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## *NORTHWEST UPDATE*

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**1. GETAWAY MAP REVEALED IN OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING CASE:** As the trial date approaches in the case of the bombing of the Joseph P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, both Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the defendants in the case, have asked not to be tried with one another. On September 4, McVeigh's attorneys asked for a separate trial because he and Nichols have "mutually antagonistic" defenses. Quickly following suit, attorneys for Nichols filed a similar motion on September 6.

Nichols' lawyers contend in documents filed in Denver U.S. District Court that, "The overwhelming horror of the crime; the vastly greater quantity and quality of evidence and level of culpability that will be proved against Mr. McVeigh; the likelihood that the jury will fail to distinguish Mr. Nichols' political views from Mr. McVeigh's violent extremism; the highly inflammatory nature of much of the evidence that will be admissible against Mr. McVeigh but not Mr. Nichols...combine to make this one of the rare cases in which severance is mandated as a matter of law." Both the Justice Department and the president of an association of bombing survivors have expressed the need for a single trial. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will hold a hearing on the issue October 2.

In an update of evidence in the case The Daily Oklahoman reported that a hand-drawn getaway map—with an escape route leading away from what appears to be the Oklahoma City federal building—was found wadded up in the trash on Terry Nichols' property in Herington, Kansas during an FBI search after Nichol's arrest. Agents also reportedly recovered bomb-making materials, literature, detonation cords with blasting caps, fertilizer, a fuel meter, four 55-gallon barrels with blue plastic lids "resembling the blue plastic fragments found at the bomb scene," and a receipt for the purchase of 2,000 pounds of fertilizer in a search of Nichols' home. McVeigh's fingerprints were found on the receipt, according to the FBI. Also recovered at Nichols' home were guns reported stolen by an Arkansas gun collector on November 5, 1994, as well as a key to the collector's safe-deposit box at an Arkansas bank.

McVeigh's attorney's continue to conduct an aggressive, and conspiracy theory-laced defense, attacking the federal government for withholding information and demanding to see any statements made by Nichols. On August 27, attorney Stephen Jones filed a motion asking Judge Matsch for additional intervention in obtaining classified government material. Jones claimed that the government has intelligence reports that Iraq may have sponsored the attack, and that Kuwait and Israel possibly provided terrorism intelligence reports in the days prior to the bombing. He also stated that although 31 government agencies took part in the bombing investigation, he has received just two sheets of paper containing classified information the McVeigh defense team considers relevant to the case. (AP, August 28) In a District Court motion filed Sept. 2, McVeigh's lawyers argued that they are entitled to see all statements made by Nichols because a defendant in a conspiracy case authorizes the statements of a co-conspirator (AP, September 3).

Prosecutors asked Matsch to deny the request of McVeigh to give a series of television and newspaper interviews this month. McVeigh's attorneys had asked to do a BBC interview the week of October 7, claiming that McVeigh has been unfairly portrayed as a monster. McVeigh's defense team has taken to defending him as a Gulf War hero whose political attitudes are "hardly distinguishable from the average voter for Pat Buchanan" (New York Times, Aug. 30).

In related news, in an attempt to quash some of the "multiple bomb" conspiracy theories surrounding the destruction of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) issued a report of shock wave data showing that only a single bomb exploded. A USGS seismogram 16 miles from the blast, showed a single, shallow shock wave in the upper layer of the Oklahoma crust that divided as it rumbled through the ground due to depth, ground density and composition. Militia of Montana stands by the "multiple bomb" conspiracy. MOM spokesperson and self-proclaimed seismologist, Randy Trochmann, issued a statement dismissing the USGS report as "nothing more than election year politics..." (AP, September 7).

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**2. MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMON LAW COURT ACTIVITY:** The Multnomah County Common Law Court and Jural Society will hold their next meeting on Thursday, September 12 beginning at 7:00pm at Stark St. Pizza in Portland, Oregon. The common law court will last from 7:00 until 8:30. The meeting is slated to cover "how to proceed to bring original cases before our court and how to remove cases from other courts into our common peoples court." Following the common law court session, the Multnomah County Common Law Jural Society legislative session is scheduled for 8:30pm till 10:00 pm.

The Multnomah County Common Law Jural Society is also sponsoring the Portland visit of national Right Way Law activists Jack Smith, Rick Schramm and Mary Keane of Ohio. According to promotional material for the event, "Jack, Rick and Mary will be discussing the currently evolving strategies which are achieving wins all over the nation. These strategies include the suing of corrupt Judges, Lawyers, IRS agents, Police Officers and others for Purgery of their Oaths of Office and Fraud under titles 18 and 42 of the US Code."

A free welcome/introductory session will be held October 25-27 and are designed to help people become "Front Line Masters." They will also hold breakout sessions in which Right Way Law Activists will assist attendees on their individual cases. The Seminar will be held at the Clinton St. Theater on the corner of SE 26th and Clinton. Tickets are \$120 in advance or \$150 at the door.

Multnomah County Common Law Court: Charles Stewart at 668-3932 (chuck@teleport.com) or Dick Lancial at 775-0312 (lunch@teleport.com). Right Way Law: 1-800-699-0818.

**3. NATIONAL EDUCATOR ENDORSES METCALF:** The National Educator, the publication of California Christian Patriot leader Jim Townsend, has given a rousing endorsement of far right legislator Jack Metcalf: "If we continue the debt/usury system where debt money is created out of nothing by the Fed and borrowed by the government at interest, the republic cannot survive. In line with that last request, pray especially that Jack Metcalf (R-WA) and former representative Ron Paul (R-TX) win their elections and be returned to Congress. These two men are fearless and understand the money issue better than most others." While Metcalf ostensibly broke off relations with the National Educator in 1991, he maintained a more than eight year relationship with Townsend in the 1980s and early 1990s (National Educator, August-September 1996).

**4. NEW OCA PUBLICATIONS:** According to the July/August issue of The Oregon Alliance, Lon and Bonnie Mabon will begin publishing a new monthly newsletter, the Restoration Epistle which will include "information and articles that are more spiritual in nature." Continuing his pattern of blurring and merging the OCA and his life, the new non-OCA publication will none-the-less continue with the front page article "Engaged in Warfare" begun in the aforementioned issue of the official OCA newsletter. Reflecting the ongoing break between OCA and other Christian conservatives in the state this article uses scriptural anecdotes to support Mabon's position. Referring to II Corinthians, Mabon writes: "There were individuals within the church at Corinth who consistently and openly worked against Paul's Apostolic efforts there. They were accusing Paul of doing the very things that they themselves were guilty of doing. This is similar to what the homosexual activists and the media do to OCA as we work to set a standard of righteousness in our culture. This is also what Marilyn Shannon and John Leon are doing to me personally in their vendetta to try and 'take down OCA'" [See Northwest Update September 1].

In the same issue of The Oregon Alliance Mabon also promised a new official OCA publication titled OCA Republican News. According to a September fundraising letter this publication will provide OCA members with "information that will allow you to use your vote to better advance our pro-family movement and not set it back by voting for the wrong person."

**5. NORTHWEST DEMONSTRATES GROWING SUPPORT FOR BIRCH SOCIETY:** According to the September 1996 John Birch Society Bulletin the legislative districts of Montana Representative Pat Williams (D) and Idaho Representative Helen Chenoweth (R) rank first and second in the country, respectively, in the number of paid subscriptions to the group's New American publication—375 subscriptions for William's district and 332 for Chenoweth's. In addition, Oregon posted the second largest net gain in subscriptions (38) in 1995; Oregon's 2<sup>nd</sup> district had the largest increase in new subscriptions (23) of any single district in the country. The Birch Society claims close to 50,000 paid subscribers to the New American nationwide but reports that regular paid subscriptions dropped by about one-half subscriber per congressional district. To account for the decline the Birch Society cites an increase in publishers rushing into a conservative market and the Society's diversion of resources from subscription marketing to newsstand investment.

**6. RADIO FREE AMERICA IN WASHINGTON STATE:** The Liberty Lobby's Radio Free America will be

carried on KRKO-AM radio in Everett, Washington and KLAY-AM radio in Tacoma, Washington. The show will be broadcast from 6-9 PM PST.

**7. AMERICA'S PROMISE CONSIDERS BUILDING IDENTITY CAMP:** After learning that he can no longer hold a Bible camp in the usual Prescott, Arizona location, America's Promise leader Dave Barley is looking into building a permanent camp for Christian Identity organizations. Barley is asking for help from supporters who can donate \$500 to \$3000 over the next year to finance the camp and is soliciting cooperation from "all like-minded Christian Identity churches." Identity attorney Frazier Marks has apparently offered his assistance. As another alternative, Barley has been contacted by Christian Israel Truth minister Ken Kemble, a south-central Texas Identity leader who apparently knows of several available sites in the San Antonio area.

**8. TOWARD TRADITION BUILDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STATURE:** Toward Tradition, the Mercer Island, Washington organization led by right-wing Rabbi Daniel Lapine, has recently expanded its board of directors and is increasing its national stature in GOP circles. Recent additions to the group's board include right-wing media critic Michael Medved who recently moved to the Seattle area to take on a position as talk show host on KVI radio; Jeffrey Satinover, author of Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth, a book which "analyzes homosexuality from both psychiatric and moral dimensions;" and Jack Abramoff, who was elected national chair of the College Republican National Committee in 1981 and became the youngest member of the Republican National Committee in 1982. Other board members include Californians David Altschuler, David Holder, Lewis J. Kaufman, Howard J. Klein, Michael Lapin, Judd Magilnick, Minton and Roberta Ritter, Larry Smith and Barrie Wexler. Hart Hasten of Indiana, Craig Lewis of Ohio, Joseph Morris of Illinois, Leo Strauss of New Jersey, Benjamin Waldman of Virginia and Martin Rabin and Adam Pruzan of Washington are also listed as board members. Lapin's star in the GOP has reached new heights in recent months. Lapin spoke August 13 at the Republican Party National Convention and Toward Tradition reports regular contact with GOP leaders. Toward Tradition is planning a fall event in southern California, an event in Chicago in October and a fall event in Seattle. The group is also prioritizing setting up chapters around the country, and reports the beginnings of a Pennsylvania chapter and a Boston, MA chapter. A college chapter has reportedly been formed at Queens College.

**9. JUDGE AFFIRMS PAPER'S RIGHT TO REFUSE GAY WEDDING NOTICES:** Multnomah County District Court Judge Pro-Tem Joe D. Bailey recently ruled that the Oregonian could not be forced to publish gay or lesbian wedding notices. In his opinion Bailey writes, "The courts and legislatures cannot tell newspapers what to print. Bailey rejected arguments put forward by Sandra Linebarier and Charlene Morris that the paper's policy against printing gay/lesbian notices was discriminatory. He wrote: "There is a rational basis for choosing to have 'wedding' mean 'the marriage ceremony of persons of the opposite sexes.'" Judge Bailey's ruling denies a preliminary injunction asked for by Linebarier and Morris. Oregonian attorney's have filed to have the suit dismissed. A ruling on the motion to dismiss is expected in September (Oregonian, August 6).

**10. BAINBRIDGE SETTLES WITH HOMOPHOBES:** The Kitsap County, Washington City of Bainbridge Island recently agreed to pay \$10,000 to Dale Brown and Maike Parton to settle a federal First Amendment suit. The suit stems from a January 23 dispute between Brown and Parton and the Bainbridge police. The two men showed up holding picket signs on a public sidewalk to protest the Digital Queers Northwest Winter Garden Party and were told that under city ordinances they could not "parade" without a permit. Brown and Parton's attorney, Mathew D. Staver, stated that "Public sidewalks are traditional public forums for speech" and that "The previous code was a classic prior restraint on speech." The Bainbridge Council has since altered the code. (Bremerton Sun, August 2).

**11. NEO-NAZI SKINHEAD TO STAND TRIAL IN AUBURN:** George Kelley Jr., a neo-Nazi skinhead from Federal Way, Washington, has been charged with one count of malicious mischief stemming from a scuffle with United Front Against Fascism protesters at a Ku Klux Klan gathering on June 15 in Auburn, Washington. Kelley was among 15 neo-Nazi skinheads gathered for a Klan induction ceremony organized by California Klan-leader Bill Albers held at the Auburn American Legion hall. During a confrontation outside the Legion hall, Kelley scuffled with demonstrators, grabbed a camera from one of the demonstrators and smashed it against a wall.

Ironically, Kelley has been assigned an African-American public defender. Patrick Hardy has the task of representing Kelley at his October 2 hearing. Kelley responded to the assignment by stating that he feels comfortable with Hardy because he "explained that race-mixing was genocide for both our races" (Tacoma News Tribune, September 5).

Ralph Johnson, the creator of the Revisionist Productions Web Page, describes Kelley as “a big gentle young man who has provided security for the speech David Irving gave in Seattle last year.”

**12. THE RIGHT FIGHT:** A new book by journalist/activists Felice N. Schwartz and Suzanne K. Levine suggests ways that people can empower themselves to oppose right-wing assaults on democracy. Published by the Berkeley Publishing Group, the book is entitled The Armchair Activist: Simple Yet Powerful Ways to Fight the Radical Right. It includes chapters on public education, welfare, abortion, civil rights, crime and punishment, immigration and the environment as well as sample letters, faxes, phone calls and resources for finding out more and getting involved. Although the work lacks the depth of advice and information found in the Center for Democratic Renewal’s When Hate Groups Come to Town it is a readable and up-to-date resource for the busy activist.

**13. ROAD TO VICTORY:** Fresh from its unprecedented influence at the National Republican Convention in San Diego, the Christian Coalition will hold its 5th annual Road to Victory conference September 13-14 at the Washington, D.C. Hilton. The conference will feature speeches from top Republican leaders including presidential nominee Bob Dole, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes—bringing together the “hardline” Buchanan and Keyes with the “moderate” Dole and Gingrich. The event has become a major forum for Christian Right and conservative activists during the 1990s and is likely to set the stage for Christian Coalition activism during the upcoming final weeks of the presidential campaign.

**14. OREGON JUDGE ORDERS GAY BENEFITS:** On August 8 Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Gallagher ordered all state agencies to extend insurance benefits to the domestic partners of lesbians and gay men. Although the ruling does not effect private industry it may have far reaching consequences. Judge Gallagher used strong language in writing his decision which stemmed from a suit filed by two Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) nursing professors and a pharmacy supervisor, along with their respective partners. He wrote: “It is beyond debate that invidious and virulent discrimination has been, and is, directed toward and suffered by the lesbian and gay men communities in this state.” Lon Mabon, chair of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) said of Judge Gallagher, “He’s just flat-out pro-homosexual.” Larry Schanz, a Lane County OCA spokesperson told the Eugene Register-Guard that the ruling was the kind of thing the OCA’s failed ballot measures was designed to stop. “If homosexuals can get the majority of people to vote with them, then that is the way it should be....But it shouldn’t be done by judges” (Olympian, August 12; Eugene Register-Guard, August 11; Oregonian, August 15).

**15. OREGON APPEALS GAY BENEFITS RULING:** The Oregon attorney general’s office has indicated that it will appeal the August 8 decision of a Multnomah County Circuit Court requiring state agencies to extend insurance benefits to gay and lesbian domestic partners. The decision in question was handed down by Judge Stephen L. Gallagher Jr. in response to a discrimination benefits suit filed in 1992 by employees of Oregon Health Sciences University. Peter Cogswell, a spokesman for the attorney general’s office, said: “The decision has a substantial impact on state policy that’s been in place for years.” He indicated that the appeal would “help government understand it and ensure the judge’s interpretation is consistent with the views of the courts.”

In response to the state’s decision to appeal, Lon Mabon of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) predicted that Judge Gallagher’s decision would be reversed. “The appellate courts are aware that the citizens are getting tired of an activist judiciary,” he said. “That will weigh heavily on their decision since judicial activism is unconstitutional” (Oregonian, August 31).

**16. HOFFMAN AIMS TO UPGRADE:** Michael Hoffman, the perennial Holocaust denier and Nazi sympathizer who publishes the Coeur d’Alene, Idaho-based Independent History and Research (IHR), is seeking to upgrade his outreach capabilities by adding an Internet World Wide Web site and professional cassette manufacturing equipment to his operation. Hoffman is soliciting \$1400 to purchase a \$5000 computer offered by a supporter. Hoffman claims to have accepted an offer from another supporter to operate a website. Hoffman is reportedly working on a new 225 page version of his booklet They Were White and They Were Slaves, a tract which claims that the brutality of “white slavery” in the U.S. surpassed that of black slavery. According to Hoffman, Doyal Gudgel, the Seattle-area “revisionist” who has sponsored British Holocaust denier David Irving, said of the book, “I think your book is the most important book to come along in a long time...No book I have ever read has affected me as your book has done.”

**17. HOMOPHOBIA VICTORIOUS IN US SENATE:** Homophobia and outright hostility towards gay men and lesbians carried the day September 10 when the United States Senate—following the lead of the US House—voted

85-14 in favor of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and 50-49 against a bill outlawing employment discrimination against homosexuals. The DOMA defines marriage as a union between a male and a female and empowers states to ignore same-sex marriages granted in other states. Echoing the rhetoric of the 1960s backlash against black civil rights Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R)-called the bill “a pre-emptive measure to make sure that a handful of judges...cannot impose a radical social agenda upon the entire nation.” Meanwhile, reminiscent of his younger days in the Ku Klux Klan, West Virginia Democrat Robert C. Byrd read selectively from the Bible to bolster his bigotry. “Let us defend the oldest institution: the institution of marriage between male and female as set forth in the Holy Bible,” Byrd said. Byrd went on to link homosexuality to the decline of ancient Rome. Principled opposition to the bill was aptly summed up by California Senator Barbara Boxer who stated that “It’s (the Bill) about hurting a whole group of people for absolutely no reason whatsoever...It’s what I call the politics of division, the politics of fear—mean spirited, ...scapegoating people.”

Legislators from the Northwest voting for the DOMA included all Republicans and Democrats Max Baucus of Montana and Patty Murray of Washington. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon voted against the bill. Baucus, Murray and Wyden voted in favor of outlawing employment discrimination against gays and lesbians. Democrats voting to oppose homosexual marriages are doing little more than following the leadership the party’s most accomplished panderer, President Bill Clinton, who said he will sign the DOMA despite his own press secretary description of the bill as “gay baiting pure and simple” (New York Times, September 11)

**18. IDAHO SOVEREIGNTY ASSOCIATION PLANS ARREST OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:** Gary DeMott, head of the Boise-based Idaho Sovereignty Association (ISA), one of the lead groups in promoting vigilante common law courts in Idaho has announced plans to arrest a 4<sup>th</sup> District magistrate judge and nearly 400 other county officials across the state.

On Sept. 10, DeMott declared that ISA had mailed 391 notices to county commissioners, clerks, sheriffs, treasurers, coroners, assessors and some judges, saying that their oaths did not include the phrase, “so help me God.” Those words, according to DeMott, are essential to subject officials to perjury charges if they break their oaths. DeMott outlined the next phases of the ISA program: All those receiving notices have 10 days to take new oaths. Those who fail to comply will have their names read from the steps of every county courthouse in Idaho by “town criers.” Finally, ISA supporters will begin making citizen’s arrests with the help of county sheriff’s deputies. “If they don’t, I’ll arrest the sheriff,” DeMott threatened. State police are investigating the ISA and coordinating efforts to protect the office holders.

The plan to arrest 4<sup>th</sup> District magistrate judge Patricia Flanagan stems from a case she is currently presiding over in which she assigned a guardian to care for 67 year-old Shirley Minton, a widow suffering from Alzheimer’s. DeMott claims that Flanagan stole the constitutional right of due process from Minton. As property, constitutional rights—valued at \$100,000 each—can be stolen, according to DeMott (Idaho Statesman, Sept. 11).

**19. HOWARD PHILLIPS GETS US TAXPAYERS NOMINATION:** US Taxpayers Party head Howard Phillips received the party’s presidential nomination at a convention held in mid-August in San Diego, California. Some 400 people attended the convention which featured speeches from former Arizona governor Evan Mecham, Gun Owners of America head Larry Pratt, Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry, Reconstructionist leader RJ Rushdoony, conspiracy stalwart John Stormer, Joe Lutz of Oregon, American Independent Party head William K. Shearer, and tax protester Dan Pilla. Herb Titus, the founder of Pat Robertson’s law school at Regent University, was chosen to be the party’s vice-presidential candidate. Others on hand at the event included Clayton Douglas, who attended the meeting as a reporter from his own Free American as well as the far right Media Bypass, and Spotlight correspondent Trisha Katson. While Phillips is close to the Reconstructionist wing of the Christian Right his 1996 bid is marked by a strenuous effort to recruit from the ranks of bigoted Christian Patriots and militia supporters. The nomination of Phillips follows the failure of the party to successfully court Pat Buchanan. Phillip’s campaign will likely draw support from white supremacists who feel abandoned by Pat Buchanan and other voters disenchanted with Ross Perot.

**20. KEMP TAKES LEAVE TO WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN:** Washington Family Council (WFC) executive director Jeff Kemp has taken an unpaid leave of absence in order to help father Jack Kemp in his vice-presidential bid on the Dole-Kemp ticket. The younger Kemp claims that his role in the campaign will be largely behind the scenes, offering advice, encouragement and prayer. He plans to resume his position with WFC following the November election. Associate Director Randy Hicks has taken over Kemp’s responsibilities. Hicks joined WFC three years ago after working for Focus on the Family for four years. WFC is currently engaged in a “marriage

building” drive in partnership with Promise Keepers and the Center for Relationship Development. One target of the drive is ending no-fault divorces. WFC, in a twist on Christian Coalition voter guide distribution, has also presented gubernatorial candidates with “briefing guides” outlining the group’s core issues.

**21. CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE IN NEVADA:** Tax Protester Bill Benson and the California-based Clark & Associates hosted a September 13-15 “Constitutional Justice Conference” in Reno, Nevada. The event was slated to feature far right leaders Larry Becraft, Kirk Lyons, Eustace Mullins and Gene Schroder with music by Oregon Christian Patriot singer Carl Klang. Shawn O’Conner of the Free Enterprise Society, Vern Holland of the Oklahoma-based Freeman Education Association and Bob Wright, president of AMCOR Capital Corporation were also to be featured. Contact: Clark & Associates; 7777 Sunrise Blvd, Ste 1800-277; Citrus Heights, CA 95610; telephone: 916-723-1365.

**22. RIGHT-WING JUDGE NOT QUALIFIED:** King County Superior Court Judge Jeanette Burrage, a former executive director of the property rights group the Northwest Legal Foundation, was rated “not qualified” for the third year in a row by the King County Bar Association. The rating came as part of the Bar Association’s annual audit of judicial candidates. The audit is conducted by a screening committee comprised of practicing attorneys and non-attorney members from the general public. The group solicits input from attorneys who have opposed the candidate as a lawyer and judges who have heard cases by the candidate. (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, August 29)

**23. FREEDOM FORUM:** The September 11 meeting of the far right Freedom Forum Supper Club was slated to feature the showing of the anti-environmentalist video “Behind the Green Curtain” and an appearance by Deni Mathison of the United Families Foundation.

**24. IDAHO CITIZENS AWARENESS NETWORK MEETING:** The far right Idaho Citizens Awareness Network was slated to show “Obstruction of Justice: The Mena Connection” at its September 12 meeting.

**25. COMMON LAW ‘JUSTICE’:** Sandpoint, Idaho common law supporter Art Krebbs described the brutal vision of life under the “common law” in a letter to the editor in the September 6-20 *Trade n’ Save*. “If we went back to the common law, justice would be swift, no appeals, then all of the drug smugglers, peddlers, dealers, child molesters, rapist (sic), thieves and the like would be put to a swift end. The old cry then would be that some innocent people would get their windpipe stretched, well in the case, the accuser would suffer the same fate, and with no exception.”

**26. KITSAP COUNTY GOP RESOLVES AGAINST SODOMY:** In early August the Kitsap County Republican Party (KCRP) passed a resolution urging the Kitsap County Human Rights Council to deny the human rights of gay men and lesbians. The resolution, drafted by KCRP executive board member Bob Strube, reads in part:

“We urge all members of the human rights council to attend the August 13th meeting, and to stand firm in support of traditional family values. Specifically we ask them to reject the view that sodomy is fit to be presented—least of all to impressionable youth—as an expression of guaranteed human rights. This whole homosexual movement, trying to legitimize their lifestyle and to legitimize sodomy, is undermining our culture and society,” Strube stated. “Christianity teaches us to hate the sin and love the sinner. We want to save their souls and not see them burn in hell. Rolling out the red carpet for sodomy would only be harmful for them both in this world and the next.” The resolution urging the Human Rights Council to exclude issues of gay rights from its consideration came on the heels of a resolution condemning a July concert of the alternative rock band the Butthole Surfers at the Kitsap Pavilion (*Central Kitsap Reporter*, August 10).

**27. CHURCH OF THE CREATOR CONTACTS:** In an ongoing attempt to revive itself the Church of the Creator has established regional points of contact for recruitment. Contacts for the various regions are: Pacific (CA, WA, OR, NV) Bart Powell, PO Box 5010 Auburn, CA 95604, phone: 916-491-5377; Northwest (MT, ID, ND, SD, WY) Dan Hassett, PO Box 2231, Missoula, MT 59806; Northeast (NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, CT, RI) Nick Stevens, PO Box 3056, Binghamton, NY 13902; Southeast (FL, GA, AL, SC, MS) Guy Lombardi, PO Box 24426, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33307, phone 954-537-3465; Ireland and British Isles, Brian Kachikis, PO Box 340698, Milwaukee, WI 53234.

**28. FREEMAN SUPPORTER CONVICTED, SENTENCED:** On September 3, Freeman and militia supporter Steve McNeil, of Bozeman Montana, was found guilty of resisting arrest during a confrontation with three law enforcement officers at the March 26 arraignment of LeRoy Schwietzer. Justice of the Peace Pedro Hernandez

sentenced McNeil to a six month suspended sentence and fined him \$315—the bond McNeil posted when he was arrested for a different charge in Gallatin County.

McNeil represented himself during the trial. He brought his own American flags and his Citizens Rule Book to the courtroom. He stuck one of the flags in his shirt pocket and posted the other in an upside down foam cup on the defense table. McNeil took the stand in his own defense and called two witnesses, Keven Entzel and Randy Parsons (Billings Gazette, September 4).

**29. SAMUEL SHERWOOD CALLS IT QUILTS:** The United States Militia Association (USMA), founded by Samuel Sherwood out of his Blackfoot, Idaho home, officially folded on September 1. Blaming the media and militia “crazies” in the wake of the Freeman standoff in Montana, Sherwood told the South Idaho Press, “We’ll see what comes, but I am pretty much done.” 46 year-old Sherwood has since moved to northern Utah where he claims to work as a computer analyst.

The announcement follows a year-long decline in activity for the USMA. Meeting attendance declined significantly as did membership contributions. Its monthly newsletter, Aide De Camp, stopped being mass produced and was being sent out in limited numbers for selected members to photocopy and pass on instead. Earlier this spring, USMA failed to get volunteers to circulate several Idaho initiative petitions (AP, September 11).

**30. PATRIOTS FORM INTERNATIONAL BANK OF SCHWEITZERLAND:** A “Legal Notice and Press Release” in the September 1996 American’s Bulletin announces the new Edward John Wagner Branch of the International Commercial Bank of Schweitzerland, Montana has opened in Seattle. The “bank” is headed by Wagner and long-time Posse Comitatus-figure Hartford Van Dyke and is based upon that of “founder” LeRoy Schweitzer. It is designed to harass public officials and serve as another means by which Patriots can file liens against political opponents and market their own “security instruments.”

According to the announcement “Our bank acts as a system of checks and balances against political corruption, by establishing and maintaining a commercial dossier/ledger on public officials. Our effect on corrupt political operators is not popular, hence we cannot, in many instances, rely upon the county sheriff or police for protection of our commercial activities. Instead, we must rely upon commercial and common law courts, patriotic security personnel, and the exercise of Second Amendment options.”

Van Dyke and Wagner also could not resist attacking a favorite target of Christian Patriots—the Anti-Defamation League. The two claim that the ADL is “the public relations department” of the Federal Reserve. (American’s Bulletin Sept. 1996, pg. 21)

The Edward John Wagner Branch of the International Commercial Bank of Schweitzerland, Montana is located at 2318 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Suite 152, Seattle WA, 98121. (206)763-7923.

**31. WASHINGTON STATE MILITIA CASE:** The American’s Bulletin (September 1996) is attempting to “spin” the arrest of the Washington State Militia members by claiming that the militiamen were arrested because they were about to expose a huge government conspiracy. According to a “source” from Washington, two days prior to the arrest of Washington State Militia leader John Pitner, he and John Trochmann “[W]ere planning to hold a press conference, at which time they were going to release a list of names of top-level government officials in Washington State, involved in international drug-trafficking!” Another “source” contends that the arrests were to stop the commercial liens filed by the group, “which are lawful and effective!”

**32. LIVELY HOLOCAUST REVISIONISM:** Longtime Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) activist Scott Lively continues with his efforts to deny that gay men and lesbians were victims of Nazi persecution. In the “News and Commentary” section of the September issue of The Lively Letter, Lively reprints a letter from Erich H. Sontag, publisher of the German newspaper Stimme der Welt (Voice of the World). The letter speaks of an uncle who was a “practicing homosexual” during WW II. Sontag writes: “He [the uncle] was drafted into the German army, and when he fell prisoner in Italy, he was permitted to organize a sing and dance theatre group in an American prisoner camp. He came back well fed and very happy, whereas other German prisoners of war came back from US camps or from French camps, if at all, like walking dead. My age group (14 or 15 yrs old) was nearly wiped out by exposure and starvation in Buchenwald, because most of my fellow Volkssturm draftees were moved to what became the Soviet occupied area.”

Lively’s book, The Pink Swastika, now in its second printing, not only argues that homosexuals were not victims of Nazi terror, but that they were responsible for the rise of fascism. To promote this twisted view of history, Lively has founded and directs a new organization called the International Committee for Holocaust Truth (ICHT), eerily

reminiscent of Bradly Smith's Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. Lively promises to include a 17-page report on the initial findings of ICHT in the October issue of The Lively Letter.

**33. SALEM LIFE CHAIN SCHEDULED:** The Salem, Oregon area Right to Life chapter is planning its 7th annual Salem Life Chain event on Lancaster Drive, Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Such "life chain" events, a staple of the "mainstream" of the anti-abortion movement, have come under increasing ridicule from anti-abortion militants. Activists involved in the Salem chain are requested to hold signs that says "Abortion Kills Children" or "Jesus Forgives." Contact: Salem Right to Life at (503) 585-7856 or Doug or Mindi Eckelman at (503) 375-0463.

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