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1. CHD AT UNITED AUTO WORKERS CIVIL RIGHTS SEMINAR: CHD executive director Jonathan Mozzochi served as a discussion leader for the Thirteenth International UAW Civil Rights Seminar convened at the Walter & May Reuther UAW Family Education Center August 25-30, in Black Lake, Michigan. The Civil Rights Seminar is sponsored annually by the UAW Civil Rights Department, led by Director Joe Davis and Assistant Director Miriam Poe. More than 350 UAW civil rights committee delegates came together for this year's program, entitled "Winning in '96."

Perhaps the most stirring keynote speech of the conference was delivered Thursday evening by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Rev. Lowery addressed the civil rights representatives concerning the need to "go back to Centennial Park," the site of the pipe bombing during the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Rev. Lowery, who is a longtime ally of the United Auto Workers, urged those assembled to reclaim that ground which has been taken from trade unions and the civil rights movement, and reach out to the poor who have been shunted aside. Always a powerful and stirring speaker, Rev. Lowery closed the conference with a powerful sermon.

Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary-Employment Standards Administration/United States Department of Labor, gave an opening day keynote speech on the Economic Rights at the Center of the Civil Rights Agenda. Mr. Anderson identified the following four factors behind the lowering of real income from 1979-1994: (1) Globalization; (2) Downsizing; (3) Technical Advances; (4) Decline in Trade Unions. He further identified the following three requirements needed to improve our situation: (1) Economic Growth; (2) Worker productivity and strengthening of trade unions; and, (3) Affirmative Action.

Clarissa Martinez, an Immigration Policy Analyst with the National Council of La Raza gave an overview of issues concerning immigration likely to figure in the upcoming Presidential election. Ms. Martinez focused on House Speaker Newt Gingrich, California Governor Pete Wilson and the anti-immigration group FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) in her presentation.

Norman Hill of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute presented on African Americans in the electoral process and the tenet that social justice needs economic freedom. Hill noted that the "Rising tide of profits may lift all yachts, but it certainly won't lift all boats." 1996, he added, should be about building bridges and the material foundation of freedom.

Mozzochi's workshop on Domestic Terrorist Group was well received. Other workshop topics included: Policy and Procedures for Local Union Civil Rights Committees; Sexual Harassment, Laws & Agencies; Voter Registration & Education; Diversity in the Workplace; Arbitration of Discrimination Grievances; and Winning in 1996 led by Eula Tate, of the UAW's Legislative Office and Catherine Browder of the UAW's National Community Action Program Department.

2. METCALF JOINS LIBERTY CAUCUS: Far right US Representative Jack Metcalf of Washington has joined the Republican Liberty Caucus, a GOP organization which champions right-wing libertarian causes. According to the group's Republican Liberty newsletter, Metcalf currently serves as the head of the Congressional Liberty Caucus. Libertarianism has provided the public face for far right attacks on civil rights and social spending. Metcalf is joined in the Liberty Caucus by militia sympathizer Steve Stockman (R-Texas). The group's May/June 1996 newsletter praises the current bid of Christian Right figure Ron Paul for the US House, attributing part of Paul's success in the April primary to his "successful wooing of the Religious Right." Paul is a former RLC chair. Current RLC chair Clifford Thies writes, "Ron Paul's victory shows there is no necessary contradiction between the Republican Party's libertarian, conservative and religious wings."

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3. CHRISTIAN COALITION TRAINS INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY: Apparently seeking to foster a Christian nationalist opposition to the ruling African National Congress (ANC), Christian Coalition national field director D.J. Gribben held trainings in Durban, South Africa recently for delegates of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), the Natal-based party led by KwaZulu Chief Buthezi. While the Christian Coalition has moved away from the scathing attacks it mounted in recent years against the ANC, it now differentiates between the ANC and IFP by stating that “Both parties are led by men of strong faith, but the IFP tends to be pro-business, pro-family and supportive of federalist principles.” Opportunistically lamenting the political violence that has often rocked South Africa, D.J. Gribben writes that “Fortunately, a number of efforts are being made by the African Christian Democratic Party, the Inkatha Freedom Party, and others to bring people together around their common faith. Christianity appears to be one of the few ties that binds this people together” (Christian American, July/August 1996).

4. DRUG CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST PATRIOT EX-SHERIFF: Snohomish county prosecutors have dropped four counts of illegally obtaining prescription drugs against Patrick Murphy, the former Snohomish County Sheriff who allied with Christian Patriots during his 1995 bid for office. The charges were dropped after a Jefferson County Superior Court Judge ruled that the state Pharmacy Board had violated Murphy’s privacy rights in obtaining personal medical records, without which prosecutors had no case (Seattle P-I, August 8).

5. ANTI-CHOICE REPUBLICAN WINS WYOMING SENATE PRIMARY: Mike Enzi, a Republican state senator from Wyoming and an opponent of abortion rights, defeated a pro-choice opponent for US Senate in the state GOP’s August 20 primary. Enzi will run against Secretary of State Kathy Karpan, a Democrat, in a race to replace longtime Wyoming Senator Alan Simpson who is retiring this year. Enzi’s victory comes on the heels of primary victories of four other pro-life Senatorial candidates. In Kansas, right-to-life Representative Sam Brownbeck beat pro-choice candidate Sheila Frahm 55 to 42 percent to run for the seat of retiring moderate Republican Senator Nancy Kassebaum; in Michigan anti-choice candidate Ronna Romney—who is being endorsed by the Liberty Lobby’s Populist Action Committee—defeated pro-choice businessman Jim Nicholson 52 to 48 percent; in Georgia right-to-lifer Guy Millner beat pro-choice Republican Johnny Isakson 53 to 47 percent; and in Illinois, anti-choice and anti-gun control candidate Al Salvi defeated Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra for the GOP Senate bid (Seattle Times, August 21; New York Times, August 8, New York Post, August 7).

6. ICAN INVOLVED IN ANTI-SCHOOL LEVY EFFORT: The far right Idaho Citizens Awareness Network was reportedly involved in a get-out-the-vote effort during an August 6th Bonner County school levy. ICAN leader Bill Smyth reportedly used the group’s 450 name phone tree to inform its supporters of the election. While Smyth claimed that he did so because the levy election was “a surprise” and “somewhat secret,” his organization is closely aligned with vociferous opponents of taxation and school levies. Frank Reichert, publisher of the far right Tradem’ Save and a close ally of Smyth, has repeatedly attacked school levies in both Boundary and Bonner Counties.

ICAN was slated to have an information booth at the Bonner County Fairgrounds August 22-24 and is also sponsoring an essay contest, offering a candlelight dinner for two to the person who “comes the closest to accurately describing the founding father’s intent for preserving liberty using the three boxes:....the ‘fully informed’ jury box....the ballot box...[and] the ammo box.” The winner of the contest will be announced at a September 12, 1996 ICAN meeting at the Sandpoint Community Hall. ICAN: 208-263-1767.

7. TEXE MARRS LAUNCHES ATTACK ON BO GRITZ: Texe Marrs, the conspiracy-weaving head of Living Truth Ministries, has launched a fundamentalist attack on far right leader James “Bo” Gritz, accusing the retired Green Beret of “introducing to his followers a devilish mixture of New Age quackery, Mormonism, and unscriptural false ‘Christianity.’” The attack, which Marrs released in May as an “Intelligence Examiner” audiotope, cites the Center for Action newsletter to show that Gritz violates the fundamentalist creed by claiming that “there are as many gods as there are people,” and “before we took on human bodies, we pre-existed as spirits,” and that “as a trained hypnotist, he has performed Past Life Therapy on subjects.” Marrs correctly points out Gritz’s inclusion of components of New Age philosophy with Christian Patriot constitutional babble—a tack which has garnered Gritz support from such New Age anti-Semites as The Phoenix Liberator (now Contact), a publication whose producers claim to commune regularly with extra-terrestrial spirit-beings.

Marrs concludes: “How painful it has been, therefore, for me and other Christian patriots to discover that, regardless of his military credentials, the former Green Beret is severely A.W.O.L. in the one realm of warfare that makes all the difference. He is a liability and a detriment in the spiritual war now raging against Jesus Christ, our Lord, and His Word, the Holy Bible” (Flashpoint, May 1996).

8. PETE PETERS' WISCONSIN CAMP: Colorado Identity leader Pete Peters will hold a Bible camp in Waupaca, Wisconsin September 26-29, 1996. Scheduled speakers at the event include America's Promise head Dave Barley, New Mexico Identity leader Earl Jones, Oklahoma leader Bruce McCarthy and Charles Weisman. The event will be held at the Spencer Lake Bible Camp and Retreat Center at N 1385 County Truck E. The contact number for the camp is 715-258-5707.

9. INMATE MOVED AFTER RACIAL HARASSMENT CHARGE: Lamont Lewis, an African-American inmate incarcerated at the Boundary County jail, was relocated to Utah in early August after complaining that Boundary county officials had not adequately responded to repeated race-based harassment by a white inmate. Lewis claimed that Joseph Jack, a white inmate serving a year sentence for possession of a stolen vehicle, had repeatedly taunted him (Lewis) with racial slurs. Lewis also alleged that Jack was a member of the Aryan Nations. In late July Jack threw human feces on Lewis and his two cellmates, an act for which he (Jack) has been charged with felony criminal harassment. Before his transfer to Utah, Lewis had expressed intentions to file a formal complaint in the matter, though he was reportedly satisfied with the Sheriff Department's decision to move him (Kootenai Valley Times, August 1).

10. RIGHTWING ACTIVE IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted 313 to 226 in early July to send to its local bodies (presbyteries) a proposed amendment to the church's Book of Order stating that those who refuse to "live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage of man and a woman, or chastity in singleness...shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word of Sacrament." If 86 of the church's 171 presbyteries vote to support the amendment, it will be placed in the church's governing document. The majority decision received opposition from Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (PLGC) and from members of the Witherspoon Society, both of which have vowed to take their fight for gay rights to the presbyteries.

While anti-gay and lesbian bigotry carried the day in the ordination decision, moderate and liberal Presbyterians averted other attacks from the church's fundamentalist wing. The General Assembly voted against an effort to demand that the church specify what constitutes "the essential tenets" of the faith (i.e., fundamentalist tenets) while commissioners to the General Assembly rejected efforts spearheaded by Presbyterians Pro-Life to pass two pro-life planks. The Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association (PHEWA)—organized to perform health and welfare ministries with funding from the church—also weathered an attack from the church's right wing which opposed the body's "liberal policies" and support for gay and lesbian rights. The right wing did force PHEWA to come under tighter denominational control. Presbyterians Pro-Life sponsored a rally featuring Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship and Barry Anderson of Set Free, a group which "ministers" to homosexuals wishing to become heterosexuals.

The church's right-wing, however, appeared victorious when the Assembly voted to not confirm the re-election of Executive Director James Brown. Playing a lead role in opposing Brown was Marj Carpenter, a favorite of The Presbyterian Layman, a publication of the right-wing faction of the church. Hinting at the possibility of a broader attack on church leadership, a Layman editorial described, "In particular, we hope they (church leadership) understand that in rejecting James Brown's re-election, the General Assembly assessed an entire leadership structure...(some church) centers have served as staging areas for homosexual activism...(T)he Assembly made a major move toward writing biblical sexual ethics into church law, and it denied an extended tenure to Louisville's chief executive officer. The GA has been speaking clearly. Anybody listening?" (The Presbyterian Layman, July/August 1996).

11. DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES ON CHRISTIAN RIGHT: As a follow up to the August 15 Northwest Update, we report here on how Washington state Democratic candidates for Governor are positioning themselves vis-à-vis core issues of the Christian Right. The following are leading Democratic gubernatorial candidates answers to a Northwest Christian Journal question asking, "Speaking to an Evangelical audience, why should one vote for you?"

* Jay Inslee: "We need a leader who will take bold action to protect and seek opportunities for average working class families, a leader who will do more with less...I believe I share similar values and priorities with the majority of Washington's citizens."

* Gary Locke: "We need to nurture our children, value our families, respect each other's basic rights, live up to our individual and collective responsibilities, and broaden the economic base and jobs on which our...quality of life

depends...I am also a Christian and believe strongly in the important role of churches in our communities, realizing government cannot do everything..."

* Norm Rice: "I deserve your vote because I want to fundamentally change the way our government operates...I am committed to a whole new approach based on a community-driven, "bottom-up" model which values the needs and interests of everyone involved rather than just the whim and fancy of the state legislature."

* Bryan Zetlen: "I am the only candidate in a field of good people who has actually worked in the areas and issues of concern to the people of our state: education, freedom of expression, tax reform, crime prevention, environmental protection, employment and job security... We admire the effectiveness and dedication of the Evangelical community."

Addressing the issue of the "stability of the traditional family," Inslee responded that "parents must be responsible for educating their children about the tough decisions that exist in society... The governor of this state must ensure that... opportunities exist for all of Washington's citizens." Locke responded, "I believe that strong families strengthen the values of society. I will propose public policies which go beyond the rhetoric of "family values" and instead value families." Rice stated, "It is important for us to talk about moral decline and the breakdown (of) our family structure. But why, in the next breath, are some people willing to accept the current reality that one out of every seven children in this state lives in poverty?" Zetlen responded, "Strong, extensive family counseling supported by government, religious groups and communities. The disruption of our families is a terrifying and growing phenomenon fueled by economic uncertainty as well as a failure in faith. That would be our emphasis" (Northwest Christian Journal, August 1996).

12. RACIST FUGITIVE ARRESTED, CONFESSES TO MURDER: Feron Lovelace, an escaped felon and self-professed white supremacist, has confessed to the murder of a Bonner County, Idaho man after being arrested near Priest River on August 18 by federal agents and Bonner County authorities. After escaping two years ago from a Wisconsin prison where he was serving a sentence for armed robbery, Lovelace had been ranked 15th on the US Marshals Service "Most Wanted List." Authorities discovered Lovelace in May. A search of Lovelace's home produced nine rifles, handguns, sawed-off shotguns and automatic and converted weapons. In addition, law enforcement officials found homemade mines around the perimeter of the house.

After his arrest Lovelace confessed to the 1995 murder of a Bonner County man who is also alleged to have been a white supremacist. Lovelace claims to have shot the man in the head after a falling out between the two. According to Bonner County Lt. John Valdez, Lovelace "made it clear he was an Aryan and talked about his bigoted beliefs" (Spokane Spokesman Review, August 20; Bonner County Daily Bee, August 21).

13. LIBERTY LOBBY ON COMMON LAW COURTS: The anti-Semitic Spotlight has come out nominally against the formation of vigilante common law courts and the pseudo-legal notions that underpin them, arguing instead in favor of political activism as a means of furthering the far right. An article by Trisha Katson in the August 19 Spotlight cites a number of sources who criticize such courts: Libertarian Attorney Nancy Lord explains that, "At this juncture the activities of the common law advocates are destructive to themselves and the freedom movement as a whole. They are giving authorities the excuse to have them arrested by experimenting with common law legal theories." Tax protester Larry Becraft chimes in that, "Most of what people in the common law movement argue is a result of their own mental impression rather than a result of studying common law." Rick Tylor, editor of The Georgia Constitution and head of the Voice of Liberty, states that "they [Common Law activists] are playing right into the enemy's hands. They are giving Morris Dees and the ADL ammunition to demand anti-paramilitary laws and laws like the counter-terrorism bill." Liberty Lobby Board of Policy Chair Vince Ryan states, "The only answer to the problems facing America is political, exactly as Liberty Lobby has been saying for 40 years. The courts are subservient to the political regime and that should be our target."

14. LIBERTY LOBBY RADIO CHANGES: Radio Free America (RFA), the radio show of the anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby, is ending its regular 2-hour nightly broadcast and moving to a 3-hour format from 9 till midnight on Sundays. According to RFA host Tom Valentine, the show can be heard on AM and FM stations over the Orbit 7 network and negotiations are underway for shortwave broadcasts on WWCN, WRNO and WHRI. Satellite dish owners can tune in to the show via Satcom 1, transponder 14, audio 7.5.

15. IRVING UPDATE: Bradley Smith will be joining Holocaust denier David Irving at an appearance on September 7 in southern California. See August 1 Northwest Update for information on David Irving's present US tour.

16. COVINGTON URGES PREPARATION FOR WAR: National Socialist White People's Party head Harold Covington is re-circulating a 1994 article in which he urges racists to prepare for armed conflict with the government. He writes, "For the time being we must stick with the legality, *as a tactic of convenience and expediency only*, which is all legality ever is for any truly revolutionary movement. But we need to accept that the entire thrust of the Movement from this point on must be aimed at *preparation for eventual armed struggle* in order to seize state power and create a genuine New Order, a new way of life in America" (emphasis in original).

17. GOP PLATFORM AN ODE TO XENOPHOBIA: The platform adopted by the Republican Party at its mid-August national convention reflects the relative strength of the Christian Right and anti-immigrant fanatics who form the party's Buchananite wing. Under the rubric of "A Sensible Immigration Policy" the GOP platform attacks undocumented immigrants and calls for the effective overturn of the 14th Amendment:

"Illegal aliens should not receive public benefits other than emergency aid, and those who become parents while illegally in the United States should not be qualified to claim benefits for their offspring.... We support a constitutional amendment or constitutionally-valid legislation declaring that children born in the United States of parents who are not legally present in the United States or who are not long-term residents are not automatically citizens."

Under a section titled "Upholding the Rights of All," the GOP platform proceeds to attack the rights of gay men and lesbians, people of color and women by endorsing the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, a bill that would "prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex unions." Elsewhere affirmative action is gutted under the guise of "[restoring] to law the original meaning of civil rights." The GOP platform also calls for a Constitutional amendment "to make clear that the 14th Amendment's protections apply to unborn children"—effectively extending 14th Amendment protections to the unborn after rescinding it from the born. Yet another plank the GOP affirms its "commitment to open housing, without quotas or controls, and condemn... abuse of fair housing laws to harass citizens exercising their First Amendment rights." The platform would also abolish the Department of Education and "end Federal meddling in our schools, and promote family choice at all levels of learning.... encourage states to stop cash payments to unmarried teens and set a family cap on payments for additional children."

18. LAUCK GOES TO JAIL: NSDAP-AO leader Gary "Gerhard" Lauck has been sentenced to four years in prison by a German court for violating that country's laws against inciting racial hatred and distributing Nazi propaganda that violates the German constitution. Lauck was arrested on an international warrant from Germany while the racist leader attended a neo-Nazi convention in Denmark in March 1995. He was extradited to Germany under a Danish law against racist statements in September. Prosecutors in the case sought a five year sentence while Lauck's lawyer, Hans Otto Sieg, attempted to have the charges dropped because Lauck's actions were not criminal in the United States. Sieg has said he will appeal the case. Lauck will serve only 2 ½ years for the crime, as time already served was subtracted from his sentence.

Lauck has been a leading supplier of neo-Nazi propaganda to German fascists. Explaining the sentence, Judge Guenter Bertram told the court that Germany must remain vigilant against neo-Nazism and that Lauck "would like to be the world's greatest Nazi propagandist and the Fuhrer's most glowing follower" (Associated Press, August 22).

19. FEC SUES CHRISTIAN COALITION: On Tuesday, July 30 the Federal Election Commission (FEC), a bipartisan agency that monitors elections and election law, filed suit against the Christian Coalition (CC) in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. The FEC suit, which follows a four-year long investigation stemming from complaints made by the Virginia Democratic Party and the Democratic National Committee in 1992, alleges that the Christian Coalition violated election law by issuing voter guides and otherwise conducting partisan political activity in coordination with Republican candidates. The suit specifically asserts that the Coalition's activities on behalf of the Bush/Quail campaign, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Sen. Jesse Helms and Oliver North amounted to illegal partisan politics. According to FEC Chair Lee Ann Elliot, a Republican, "There was a majority of the commission that felt they had gone too far. And we'll have to let the courts decide that now" (New York Times, July 31).

Falling virtually on the eve of the Republican National Convention, the FEC suit could well have a chilling impact on Christian Coalition activities, particularly if churches begin to worry that distribution of the CC voter guides could be classified as partisan political activity which would jeopardize their tax-exempt status. In response to the suit, the Christian Coalition has launched a Legal Defense Fund. In a July 3 letter to members and supporters, executive director Ralph Reed writes: "[T]he Christian Coalition is facing a vicious legal assault from the radical left in Washington. They are trying to use the Federal Election Commission and other federal government agencies to

deprive Christians of a voice in government.” Reed complains that “the same liberals who champion ‘same-sex marriages,’ radical feminism and power grabs by Big Labor Union bosses, claim in their ‘complaint’ that our efforts to organize and educate Christians to make our voice heard in government are illegal!”

The right-wing weekly Human Events has taken up the Christian Coalition’s cause and echoed its attack on organized labor. In an August 9 front page article titled “FEC Makes Big Political Hit on Robertson’s Christian Coalition” the weekly complains that “Big Labor Dwarfs Christian Coalition.” The article states: “Thanks to the one-sided game the FEC is playing this year, ‘labor tool’ is an apt description of what it has become.”

20. SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION JOINS DISNEY BOYCOTT: The 16 million member Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant church body in the U.S. recently voted to join the American Family Association (AFA)-led boycott of Disney. An August American Family Association ACTION! Page states, “Because of your efforts, the Disney boycott is gaining momentum! For years your AFA has been researching and tracking Disney’s involvement in producing filth in movies and their aggressive promotion of the homosexual lifestyle. In fact, the information which the Southern Baptists used to make their historic decision came from AFA. Just the day before the vote was taken, while the Southern Baptist Convention was in session, your AFA was called and asked to provide documentation on Disney by an SBC official.” The AFA ACTION! mailing includes a postcard addressed to Disney chair Michael Eisner which includes the message “Count me among those who protest Disney’s recent moves to undermine my faith and the values I hold dear. I will not knowingly support Disney until you change your practices.” Those wishing to contact Disney and express their own opinions can write to Chrm. Michael Eisner, Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California 91521.

21. DON’T MISS SAM FRANCIS: Paleoconservative Samuel Francis, whose regular column appears in Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture, recently launched The Samuel Francis Letter, a newsletter consisting entirely of Francis’s syndicated columns from newspapers “that are not easily available” to his loyal readership. The publication will be distributed monthly. Columns in the June issue include “The Real Legacy of Rodney King,” “Court’s Colorado Decision Twists Meaning of Rights” and “Olympic Atlanta Fears and Denies its Own Heritage,” among others, representative of Francis’s Southern Nationalist, Racist and Homophobic positions. Copies and subscription information are available from The Samuel Francis Letter, P.O. Box 19627, Alexandria, Virginia 22320.

22. AMERICA’S PROMISE ON GALAXY 6: According to a July 12 letter mailed to “Co-laborers in Christ,” Dave Barley, pastor of the Sandpoint, Idaho-based Christian Identity organization America’s Promise Ministries, began airing a 55-minute per day, five day a week program on the Galaxy 6 Channel 14 7.56 Mhz, 11 - 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The letter states in part: “I am exited about this opportunity and have taken a step in faith by signing the contract. Now I ask you to join with me to seize this opportunity to reach perhaps tens of thousands of our Israelite brethren with the truth of their identity and with the true Gospel message.” Barley’s show, which began airing June 26, runs just before that of conspiracy theorist Bill Cooper.

23. PASTOR POLLS OREGON GOP DELEGATES: The Rev. Frank Carpenter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro, conducted a survey of all 23 delegates and alternates from the Oregon Republican Party to the recently held Republican National Convention in San Diego. Carpenter, who was recruited by delegation chair Bill Witt to minister to the spiritual needs of the delegation, asked the delegates about their biblical beliefs. Although the delegation was dominated by Christian conservatives, it is split into two factions, the “Conservative Caucus” which is allied with the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) and a group of more pragmatic conservatives headed by state Sen. Marilyn Shannon (R-Brooks), herself a well-known anti-abortion activist. June Hartley, a member of the Shannon faction, said of the survey “I felt the questions were offensive.” Vance Day told the Oregonian “My commitment is being questioned because I choose to work within the Republican Party to achieve my goals. My convictions as a committed Christian are questioned if I don’t swear allegiances to outside organizations like the OCA, the Christian Coalition or Eagle Forum” (Oregonian, August 13).

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