Anne Yudell

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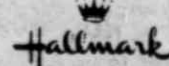


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