



*In Defense of Democracy & Civil Rights*

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## NORTHWEST UPDATE

Through September 15, 1995

1. **CHD WORLD WIDE WEB HOME PAGE ESTABLISHED:** The Coalition for Human Dignity's World Wide Web Information Center is now available for your perusal. CHD's Home page address:

<http://www.halcyon.com/burghart/chd.html>

Web browsers will find the following information areas on CHD's Home Page:

- About the Coalition for Human Dignity: Provides an introduction to the Coalition with an emphasis on CHD Program Highlights and Strategic Research projects.
- The Dignity Report: Published quarterly, The Dignity Report provides a unique combination of news reviews, investigative reporting and critical analysis of the activities of the religious and racist right. This section includes excerpts from previous issues organized topically for convenient browsing.
- CHD Topical Reports: Includes selections from CHD's ground-breaking publication, The Northwest Imperative: Documenting a Decade of Hate.
- Successful Strategies for Countering the Radical Right: Designed specifically for activists and communities wrought by the activities of the radical right, this section provides useful information and case studies for countering the anti-democratic agenda of the radical right.

2. **SEATTLE PREPAREDNESS EXPO 1995:** Dan Chittock's Seattle Preparedness Expo 1995 was held September 23-25, at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. Approximately 650 people attended Seminar Stage events, with total weekend attendance probably exceeding 1,000 people.

On Friday, September 23 Jack McLamb gave a Seminar Stage presentation on "Government Abuse of Power—Kahl, Weaver & Waco Cases."

McLamb announced that he and James "Bo" Gritz were moving to Almost Heaven in the Spring of 1996. Fellow patriot Rick Dalton followed McLamb on the stage. Dalton told the audience, "It takes education to bring officers around." He then stressed the importance of electing law enforcement officials who share patriot views, and proceeded to introduce and endorse Snohomish County Sheriff Pat Murphy and Under-sheriff Lynn Lann, both of whom recently won their primary in a re-election race. Murphy and Lann stood up and received a round of applause from the audience.

John Van Hove (aka Johnny Liberty) a counter-culture Christian Patriot and rising star within the movement also presented on Friday. Van Hove gave a detailed lecture on "Restoring Our Constitutional Republic."

Gun Owners of America President Larry Pratt spoke on "The Oklahoma Tragedy—An Excuse to Shred the Constitution." During a Q&A period, Pratt noted that his group "works with the Militia of Montana and the Michigan Militia."

Other speakers featured on center stage:

- Don McAlvany—"America In Decline:Advancing Towards the New World Order." McAlvany also spoke on "The Fourth Reich:An Emerging American Police State."
- Larry Nichols—"Criminal Investigations into the Clinton Administration:Latest Updates from Arkansas."
- Steve Vaus—"The Voice of America Musical Presentation."
- David Thibodeau—"The Untold Story of the Waco Tragedy."
- Jack McLamb—"Now is the Time for Citizen Militias."
- Mark Koernke—"The U.N./Globalists' Plan for America." Koernke squarely situated the "patriot movement" within the tradition of the Posse Comitatus.

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- Al Bielek—"The Philadelphia Experiment."
- Phil Scheider—"Secret Underground Bases and the New World Order."
- David Thibodeau—"Waco: The Final Assault."

Exhibitors and Organizations of note:

- Bohica Concepts
- Eustace Mullins—Represented by STADA International Book and Flag Distribution, 6920 Roosevelt Way, N.E. #295 Seattle, WA 98115, (206)726-3968.
- Traxx Books—Traxx distributed books by Eustace Mullins, Charles Weisman, Pete Peters, Phillip Marsh, and David Barton, as well as The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.
- The Survival Center
- The Committee of 50 States—Eva Vail staffed the booth which she shared with Mark Phillips and Cathy O'Brien.
- The Spotlight/America West Distributors
- Militia of Montana
- Wolverine Productions—Mark Koernke's outfit.
- John Birch Society—The Birchers were distributing the latest anti-gay/lesbian petition drafted by the No Special Rights Committee.
- Gun Owners of America
- Embassy of Heaven
- Cascadian Resource Center—John Van Hove's group.
- Police Against the New World Order—Jack McLamb's group.
- Yakima County Militia
- Washington Militia

Candidates in Attendance:

- Gene Goosman—GOP candidate for King County Council District #8.
- Bill Tinsley—GOP candidate for U.S. Congress, 6th District.
- Pat Murphy—Democratic nominee for Snohomish County Sheriff.

Other attendees of note:

- Kim Badynski—Grand Dragon of the Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Washington State Populist Party Executive Committee member.
- Eva Vail—Committee of 50 States activist.
- Theresa Sundstrom
- Ben Hinkle
- Dr. Donald Ellwanger

**3. HOLOCAUST DENIER TO APPEAR IN SEATTLE & PORTLAND:** British Holocaust denier and neo-Nazi organizer David Irving is scheduled to appear in Seattle, Washington, October 14 and Portland, Oregon October 15, 1995. The Seattle event is being organized by Doyle Gudgel, with assistance from neo-Nazi Harry Schmidt. Originally slated for the Odd Fellows Hall, in the Capitol Hill District, protests by tenants cancelled that venue. An alternate location has apparently been arranged, and interested attendees (or protesters) will rendezvous at an undisclosed location prior to the 7:00 PM event.

Irving's Portland appearance is being coordinated by area neo-Nazis. A more sophisticated screening process appears to be in place for Irving's Portland venue.

Irving's other appearances in the Pacific Northwest include October 1992 stops in Portland and Vancouver, British Columbia; and an October 1994 event in Portland. All of these events were protested by large numbers of human rights activists.

**4. LON MABON EMBRACES THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" CONSPIRACY:** In the July 1995 issue of The Oregon Alliance, OCA Chairman Lon T. Mabon expresses the same conspiratorial rhetoric that OCA research director Patricia Smith penned in a guest editorial piece for the Oregon News-Leader. (See "The One-World Conspiracy," by CHD Research Director S.L. Gardner, The Dignity Report, Vol. 3, No. 1).

In "Confrontational Politics: Part III—The Traitor Within," Mabon launches into paranoid conspiracy theories similar to the coded anti-Semitism and conspiracy-mongering found in Pat Robertson's book The New

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World Order. Mabon weaves a conspiracy that could include anyone. "... Your own friend, neighbors or even relatives" may all be "internal foes" in Mabon's New World Order conspiracy.

"We have at this time in our country, people who are American in origin or birth only. Although they are born on this soil, their allegiance is not to the values and principles set forth and established at the founding of this nation. In fact, the whole concept of a nation is repugnant to their ideals. Although they are citizens of the United States of America, their allegiance is to a cultural philosophy that conflicts with that of our founding fathers. They are loyal to a vision that will eventually, if they are successful, destroy this country. They are globalists, citizens of the world. The grand experiment known as the United States of America, to them is simply a hindrance to the New World Order. They are in every sense, traitors to what Jefferson, Madison and Washington suffered for. They are traitors to their values, to their principles and to the American ideal instituted by these great men, as well as others. These traitors have infiltrated every walk of life and every social and political sphere in America. In fact, we have allowed them to openly and freely teach our children their globalist philosophy without a mere peep from us who love America. So successful have these traitors been that as a unified movement, using their influence in the media, they make most people cower in fear at the mere thought of opposing them."

Despite such stated views, Mabon claims the OCA is expanding. He told the Statesman-Journal (August 18, 1995) that his alliance has grown to about 4,000 members and about 20,000 households have contributed to the group's political action committees.

**5. SHERIFF MACK SPEAKS AT RACIST CAMP:** Graham County, Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack was the opening keynote speaker at America's Promise Ministries 1995 camp held July 2-7 in Prescott, Arizona. Led by racist Identity Pastor Dave Barley, the theme of this year's camp was Isaiah 51: 1-4, which reads in part:

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord... Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgement to rest for a light of the people."

In the July-August edition of America's Promise Newsletter, Barley writes in part: "I thought these verses of Scripture [above] were ideal for this year's camp theme on Heritage. This Year's camp was devoted to getting back to the basics of our Covenantal beginnings, and we did. Some people brought family heritage charts which showed the Israelite emblem or crest of their ancestry."

Other camp speakers included Richard Hoskins, Alan Campbell, Randy Grimes, and John Weaver.

Mack's attendance at this openly racist, Christian Identity gathering highlights continuing cooperation between radical second amendment activists, such as Mack, and elements of the white supremacist movement.

Dick Carver, Charles Duke and Mack are reportedly scheduled to appear at an as-yet unidentified conference to take place in Atlanta, Georgia, October 14-15. Other attendees reportedly include Don McAlvany, Larry Pratt, David Straight, Larry Becraft, Nancy Lord and Oklahoma state representative Charles Key.

**6. FOCUS ON THE FAMILY TO ENTER CYBERSPACE:** One of the largest religious right groups in the United States will go on-line this fall. Focus on the Family, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, announced that they have signed an agreement with the commercial internet service America Online (AOL).

Focus on the Family is reaching out to the largely untapped 18-44 year old demographic group—those most likely to be using on-line services and in their "family building" years—Dean Merrill, vice president of Focus on the Family's resource group explained.

FoF will continue to soft-sell the politicization of evangelical Christians with a "Focus on the Family" forum on AOL that will include local radio listings, headline stories from "Family News in Focus" and articles from the organization's numerous publications. They also plan to bring religious right supporters from around the country together via real-time "chat" sessions.

Dr. James Dobson, FoF president, elaborates on their mission to change public policy in a July 1995 mailing, "To those of you who oppose our work on the moral issues, I ask for your tolerance. To expect me to not speak on the things I believe—and not to defend the voiceless, powerless, unborn child—is absolutely impossible for me. I would rather die than remain silent in response to that which I'm convinced is profoundly offensive to God himself. That is why the most frustrating comment ever made to me comes from sincere friends who misunderstand this passion and say, 'Don't get political.'"

Focus on the Family joins other religious right organizations recruiting in cyberspace. The Christian Coalition (<http://cc.org/>), the Rutherford Institute (<http://www.rutherford.org/>), and new right mogul Paul Weyrich, (<http://net.fceref.org/>) for instance, have world wide web pages allowing people to join their organizations on-line.

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**7. SCRIPTURES FOR AMERICA SHORT-CIRCUITED:** In the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, Christian Identity pastor Pete Peters' Scriptures for America (SFA) radio show has apparently been yanked from several radio stations. In the July 1995 Scriptures for America Update, Peters blames the "Antichrist ADL" for getting him removed from five different radio stations.

Scriptures for America will now broadcast live from WRNO Shortwave (7.395) 10:00-11:00 PM CST.

In the same update, SFA also announced a friendly take-over of Colonel Jack Mohr's prison ministry with the help of Cy Minett, James "Bo" Gritz's 1992 Vice Presidential running mate.

The SFA Wisconsin Camp is scheduled for Sept. 28-Oct. 1, in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Speakers include: James Bruggeman, Earl Jones, Ted Weiland, Doug Evers, Rick Strawcutter, Roger Stevens, Charles Weisman and Everet Ramsey. A "Solemn Assembly" is slated to take place Oct. 13-15, 1995 in Estes Park, Colorado ("at the top of the Rocky Mountains") while a "Winter Gathering" (Dec. 29, 1995—Jan. 1, 1996) is scheduled for the same location.

**8. NEW REPORT ON CATHOLIC RIGHT: A New Rite: Conservative Catholic Organizations & Their Allies** is a new report published by Catholics for a Free Choice. The group examined more than 2 dozen prominent and obscure conservative Catholic groups such as the Knights of Columbus, the Alliance of Catholic Women, and the Catholic Campaign for America and looked at the connections between the conservative Catholic agenda and fundamentalists of other faiths.

The report can be obtained for \$15.00 from Catholics for a Free Choice, 1436 U Street NW Suite 301, Washington, DC 20009, tel: 202/986-6093; e-mail: cffc@igc.apc.org.

**9. WISE USE IN NORTHERN WASHINGTON:** The Whatcom Environmental Council recently announced the publication of Wise Use in Northern Puget Sound, a 187-page report authored by writer and researcher Paul de Armond.

The report details the history of "property rights" and anti-environmental activism in Washington State since 1987. Wise Use activism in the geographic region extending from Seattle to the Canadian border is the report's main concern. Two counties—Whatcom and Snohomish—receive the lion's share of reporting due to the enormous impact the politics of these counties have on surrounding urban areas.

Wise Use in Northern Puget Sound describes the growth of Wise Use "property rights" groups, names many of the key players and details the organizational structure behind this movement's ostensibly grassroots activism. The report also provides information on instances where militia organizing intersects with Wise Use activism.

Copies of the report are \$23.00 and can be ordered from the Whatcom Environmental Council, PO Box 5451 Bellingham, WA 98227-5451.

**10. NAAWP FORMS MILITIA... SORT OF:** In what appears to be a move to appease a membership dissatisfied with the electoral road to racist dictatorship, David Duke's mis-named National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP) recently announced the formation of a "militia-like group."

A "Colonel" Dan Daniels of the "Spartan Legion" militia sent via the internet the following message in mid-September.

"The citizens militias of today. . . provide a Force that may, one day, be required to fight against foreign New World Order forces on our own soil. . . . In the meantime, The National Association For The Advancement of White People (NAAWP) is forming a 'Militia like citizens group' that will be known as the Spartan Legion of the NAAWP. . . . We will be 'militia like' until we determine our true legal status under law; we want to obey laws to the letter. For legal purposes, also, we are not paramilitary. . . we are 'quasi-paramilitary.'"

Interested parties are encouraged to fill out a form and mail a photo of themselves to Daniels at P.O. Box 1566, Eagle Lake, FL 33839. An "Eagle Hotline" updates members weekly: (813) 299-8318. Daniels claims the NAAWP "militia-like" group will be affiliated with the Congress of Florida Militias.

Neo-Nazi David Duke, founder of the NAAWP, will be running for governor of Louisiana in 1996.

**11. GRITZ SPIKE SCHEDULE:** James "Bo" Gritz has scheduled the following Phase 10 SPIKE Trainings: October 7—Denver; October 14—Idaho Falls; October 21—Portland; October 28—Dallas; November 4—Sacramento; November 18—Atlanta area; December 2—Los Angeles area; December 9—Phoenix area; December 16—St. George, Utah. Phase 10 SPIKE trainings cover "Defensive Battle Drills," "Diagnosis & Triage," and "Counter-Terrorist Driving."

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**12. CHD IN WYOMING:** CHD research associate and electronic publications editor Devin Burghart traveled to “the equality state” to conduct a two day conference for nearly 70 members of the Wyoming Grassroots Project, along with Eric Ward of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment and Marlene Hines of the Montana Human Rights Network.

During the two day event in Casper, Wyoming, Burghart and Hines co-facilitated workshops on the white supremacist movement and on research, monitoring and security. Burghart also held a media and public speaking workshop entitled “speaking out for human dignity in the face of intolerance.”

**13. CITIZENS CONFERENCE IN RIVERSIDE, WASHINGTON:** A September 13 article in the Omak Chronicle announced a North Central Washington Citizens Conference that will take place from 9AM to 6PM Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Mount Olive Grange, in Riverside, Washington.

According to Wise Use researcher Paul de Armond, scheduled speakers include John P. Andrist, a Wise Use leader associated with the Okanogan Concerned Citizens Coalition and the General Manager of KOMW Radio; David Schilke, the mayor of Riverside, Washington; and John Wahl and Spence Higby, supporters of the effort to have Okanogan County pass an ordinance requiring federal employees to obtain the Sheriff’s permission to do their work in the county. The measure passed in August, although Sheriff Jim Weed has refused to enforce the ordinance.

The Coalition for Human Dignity has identified another scheduled speaker, Dan Black, as the Information Officer of the Lake Chelan Citizens Militia and a former “Bo” Gritz for President organizer.

David Neibarger, the author of Initiative 648, and will speak on “constitutional government.” A Captain of the Tonasket Police Reserves will speak on “aspects of the United Nations and the New World Order.”

**14. NGLTF CALLS FOR UNDO 2 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION:** The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is supporting the efforts of Equality Colorado, Ground Zero and other Colorado-based groups to declare Monday, October 9 “Undo 2 Day of Action.” That day is the eve of the U.S. Supreme Court hearing about Colorado’s anti-gay Amendment 2, which was struck down by the state Supreme Court as unconstitutional.

A statewide coalition of Colorado groups is coordinating various events in Colorado on and around the day of the Supreme Court hearing. NGLTF is encouraging organizations and individuals around the country to hold events on October 9 to educate and inform local communities about the dangerous nature of Amendment 2.

To date, at least 17 cities outside of Colorado plan to host actions on October 9, with more sites lining up daily. Activists are using the Supreme Court hearings as an opportunity to hold vigils, teach-ins, rallies, town meetings, press conferences, and other events to educate the media and the public about Amendment 2. NGLTF has compiled an “Undo 2 Day of Action” kit to help organizers coordinate events.

For an “Undo 2 Day of Action” organizing kit, contact NGLTF field organizers Karen Bullock-Jordan at (202) 332-6483, ext. 3206, karenbj@nglftf.org or Tracey Conaty, at (202) 332-6483, ext. 3303, tconaty@nglftf.org.

**15. ALAN KEYES PRESIDENTIAL BID IN OREGON:** African-American conservative candidate for President of the United States, Alan Keyes, will make a trip through Oregon during October. In a letter to supporters from his Oregon Campaign Manager, Kathy Phelps, supporters are encouraged to donate \$1,000 to join his “Ambassador’s club.” Keyes will apparently make campaign stops in Grants Pass, Salem, Medford, Portland (October 18) and Klamath Falls.

Oregon Citizen’s Alliance chair Lon Mabon is the director of Keyes’s campaign in eight Western states, including Oregon. Phelps is also an OCA official.

Keyes, an extreme religious right candidate, has long articulated no-compromise positions on homosexuality and abortion, among other issues, that appeal to the OCA.

Elsewhere in Phelps’s solicitation letter, she writes:

“We have come to a time in our society when the National Education Association has endorsed a resolution declaring October ‘gay/lesbian history month’ in the public schools throughout our country. Of Friday, October 13th your taxpayer dollars will be supporting the ‘Third Regional Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Conference’ in Portland and Oregon’s own Governor Kitzhaber has declared October as Gay & Lesbian history month!”

**16. ADOLPH REED, JR. ON “MARTYRS & FALSE POPULISTS”:** The October issue of The Progressive magazine carries a column by Adolph Reed Jr. titled, “Martyrs and False Populists.” Reed turns his critical eye to the tendency of leftists “to romanticize the oppressed, and to grasp at anything that looks like alternative politics.” Reed’s main concern is the appeal to progressives of militia groups. Reed writes in part,

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“There is a long history of rationalizing working-class nativism and racism. It helped sanitize the regime of terror that was the Southern Redemption, restoring unadulterated white-supremacist rule after Reconstruction. The architects of that restoration’s ideology characterized the racist putsch in the South as a revolt of the common people against a corrupt elite that cynically used blacks to further unpopular aims....

“We have to recognize that not every popular mobilization is progressive just because it arises from the grassroots. Having experienced the underside of populist rhetoric in segregationism and opposition to civil rights, I’m perhaps especially sensitive to the fact that a lot of nastiness can lie under labels like, ‘the people.’ Lynch mobs, were, after all, a form of popular, direct action.

“No matter what Alexander Cockburn says, I haven’t seen anything to suggest that I shouldn’t judge the militiamen by the company they keep politically. Nor have I seen any signs among them of a substantive vision for political and economic reorganization that would allay my fears.”

**17. MAINE ANTI-GAY INITIATIVE:** After failing to pass statewide anti-gay measures last year in Idaho and Oregon, radical right groups this year have targeted the first state east of the Mississippi. Dubed Question 1, the anti-gay measure will appear on the November 7, 1995 ballot and, if passed, will deny basic rights to lesbians, gays and other people by keeping them off the list of groups protected under Maine’s anti-discrimination laws. The wording of the question is as follows: “Do you favor the changes in Maine law limiting protected classifications, in future state and local laws to race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, familial status, and marital status, and repealing existing laws which expand these classifications as proposed by citizen petition?”

Maine Won’t Discriminate is a coalition of groups opposing the measure. The Maine Council of Churches, the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Independent Governor Angus King and the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance have joined more than 70 groups throughout the state working to defeat Question 1.

The measure was written by Virginia lawyer and Heritage Foundation scholar Bruce Fein, an operative of radical right groups that have pushed similar measures in other states, including the perennial efforts of the Oregon Citizens Alliance. Question 1 is being pushed by “Concerned Maine Families,” and the “Coalition to End Special Rights.” The latter is a newly formed group which has vowed to bring in money from Focus on the Family, the Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, and other national religious right groups.

Contact Main Won’t Discriminate, P.O. Box 11061, Portland, ME 04104; (800) 761-1788; (207) 761-1788; Internet: [mecampaign@aol.com](mailto:mecampaign@aol.com).

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