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## Utah independence tied to abortion?

Karrie Galloway, director of the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah, has described the legislative abortion battle as a battle for Utah's independence. Galloway insists that Utah legislators were "led by the nose" by the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), which seeks to co-opt the state "into becoming a test case on abortion."

Galloway's concern to maintain the integrity of the state against the encroachment of an outside lobby is, to put it politely, ironic. Galloway, herself a representative of a partisan lobby, made her remarks at a press conference that also featured remarks from Susane Millsaps of the National Abortion Rights Action League, which is the pro-abortion analogue of the NRLC.

Millsaps declared that a national boycott of Utah could be a consequence of the passage of restrictions on abortion. Galloway condemned neither NARAL nor the threatened boycott for compromising Utah's independence.

Utah's best interests will not be served if the state continues to be a battleground on which huge battalions collide. But there is a pungent dishonesty about Galloway's sudden solicitude for the state's sovereignty. Both Millsaps and Galloway — as well as Michele Parish-Pixler of the ACLU, who spoke at the press conference — represent political lobbies that send "missionaries" to labor in "backward ... behind the times" Utah (Millsaps' description). The state is better off being a battlefield for outside lobbies than it would be if it were a placid mission field for lobbies of the type represented by Galloway, Millsaps and Parish-Pixler.

The comments of Galloway and her allies reflect the insularity of the politically "progressive." Millsaps summarized the group's attitude when she predicted that Utah would "yet again (become) a national laughingstock" if restrictive abortion legislation becomes law. But there is reason to believe that Utah's decision would be admired by many — perhaps most — Americans, who would see it as a manifestation of fidelity to the state's principles and an admirable effort to protect the unborn. Millsaps and her allies, all of them afflicted with the political au-



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tism that characterizes the "progressive," cannot allow for such a possibility.

Utah's independence would be best served if the state would re-assert the fundamental right of any community, the right to make its own laws. It is at the state and local levels that values are clarified, priorities are established, and needs are identified and met. It is at these levels that Utah should labor to protect the lives of unborn children and meet the needs of troubled women. These objectives are not mutually exclusive, and they can be met without mandating the destruction of "unwanted" children.

This phase of the abortion battle coincides with the publication of "The Altruistic Personality", a new book examining the behavior of those who sheltered Jews during the Holocaust. The book offers a re-examination of the conventional wisdom about the "authoritarian personality."

The "authoritarian" person, according to conventional wisdom, is obedient, parochial, and reliant upon authority for his "simplistic" concepts of right and wrong. His enlightened counterpart is the "liberal", who is strong-willed, skeptical, and conspicuously independent.

"The Altruistic Personality" destroys this facile dichotomy by documenting the fact that those who rescued Jews from Hitler were more likely to belong to the "authoritarian" category.

Utah has been, and will continue to be, criticized for its "parochial" and "authoritarian" character. But it is through the enterprise of parochial living that the virtue of caring becomes tangible, and the red meat of moral authority is infinitely more satisfying than any meringue of abstractions about "justice" and "equality." Utah knows its duty to the unborn, and it shouldn't be distracted from discharging that duty.

## County may be forced

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Utah County commissioners may have to redeem the \$1.8 million in tax-exempt bonds issued for the County Courthouse remodeling in order to change the building's use.

Commission Chairman Malcolm Beck said terms of the bond issue are so restrictive that many of the agencies the county would like to place in the courthouse would be prohibited from being there.

The bonds were sold a few years ago to remodel the courthouse for use by the 4th District Courts. The state, however, decided against keeping the courts in the building and instead opted to move into a new court building constructed by Provo city.

The new building was dedicated

recently, and the courts vacated the courthouse.

County officials have been receiving input from the public and from various agencies concerning future use of the courthouse.

At a recent meeting, they expressed a desire to follow recommendations made by a courthouse study committee to place government and quasi-government agencies in the building, and to leave space for public meetings and activities, art exhibits, etc.

Among the agencies expressing an interest in the building are United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Utah County Travel Council, Sheriff's Department judicial division, etc.

Beck said Utah's congressional representatives are also interested



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