



# COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

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## NORTHWEST UPDATE

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**1. CHD SUPPORTS TREATY RIGHTS AND DENOUNCES RACISM:** CHD Executive Director Terre Rybovich joined the American Jewish Committee and other human rights groups in Seattle on May 21 in response to threats against Makah tribal members shortly after the Makah completed a successful hunt of a gray whale. Rybovich questioned why anti-whaling activists had made alliances with US Congressman Jack Metcalf, a harsh critic of treaty rights who has had close ties with white supremacist organizations such as the Liberty Lobby and Redeem Our Constitution. The latter group included veteran anti-Semites Martin "Red" Beckman and Eustace Mullins.

The Makah in particular and northwest Indians in general have received threats from individuals, irate over the Makah hunt. Signs like "Save a whale, harpoon a Makah" were present at an anti-whaling rally held by PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) in Seattle. Letters to the editor in newspapers across the region have been filled with racist tirades against Native Americans ranging from harsh stereotypes to calls for killing Makahs. "I am anxious to know where I may apply for a license to kill Indians," read one letter. Another stated, "I personally hate the Makah Tribe. I hope and pray for a terrible end to the Makah Tribe, very slow and very painful." Letters to the Editor in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer ran 10 to 1 in opposition to the Makah hunt. (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, May 23)

**2. WHITE SUPREMACISTS TO MARCH ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH OF SEATTLE:** "Are you a Klansman, Skinhead, Identity, Whiteman?.... Now is the time to show your pride," read the fliers calling for a white power rally at City Hall in Enumclaw, Washington in south King County. Organizers of the rally are calling for whites to "come together to become a proud white force that has joined together as one and become an unstoppable army against the enemies of our race." The rally is scheduled for 4pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Rally organizers encourage correspondence at PO Box 1236, Enumclaw, WA, 98022.

**3. DAVID IRVING SPEAKS IN VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON:** David Irving spoke on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, WA at the Homewood Suites Hotel in Vancouver, WA. As with past events in this one was organized by Buck Boomhower of Vancouver. Only twenty people were in attendance. (*The Columbian*, May 9)

**4. ANTI-IMMIGRANT GROUP ATTACKS GAY AND LESBIAN IMMIGRANTS:** The Center for Immigration Studies has concluded that "the extension of a variety of immigration rights to same-sex couples is having a profound cultural impact on Western society." The report by Congressional staffer, James R. Edwards criticizes nations that have removed homosexuality as grounds for exclusion in immigration. Nations that grant asylum to homosexuals include the United States, Britain, Canada, Ireland and 11 other countries. Lesbians and gays can also get "quasi-familial immigration rights" and thereby recognition in 10 countries which include Canada and South Africa. (Backgrounder, May 1999, Center for Immigration Studies, 1522 K Street, NW, Suite 820, Washington, DC, 202-466-8185)

**5. NINE OREGON LEGISLATORS VOTE AGAINST RACIAL EQUALITY:** Nine Republican members of Oregon's House of Representatives refused to vote in favor of a resolution that called for an "increase in public awareness of racial discrimination and (to) work toward the full participation of racial minorities in all aspects of Oregon life...". The resolution was part of a Day of Acknowledgment of Oregon's history of exclusion and discrimination against people of color. The nine representatives, including Jerry Krummel (R - Wilsonville), Jim Welsh (R - Elmira) and Carl Wilson (R - Grants Pass), offered little in way of an explanation for their no votes. Wilson told the assembly, "Let's move on rather than relive the past." (*Daily Astorian*, May 13)

**6. PAUL WEYRICH QUESTIONS THIRD PARTY:** In his May newsletter, *The Weyrich Insider*, conservative leader Paul Weyrich is questioning whether or not the grassroots of social conservatives will support a viable third party in 2000. While Weyrich believes that local conservative activists are "demoralized and disgusted" with national politics due the failure to impeach President Clinton, he thinks his grassroots might mobilize if the Congress passes further gun control measures. He points to the surprise victory of

Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura and threats by Senator Robert Smith (R-NH) to run as an independent. According to Weyrich, Senator Smith is aiming his appeal to conservatives and "working class Democrats who are concerned about NAFTA and GATT and other sovereignty issues." Weyrich ends with this: "So we shall see if this goes anywhere. The probability is that it won't, but remember: it was improbable that Jesse Ventura would be elected governor this far out from the 1998 elections."

**7. BOYCOTT AGAINST NORTHWEST COALITION FALTERS:** A boycott of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment by the Kitsap County Human Rights Council failed to receive support. Jim Craswell, the son of conservative gubernatorial candidate Ellen Craswell, was unable to convince any of his fellow Council members to support his amendment calling for the council to refrain from renewing its membership in the NW Coalition. For months now Craswell has attacked the Northwest Coalition and the Coalition for Human Dignity as "anti-faith," claiming, among other things, that the sister organizations denigrate "faith groups" like Focus on the Family and Promise Keepers. After his failure Craswell pledged that he will oppose any motion for the Council to renew its lapsed membership in the NW Coalition. (*The Sun*, May 12)

**8. AMERICA'S PROMISE MINISTRIES LEADER DAVE BARLEY FINED FOR POACHING:** Christian Identity minister Dave Barley, his son Christopher and Kory Holderman were each fined \$500 for illegally fishing for endangered bull trout near Sandpoint, Idaho. The three men contend that they did not know they had caught the endangered fish although the arresting officer said the three were parked next to a sign that shows how to distinguish the bull trout from other fish. Furthermore when they were stopped one of the men ran away from the officer into the woods. The elder Barley at that time denied that there were more than two people fishing. All three men were put on probation. (*Spokesman Review*, May 12)

**9. NEO-NAZI MAILING SENT TO NORTHWEST TEENAGERS:** The National Socialist Vanguard, run by neo-Nazi Rick Cooper out of The Dalles, Oregon has again sent out neo-Nazi mailings to hundreds of high school students across the Northwest. Students in Bellingham, Washington and Corvallis, Oregon received the most recent mailings from Cooper.

**10. IDAHO CHRISTIAN COALITION RELEASES ITS LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD:** The Idaho Christian Coalition released its first ever legislative scorecard for members of the Idaho House and Senate. Based on 10 votes including decisions on employer liability, environmental issues, and campaign contributions, the ICC named 10 legislators that scored 100 percent. They are Lenore Barrett, David Callister, Julie Ellsworth, Todd Hammond, Randy Hansen, Golden Linford, Tom Loertscher, Max Mortensen, and Mike Moyle. All serve in the Idaho House of Representative and all are Republican. State Senator, Stan Hawkins, (R-Ucon) scored 90 percent on the ICC's scorecard. (*Boise Weekly*, May 20)

**11. THIRTY-ONE ARRESTED AT PROTEST OVER CAMPUS RACISM:** Thirty one students were arrested for staging a sit-in at the administration building at the University of Oregon. The students were protesting University President Dave Frohnmayer's lack of a response to alleged threats made against two students via e-mail. The incident stems from a racist statement about Latinos made during a classroom presentation. Students shared e-mails after the class and one student threatened that if an Asian woman critical of the statement did not stop her e-mails, "you will learn what racism truly is." Another message threatened that a woman in the class should be sexually assaulted for her outspokenness. So far the student who sent the threatening messages has not been charged with a crime. (*Register-Guard*, May 19)

**12. OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ISSUES APOLOGIZES AFTER RACIAL TAUNTING:** Oregon State University President Paul Risser issued an apology to student Derrick Harris after fraternity members hurled racial slurs and firecrackers at him from a window. The fraternity, Phi Delta Theta printed an apology in the student paper but fraternity president Henry Johnson said that the students who threw the firecrackers and yelled the racial epithet did not realize that Harris, who is African-American was walking by at the time. Phi Delta Theta has come under student criticism for past allegations of assault and rape. Oregon State students held a forum to demand zero-tolerance for racial harassment at the university. (*Oregonian*, May 12; *Democrat-Herald*, May 18 & 21)

**13. COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY AND ANTI-SEMITISM:** The tragic shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado has had many interpretations. Bob Simonds, President of the National Association of Christian Educators and Citizens for Excellence in Education, has chosen to blame it on "anti-Christian God-haters" and Jews. After lamenting the Littleton tragedy, Simonds states: "...the anti-Christian God haters never let up in their relentless drive to remove God, religion, morality, ethics, and common sense from our schools and society. Call it atheism, secular humanism, the ACLU... the Jewish Anti-Defamation League, or Communism, they all have one goal - rid society and schools of God! And what is the payoff? A collapsing, sick, government school system devoid of RIGHT AND WRONG...". Simonds also insists that Congress must "privatize all public schools (except for the specially challenged, etc.)" NACE/CEE: 949-251-9333 or Box 3200 Costa Mesa, CA 92628. (NACE/CEE, *President's Report*, June 1999)

**14. CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS ON COLUMBINE SHOOTINGS:** Not to be left out of the discussion around the shootings in Littleton, Colorado, the Patriot publication *The America's Bulletin* has found a culprit. John R. Prukop's article holds out the view that "these killings were carried out, just as in past events, to foment an agenda and policy." The policy Prukop is worried about is gun control. He makes a great deal out of a note that was reportedly found in the coat pocket one of the gunmen that says they were acting alone. Prukop questions why the gunman would have written such a note and concludes that "the whole thing has been stage managed from the beginning." He suggests that there were "one or two agent provocateurs working within the SWAT team...". April 20, Prukop notes is "a traditional time of human sacrifice demanded by the... New World Order pagan gods...". Prukop is the Executive Director of the Citizens Coalition For a Constitutional Washington: 11910-C Meridian Avenue, East, #142, Puyallup, Washington 98373, (253) 840-8071, ccw@wolfenet.com. (*American's Bulletin*, May-June 1999)

**15. PAT BUCHANAN RESPONDS TO PRESSURE:** In response to pressure from civil rights and immigrants rights organizations presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan has assured his supporters that he loves the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. In a recent fund raising letter Buchanan wrote, "I am not 'anti-immigrant.' After all, my ancestors, like yours, were immigrants. I believe immigration should continue but only at a rate that permits new arrivals to become acculturated and English-speaking...". This was included at the end of a letter that warns his supporters that "this year alone 1.3 million immigrants will pour across our borders - 400,000 of them illegal aliens from China, Mexico, Central America and Africa." Buchanan asserts in a new twist on the race-baiting Willie Horton strategy that these immigrants are filling our prisons, committing crimes and causing a burden on welfare and Medicaid.

**16. FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BRINGS CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN TO SEATTLE:** After sponsoring a Seattle conference on gays and lesbians in the public school in early May, Focus on the Family is holding a one day conference for women on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Seattle's Key Arena. For information call 1-800-AFAMILY. Focus on the Family Founder, James Dobson, has announced that he is going to stay on at the multi-million dollar organization for another decade. The organization is preparing for Dobson's eventual retirement and has agreed upon standards future leaders which include: "Conservative views regarding Scripture, morals and culture; Earned Ph.D. or M.D; a potential to serve as a moral and spiritual leader in the nation." (*Family News from Dr. James Dobson*, May 1999)

**17. SCRIPTURES FOR AMERICA FAMILY CAMP CONFERENCES:** Christian Identity leader Pastor Peter Peters of LaPorte, Colorado is preparing for two summer camp conferences. June 24-27 is the "Annual Rocky Mountain Family Camp Conference," the other is scheduled for September 10, 11 and 12 in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Scheduled speakers for the June meeting include, racist and anti-Semite Martin "Red" Beckman, Richard Hoskins, Oregon Identity figures, Ken and Kenny Anderson and singer Carl Klang. In his most recent newsletter Peters reported on his wedding at the conference in Charleston, West Virginia. He complained of the harassment at the conference by the media and the "Jewish, communist" Southern Poverty Law Center. Scriptures for America's web site is [www.christianidentity.org](http://www.christianidentity.org).

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