

THE CULTURE WAR

Shali on PC Military

A soft-focus *New York Times Magazine* profile of Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman John Shalikashvili by Claudia Dreifus depicted the general as "a Patton-style warrior — gruff, laconic, righteous." This build-up offered Shalikashvili the needed tactical room to offer some distinctly non-Pattonesque opinions.

Regarding the Clinton Administration's "Don't ask, don't tell policy" concerning homosexuals in the military,



Shalikashvili: Joint Chiefs chairman is no Patton.

Shalikashvili stated: "It meets the needs of the services, and I think it properly safeguards the rights of the individual." When asked if he accepts "the premise that homosexuals are security risks," he responded, "No. Those arguments might have been made earlier when someone out of fear of exposure could have been blackmailed. Those days are probably waning, if they aren't already behind us."

The general is also an enthusiastic supporter of the feminist restructuring of the military: "Some 25 to 26 percent of all our R.O.T.C. cadets are women. That's enormous. Point me [out] any other United States institution [in which that's true]. Can we talk about the clergy or Congress or the leadership of General Motors?" Interviewer Dreifus observed that because of its authoritarian structure, "the military does have the ability to solve problems that other sectors don't" — through simple coercion, that is. Shalikashvili happily concurred, and added, "I hope that we will be at the forefront and will continue to drive out sexual harassment not just at the academies, but throughout the forces."

Canadian Pro-Abortion Pogrom

"The Bible should be banned as hate literature. It advocates genocide against gays, it cherishes racism and is openly

male supremacist.... A good Christian education is an unconscionable form of child abuse." Thus stated a leaflet distributed during an April 23rd pro-abortion rally near Vancouver, British Columbia's Holy Rosary Cathedral. The stated purpose of the rally was to criticize Catholic leaders for their supposed indifference to violence against abortionists. Predictably, the event was a carnival of anti-Catholic hatred.

The Vancouver protest followed an even more aggressive anti-Catholic display in Montreal. Human Life International (HLI), a Maryland-based pro-life group, held its annual conference in Montreal in early April. On April 19th, conference attendees assembled in Montreal's Notre Dame Basilica for a mass, only to be set upon by a 3,000-person mob of pro-abortion activists.

The mob chanted "Die, Die, HLI!" and pelted the pro-lifers with bottles, eggs, smoke bombs, and condoms filled with broken glass. It also demolished a police van, injuring several officers. Amid this eruption of collectivist hatred one young protester screamed at the pro-lifers, "We don't breed hate in Canada, we breed love!"

HLI's opposition had been inspired by a report published by B'nai B'rith Canada accusing the organization of racism, sexism, "homophobia," and anti-Semitism. Speaking at a press conference just a few hours before the April 19th protest, Stephen Scheinberg of B'nai B'rith Canada exulted that HLI was supposedly behaving "like cockroaches when the light is turned on" — a troubling and inflammatory simile. Students of the Holocaust must be aware of the fashion in which National Socialist propaganda dehumanized Jews by depicting them as vermin fit only for extermination. However Scheinberg intended his remark to be received, the mob which gathered outside of the Notre Dame Basilica certainly behaved in a fashion worthy of the Brownshirts.

Feminizing Law Enforcement

The Christopher Commission, which was chaired by Warren Christopher (CFR, Trilateral Commission), issued a report which has led to the imposition of racial, gender, and "sexual-orienta-

tion" quotas and various forms of politically correct sensitivity training on the Los Angeles Police Department. Eleanor Smeal's Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) has now undertaken a project intended to nationalize the most radical elements of the Christopher Commission's reforms.

In February the FMF created the National Center for Women and Policing (NCWP) with the objective of increasing "the numbers of women at all ranks of law enforcement in the United States." This effort will be led by Penny Harrington, the former police chief of Portland, Oregon. Where most police chiefs proudly cite accomplishments in the field of law enforcement, Harrington's vita is larded with more dubious achievements in the politics of gender grievance. According to the *Feminist Majority Report*:

Harrington was the first woman chief of police of a major U.S. city. She worked her way up the ranks of the Portland Police Department, filing 42 sex discrimination complaints and a national precedent-setting class-action lawsuit on her way to becoming chief.

Harrington explained to THE NEW AMERICAN that her organization "came about because the Feminist Majority became involved in the LAPD after the Rodney King incident and testified before the Christopher Commission about sexism in the LAPD.... The Feminist Majority was trying to point out that racism and sexism go hand in hand; in order to attack this problem, you've got to look at the whole picture of what's going on." She described the NCWP as an effort to nationalize the "gender-balancing" policies for the LAPD which resulted from the Christopher Commission.

In addition to gender-based quotas for hiring and advancement, the NCWP will concentrate on issues of "sexual harassment" within police agencies (another fertile field for feminist lawsuits) and the enforcement of the Violence Against Women Act, which federalizes domestic violence. ■

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