



*In Defense of Democracy & Civil Rights*

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## NORTHWEST UPDATE

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**1. MINORITY ENROLLMENT PLUMMETS IN WAKE OF ATTACK ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The enrollment of African-American and Hispanic-American students has dropped dramatically at those Texas and California law schools affected by recent attacks on affirmative action. At the University of California at Los Angeles Law School, impacted by the 1995 decision by the California Board of Regents to ban affirmative action, black enrollment has dropped from 19 to 10 while Hispanic enrollment has fallen slightly from 45 to 41. Elsewhere the drop is more dramatic. At the University of California at Berkeley Law School black and Hispanic enrollment will likely drop from 20 to one and from 28 to 18, respectively. At the University of Texas at Austin Law School, impacted by the U.S. Court of Appeals decision in *Hopwood v. Texas*, black enrollment dropped from 65 to 10 and Hispanic enrollment from 69 to 29.

In response, Berkeley law professor Marjorie Schultz responded that, "It's so stunning it's almost unbelievable... The leading public university in the most diverse state and the most diverse educational system is going to just withdraw behind some siege wall and be a white institution? It's preposterous." Even Ward Connerly, the California regent who led that attack on affirmative action, responded with shock, stating, "I am obviously concerned. I am petrified at the fact that we have as far to go as we do. You cannot look at the situation and come away from it with anything other than dismay (New York Times, June 28; University of Washington Daily, June 2)

**2. CHRISTIAN RIGHT GROUP BACKS ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INITIATIVE:** The Lynden, Washington-based Youth Action Coalition (YAC) has thrown its support behind the so-called Washington State Civil Rights Initiative, or Initiative 200 (See Northwest Update, April 1). A recent mailing by the YAC included a copy of the initiative and read in part,

"Over the years, the courts have permitted preferential treatment for certain groups on the basis of race, sex and ethnicity. When preferential treatment is given to some, others will be discriminated against.

Initiative 200, based on the historic 1964 Civil Rights Act, grants fairness to all groups by judging people based on their individual abilities and accomplishments, rather than the color of their skin or their sex...

Lets get behind this effort and help to make it a success!"

The same mailing announced that Michael Johnston, an anti-gay activist who specializes in promoting the "reform" of homosexuals, will appear at the Cedar Park Assembly in Bothell on August 29-30 and at the Nooksack Valley Baptist Church in Everson on August 31.

**3. CHEYNE KEHOE TURNS HIMSELF IN, TATTLES ON HIS BROTHER:** The nationwide manhunt that began following the February shoot-out between Ohio law officers and two Washington state white supremacists ended June 16 when Cheyne Kehoe turned himself in to the Stevens County sheriff and, just days later, told federal officials the location of the Utah farm where his brother, Chevie, was holed up. Cheyne faces a number of criminal charges, including interstate flight to avoid prosecution and a separate 16 count indictment in Ohio which includes charges related to the shoot-out. After turning himself in, Cheyne, 21, was allowed to read a statement which confirmed his roots in organized white supremacy. "The reason I acted in the manner I did," he stated, "was due to the actions of men like Randy Weaver, Gordon Kahl and Bob Mathews." He continued that "the government and law enforcement agencies abused the individual rights of these men. I believe in the rights of any U.S. citizen to be free to his or her religious and ethnic beliefs."

Cheyne's surrender was apparently brokered by Ray Barker, the Colville-based head of the Christian Identity group the Christian Israel Covenant Church. Barker contacted Stevens county undersheriff Gilbert Geer the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> to arrange the surrender. Barker, who claims to have performed Kehoe's marriage ceremony two years ago, moved to Colville from Gig Harbor, Washington about 3 years ago. While based in Gig Harbor, Barker

was known for hosting Populist Party and Ku Klux Klan-sponsored meetings in his home.

Shortly after his arrest, Cheyne told FBI agents the location of the Utah farm where Chevie Kehoe was hiding. Chevie was arrested June 18 as he went to a store near Gunlock, Utah. In addition to attempted murder charges in connection to the Ohio shoot-out, Chevie Kehoe is already under a federal indictment for possession of two firearms taken from the home of a far right Arkansas gun dealer who was murdered along with his family. Chevie is reported to be a suspect in the murder case, though no charges have been laid. Investigators are also reportedly looking into whether a Zion, Utah-based skinhead group, apparently John Bangerter's Army of Israel, aided the Kehoe brothers in evading law enforcement (Spokesman Review, June 17, June 19, June 21).

**4. FAIR MOUNTS DRIVE AGAINST UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS:** The Washington D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform is organizing the Partners Against Illegal Immigration (PAII), an effort to pressure federal, municipal and county officials to more aggressively employ provisions of the recent immigration act which facilitate greater cooperation between the Immigration and Naturalization Service and city and county police in pursuing undocumented immigrants. Rick Oltman (415-459-7493) is the FAIR organizer for the Western U.S. while Dave Ray (904-223-4871) is heading up the effort in the east. The FAIR organizers are assisting local anti-immigrant recruits in developing material that can be presented to INS and law enforcement officials. As part of this effort, Oltman is planning to visit Washington state in late July or early August with a goal of establishing a core group of anti-immigrant activists (Immigration Report, June 1997).

**5. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ANTI-IMMIGRANT GROUP ADDS NEW CHAPTER:** The Immigration Control Advocates (ICA) of Northern California has added a new chapter in Sacramento. The new group meets the second Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza at 2234 Sunrise Blvd. in Rancho Cordova. The Marin chapter of the group meets the third Thursday of every month at Round Table Pizza in the Strawberry Shopping Center in Mill Valley. The Silicon Valley chapter meetings the second Saturday of each month in the Cupertino Library Community Room. ICA also has a page on the world wide web: <http://www.immigrationmoratorium.com>

ICA has been involved in a number of local and regional anti-immigrant efforts, including campaigns to stop local public funding of programs which serve immigrants and a current call-in and letter writing effort in opposition to bilingual language bills (SB91 & SB6) in the California state senate. ICA leader Gary Jordan's pet project is the MALDEF Shareholder Action Project, an attempt to pressure corporate funders to stop funding the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), a Mexican-American legal rights organization. Jordan claims that his group instigated protests at an April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of IBM shareholders in Dallas, Texas and a May 8<sup>th</sup> Ford Motor Company shareholder convention in Winsor, Ontario, Canada. Jordan's anti-MALDEF campaign has thus far garnered support from Barbara Coe's California Coalition for Immigration Reform and the Texas chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens. (American Voice, May-June)

**6. VOLKSFROUNT DUMPS MINNESOTA ORGANIZER:** The Portland-based neo-Nazi group Volksfront has dumped Volksfront Minnesota leader Mark Lange from its list of affiliates. According to the group, Lange, who was listed in a recent issue of Thule (the Volksfront publication) as the Minnesota chapter contact, "poses a security risk to any organization or individual he is involved with. Do not contact him with regards to the Volksfront," they continue, "in our eyes he is in league with the ancestral enemy (Thule, Vol. I, Issue IV)."

**7. WASHINGTON STATE MILITIA RETRIAL POSTPONED:** The retrial of four defendants on conspiracy charges in the Washington State Militia bomb making plot has been postponed as the defendants' double-jeopardy claim is heard in a federal appeals court. The initial trial ended in mistrial on charges that they conspired to make pipe bombs and to kill federal agents. The four have been indicted again under a narrower charge of conspiring to make pipe bombs (Seattle P-I, June 24).

**8. KNIGHTS OF KKK HOST "CULTURE AND CRAFT" FESTIVAL:** Thom Robb, national Grand Dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is hosting the annual "White Christian Heritage Culture and Craft Festival" in Pulaski, Tennessee on July 19. Robb's Klan is the parent organization of Kim Badynski's Tacoma, Washington-based Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Contact: Flavis at (870) 427-3414.

**9. AMERICA'S PROMISE IN NEW MEXICO:** America's Promise Ministries' "Family Christian Israel Retreat" is August 9-15 near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Speakers at the event include Everett Ramsey (Siliven), Earl Jones, Jory Brooks, Ken Anderson, Pete Peters, David Loring, Ray Capt and Michael Hoffman. Contact: (208) 265-5401.

**10. CREATIONISM SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON:** The Institute for Creation Research will hold a "Case for Creation" seminar Oct. 10-11 at the Independent Bible Church (112 N. Lincoln St) in Port Angeles, Washington. Contact: (360)452-3351.

**11. CODOH IN SACRAMENTO:** According to the June issue of Smith's Report, Harvey Taylor is organizing in Sacramento, California on behalf of Holocaust denier Bradley Smith. Taylor is reportedly active around California State University.

**12. NORTHWEST FAR RIGHT FIGURES AT PATRIOT GATHERINGS:** Montana Christian Identity figure Martin J. "Red" Beckman and former Idaho U.S. Representative George Hansen are among the speakers at upcoming far right gatherings in California and Nevada. Beckman will appear at the 1997 Freedom Rally hosted by the Free Enterprise Society July 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Union City, California. Also appearing at the event are tax protestors Larry Becraft, Bill Benson and Irwin Schiff, Geoff Metcalf and FIJA figure Godfrey Lehman. Contact: (209) 294-0665.

Meanwhile, former Idaho Representative George Hansen will appear at the Constitutional Coalition Convention in Mesquite, Nevada along with ex-Graham County, Arizona sheriff Richard Mack, Wise Use leader Dick Carver, and others. Hansen has recently become prominent in far right politics through work with activists connected to the Oregon Observer. (See NW Update, June 15)

**13. INSTAURATION ON MOVEMENT STRATEGY:** The June edition of Instauration, the "high-brow" racist magazine of movement heavy Wilmot Robertson, printed the first in a series of articles on the proper political strategy for white supremacists. The following are the highlights of the first article, titled "Prolegomena to Efficacious Majority Activity":

"At the outset it should be observed that there are two modes of political activity, violent and non-violent... Despite occasional past successes, armed resistance seems more than impractical at the moment. Neither an appropriate organization, a popular infrastructure nor a territorial base exists...

In the absence of a reasonable hope for waging any meaningful resistance with any success at this time, it should be said of such attempts:

1. Scattered paramilitary forays not only tie up Majority resources (economic and legal), but render our cause largely reactive and defensive.
2. Such activities tend to make negative propaganda for the Majority (e.g., the Oklahoma City bombing).
3. Any openly insurrectionary activity dooms activists, often of high character, to lengthy prison sentences.

This leaves nonviolent action, either on the part of an organization or an individual... The first thing to be observed is that most speech on behalf of the Majority or against its minority opponents has been proscribed from the normal channels of discourse... The proscription of the full, overt Majority agenda doesn't necessarily mean that all public activity is closed... (Groups) can advance this or that portion of the Majority agenda, sometimes on a single issue, such as immigration reform. There are political candidates who embrace all or much of the Majority program and who have a chance of winning or at the least making a national impact. Past examples include David Duke and Pat Buchanan... One needs to choose carefully, accept perforce lacunae and imperfections and occasionally sail under a somewhat different ensign that will one day be unfurled (p.6-7)."

**14. JOHN TROCHMANN ON THE ROAD:** Militia of Montana leader John Trochmann is scheduled to appear July 11-13 at a Preparedness Expo at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was also slated to appear June 17 at Choctaw High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

**15. GRITZ GEARS UP FOR MORE SPIKE PHASES:** Following a July 18 "Special Spike" training in Operations & Intelligence in Sacramento, California, far right leader James "Bo" Gritz has announced plans for the following trainings: Field Ops in October 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada; Spike Weapons (Hands-on unarmed, edged, firearm, armor, and special weapons techniques) in December in Las Vegas; Survival in March 1998 in Las Vegas; Alternative Medicine in June 1998 in Portland, Oregon; Communications in September in Denver, Colorado; Alternative Law in Dec. in Los Angeles, California; Engineering I in March 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia; Field Surgery in June in Dallas, Texas; and Engineering II in September at Almost Heaven in Kamiah, Idaho. Indicating his view that the year 2000 holds a special significance, Gritz informs his followers, "You see, I really do have a plan until the Coming of the Messiah!" (Center for Action, June).

**16. TOWARD TRADITION HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE:** September 21-23, Toward Tradition, the conservative organization led by Mercer Island, Washington-based Rabbi Daniel Lapin, will host a national conference in Washington D.C. titled "Toward a New Alliance: American Jews and Political Conservatism." According to promotional material, the conference will bring together a plethora of Christian Right, Jewish conservative and neo-conservative leaders to address issues such as "Are the liberal Jewish organizations fighting anti-Semitism – or encouraging?;" "How can Jewish and Christian conservatives cooperate politically while respecting their theological differences?;" "What does the Torah have to say about welfare, school choice, and affirmative action?;" and "Do social and economic conservatism depend on one another?"

Among the more than 40 speakers who will address the event, or have been invited, are: Christian Coalition national field director D.J. Gribben; Empower America leader Jack Kemp; House Majority Leader Dick Armey (invited); U.S. Family Research Council head Gary Bauer; U.S. Representatives Jon Fox, Ernest Istook, David McIntosh, Steve Largent, Jennifer Dunn; U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (invited); Newt Gingrich (invited); and far right figure Rabbi Mayer Schiller. The event will be held at the Capital Hilton. Toward Tradition: P.O. Box 58, Mercer Island, WA 98040, (800) 591-7579.

**17. AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS IN OREGON FACE DISCRIMINATION:** According to a study released June 20 in Portland, more than half of Oregon's African-American public college students report frequent or occasional discrimination on campus. The survey of 2,296 students found that 16.2% of Latinos and 54.8% of African-Americans reported discrimination (Seattle Times, June 20).

**18. MULTNOMAH COUNTY CLC IN HANDS OF PATRIOT CLIQUE:** Only twelve people attended the June 11 meeting of the Multnomah County Common Law Court in Portland, Oregon. The founder and Chief Justice of the court, Charles Stewart, was ousted by a clique headed up by a local pastor apparently connected with the Christian Patriot Association, a Christian Patriot group with ties to James "Bo" Gritz. The group's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 7.

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