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## NORTHWEST UPDATE

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**1. CHD AT SCHOOL WORKERS CONFERENCE:** CHD Board chair Pat McGuire and CHD researcher Robert Crawford spoke at the annual Oregon School Employees Association "Summer School" on August 7 in Medford, Oregon. In a morning session McGuire and Crawford gave an overview of the white supremacist movement. Their presentations focused on the reasons that organized labor should be concerned about hate groups; the manner in which affirmative action and immigration are used as wedge issues by anti-union and bigoted groups; and the importance of a strong response by unions to organized bigotry and attacks on civil and human rights. Crawford later conducted an intensive session on opposition research.

**2. WARD CONNERLY SPEECH KICKS OFF PROP. 200:** Ward Connerly, the business-man who played a lead role in California's anti-affirmative action Initiative 209, kicked off the campaign for Washington's similarly worded Initiative 200 with an appearance at the Sea-Tac Marriott on August 4. Some 300 people paid \$45 each to hear Connerly pronounce platitudes like "you don't fight discrimination with more discrimination" and describe his experience during the California initiative. About 45 of the 300 guests paid \$150 (\$250 per couple) to hob-nob with Connerly at a pre-event reception.

Connerly's appearance was hosted by the Washington Institute for Policy Studies (WIPS). WIPS head John Carlson emceed the event while numerous WIPS staffers were on hand. Others at the event included state legislators Gigi Talcott, Ray Schow, Steve Johnson and Tom Huff. Also on hand were former state legislators Tom Campbell and Grant Pelesky, one-time Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Ron Taber and Seattle Times editorial writer Michelle Malkin. Those described as supporting the initiative included the East Side Republicans, the East Side Young Republicans, the Chelan County Republicans and Federal Way City Councilman Phil Watkins. Richard Mitchell, President of the Federal Way Stake of the Mormon Church, gave the invocation.

**3. SPOKANE BOMBERS FOUND GUILTY:** Charles H. Barbee, Robert S. Berry, and Verne J. Merrell were found guilty July 23 on eight felony counts connected to the April 1 and July 12, 1996 robberies of a Spokane Valley U.S. bank and simultaneous bombings of offices of the Spokane Spokesman Review newspaper and Planned Parenthood. The three were convicted of two counts of destruction of a building involved in interstate commerce, two counts of armed bank robbery and four counts of using a firearm in a crime of violence. They face mandatory life sentences and up to \$1 million in fines each. Sentencing is set for Oct. 6. Brian Ratigan, charged in the July 12 robbery/bombing, goes to trial in September (Spokesman Review, July 24).

Testimony from at least one defendant illustrated the depth of his commitment to the idea of the Phineas Priesthood. Charles Barbee testified that Phineas, the Biblical character on which the "priesthood" is based, was justified in murdering the "mixed-race" couple depicted in Numbers 25. "He was given an everlasting priesthood," Barbee stated. These ideas are on display in Richard Kelly Hoskins book Vigilantes of Christendom, a copy of which was found in an ATF/FBI search of Barbee's home (Spokesman Review, July 8, July 16).

Jurors issued a guilty verdict despite the fact that several expressed strong sympathies with the racists. According to the Spokane Spokesman Review (July 25) some jurors admitted liking the men and finding their commitment to their beliefs admirable, if eerie. "It was like they went out of their way to make sure no one was hurt," one juror told the paper. Another juror stated, "We did everything we could to make it [a guilty verdict] not so. But there was just no getting around it."

**4. BUCHANAN BLASTS GOP LEADERSHIP:** In an August mailing announcing the creation of a new publication, The American Cause Report, paleo-conservative columnist Pat Buchanan's American Cause blasted GOP leaders in Congress, claiming that they have "repeatedly abandoned conservative principles and sought one

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craven compromise with the Clintonites after another." Among the reasons for his attack are congressional approval of extending most favored nation status to China and passage of a budget that "does not eliminate a single department." Buchanan also attacks the Republican Congress for "not fighting racial preferences and affirmative action" and for "not fighting for a 'time out' on immigration...to help assimilate the many millions who have come to America in the past thirty years" (emphasis in original).

**5. NEW GROUPS JOIN C.C.I.R.:** Two new groups have joined the Huntington Beach-based California Coalition for Immigration Reform. These are CCIR II, Ventura County and the Immigration Reform Network of Silicon Valley. CCIR II: Horatio or Susan Grana; P.O. Box 1780, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358; (805) 373-3701. IRN: Carol Joyal; 16131 Camino del Sol, Los Gatos, CA 45032; (408) 356-3813.

**6. FAR RIGHT MATERIALS ON OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING:** As the trial of accused Oklahoma City bomber Terry Nichols approaches, the far right is producing a plethora of new materials attacking the government's case and promulgating a variety of conspiracy theories about the bombing. Among those available from the Liberty Lobby's Liberty Library (300 Independence SE, Washington, DC 20003) are Ken Armstrong's book No Amateur Did This: What is the Truth About the Oklahoma City Bombing?, the Liberty Lobby booklet Timothy McVeigh: Mastermind or Patsy?, and the videos "Murder in the Heartland" and "Oklahoma Bombs: A Report to the U.S. Senate."

Gerard W. Longspaugh has also produced a video, "Cover-Up in Oklahoma." Longspaugh: 7501-A Trail Ridge Ct., Fort Worth, TX 76179.

**7. AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CAMP:** Grangeville, Idaho Identity figure Ben Williams reports that his American Christian Ministries held its first annual Family Camp June 1-3 near Lake Dworshak in central Idaho. According to Williams, speakers at the camp included Charlie Samples of Indiana and Paul Bunch of Oregon (Update ACM, July 1997).

**8. JOURNAL OF HISTORICAL REVIEW RESUMES PUBLICATION:** After a lengthy hiatus during a nasty battle with Liberty Lobby leader Willis Carto, the Institute for Historical Review has resumed publication of its Journal of Historical Review. The July/August issue of the Journal takes up where it left off, running an article by French Holocaust denier Robert Fairusson asserting that Auschwitz "was never an 'extermination camp'" and an article defending Northwestern University professor and Holocaust denier Arthur Butz.

**9. JEFF KEMP ON THE SPEAKING CIRCUIT:** According to the Washington Family Council, executive director Jeff Kemp has spoken at the following meetings in the past few months: Crossroads Baptist Church, AWANA group, Yakima Rotary Club, Camp Berachah men's retreat, Woodinville Rotary Club, Bellevue Republican Women, Spokane Rotary Clubs, Northwest Christain School and the Tacoma Rotary Club (WFC Update, Summer 1997).

**10. EVERGREEN FREEDOM FOUNDATION ON ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BANDWAGON:** In the August 1997 issue of Living Liberty, the Evergreen Freedom Foundation, an Olympia-based New Right think tank, runs an article supporting state legislator Scott Smith's (R-Graham) anti-affirmative action Initiative-200. The article states, "Today, the first question asked when applying for a government job or contract, or when applying to one of our universities is, 'What is your color or gender?' If you are a member of a preferred color, gender, or group, you get a preferred status in hiring or admission." It continues, "The Washington State Civil Rights Initiative says let's make our government the ultimate example in eliminating...discrimination. An initiative like I-200 will not end the evil racism that some people harbor deep inside themselves — only a higher power can fix that. But we, as state representatives and senators...can lead the way in saying NO MORE!"

**11. FREEDOM FORUM UPDATE:** The slate for the August 6 meeting of the Everett, Washington-based Freedom Forum included a guest appearance by local far right figure Homer Bakker and the showing of the the videos "Cover Up in Oklahoma" and "The Ships of Troy," the latter purportedly showing a U.S. Navy ship "flying the Red Chinese flag."

**12. HUMAN LIFE OF WASHINGTON CALENDAR:** Human Life of Washington is scheduled to be on hand at the Sept. 5-14 Interstate Fair in Spokane and the Sept. 15-17 Western Washington Fair in Puyallup (Human Life News, August).

**13. FORT LEWIS TROOPS INVESTIGATED FOR "EXTREMIST" TATOOS:** Soldiers at the Fort Lewis Army Post are being ordered to undergo inspection for tatoos that indicate affiliation with extremist organizations and gangs. The inspection has been ordered by Lt. Gen. George Crocker, a former commander of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1995, three soldiers formerly under his command were charged in the murder of an African-American couple from nearby Fayetteville, prompting the Army to initiate an investigation into extremist activity in its ranks. According to Maj. Gene Pawlik, a Fort Lewis spokesperson, "General Crocker's philosophy is not to wait until something happens but to find out ahead of time if there is a problem or potential problem."

Investigators have been instructed to look for tatoos such as swastikas, Celtic crosses, rabbits with a black star on one ear, three-leafclovers and skulls. According to Pawlik, any disciplinary action will be based on a soldier's record and a soldier "would not be kicked out for having a tatoos but for having an active relationship with a prohibited organization" (Seattle P-I, Aug. 1; Tacoma News Tribune, July 31).

**14. LOVELACE CHANGES HIS PLEA:** Faron Lovelace, the white supremacist who pleaded guilty to the 1995 murder of neo-Nazi skinhead Jeremy Scott, has changed his plea and decided to fight the murder charge. According to Lovelace, the change comes after officials did not act swiftly enough on his request that he be given the death penalty. Lovelace told reporters that "I stood up and said, 'Hey, I'm a killer. I'm a racist... Kill me... They're not going to do it.'" Lovelace claims that his desire for the death penalty stems from having spent 18 years in various prisons. Lovelace will go to trial in September and has been granted the right to defend himself in the trial for first-degree murder, kidnapping and assault (Bonner County Daily Bee, July 29; Spokesman Review, July 19).

**15. 'ASSASSINATION POLITICS' AUTHOR CHARGED:** James Dalton Bell, the Vancouver, Washington man whose internet essay "Assassination Politics" advocated murdering federal officials, has been formally charged with attempting to obstruct I.R.S. agents and using false Social Security numbers. Bell's essay described a reward system for anyone accurately predicting the death of a federal agent. Federal agents also claim that Bell collected the names and home addresses of about 70 I.R.S. employees and that he used four false Social Security numbers in an attempt to obstruct the agency. An April raid of his home by I.R.S. agents found deadly chemicals, including a precursor to the nerve gas sarin. Articles and some original documents in Bell's case are available on The Columbian newspaper's World Wide Web page at [www.columbian.com](http://www.columbian.com). (The Columbian, July 10; see also NW Update May 1, 1997 and June 1, 1997).

**16. KIRK SENTENCED IN WASHINGTON STATE MILITIA BOMB PLOT:** John Lloyd Kirk, the Tukwila, Washington man convicted of conspiracy to make and possess pipe bombs, was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison. Kirk, active in a King County common law court, joined members of the Washington State Militia in the plot which took place from June 1995 to July 1996 (Seattle P-I, July 26).

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