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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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1. CHD BOARD & STAFF ACTIVITIES: CHD staffer Steven Gardner will participate in a teach-in designed to expose and explain the agenda of the Christian men's group Promise Keepers. Together with Suzanne Pharr of the Women's Project, Gardner will strategize with a group of local activists starting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 1 in the Ben Linder Room at the University of Oregon. Promise Keepers will hold a gathering in Eugene August 2-4 at Autzen Stadium. The event is expected to attract 40,000 men.

CHD Board Chair Pat McGuire conducted a workshop examining Northwest hate groups for the Annual Northwest Conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation held July 6 at the Seabeck Conference Center in Seabeck, Washington. FOR members from Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Canada were in attendance. McGuire also hosted the monthly installment of CHD's radio show, "Boneheads and Bigots" on KBOO 90.7 FM Community Radio in Portland. July's bonehead of the month: The media and corporate inspired nationalist rhetoric of the Olympic Games. The program is aired from 10:30 AM—11:00 AM the fourth Friday of every month.

CHD executive director Jonathan Mozzochi was the keynote speaker for the annual gathering of the Midwest Institute for Town and Rural Ministries of the United Church of Christ held at McKendree College, in Lebanon, Illinois July 16-19. The theme of this year's summer education event was "Faith and Community in the Midst of Extremism." The Rev. David Ostendorf of the Center for New Community served as the event's facilitator. Mozzochi gave two keynote presentations exploring the historical context for the contemporary white supremacist movement and the religious and theological constructs that undergird much of the far right. More than 40 UCC pastors from 10 states were in attendance.

On Sunday July 7 a house party for the Coalition for Human Dignity was hosted by Gail and Mark Sherman at their home in Portland, Oregon. CHD Board member Steve Wasserstrom delivered an overview of the work of the Coalition, while Board member Abby Layton was present as well. More than 35 people attended the benefit and donated generously to the Coalition.

CHD staffer Robert Crawford presented an overview of the white supremacist movement to a Political Science Class at the Skagit Valley Community College July 22.

2. ANTI-RACIST GROUP EMBROILED IN FINANCIAL SCANDAL: The British Columbia-based Canadian Anti-Racism Research & Education Society (CAERS) and its executive director, Alan Dutton, have come under community and media pressure for failure to file financial statements with the Provincial Government. The Toronto Metro Sun (July 19) reported that CAERS officials represented the organization as a "community-based, incorporated non-profit group" when in fact CAERS was dissolved by the Provincial government of British Columbia in 1994 for failure to file required financial statements. A subsequent article in the Georgia Straight (July 25—August 1) details further internal havoc apparently long underway in the anti-racist group.

The Straight reports that under Dutton's leadership, CAERS' budget increased significantly as the group sought and received a hefty amount of provincial and federal government funding for a variety of multicultural and anti-racism efforts. A number of projects—some dating as far back as 1994—have not been completed and there is speculation as to how some of these funds were disbursed. From 1993-1995, the society's revenues were \$742,387. Annual administrative costs increased to \$35,495 from \$9,717, travel costs jumped to \$16,934 from \$2,231 and salaries rose to \$81,217 from \$57,220. A December 3, 1995 letter from the Society's former president, Charan Gill, complained that he [Gill] had "no knowledge of how the Society's accounts are being spent or disbursed."

The Coalition for Human Dignity maintained a close working relationship with CAERS staffers until late 1993, when a number of prominent staffers and board members resigned from the organization, citing financial improprieties, corruption, a hostile work environment and organizational security issues. The Coalition for Human Dignity recommends that civil and human rights activists use caution when interacting with CAERS.

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3. CHD ACCUSED OF "FAITH BASED BIAS": Jim Craswell, the son of prominent Christian right activist and Washington State GOP gubernatorial candidate Ellen Craswell, attacked the Coalition for Human Dignity in a "report" to the Kitsap [Washington] County Council for Human Rights dated July 19. Craswell's memo, "Study on Faith Based Bias," is a review of six months of CHD's publication the Northwest Update. CHD "crosses the line of respect and tolerance towards People of Faith Groups," Craswell writes. Based on tactics of "negative groupings, guilt by association and political bias/improper proportions a long term reader of this publication [Northwest Update] could easily become intolerant towards people of faith," he adds.

Craswell's first of many factual errors appears on page one, where he asks, rhetorically, whether the Northwest Update is an "appropriate expenditure of taxpayer's money?" Craswell has served on the Kitsap County Council for Human Rights since August 1995, and was under the mistaken impression that the council was a paid subscriber to the Northwest Update. While CHD welcomes contributions in good faith to support our publications, the Northwest Update is provided free of charge to CHD friends, colleagues and human rights task forces throughout the Pacific Northwest.

CHD executive director Jonathan Mozzochi responded to Craswell's attack in writing on July 24. He writes in part, "Craswell's report... misrepresents the work of the Coalition for Human Dignity... The allegation that the Coalition for Human Dignity is intolerant and disrespectful towards 'people of faith groups' is a cynical attempt to divorce the political agenda and impact of the religious right from the context of human rights issues."

The Chair of the Council, Dean Miyakusa, told the Central Kitsap Reporter that the Northwest Update will continue to be distributed at Council meetings. "We don't censor information coming to us. It's up to the individuals reading it, if they don't want to read it," he concluded. Contact: Kitsap County Council for Human Rights, 614 Division St. MS-23, Port Orchard, WA. 98366. Ph. (360) 876-7185 FAX: (360) 876-7187.

4. ARYAN NATIONS WORLD CONGRESS 1996: Less than 150 neo-Nazis, Klan members and assorted white supremacists attended the 1996 Aryan World Congress held July 19-21 in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Plains, Montana AN leader John Miller served as event M.C. while AN regulars on the agenda included National Socialist Vanguard leader Rick Cooper, Robert Mansker of Idaho, Montana state leader Charles Mangels and Katja Lane, the wife of former Order member David Lane and titular head of the "14 Word Press" based in St. Maries, Idaho. Other notables on the AN agenda included Montana racist Chris Temple, Charles Weismann of Minnesota, Neumann Britton, Joan Kahl Britton (the former wife of movement martyr Gordon Kahl) of California and "Prince" Guillermo Giovanelli of Italy.

In addition to the 1995 addition of veteran Klan figure Gerald Gruidl to the Aryan Nations' roster, longtime Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan leader Stanley McCollum has apparently been appointed to the "HQ Staff." Louis Beam, described in AN material as the "Ambassador at Large, Staff Propagandist and Computer Terrorist to the Chosen," returned to Texas before the event due to a family illness. Clint Mathews, the 16 year-old son of Order leader Robert Mathews, stood guard duty on Friday prior to the obligatory AN press conference. Though aging AN leader Richard Butler was the only one to speak at the press conference, he was accompanied by Cooper, Newman Britton and Miller. Butler announced that the AN was still not ready to name his successor.

On Friday evening about 25 congress attendees traveled to Coeur d'Alene where they marched down the sidewalks of Sherman Avenue shouting "blacks go out," "wake up for the race," and "white Christian love" along with other neo-Nazi pabulum. Two AN members were arrested during the march for spitting on a public sidewalk, leading CHD to see the need for a good Sherman Avenue sidewalk washing.

5. MILITIA, COMMON LAW COURT ACTIVISTS BUSTED FOR BOMBS: Eight far right activists have been arrested for making and possessing bombs and possessing unlicensed automatic weapons in a joint sting operation between the FBI and the Bellingham, Washington police department. Four of those arrested are Whatcom County residents affiliated with the Deming-based Washington State Militia (WSM); four others were Seattle residents referred to as "Freemen" including at least two men active in common law courts in King County. The Washington State Militia figures arrested include director John Irvin Pitner, former associate director Frederick Benjamin Fisher, Marlin Lane Mack and Gary Marvin Kuehnoel. Among the "Freemen" are King County common law court activists John Lloyd Kirk and William Smith, Judy Carol Kirk and Richard Frank Burton.

Documents filed in the United States District Court in Seattle describe that beginning no later than February 27, 1996 the group began a conspiracy to make and possess "destructive devices," including pipe bombs, "for what they believe would be an eventual confrontation with the United States government or the United Nations." On this date Pitner, Mack, Kuehnoel and Fisher are alleged to have gathered at Pitner's house where they "were trained in the making of destructive devices." The documents further charge John and Judy Kirk, Richard Burton and Marlin

Mack later made and “possessed unregistered destructive devices,” that Smith and John Kirk provided “lists of chemicals to be purchased for the making of destructive devices,” and that Gary Kuehnoel possessed and transferred two machine guns.

The far right credentials of at least four of those arrested are not in question. Since Pitner’s Washington State Militia began publishing a newsletter in June 1995 to the present the group has been closely affiliated with the Noxon, Montana-based Militia of Montana. The group’s inaugural newsletter consisted of reprints of Militia of Montana material while the group twice played host to John Trochmann in western Washington. In at least one of the appearances Trochmann advised followers to form so-called Leaderless Resistance cells. Like the racist Militia of Montana at least one WSM official played on racist themes in a public presentation. At the group’s first public meeting in November 1995 soon-to-be WSM assistant director Fred Fisher bemoaned the “browning of America” allegedly caused by Clinton Administration immigration policies. The group’s newsletter sported typical militia themes, ranging from UN conspiracy theories, to using the Second Amendment to justify preparing for “military confrontation,” to dissertations on the “meaning” of the yellow fringe on the US flag. Fred Fisher has also had previous run-ins with law enforcement. In 1983 he was sentenced 90 days in jail and a ten year suspended sentence for first degree incest against his daughter.

In addition to Pitner and Fisher, at least John Kirk and William Smith also had far right histories. In December 1995 Kirk appeared listed as a Magistrate in the Our One Supreme Court Common Law, Washington republic, a common law court hearing the foreclosure case of James Conrad Gutschmidt. Participating with Kirk were Populist Party county leader Howard Schaeffer, Woodland racist Mervin Brown, Christian Patriot Ben Sams and Embassy of Heaven “ambassador” Glen Stoll. The name William Smith also appears in connection to common law court activity. William Ray Smith is listed as a Clerk for the Justus Township for King County One Supreme Court. In addition, “Bill Smith” of Seattle is credited by LeRoy Schweitzer with providing documentation to support the pseudo-legal positions of the “Freemen” based in Jordan Montana.

6. PETERS’ BIBLE CAMP: Colorado Identity leader Pete Peters’ annual Bible camp is slated for August 18-24 in Golden, Colorado. The camp follows efforts by Peters to reach out to non-Identity Christians. On May 10-12 Peters held a Minister’s Seminar in Estes Park, Colorado. Less than 50 attendees came to hear the line-up of speakers that included Red Beckman of Montana, Everett (Siliven) Ramsey of Missouri, Ray Capt of California, Stephen Jones of Washington, Dave Barley of Idaho, James Bruggeman of North Carolina and Earl Jones of New Mexico.

7. SNOHOMISH COUNTY PATRIOTS HARASS SHERIFF: In the seven months since defeating far right figure Patrick Murphy in the bid for Snohomish County Sheriff, Rick Bart has encountered a barrage of bogus documents and veiled threats from tax protesters and militia supporters. Snohomish County far right activists have focused on seeking the sheriff’s support in pending legal cases with the IRS and threatening his arrest if he does not comply. In one case Lauren Austin, a Snohomish man who distributed pro-militia material to sheriff candidates last fall, wrote to Bart demanding the arrest of IRS agents “just like any criminal.” The IRS seized Austin’s property in June to cover an outstanding tax debt of over \$150,000. Just prior to the seizure Austin sent Bart a “notice of impending theft of property.” To date, Bart has been approached by at least five such activists.

Austin is currently embroiled in a civil suit to determine the ownership of his home. He is being represented by Steve Bertsch, a well known figure in western Washington far right circles. Bertsch, a former Snohomish County public defender, is a member of the speakers bureau of the Moses Lake-based American Sovereigns Group, a distinction he shares with Militia of Montana figure Carolyn Trochmann and militia organizer Eva Vail Lamb.

Floyd T. Ryan, a Lake Stevens-area landscaper who lost trucks, a tractor and tools to the IRS to cover a \$76,000 tax debt, issued a May 21 affidavit demanding “the Sheriffs of the State of Washington... take the above named person (Bart) into custody forthwith.” Ryan filed the document after charging Bart with “Probable Cause for Criminal Negligence” when he [Bart] did not investigate the IRS action as a crime (Everett Herald, July 15).

Snohomish County far rightist Robert George Christian also issued a similar document targeting a Snohomish County Deputy Sheriff and an IRS officer. Following the confiscation of two vehicles to cover tax debt, Christian echoed Floyd Ryan’s demand that the “Sheriffs of Washington state... take the above named persons into custody...”

8. JUSTUS TOWNSHIP, KING COUNTY WASHINGTON: Activists involved with Justus Township for King County One Supreme Court are using the common law court strategy to battle traffic tickets. Police have received a plethora of documents from the group following a traffic citation issued against Carl Roman Iverson, 71, of Sultan. Following the July 1 citation Iverson filed an “oath purgatory” which, he alleged, “clears himself from presumptions, charges or suspicions standing against him, or from contempt.” Iverson is also charging that an officer stole \$500

from him during the traffic stop.

Iverson and other members of the group have a history of bogus document filing and run-ins with law enforcement. Iverson has previously been cited for driving without a license and earlier this year he and fellow Justus Township figure Ross Tylor filed liens against Chelan County Sheriff Dan Breda and others following the prosecution of Ron Kurpuis, a Chelan county common law activist charged with driving without a license. In 1994 Tylor had filed a lien against a Snohomish County Superior Court Judge.

In addition to Iverson and Tylor, William Ray Smith was also a signer of Justus Township for King County documents.

9. DAVID IRVING ON TOUR: British Holocaust denier David Irving will begin a tour of several US cities in September 1996. Irving's schedule and hosts are: Sept. 7—Los Angeles, Mark Weber (714-631-1490); Sept. 9-10—Sacramento, Mike (916-967-9826) or San Francisco, Max Kerston (415-591-0404); Sept. 13—Washington D.C., Andrew (202-986-6628); Sept. 26—Cleveland, Eric Gliebe (216-888-4598); Sept. 27-29—Monroeville (Pittsburgh), MAX Show at the Expomart where Irving will be signing books.

10. VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN WESTERN WASHINGTON: Several Christian Right organizations are apparently engaged in a voter registration drive targeting churches in Whatcom County in northwestern Washington. The organizations involved in the drive include the Christian Coalition, Eagle Forum of Whatcom County, Eagle Forum of Washington, the Young Republicans, the Youth Action Coalition and the Whatcom County Ellen Craswell Campaign.

11. MILITIA TV IN WESTERN WASHINGTON: Matthew Ramsey, 32, of Snohomish, Washington is the host of "Militia TV" which appears Mondays at 4:30 on Viacom Cable Channel 29. Ramsey is a member of John Pitner's Washington State Militia. The program features videos from the Militia of Montana and Christian Patriot musician Carl Klang. Ramsey uses the stage name "Jim Ram" and told the Everett Herald that, "God knows, I don't want to see a civil war, but that appears to be the direction we are headed" (Everett Herald, June 9).

12. THE SUPERSONICS AND THE WASHINGTON FAMILY COUNCIL?: According to the June 1996 edition of the Washington Citizen, the NBA Western Division Champion Seattle Supersonics have taken part in a fund-raiser for the Washington Family Council's Fatherhood Campaign. The article by Sonics corporate sponsorship director Doug Ramsey explains that an arrangement between the Sonics and Ernst Home and Nursery provided \$10 to the WFC program for every defensive steal made by the Sonics. The amount given to WFC amounted to \$8,820. The Washington Family Council is the state's affiliate of Christian Right mogul James Dobson's Focus on the Family and comes as a profound disappointment to those human rights advocates who cheered the Sonics on to their appearance in the 1996 NBA Finals.

13. LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN FOR SHANNON: Michael E. Bunch of Norden, California is promoting a letter writing campaign calling for the pardon of Rachel "Shelly" Shannon, the Grants Pass, Oregon anti-choice activist convicted in 1994 of attempted murder for the shooting of Kansas physician George Tiller. Bunch is urging "pro-life" activists to write notarized letters to the Governor of Kansas and the Kansas Board of Parole urging them to pardon Shannon because she "seems to be just a misguided follower who sincerely believe she was doing the right thing with the best of intentions." Bunch's letter goes on to employ a veiled threat, warning officials that "The longer she remains in your state, the more likely it is that Kansas will become a focal point of unwanted extreme pro-life activity..."

14. IMMIGRANT RIGHTS NEWSLETTER RESUMES PUBLICATION: The Network News, the newsletter of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, has recently resumed publication. Network News is an excellent source of information on anti-immigrant legislation and organizing, the link between anti-immigrant bigotry and other attacks on civil rights and on efforts to organize in defense of immigrants and refugees. The Summer 1996 issue of Network News includes articles on anti-immigrant legislation in the US House and Senate, the relationship between affirmative action and immigrant rights and on efforts to take Proposition 187-style campaigns to Florida, Oregon and Arizona. Subscriptions to the Network News are \$10-20 for individuals, \$25 for institutions and \$5 for unemployed people and people on fixed incomes. The Network can be reached at 310 8th St., Suite 307; Oakland, CA 94607 or at (510) 465-1984.

15. IMPAC BACKS GROEN FOR WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE: The Christian Right fundraising organization IMPAC is backing the bid of Republican Keith Groen of Arlington for the Washington State House of Representatives in the 39th District. IMPAC tells prospective supporters that "Keith Groen's solid convictions will make him a strong leader. His vote for family values legislation will impact your family regardless of which district you live in." Groen's own literature informs members that "this letter will go to 1700 IMPAC members" and states, "With your help I will be able to go to Olympia and scrutinize each bill for its effect on your families and whether it meets the rigors of our constitution. With the outrageous veto of the partial birth abortion ban and the threat of same sex marriages in our country, I believe the time to act is now."

Groen is running on a platform consisting primarily of reducing the size of government, promoting local control of education, cutting taxes and getting tough on crime. Citizens for Keith Groen, GOP: 20902 67th Ave, Suite 325; Arlington, WA 98223.

16. WESTERN TAX COUNCIL PROMOTES COMMON LAW COURTS: The Orofino, Idaho-based Western Tax Council is promoting the formation of common law courts. Under the moniker "Freedom Points," Council leader Cliff Turner is supporting a program also backed by the Hamilton, Montana-based Rule of Law Committee (See Northwest Update July 15, 1996). Information describing the Freedom Points agenda from the Rule of Law Committee web page proclaims that "The idea of a national venue Grand Jury must succeed or the incorporated United States will be able to disregard each and every claim that we are the body-sovereign and that they are the agent answerable to the law of the land and her Grand Juries."

The Western Tax Council is advertising itself as Freedom Point Idaho. In addition, the group is independently promoting its own sovereignty scheme and a mail privacy service. Under the auspices of the Restoration Foundation of America, Turner seeks to aid in "establishing and operating a National Common Law County Court system" which ambitiously hopes to set up "Common Law Courts and government within each County of each of the union States." The Restoration Foundation offers such services as "writ and case preparation assistance," a "national lien and document recording service" and a "national lien and judgment collection service," that will ostensibly "assist you in collecting your liens and judgment against government agents and others." Through the Foundation Turner is also offering "property equity protection" which claims to "trade the equity in your property for Foundation 'Freedom Participation Contracts.'" The "logic" behind this scheme, Turner states, is that "if you have no equity in your property, it would not be profitable for the IRS to seize and sell it."

Turner's ideological leanings are evidenced in his book catalogue, with titles including Born Again Republic by Red Beckman, Operation Vampire Killer 2000 by Jack McLamb, Posse Comitatus—The Facts and the Federal Reserve Conspiracy by Eustace Mullins. Cliff Turner, the Western Tax Council and the Restoration Foundation of America: P.O. Box 2197; Orofino, Idaho, 83544 or phone: (208)476-0253; fax: (208)475-7191.

17. LAMPLEY AND COMPANY SENTENCED: Ray Lampley, the leader of the Oklahoma-based Universal Church of God, has been sentenced to 110 years in prison in connection to a plot to bomb civil rights offices and abortion clinics. Also sentenced with Lampley were his wife Cecelia (40 years) and associate J.D. Baird (10 years). The three were convicted April 24, 1996 of gathering ingredients to manufacture a bomb (Associated Press, July 7).

18. SECOND BOMBING AND BANK ROBBERY HITS SPOKANE: On Friday July 12 a pipe bomb was set off at a Spokane Planned Parenthood office and minutes later the US Bank branch at Sprague and Mullan was robbed by an armed paramilitary group. Damage at the Planned Parenthood office—which was closed at the time of the explosion—is estimated at \$100,000. The amount of money taken in the bank robbery has not yet been released.

The many similarities between this bombing/robbery and the April 1 bombing of an office of the Spokane Spokesman Review and robbery of the same bank have lead federal agents to believe that both crimes were committed by the same people. In both instances the bombing was both a diversion and an attack on a political target of the far right; in both robberies the perpetrators dressed in paramilitary clothing; in both crimes the robber/bombers used a stolen van with license plate from other vehicles; and, the perpetrators in both cases used similar methods in robbing the bank. The fact that the vans were stolen from Walla Walla in the first crime and from Tacoma in the second has led to speculation that the group hails from western Washington.

On July 18 law enforcement officers released an artist's sketch of a third suspect believed to be involved in the bombing and robbery. The white male was seen at the University City shopping mall about the same time that the van was abandoned in the mall parking lot. About 50 local state and federal law enforcement officers are investigating the incidents and a \$115,000 reward—\$100,000 from the bank and \$15,000 from federal agencies—has been offered for information identifying the men (Associated Press July 19, Spokesman Review July 14, Seattle Times July 19).

19. ANTI-TERRORISM LAW HURTS LEGAL IMMIGRANTS: The anti-terrorism law pressed into passage by the Clinton Administration in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing has led to the arrest and pending deportation of hundreds of legal immigrants according to civil rights advocates cited in the New York Times (April 17). The arrests and deportation proceedings result from a provision of the so-called Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act which requires that any non-naturalized citizen who has committed a crime in the U.S., including most felonies and certain misdemeanors, can be detained without appeal, would not be eligible for release on bond and would be subject to deportation. Among those who have been detained are lawful permanent residents who have lived in the country for years. The law expanded the "grounds of deportability" to include any drug offense, including marijuana possession, as well as crimes of "moral turpitude," which in New York, for instance, includes destroying a passport and turnstile jumping. The cruelty of this provision of the law is seen in several examples of people facing deportation. For instance, Lorraine Parris, a native of Guyana married to an American, currently faces deportation for a late 1970s conviction for marijuana possession; Olga Gonzalez who emigrated from Columbia at age 6, served a sentence for a 1987 felony drug purchase and later went on to get a college degree and serve as secretary for former New York Mayor David Dinkins, was detained following a May trip to Colombia and is being held for deportation.

While civil rights and immigrant rights organizations, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, are challenging the law and the INS application of it, anti-immigrant groups are gleeful. Dan Stein of the Federation of American Immigration Reform, chimed in that "Most Americans want them out of the country. Civil rights activists are trying to punch holes in much-needed loophole reform and attempting to curry public sympathy by presenting these worst-case scenario cases."

20. ENGLISH ONLY BILL IN US HOUSE: A bill that would make English the official language of the United States has been narrowly approved by the US House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee. The bill would require that official government business be conducted only in English, although it makes provisions for documents and policies necessary for national security, public safety and health. The vote to send the bill to the House floor was split 19-17 largely along party lines. President Clinton has voiced opposition to the bill while GOP presidential leader Bob Dole has supported the idea in the past. While Republican leaders have summed up their support for the bill, ironically, as a way to prevent the country from devolving into "ethnic enclaves," opposition to the bill was aptly summed up by Rep. Matthew Martinez, D-California, who said, "This is just a guise for a bill that's built on bias and bigotry." Opponents of the bill have pointed out that the most pressing need is for more English classes, noting, for instance, that English classes at Los Angeles community colleges are filled 24 hours per day and that the waiting list for some English classes in New York is three years (Seattle P-I, July 25).

21. AMERICAN RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE: Jared Taylor's American Renaissance organization held its annual conference this past May in its home-base of Louisville, Kentucky. The conference brought together high-brow racists from around the country and, like its sponsor, served to bring together the Buchananite right with hard-core white supremacists. Conference attendees focused their sights on wrapping crass biological determinism and visions of a racially reconstructed America in the shroud of intellectualism.

According to a summary in the American Renaissance newsletter City College of New York Professor Michael Levin "pointed out that it is vital that performance gaps (in IQ between whites and blacks) be recognized as largely due to heredity, because any environmental explanation will be used by blacks to support demands for compensation."

Taylor "noted" that such characteristics as "rule of law, democracy, free speech, respect for women's rights, and even concern for the environment" have "paralyzed whites in the face of explicitly racial demands issued by others."

Professor Michael Hart "proposed a three-way partition, with a black-separatist nation, a white-separatist nation, and a multi-racial, integrated nation." Other guest speakers included Buchananite columnist Sam Francis, University of Western Ontario professor Phillippe Rushton, Gordon Baum of the Council of Conservative Citizens and Sam Dickson, an Atlanta attorney noted for playing host to such bigots as Holocaust denier David Irving and neo-Nazi British National Party leader John Tyndall.

22. FRENCH HOLOCAUST DENIAL: The Founding Myths of Israeli Policy, a book by former communist Roger Garaudy, was seized and banned in Switzerland in late June under a law which prohibits minimizing or justifying genocide and other crimes against humanity. In the book Garaudy denies that 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. Abbe Pierre, a French Catholic Priest known for his campaigns on behalf of the homeless, quickly came under fire when he came to the defense of Garaudy. The 85 year old priest went even further, accusing Jews of a genocide comparable to the Holocaust in 11th century Palestine and denying the significance of the Nazi murder of Jews, saying "There were not 6 million victims because of Hitler, there were 50 million. And of what importance is

it that there were 6 or 7 or 5 million persecuted Jews?" Following his defense of Garaudy, Pierre was excluded from the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, repudiated by the Catholic hierarchy and even condemned by Emmaus, a charity he founded at the end of World War II. In response to the actions by the Catholic Church, Pierre responded that, "If the Church intervened it was simply because of pressure from the media. And the media was inspired by an international Zionist lobby—of this I am absolutely certain" (Agence France Press, Associated Press).

Meanwhile National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen is calling for the European Court of Human Rights to punish France for fining him 1.2 million francs after he dismissed the significance of the Nazi use of gas chambers to kill Jews. Le Pen's statement came in a 1987 radio broadcast when he said: "I'm not saying the gas chambers didn't exist. I did not see them myself. I have not studied the question, but I think it is a mere detail in the history the Second World War" (International Herald Tribune, June 22-23).

23. GERMAN MINISTER SCAPEGOATS JEWISH IMMIGRATION: A minister in German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government has come under fire for criticizing laws which allow free immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union. Development Aid Minister Carl Dieter Spranger warned that the immigration of 800,000 Jews from the Ukraine could turn into "conflict with Israel which regards itself as the homeland for Jews" and said that Jewish immigrants to Germany could pose problems for the German pension system. The minister's remarks were denounced as "inflammatory, hypocritical and unsound" and appealing to "dark fears" by a spokesperson for the Green Party. Ignatz Bubis, chair of Germany's Central Council of Jews, called the statements "panic-mongering."

24. DEPARRIE DECLARED STALKER: On May 16 Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Thomas L. Moultrie issued an order prohibiting Paul deParrie, editor-in-chief of Life Advocate magazine, from calling, picketing at or mailing to the home of abortion provider Dr. Jude Hanzo. The order, issued under the auspices of Oregon's controversial anti-stalking law, came about as a result of repeated pickets at Dr. Hanzo's as part of operation SHAME (Stigmatize, Harangue, Agitate, Mortify, and Expose Abortionists), an Advocates for Life Ministries program to target one Portland-area abortion provider each month with an intense picketing and intimidation campaign. The SHAME campaign includes placing posters that have the headline "Your Neighbor is an Abortionist"; a photograph of the provider and the provider's name and address. The posters state that concerned individuals should "Pray that [the provider] will repent of her child-killing," and suggests the people write and call the provider at his/her home. In the July 1996 issue of Life Advocate, deParrie is quoted as claiming the order against him as a victory. "Not only did the judge not restrict me hardly at all..., he based the decision on the two incidents that make for the most successful appeal [the front-yard pickets, ed.]. I may be a 'stalker' in name, but I really won this case. For all their time and expense, the pro-aborts got nothing."

25. DR. DOBSON'S HISTORY LESSON: In a June fundraising letter to supporters of his Focus on the Family ministry, Dr. James Dobson had high praise for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, not for his consistently "conservative" rulings, but for a speech Justice Scalia gave at the Mississippi College School of Law in April. Though no recordings were made of the speech, Dobson describes it as an address that "dealt with the ridicule of Christians in the United States and the disdain in which their cherished beliefs are held by the cultural elite. Using press sources, Dobson quotes Scalia as saying, among other things: "Devout Christians are destined to be regarded as fools in modern society.... We are fools for Christ's sake.... We must pray for courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world."

Most of Dobson's twelve-page letter is devoted to defending Scalia from what the Focus on the Family leader believes are vicious and unjust attacks against Scalia for his "pro-Christian" remarks. His defense consists chiefly in quoting from "American Heroes"—e.g. John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln and other ancestral figures—after the manner of David Barton. In the context of the recent U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling to strike down Colorado's anti-gay rights Amendment 2 (where Scalia joined Justice Thomas and Chief Justice Rhenquist in dissent), the import of Dobson's letter points toward the increasing attention being accorded within the Christian Right to "anti-Christian bias" as an issue to organize around.

26. NEW FAR-RIGHT WWW PAGES:

Volksfront/Intimidation One: <http://members.gnn.com/intim1/main.htm>

This page contains information on the Portland-area neo-Nazi skinhead group, Volksfront and its publication aimed at prisoners, Thule. It also includes a page for the neo-Nazi skinhead band Intimidation One, complete with photos and sound clips.

14 Word Press: <http://www.cyberenet.net/~micetrap/14word.html>

The page of the St. Maries, ID-based organization run by Katja Lane, wife of imprisoned Order member David Lane. It contains biographies and photos of the 14 Word staff (David and Katja Lane, Ron McVan), the Focus Fourteen newsletter, as well as publication and merchandise ordering information.

David Duke for U.S. Senate: <http://www.duke.org/>

This page is dedicated to Duke's 1996 U.S. Senatorial campaign and includes areas for campaign events (including rally dates and times), speeches to download and listen to, campaign literature and photos. Also included are assorted writings of Duke: "Christianity and Race" and "My Indian Odyssey." The page also has a section entitled, "Articles of Interest on the Race Issue," which includes "Race, Socioeconomic Variables, and Intelligence: A Review and Extension of The Bell Curve," "What is racism?" "Alien Nation," "Minority Layoff Protection," and "90's Minority Objective."

Aryan Nations: <http://rand.nidlink.com/~aryanvic/>

The Aryan Nations World Headquarters has moved its homepage from the Stormfront WWW site to a new local Internet service provider. The page, registered to Aryan Nations member Karl Gharst has an introduction to the Aryan Nations, an Aryan Nations Declaration, a Platform for the Aryan National State, and a book review entitled, "Gathering Storm: A Book Report For The Rest Of Us."

American Nationalist Union: <http://www.nauticom.net/www/kloesch/national.htm>

Although the ANU page is still under construction, it does contain information about the ANU and an on-line edition of the Nationalist Times.

27. MORE RACIST LITERATURE/VANDALISM: Idaho Falls, Idaho and Lake Oswego, Oregon are the two latest cities to encounter racist graffiti. In Idaho Falls, Jim Huffington awoke just after midnight on June 25 to find a 5-foot diameter swastika burning on the street in front of his home. Dead birds were also tossed onto his yard (Post Register, June 26). A swastika was also painted on the garage door of a home on the 1000 block of S. Holmes Ave. on June 27. (Post-Register, June 28) Earlier on June 12 and 13, the Oak Creek neighborhood of Lake Oswego was hit with literature bundles containing material from the White Aryan Resistance, the Patriotic Populist Party of Washington DC and the NSDAP/AO (Oregonian, June 28).

28. FAR RIGHT BOOKSTORE OPENS IN HAYDEN, IDAHO: During the week proceeding the 1996 Aryan World Congress a far right bookstore opened in nearby Hayden, Idaho. The God & Country Bookstore, located at 9360 N. Government Way, is being run by Glenn Bledsoe, a self-proclaimed "minister" in the Christian Patriot movement from Fullerton, California. In addition to staples such as the Identity tabloid The Jubilee, Bledsoe is peddling such books as Global Tyranny, Step-By-Step and Massacre at Ruby Ridge. Bledsoe told reporters that "I'll have more customers here than in Southern California. There are more people (here) interested in this kind of stuff." Reflecting the make-up of his potential clientele, Bledsoe told a reporter that several Aryan Congress attendees came to the store to purchase flags (Spokane Spokesman Review, July 20).

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