



In Defense of Democracy & Civil Rights

COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

P. O. BOX 40344 • PORTLAND, OREGON 97240 • (503) 281-5823

SEATTLE (206) 233-9775 • FAX (503) 281-8673 • E-MAIL: chdpx@aol.com

NORTHWEST UPDATE

Through January 1, 1996

1. **BUCHANAN MAKES ANTI-ABORTION APPEAL:** Paleoconservative presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan recently mailed a fundraising letter to Christian Right activists with the greeting "Dear Fellow Pro-Lifer." The appeal calls for "Hearings on when life begins," "Hearings on women victimized by abortion," "Personhood for the unborn," and "Term limits for Federal Judges and Justices." Included with the appeal is a letter from Judie Brown, founder of the National Right to Life Committee (disingenuously signed "Concerned Mother of 3 and Grandmother of 2"), endorsing Buchanan and attacking the Republican Party establishment for backing away from a "100% pro-life position."

2. **MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOP FACES MAINSTREAM CHALLENGE:** The Multnomah County Republican Party (4512 Southeast Woodstock Blvd., Suite 110, Portland, Oregon 97206, 503-777-0919), which is controlled by a clique of social conservatives including Chair Lou Beres (a founding board member of the Oregon Christian Coalition) and Vice-Chair Bill Casey (a former OCA-activist and founder of the Oregon Traditional Values Coalition), is making an appeal for "pro-life/pro-family" precinct committee people. Citing challenges from "a small minority of...liberals in our party" who are trying to "remove the Pro-Life plank" from the Party Platform, a recent letter to Christian Right activists in the county makes a plea for candidates.

The letter, which was mailed to those known to have Christian Right ("pro-family/pro-life") views, including at least some individuals who are not registered Republicans, comments on the importance of having the right people in precinct positions. "The law states that only duly elected precinct committee people may vote for local and state party leadership positions," it explains.

"So please, take a moment and fill out the candidate form enclosed and mail back right away. You will be on the ballot for the spring election and other Republicans in your neighborhood will have the opportunity to cast their vote for you. This is just a formality as only three votes are needed to be elected and the vast majority of everyone who runs are nearly always elected."

3. **MONTANA MILITIA OPENS "NON-PROFIT" GROUP:** An organization formed by leaders of the Militia of Montana as a "non-profit, tax exempt foundation" able to receive "tax-deductible" contributions is not registered with the Internal Revenue Service according to IRS officials in Montana. The Education and Economic Abuse Foundation, led by Militia of Montana leader Randy Trochmann, formed as a result of the Spring 1995 arrest of seven far right activists in Roundup, Montana. According to documents distributed by Militia of Montana organizers at a September 1995 survivalist event in Seattle, Washington, the group is dedicated to "educating, informing, investigating, and legally assisting American Citizens in redress of grievances emanating from over-bearing and over-zealous abuses by government." The "foundation" also claims that it will provide defense to some individuals and file lawsuits against the government "on behalf of victims."

A document signed by executive director Randy Trochmann describes the organization as a "non-profit, tax exempt research foundation" and asks supporters for a "tax-deductible contribution." Theo Ellery of the IRS in Montana told CHD, however, that "according to Internal Revenue Records, the Education and Economic Abuse Foundation has not received tax exempt status." Organizations seeking tax exemption must file with the IRS and be granted a letter of determination as well as an employer tax identification number. Organizations falsely identifying themselves as a non-profit may be in violation of IRS codes and face potential criminal prosecution. Besides Trochmann, officers in the organization include Legal Director John W. DeCamp, Citizens Complaint Director Carolyn Trochmann, Fundraising Director Edward Dosh and Research Director John Appelt. The group also has an Advisory Board consisting of Gregory Hanford, Ed Brown, E. Duff Trimble and James Johnson.

4. SOVEREIGNTY SEMINARS: Bob Wangrud, head of the Oregon City, Oregon-based group Republic v. Democracy Redress, is sponsoring ongoing seminars to educate patriots on the intricacies of becoming "sovereign citizens." The seminars are advertised as being designed to teach people to "become a council" in their county "to restore constitutional law." The seminars consist of six workshops. The opening workshop, titled Citizenship, instructs attendees in "what is and what is not a citizen." Keeping with Wangrud's view that only white people should be U.S. citizens, sections of the citizenship workshop include "Dred Scott v. Sanford" and "The White Issue." Other workshops offered by Wangrud include Internal Revenue, Habeas Corpus, Traffic Tickets, Federal Contempt Proceedings and Land.

Wangrud's workshops cost attendees \$100 per day. Group's wishing to sponsor Wangrud must also pay his air fare and lodging and send a \$500 advance fee. The high price charged for these seminars undoubtedly reflects the superiority, in Wangrud's mind, his of "legal" theories vis-a-vis those of fellow Christian Patriots. In the November 1995 issue of his Behold! publication, Wangrud launches rhetorical attacks on a number of movement leaders. According to Wangrud, State Citizen Service Center leader Richard McDonald is "the leading hypocrite in the patriot movement" and a man who "plagiarizes everyone's material, which he doesn't understand, and then assembles this material backwards, upside down, and all combinations thereof;" far right figure Eugene Schroeder "is sincere in his belief that the people of America are governed under the War-Powers Act," but "knows nothing about Domestic Martial Law;" and the publishers of the American's Bulletin, the Medford Citizens Bar Association, are "COWARDS" for printing articles "with no source" which criticize Wangrud and "idiots" for "printing Articles without verifying the correctness of the Article."

Wangrud's new address is 522 Hartke Loop, Oregon City, Oregon. His phone number is (503) 657-6207. He claims contacts in five Washington state counties. Contact: Ed Atkinson in Yakima County at 2701 S. 42nd Avenue, RR #7, Yakima and phone # (509) 452-6895; Edward Stubblefield in Lewis County at 2150 A Jackson Highway, Chehalis and phone # (360) 748-6811; Mr. Brown in Cowlitz County at phone # (206) 225-8320; Mr. Smith in Pacific County at phone # (206) 289-3429; and Mr. Strand in Chelan County at phone # (509) 548-6649.

5. RECONSTRUCTIONISM ON-LINE: Reconstructionist leader Greg Bahnsen's Southern California Center for Christian Studies has a site on the World Wide Web. The address is <http://www.cleaf.com/covenant>. The group's e-mail address is covenant@clover.cleaf.com. The web site is a good place for information on Bahnsen's schedule and courses available at the center. The site also has a listing of material available from Bahnsen's Covenant Tape Ministry.

6. SPRINGFIELD MAN FACES TRIAL FOR RACIAL HARASSMENT: Michael Ortloff of Springfield, Oregon faces trial January 9th, in Lane County Circuit Court for the apparently racially-motivated harassment of four young people. According to the victims, two teenage girls and two young men, Ortloff approached their pickup after the driver went to make a purchase at a convenience store. Ortloff then jammed a military-style knife into the door panel of the vehicle and yelled slurs about interracial couples, threatening to kill the passengers in the car. Ortloff and a man in his car then followed the group in a high-speed chase reaching speeds of 100 mph. The victims of the assault were able to escape to their homes and call the police after a tire in their own car went flat. Ortloff, 22, was being held on a \$20,000 security after the arrest.

Ortloff faces a number of charges including two counts of second degree intimidation, carrying a dangerous weapon, menacing and reckless endangerment (*Register-Guard*, October 20, 1995).

7. AMERICA'S PROMISE IN FLORIDA: The Sandpoint, Idaho-based America's Promise Ministries is sponsoring a conference in Leesburg, Florida February 9-12, 1996. Speakers currently scheduled for the event include Max Andrews, Dave Barley, James Bruggeman, Walt Giddings, Richard Kelly Hoskins, Ron Poch and Everett Ramsey (Siliven). The group has also announced plans for its Christian Israel Family Retreat to be held in Prescott, Arizona June 30-July 5, 1996. Also scheduled for 1996 is a "Super Conference" to be held in Branson, Missouri April 12, 13 and 14. The contact for this event is Everett Ramsey.

8. TRADE N' SAVE IN BOUNDARY COUNTY: The Trade n' Save publication of far right figure Frank Reichert is available at the following locations in Boundary County, Idaho: Safeway, Co-op, Chic-n-Chop, Lantern, Shelman Realty, Circle K, Bowling Alley, Bi-Rite, Discount Auto, U-Haul/Chevron, Panhandle Restaurant, Bonners Ferry Grain, Far North, JB Tire, 3-Mile Store, 3-Mile Grocery, Northern Home Center, Car Quest, Eagles Cache, Coast to Coast, Round Heels Gun and Pawn, Meads Truck Repair, Beauty's Cafe and the Moyle Springs Store.

9. LAROUCHE IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: Perennial candidate Lyndon LaRouche recently filed for Delaware's February 24 Democratic presidential primary. LaRouche is the only candidate in the primary. President Clinton will not campaign in Delaware race because objections to Delaware scheduling its primary less than a week after New Hampshire's. LaRouche also qualified to run as a Democrat in North Dakota's February 27 presidential primary.

10. OCA NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS: "If ever there was a time in Oregon history to dig our heels in and reinforce our determination to fight the liberal homosexual agenda—it is now. The innocence of our kids is under attack as never before." These are the opening words of an October 15 fundraising appeal from the Oregon Citizens Alliance. In it OCA chair Lon Mabon begs supporters to help the OCA in its fight against the "homosexual agenda."

The following are a list of current organizations in the OCA orbit: OCA-Educational Foundation (OCA-ED), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a 501(c)(4) group; Stop Minority Status-PAC (SMS-PAC), Human Rights League-PAC (HRL-PAC), and Oregon Citizens Alliance-PAC (OCA-PAC), all three of which are state of Oregon political action committees; and USCA Federal PAC, a federal political action committee.

The number 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) refer to sections of organizations under the IRS code. Donations to C-3 organizations, as they are called, are tax-deductible and such organizations are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activity and most lobbying. 501(c)(4) organizations can engaged in unlimited non-partisan lobbying, but donations are not tax-deductible. Political action committees (PACs) support candidates or ballot measures and donations to them are a matter of public record.

11. RACIST MURDERS IN NORTH CAROLINA: Three Fort Bragg soldiers have been arrested in connection to the brutal murder of an African-American couple in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Two of the suspects, Pvt. Malcolm Wright, 21, and Pvt. James Norman Burmeister 2nd, 20, were charged with two counts of first-degree murder and could face the death penalty if convicted. A third soldier, Sgt. Randy Lee Meadows, 21, was charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder for having driven the car for Wright and Burmeister. All three suspects are members of the 82nd Airborne Division. The murder apparently occurred after Wright and Burmeister were drinking and decided to harass black people. The murder victims were shot in the head with a semi-automatic handgun and found just after midnight in downtown Fayetteville Wednesday, December 6. In a search of the mobile home where Burmeister rented a room police found a Nazi flag and white supremacist literature. Burmeister was apparently widely known to hold racist and neo-Nazi views. Also found in the room were bomb-making instructions and a semi-automatic handgun believed to be the murder weapon. All three men are being held without bail (New York Times, December 9, 1995).

12. HOLOCAUST DENIER ON CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION: David Irving's recent appearances in Seattle and Clark County, Washington were videotaped and later broadcast on TCI Cablevision in the Seattle-area November 14 and 21. The Tacoma-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan advertised the program on its telephone hateline at (206) 537-2278.

13. JAILED NAZI SEEKS PEN PALS: Jacob Schmitt, a self-described "Christian Patriot/National Socialist," is presently seeking correspondence with like-minded racists in preparation for his mid-1996 release from the Callam Bay Correction Center in Callam, Washington. Schmitt's present address is #711473, Callam Bay Correction Center, 1830 Eagle Crest Way, Callam Bay, WA 98326-9723. He is running personal ads in the Christian Patriot American's Bulletin of the Medford Citizen's Bar Association.

••• The CHD Research Department prefers incident reports, newspaper clippings, event write-ups, questions and comments to be e-mailed to chdpdx@aol.com. Alternatively you can mail such items to the address below or call us either in Portland or Seattle at the numbers listed below. CHD Research staff rely upon such information to fill out much of the Northwest Update and we appreciate your contributions. •••

