

# Countdown to Armageddon

**Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam  
in the Latter Days**

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argued that nationalism will never advance if trapped by racism and warned that although "telling jokes about 'stupid niggers' might win a bit of cheap popularity" it also "perpetuates the division between people that should be working together to defeat... multi-racialism".<sup>247</sup>

It seems that this logic was beyond the grasp of the general NF membership. Not being allowed to be a racist even in the National Front was simply just too much.<sup>248</sup> After the humiliating local elections in June, 1989, in which NF candidate Patrick Harrington campaigned as backed by black separatists in Vauxhall (a southern London area with many immigrant residents),<sup>249</sup> many NF members revolted. A majority deserted the NF for the National Front Support Group, a splinter group led by former NF youth leader Joe Pearce, or Tyndall's new organization, the violent-prone British National Party, a more classical national socialist organization. The "official" National Front dissolved in 1990 and the former leaders moved to France under new identities.<sup>250</sup>

Although the British National Front during its Third Positionist phase between 1983 and 1990 seems to be the neo-Nazi party that most wholeheartedly pledged support for Farrakhan and the NOI, occasional overtures from American anti-Semites and/or neo-Nazis have been made. Farrakhan does not endorse the revisionist position, but it should be noted that the list of speakers invited to address the infamous 1985 Saviour's Day convention – in which Qadhdhafi participated by satellite – featured Arthur Butz of Northwestern University. Butz used the opportunity to present his Holocaust-denial thesis published in the revisionist best-seller *The Hoax of the 20th Century*.<sup>251</sup>

Tom Metzger, former Grand Dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and founder of the California-based White Aryan Resistance,<sup>252</sup> symbolically donated \$100 at a NOI Los Angeles P.O.W.E.R. rally in 1985.<sup>253</sup> Metzger also took the opportunity of a 1985 Michigan meeting of Klansmen and other white supremacists to declare approvingly that Farrakhan has understood that America was like a rotting carcass, with the Jews living off the carcass like parasites.<sup>254</sup> In a 1989 interview with James Ridgeway, Metzger expressed a Third Position oriented ideology and confirmed his interest in the NOI policies, alleging that he during a period had meetings with Farrakhan about splitting up the United States into different mono-ethnic states.<sup>255</sup>

Until 1990, the neo-Nazis' admiration for Farrakhan and the NOI was one-sided. THE FINAL CALL did not run corresponding supportive articles on the white nationalists and suppressed information on the contacts that did exist. This general rule was temporarily revised in 1990/91, starting with the March 21, 1990, issue of FINAL CALL, which featured an essay by Gary Gallo, head of the small U.S. Third Positionist National Democratic Front (NDF). Gallo, who had stayed with the British National Front for a year in the mid-1980s, delineated the NDF program of racial pride, anti-capitalism and anti-communism and the solution to America's race problems. "The NDF will divide the U.S. into completely independent nations based on race", Gallo

wrote. "The Blacks will get 13 percent of the soil of America as they make up 13 percent of the population", he explained, adding generously that there "will also be multi-racial states for those who want to live as a multiracialist", before dictating that "the bulk of the country will be a pure White nation".<sup>256</sup>

In July, 1990, Farrakhan granted an exclusive interview to SPOTLIGHT, the Liberty Lobby weekly that in the early 1980s was the United States' most widely circulated far-right periodical. "If we want to be honest, America was not founded by White people for Black people or Hispanic people or for Native Americans or for Asians or for Jews", Farrakhan said. "It was founded by White people for White people". Applauding pro-white whites and pro-black blacks, Farrakhan elaborated on the need for a separate racial development. "You're not going to integrate with the Blacks in the ghettos of Washington", Farrakhan stated. "But when we [the NOI] get finished with these people, we produce dignified, intelligent people. The American system can't produce that. We can. Give us a chance to make our people worth something".<sup>257</sup>

As the United States government became increasingly more involved in the escalating conflict in the Persian Gulf, Farrakhan and the NOI took part in the disparately composed anti-war movement. In the course of events, the NOI got in contact with LaRouches operating, as is their strategy, under various fronts. Lyndon H. LaRouche is the founder of a far-right political cult that over the years has criss-crossed from the far left to the far right seeking alliances, advocating conspiracy theories and bizarre agendas, such as using soldier-citizens to colonize Mars. LaRouche ran for President in 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988, and his parties abroad, such as the Swedish EUROPEISKA ARBETARPARTIET (The European Labor Party), repeatedly try to make inroads in national elections outside the United States. In 1988 LaRouche was convicted on fraud and conspiracy charges, and was released in 1994.<sup>258</sup>

The LaRouche organization has for years been in contact with the Iraqi Baath Party and different fronts, such as the Schiller Institute or Food for Peace, co-sponsored anti-war demonstrations and conferences and became part of various anti-war coalitions.<sup>259</sup> Nation of Islam Minister Alim Muhammad appeared on the podium together with Helga Zepp-LaRouche, wife of Lyndon and head of the Schiller Institute, at a Paris conference on November 23-24, 1990, assembled to demand Lyndon LaRouche's immediate release from prison.<sup>260</sup> Alim Muhammad again addressed a LaRouche conference held in Chicago on December, 15-16, 1990.<sup>261</sup>

The NOI involvement for LaRouche continued with FINAL CALL Editor-in-Chief Abdul Wali Muhammad writing an article based on documentation provided by the EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE REVIEW, a LaRouche front promoting his conspiratorial views. Abdul Wali Muhammad alleged that President Bush was moving "very close to total, unfettered dictatorial power" in a plan to "suspend the Constitution", a scheme that "also advocated the roundup and transfer to 'assembly centers or relocation camps' of at least 21 million Black Americans". In the article, A.W. Muhammad argued that "LaRouche, a worldrenown economist, is in prison for his outspokenness

against the world power brokers" following a character-assassination campaign launched by the media-machine, which is controlled by international drug traders, and attested that "Mr. Bush has similar, although much more malicious, intentions toward the Honorable Louis Farrakhan".<sup>262</sup> A further instance of a LaRouche/NOI connection was the presence of LaRouchie Sheila A. Jones at the Saviour's Day celebrations in February, 1994.<sup>263</sup>

What could possibly be the underlying reason for this unholy relationship between the Nation of Islam and the various white neo-Nazi leaders and organizations? The alliance-theory proposed by Lisbeth Lindeborg,<sup>264</sup> Anna-Lena Lodenius and Stieg Larsen,<sup>265</sup> and SEARCHLIGHT, that with slight variations proposes that a white/black extremist coalition has been established, gives too much credence to the small white Third Positionist groups' own fantasies of "a New Axis". While a connection undoubtedly does exist, the nature of the relationship has not been analyzed. The "alliance-theory" is based on an incomplete understanding of the religious motives underlying the Nation of Islam position. The relationship between the Nation and white extreme nationalism has to be seen in the context of the former's apocalyptic perspective.

Answering a direct question about the relationship between the Nation and the white extreme nationalists mentioned above, Farrakhan denied any direct contact: "I have never met with any of them and their leaders. I have never written to them, nor have I received any correspondence from them".<sup>266</sup> This might literally be true, taking into account three possible circumstances: the National Front representative visiting the United States in 1988 only met with Minister Alim Muhammad of Washington, D.C., Tom Metzger could be exaggerating and might have met with one or more top Laborers and not with Farrakhan in person, and the interview was made in May 1989, the year before Farrakhan through SPOTLIGHT addressed the white far-right nationalists. On the other hand, Farrakhan confirmed a level of mutual understanding:

[The white racists] see integration as the destruction of their race and their people. And since I represent the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his plan not of integration but of separation, they feel that they have common cause with me, though there is no linkage of myself with the KKK or any of these groups that you name. But I must tell you that I have got respect for any white man who wants to keep his race white, 'cause I certainly wanna keep mine black.<sup>267</sup>

When questioned about the fact that these same organizations and groups are brutally attacking black people in the United States and Europe, Farrakhan vowed to "always defend the black community" but asserted as a fact that whites offending and murdering blacks is simply an expression of normal behavior, of the predisposition "in the nature of white men".<sup>268</sup>

The increasing racial antagonism is only a sign of the setting sun. In the transitory period of time leading to the Final Battle, the nations are supposed to separate and polarize in an escalating race war. God says in the Holy Quran, "And the day when the Hour comes, that day they will be separated one from the other".<sup>269</sup> The Ku Klux Klan, Nazi Skinheads and WAR violence is thus "part of the drama, the worldwide drama the prophets foretold". The Original People have to wake up from their mental slumber, realize the evil nature of the white man and move out of Babylon in order for the final phase of divine retribution to begin. White hate groups unknowingly dig their own graves as their overtly aggressive racism "fulfills prophecy" and hastens the onslaught of Armageddon as they "make it uncomfortable for black people to stay here". The Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nations and their kinsmen are to be exterminated in due time, but they are temporarily useful and pedagogically perfect in their role as obvious devils.<sup>270</sup>

The mutual understanding is thus a mutual recognition of enmity and partition. The Nation of Islam spokesmen reject every comparison between the NOI and the KKK, "a proven group of murderers, rapists, lynchers and cowards",<sup>271</sup> and make use of each instance of white extremist violence against the black community.<sup>272</sup> NOI London Minister Wayne X, reacting to the tidal wave of racist attacks against blacks in Britain, said:

As the power of the Caucasian rule continues its decline, the forces behind white world supremacy will stop at nothing to prevent the rise of Black people. Many more of us will be attacked and many more of us will be murdered. Our only salvation is our unity and the program established by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad that is being exercised today by the Honorable Louis Farrakhan.<sup>273</sup>

For the white extreme nationalists, the "relation" with the NOI is also temporary and expedient. No matter how much respect white nationalists might claim to have for Farrakhan and his followers, they are still niggers with an intolerable attitude. Tom Metzger, who attested his support for Farrakhan, is a principal director behind the West Coast violent-prone bonehead gangs,<sup>274</sup> and most likely an inspiration for the eight Fourth Reich Skinheads (FRS) who were arrested on July 15, 1993. The FRS, who claims to be the armed wing of Metzger's WAR, planned to instigate a race war by bombing the Los Angeles First AME Church and spraying the congregation with machine gun fire, but the plot was exposed by undercover FBI agents. Besides arms and explosives, the Feds discovered plans to assassinate a number of black activists, among them Louis Farrakhan.<sup>275</sup>

If the relationship is not that of allies, another kind of relationship is discernible. In chess, the white and black men exist to defeat each other, but share a mutual understanding of the game's nature and make some similar moves. The white and black men engaged in the fateful game of Armageddon also share the basic perception of the

ground that his campaign, "apart from creating a welcome White backlash", also has "upset America's rich and powerful Jewish community".

In 1984, the NF staff were still ignorant of basic facts about Farrakhan. He was hailed for calling Michael Jackson a sissy, for his stand against the Jewish community and for calling Hitler a great man, but also for occupying the headquarters of the B'nai B'rith (termed "the American Jewish equivalent of the Gestapo"), an occupation that the reader will recall was carried out by Hanafi elements to the NOI ("Black Propaganda", Nationalism Today, No. 22, undated).

In "Let My People Go", 1985, the author(s) argue that a separate black state is "a small price to pay for the survival of our own people"; Griffin, N., 1985. "Men and women of every race...", 1987.

"Louis Farrakhan...", 1986, Farrakhan is portrayed and an address for those who wish to make contact with the NOI is included.

"Garvey's Vision", (undated).

Muhammad, A.W., (undated).

"The New Alliance", 1988

"American Impressions", 1988. Malone (aka Mat Unger) is the editor of **Third Way** and was in 1987 second in charge in the American National Democratic Front, headed by Gary Gallo. Hoy made contacts with separatists in the Republic of New Africa, the Black Hebrews, the American Movement and the Nation of Islam. FOM has participated in a series of conferences on separatism (see, for example, "Living Alternative", 1988).

"American Impressions", 1988; "Multi-Racists on the Run" The NOI Dopebusters will be discussed in the next chapter.

The leaflets carried one picture of Louis Farrakhan and one of an NF march and a little white and the words: "Louis Farrakhan. He Speaks for His People. We Speak for Ours. National Front", and phone number ("Racial Realities" and "Get to Work". **National Front News**, no. 94). "Farrakhan Aid".

"A Message For M15..."

The letter ("Rantings...") ended with "in that context, I have [now] found allegiance with the Jewish Nationalist Party".

"A Common Cause"

"Race..."

The Manchester chapter of NF, for instance, notified the NFN editorial board that they "are prepared to distribute issue number 99 of National Front News. The reason for this decision is, because of the slogan 'Fight Racism' which encircles a clenched black fist upon the front page." The letter was published in *From Ballots to Bombs...*

"NF Send Vauxhall Voters the Message..." The black persons backing Harrington were U.S. Representative Robert Brock of the Self-Determination Committee, and Osiris Akkeba of the Pan-African Inter-National. The NF received fewer votes than minor fringe groups like the Maoist supporters of Peruvian Sendero Luminoso, the RCP ("The Lessons of Vauxhall").

Lodenius, A-L & S. Larsson, 1991:163.

Arthur Butz denies that gas chambers ever existed in Auschwitz and argues that the Holocaust was a gigantic hoax orchestrated by an international Jewish conspiracy. Butz is part of the revisionist movement organized in the Institute of Historical Review, and part of the editorial board for the *IHR Journal of Historical Review* (Lodenius, A-L & S. Larsson, 1991:256ff).

Grand Dragon is the second highest rank in the Ku Klux Klan, see Klan lexicon in note 219.

Metzger has a long history of far-right activism. He joined the John Birch Society in the early 1960s, but left the organization as he found them soft on Jews. In 1975 he joined the Louisiana-based chapters of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK) headed by David Duke and also became Minister in the Identity Church of New Christian Crusade Church, led by James K. Warner. In 1979, Metzger moved to California and formed a vigilante border patrol of armed Klansmen that hunted down illegal Mexican immigrants. In 1980, Metzger left the KKKK and formed the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The same Fall, he won a California Democratic Party primary and ran an unsuccessful race against Republican Clair Burgner (he was defeated, receiving 35,107 votes to Burgner's 253,946 in California's 45th Congressional District). Following his defeat, Metzger formed the White American Political Association to promote white candidates, and later the White Student Union, which was headed by his son John Metzger. In 1983, WAR and in 1987, its affiliate the Aryan Youth Movement, again with the Metzgers as heads, were founded and they began a series of overtures to neo-Nazi skinheads (i.e., "boneheads"). The WAR was initially successful, but a case linking the Metzgers with a group of Portland East Side White Pride Skins who murdered Ethiopian guest student Mulugeta Serew in 1988, won in 1990 by Morris Dees and associates from the Southern Poverty Law Center, will mean at least a temporary setback, as the defendants were forced to pay \$12,500,000 in punitive damages. In 1987, Dees linked the United Klans of America with the lynching of a black female student in Alabama and bankrupted this once powerful Klan by winning a \$7,000,000 verdict (*Extremism on the Right*, 1988:64, 128f; Ridgeway, J., 1990:169-176; Dees, M. & S. Fiffer, 1993).

253. Bleifuss, J., 1985; "Brothers in bigotry", 1985; Rosenblatt, R., 1985. P.O.W.E.R. (an acronym for People Organized and Working for Economical Rebirth) was launched by Farrakhan in 1985 as an economic plan for the NOI and the black community, to be discussed in the next chapter.

254. The October, 1985, meeting was held near Flint, Michigan, on the Cohocta farm owned by Robert Miles, Klan leader and Minister for a Christian Identity-related Mountain Church. Miles' farm housed annual extremist summits during the 1980s as part of Miles' efforts to unite the different organizations on the far right. At the 1985 meeting, some 200 leaders and their supporters from various groups were present. Besides Metzger, Arthur Jones from the neo-Nazi America First Committee and one-time candidate for the National Socialist White People's Party, hailed Farrakhan, saying that the enemy of his enemy was his friend, and that he saluted Louis Farrakhan and anyone else who stands up against the Jews (King, W., 1985, Ridgeway, J., 1988:110).

255. Ridgeway, J., 1990:175; Barkun, M., 1994:236.

256. Gallo, Gary, "What do 'white' nationalists believe?", Final Call, 3/21/90. Gallo, a Maryland lawyer, founded the NDF in 1985 as a revolutionary movement based on Romanian National-Christian Socialism, Italian Fascism and German National Socialism. Gallo was clearly inspired by the NF Third Positionist leadership. He lived with the NF during 1984, officially to help them finance the organization through sales of t-shirts, badges, books, tapes, etc. Mat Unger, alias Mat Malone, was second in command in the NDF when he traveled to Britain to confer with the NF. According to NF writers, the relationship with Gallo later ran sour and Mat Unger established the FOM.

The idea of dividing the United States into different areas populated by different ethnic groups is not unique to the NDF or Metzger, but is shared among other white racist organizations, for example by the Aryan Nations and David Duke's NAAWP (the National Association for the Advancement of White People - an organization created in 1980). In many plans, the Northwestern states (Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho) would be the homeland for white racists; the Southwest (except Navaho territories which would become all-Native Indian) turn Hispanic; New Africa would be set up in parts of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi; Long Island and Manhattan would become West Israel, with the remainder of New York City becoming home for various minorities; Dade County with Miami would become New Cuba, and the Hawaiian Islands would become the home for East Asians (*Extremism on the Right*, 1988:42; "American Impressions", 1988; Gable, G., 1991:253; 259; Ridgeway, J., 1990:148-151).

257. "Islam Nation...", 1990.

258. LaRouche was born to right-wing Quakers and became a member of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party in 1948 and was expelled in 1966. In the early 1970s LaRouche began his shift toward the far right, developing friendships with key individuals such as Willis Carto, founder of Liberty Lobby, and he ran as the candidate for America's right-wing extremists in the 1980 presidential campaign. LaRouche uses cultish strategies in recruiting new members and controls the cadre through depersonalizing psychological methods. Aiming to create a perfect world populated

by a biological master race, "the golden souls", LaRouche intends to shoulder the burden of global dictatorship, and purge the earth of the influence from Jews, leftists, environmentalists and other inferior minds who are manipulated by the British Zionist oligarchical forces of evil. Dennis King has shown that LaRouche, twisting the concepts in an Orwellian fashion, argues that those who call themselves Jews are the real Nazis, that Hitler was put in power by Rothschild and other British Jews-who-are-not-really-Jews, that Menachim Begin is a Nazi and Elizabeth a Queen of the Jews. The German Nazis who opposed the Jews-who-in-reality-are-the-true-Nazis thus are the real anti-Nazis, as are their successors in the modern neo-Nazi movement (For an account on LaRouche, see King, D., 1989. See also, *Extremism on the Right*, 1988:114f; Berlet, C., 1993a; 1993b; 1993c).

259. Berlet, Chip, 1991b.

260. Bierre, C., 1990.

261. Berlet, C., 1991b. The Chicago Conference attracted some 350 participants and was entitled "Development is the New Name for Peace", but proved to be the annual LaRouchie Food for Peace conference. During the meeting a video-taped message from the Iraqi Cultural Attaché in the United States, Maysar Al Mallah, was shown and LaRouchies Mel Klenetsky and Nancy Spannaus acted as moderators.

262. Muhammad, A.W., 1991. This was not the first time **Final Call** staff used material from the EIR. In 1990, an essay on Panama, Bush and Noriega was reprinted from the *Executive Intelligence Review* (Wesley, C., 1990.)

263. Muhammad, James, 1994.

264. Lindeborg, L., 1991.

265. Lodenius and Larsen are more in tune with the white extreme far right organizations and leaders than with the NOI and Farrakhan. Besides numerous errors in their account of the NOI history and an underestimation of Farrakhan's influence in the African American community, the authors argue that white racists and blacks have an established "cooperation". The authors allege that "the connections between the Nation of Islam and the British NF roughly followed the same pattern as in the United States" and thereby indicate that American white extremist nationalists have promoted the growth of the Nation, the way they describe the NF doing in England. Lodenius and Larsen further claim that unidentified and undefined "senous black activists" take exception from Farrakhan, (do they mean that only those who distance themselves from Farrakhan are serious activists?) but that his ideas "aroused great enthusiasm among traditional white racists who for years have propagated exactly the same form of apartheid and anti-Semitism". The last unfounded statement only reveals the authors' ignorance of the NOI creed, as does the assertion that the NOI is a "fundamentalist church" (Lodenius, A-L & S. Larsen, 1991:157f. Translation mine).

266. Farrakhan, L., interview, 1989b.

267. Farrakhan, L., interview, 1989b.

268. Farrakhan, L., interview, 1989b.

269. Quran 30:14, as translated by Maulana Muhammad Ali.

270. Farrakhan, L., interview, 1989b.

271. "Official...", 1990.

272. See, for example, "Klan shooting...", 1990.

273. X Massop, M., 1993.

274. The reader should note that far from all skinheads are neo-Nazis or racists. The skinhead movement started as an outgrowth of the mods and rude boys in Britain and was heavily influenced by Caribbean immigrants, as is obvious in their Ska music. Most skins were working class and if politically interested, frequently oriented toward workers' power ideologies, such as authoritarian socialism (social democracy or communism) or libertarian socialism (anarchism and/or revolutionary syndicalism). Many American skin individuals and gangs belong to the SHARP and RASH federations (Skin Heads Against Racial Prejudice and Red and Anarchist Skin Heads). Fascist, neo-Nazi and racist skinheads are known as boneheads. For Metzger's influence on West Coast boneheads, see Dees, M. & S. Fiffer, 1993.

275. Besides Minister Farrakhan, the death list included Rev. Cecil Murray of Rodney King (who was almost murdered by the LAPD in 1991), Rev. Al Sharpton (a rapper) and Danny Bakewell (a community activist). See, Dellios, H., 1993; Moore, X, 1993; Muhammad, Rosalind, 1993. Metzger, of course, denied any Fourth Reich Skinheads. Federal officials said that besides WAR, the FRS also based white supremacist Church of the Creator.

276. British Israelism originated with Richard Brothers (1757-1824), a visionary who was a direct descendant of King David and therefore the rightful King of England. Sent to an asylum, found no support for his thesis until after his death, when his restatement in a series of five volumes called *Lectures on Our Israelitish Origin* (1840 and 1876 (the last volume published posthumously). In 1871, Edward H. Chamberlain's time best-seller *Identification of the British Nation with Lost Israel* in which Germany was identified with the "lost" Assyrians. This locked the British into a battle commenced in Biblical times, articulated in Hine's time in the conflict between the British Empire and the reunited Germany. Early exponents in the United States were William Miller, Minister in the Church of Brethren, and author of *Two Sticks or the Lost Tribes* (1887) and J.J. Allen, whose *Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright* (1902) became a best-seller spreading British-Israelism in Adventist and Bible study circles. Early independent churches were the Worldwide Church of God, founded by Church of God (Seventh Day) members W. Armstrong and the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, founded by Howard Chandler Christy, editor of **Dearborn Independent**, the Henry Ford paper that was instrumental in spreading Semitism and the *Protocols* in the United States. After World War II, Gerald L. K. Smead's Nationalist Crusade inspired many of the prominent identity churches in modern America. British Israelism in the United States transformed into Christian Identity. Adherers generally believe that America was settled by the thirteenth tribe, the Manasseh. Their number had a special significance in American history: there were thirteen original colonies and thirteen stars and stripes on the flag, on the official seal there are thirteen stars in the glory cloud, thirteen arrows in the shield, thirteen bars on the escutcheon borne on its breast, and thirteen letters in the motto *pluribus unum*. Although Christian Identity in the United States is composed of many warring factions, they unite on a higher ideological level to form one movement based on the convictions that they are the Chosen People of the Sacred Covenant and that Jews, to that extent, the non-white mud races, are descendants of the Devil, thus representing the evil locked in an eternal battle for global hegemony. This opposition is accentuated by the Minister of the Mountain Kirk, who founded "the Dualist religion", based on the belief that Satan represent primal forces that use the earth as a battle stage to which they lead the armies of look-alike races, soldiers of light versus mud, in their quest for universal dominion. Dualism echoes the racist dualist Theosophy known as *Theozoology* of Jörg Lanz von Liebenfels, which in turn influenced Himmler and the SS (Barkun, M., 1994. Melton, G.J., 1992:68ff; 1990:53ff; Goodrick-Clarke, N., 1992:92).

277. Klassen was born in the Ukraine and migrated with his family to Mexico and then settling in the United States. In 1958, Klassen moved to Florida and was in 1966 elected to the lower house of the Florida State Legislature after a campaign against busing. In the 1970s, Klassen was active in the John Birch Society and was the Florida chairman of the George Wallace American Independent Party.

278. Klassen, B., 1987:124ff.

279. Klassen, B., 1987:228. "You might think that I would be the last person in the world, but God would have an in-depth, heart-to-heart talk, or even a tête-à-tête", Klassen wrote. There is every reason why he should, and the fact is, he did. The time was October 1987. We spent a cozy six hours, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM of that day, reviewing and discussing the overwhelming problems of the world" (1987:226). Although God "has been around