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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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1. STAND-OFF FOLLOWS ARREST OF "FREEMEN" IN MONTANA: Self-proclaimed "Freemen" remain in a stand-off with federal agents on the Jordan, Montana-area ranch they have renamed "Justus Township." The stand-off began Monday, March 25, following the arrest of Christian Identity figures LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen, leaders of Justus Township. Also arrested was Lavon T. Hanson who was charged with conspiracy for aiding Petersen and Schweitzer in their bogus check writing scheme. The FBI's decision to arrest Schweitzer and Petersen was apparently made after local residents of Jordan and near-by Brusette, in consultation with the local sheriff, hatched a plan to enter the farm and forcibly remove the far right figures.

Petersen and Schweitzer were previously indicted by a federal grand jury May 19, 1995 on charges related to a scheme of issuing fraudulent money orders and checks. The two also face charges related to threats against federal officials, including a death threat against a federal judge. Also named in the federal indictments are Emmett Clark, Richard Clark, Rodney O. Skurdal, William Stanton, Dale M. Jacobi, Ralph Clark, Cherlynn Peters and Agnes Stanton, all of Montana; and John P. McGuire of California. Petersen and Schweitzer have also been charged by the Garfield county prosecutor with felonies related to death threats and threats of arrest against local public officials.

Schweitzer and Petersen disrupted their arraignment on Tuesday, March 26 after they shouted at Judge Richard Anderson, declaring that the court lacked jurisdiction over them. Three supporters of Schweitzer and Petersen were removed from the courtroom for disorderly conduct. Dave Sullivan, one of those ejected, told reporters that "what's going on up there is a bunch of hooey." Steve McNeil, reportedly a spokesman for the Militia of Montana, was arrested outside the courthouse following a struggle with police officers.

McNeil was wanted on a warrant from Gallatin County. He had led a contingent of militia supporters from Bozeman who had gone to Billings to "hold them accountable," stating that "there will be no more Wacos." Also aiding McNeil were Militia of Montana and Fully Informed Jury Association activist Kamala Webb, Clinton Cain and Dave Sullivan. McNeil and Webb accused the government of sending out high frequency vibrations to alter the mood of people at the Garfield property. McNeil's Bozeman militia operates under the title Citizens for a Free America. Despite the disruption, Schweitzer and Petersen were arraigned the next day with Judge Anderson pleading not guilty for them while the two watched on closed circuit television.

At present, officials estimate that approximately 20 people are holed-up in "Justus Township." Thought to be inside are Identity figure and common law court leader Rodney O. Skurdal, Dana Dudley (aka Dana Landers) and Russel D. Landers of Colorado. The two failed to appear in Colorado on charges of conspiracy and securities fraud in connection with their involvement in a We the People scam of their jailed leader Roy Schwasinger. They are also reportedly involved with the far right Civil Rights Task Force, an organization whose members have been associated with common law courts in Idaho and California. Fugitives John Hance, 19, Steven C. Hance, 46, and James E. Hance, 23, all of North Carolina are also believed to be holed-up at the farm. The three failed to appear in North Carolina on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer, assault and battery and resisting arrest.

Far right leaders have sought to turn the Jordan stand-off into political capital. As usual with the organized racist movement, the response of various leaders has reflected the tension between presenting a moderate public face to gain a broader audience and using threats and harassment to intimidate political opponents. Taking up the first tactic, the Militia of Montana issued a March 29 press release urging all "patriots to remain in their own areas and stay alert to the situation." Stressing that "we are trying to come to a peaceful solution to the problem" the press release called for "an investigation by arbiter into the causes which are impelling people to engage in activities which they normally would not do, but feel driven to carry out."

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John Trochmann has appeared on several television and radio shows portraying his organization as different than the Freemen—despite rousing praise of the group in a January 1995 MOM newsletter. Trochmann's call for calm was contradicted by Militia of Montana activist Steve McNeil, who was arrested after a struggle with law officers at the Billings arraignment of Schweitzer and Skurdal, and by MOM figure Kamala Webb who proclaimed that the federal government needs to "get the hell out of the state" and postured that "by the time it's through, there will be hundreds there, including probably our own group" (Billings Gazette, March 29, 1996).

Militia of Montana leaders have claimed to have spoken with the FBI about offering up a negotiator. Others reported to be offering their services as negotiators include far right leader Gene Schroder, Walker F. Todd and attorney Gerry Spence.

James "Bo" Gritz has claimed that federal agents need to act quickly to end the stand-off. He told reporters that "The longer they wait, the more the people under siege will become resistant and assume a Hole in the Wall Gang mindset" (Billings Gazette, March 29, 1996).

Northern Michigan Regional Militia leader Norm Olson issued a March 29 press release referring to the stand-off as "Blood Sport for the amusement of a national audience" and stated that "the siege in Montana has been carefully planned to test the resolve of the militia as well as to create a national anxiety necessary to insure swift passage of the Anti-Terrorism Bill now in Senate committee." Olson "appealed to the FBI to stand down from the Montana siege" and "called for militias across the country to go to Montana to balance the power."

Actual attempts by far right leaders to mobilize support for the Freemen have thus far been unsuccessful. A far right rally to support the Freemen held in Lewiston, Montana on Monday, April 1 was attended by less than one dozen people. The rally was organized under the auspices of the Freemen Patriots of the Northwest. Organizers included Chad Erickson, Patrick Johnson and Dan Wooten of Kamiah and Ed LeStage of Rathman, Idaho. Attendees included Marvin Maxwell of Billings, Montana and Dave Sullivan and Christine Ballinger of Bozeman, Montana. LeStage told reporters, "This time, if I have to put myself between those government boys and the men in those freemen houses, I'll do it. Those are our brothers in that compound." Rally organizers Erickson and Johnson appeared in Jordan Tuesday, April 3 with a "resolution" stating that Schweitzer and Petersen were unlawfully kidnapped and asking for a "Constitutional Grand Jury of the People" to determine if the charges against the men were valid (Spokane Spokesman Review, April 2, 1996).

Militia supporters are circulating a petition calling for an "independent investigation" into the stand-off conducted "under the fair and honest Common Laws of Montana state." The petition was reportedly drafted at a gathering of about two dozen people held in Walla Walla, Washington on Sunday, March 31.

Walt Hassey, of La Grande, Oregon, told reporters that "This is a first attempt at a peaceful resolution for the people who are held hostage in that farmhouse. They believe the government is trying to instigate another Waco-type situation." Hassey is reportedly a "legal adviser" to the Eastern Oregon Militia.

Kevin Entzel, the stepson of Daniel Petersen, told reporters that the situation could only be solved by an independent grand jury, as opposed to a grand jury convened under federal law.

2. CHD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN GERMANY: CHD executive director Jonathan Mozzochi toured Germany February 7 through March 5. Mr. Mozzochi was hosted by a network of local and regional German anti-fascist publications and Searchlight Magazine of Great Britain. The tour itinerary, organized by the indefatigable Graeme Atkinson, included 15 cities in every region of Germany. Mozzochi's presentation, "After Oklahoma: Fascism in the United States," was well received by anti-fascist audiences.

Among the locales Mr. Mozzochi visited were Nurmberg and Stuttgart in the South, Beilefeld and Frankfurt in the West; Bremen, Keil and Hamburg in the Northwest; and Berlin, Leipzig, and Dresden in the former DDR.

3. CHD TRAINS PUBLIC DEFENDERS: CHD staffer Steven Gardner and board member Cecil Prescod participated in a day-long training session for the Metropolitan Public Defenders in Multnomah County. The event, titled "Responding to the Culture of Hate," was held April 9 in Portland and was attended by more than one hundred lawyers and support staff from the non-profit Public Defenders group. Gardner and Prescod participated on a panel outlining model responses to hate group activity and each conducted a workshop. Gardner spoke on Christian Patriot Common Law courts. Prescod, who is pastor of the Highland United Church of Christ in Portland, gave a workshop on religious responses to bigotry.

4. CHD AND PEOPLE OF FAITH: Research director Steven Gardner spoke at the First United Methodist Church in Portland the evening of March 6 addressing issues of "White Supremacy and Anti-Semitism in the Northwest." The event, sponsored by the church's social action committee, was attended by forty people. On

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Sunday, March 24, Gardner was invited to give the traditional guest lecture for Boonsferry Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The lecture, attended by over a hundred people, focuses on the moral responsibility to respond to hate group activity and the importance of understanding these organizations as the factual basis for an effective response.

5. CHD RESPONDS TO "FREEMEN" STAND-OFF: CHD staffers responded to numerous calls from the press and electronic media following the arrest of Montana Identity leaders LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Peterson and the ensuing stand-off between federal agents and far right figures near Jordan, Montana. CHD's expertise on the white supremacist movement, common law courts and the militias played an important role in helping media contacts accurately address the racist and anti-Semitic beliefs undergirding the confrontation in Montana.

In the days following the arrests CHD researcher Devin Burghart was interviewed by CBS Evening News and KIRO TV in Seattle, Washington. CHD executive director Mozzochi appeared on CNN, CBS's Good Morning America and CNBC. CHD provided video footage of training seminars conducted by Schweitzer and Petersen to CBS and NBC nightly news programs and gave background information on the Freeman to This Week with David Brinkley, CNN's Crossfire and the nightly news shows of ABC, NBC and CBS.

CHD staffers also responded to numerous requests for radio interviews in the days following the arrests. CHD staffer Robert Crawford appeared on WMUZ in Detroit, Michigan, KOA radio in Denver Colorado, KBLG in Billings, Montana, ABC News Radio, National Public Radio, KHTR in Sacramento, California, Voice of America, CBC radio in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and an Australian news broadcast.

CHD provided information on "Justus Township" and the racist movement to journalists from USA Today, the Dallas Morning News, the New York Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Associated Press writers in Montana, Washington and Oregon, the Billings Gazette, Deseret News in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Spokane Spokesman Review, Weekly Washington Journal, and many others. CHD was also interviewed by reporters from MacLeans Magazine and the Alberta Report in Canada.

6. SPOKANE PIPE BOMBS & BANK ROBBERY: Two pipe bomb attacks and a bank robbery in Spokane, Washington Monday, April 1 may be linked to white supremacists. The first bomb, an apparent diversion for the bank robbery, was set off at the Spokane Valley office of the Spokesman-Review. A metal door and windows were destroyed. Eleven minutes later two men in dark ski masks entered the Spokane valley U.S. Bank. After herding employees and customers into a corner, the men left with more than \$50,000 in cash. The two set off a second pipe bomb shortly thereafter. Police claim that fingerprints and other evidence have been found in a van left five blocks east of the bank, the apparent getaway vehicle.

A note left at the Spokesman-Review office suggests far-right involvement. The note was replete with references associated with Christian Identity. Addressed to "all kindreds, nations, peoples and tongues," the note referred numerous times to "Yahweh" and "Israel"—terms of reference for God and European-Americans, respectively, that are common to Christian Identity. Other passages included Biblical references often cited by Identity believers to justify violence, such as the claim that "Israel" is God's "battle axe," and the command to "render unto Babylon. . . all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight." The symbol of the Phineas Priesthood appeared at the bottom of the letter.

7. WEAPONS CACHE FOUND IN WESTERN WASHINGTON: A cache of weapons, ammunition and far right literature was found buried on U.S. Forest Service land east of Index, Washington in Snohomish County on Tuesday, April 2. The cache was found by a man cutting firewood on the land. Literature at the site included material about Adolph Hitler and material promoting "New World Order" conspiracies. Articles from the Everett Herald about citizen militias were also found at the site. The sheriff's office is asking anyone for information on the weapons to contact them at (360) 794-9673.

8. FIJA, WISE USE LEADER AT LIBERTARIAN CONVENTION: Don Doig of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) and Wise Use leader Chuck Cushman are scheduled speakers at the Washington State Libertarian Convention April 27-28, at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane, Washington. FIJA, an organization whose foundation was inspired by Christian Identity figure Martin J. "Red" Beckman, is a leading advocate of the view that juries should decide both the fact and the law in cases that they hear. The group has served as a coming together point for libertarians, white supremacists and anti-choice activists interested in using the strategy to oppose laws with which they disagree. Chuck Cushman of Battleground, Washington heads up the American

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Land Rights Association, an organization dedicated to opposing environmental legislation. The contact number for the event is 1-800-669-6542.

9. REMEMBER WACO CONVENTION IN TEXAS: Far right leaders are sponsoring The Remember Waco Convention April 19-21 in Waco, Texas. Scheduled speakers at the event include Gun Owners of America leader Larry Pratt, Oklahoma Representative Charles Key, Troy Underhill of the far right magazine Media Bypass and California State Senator Don Rogers. Others scheduled to speak include Nevada county commissioner Dick Carver, racist attorney Kirk Lyons, Libertarian Nancy Lord, Anti-Shyster publisher Al Adask, Christian Patriot leader Jack McLamb and tax protestor Larry Becraft. Christian Patriot singer Carl Klang of Colton, Oregon will provide music at the event. The contact number is 1-800-280-5306.

10. GENE SCHRODER IN COLORADO: About 100 people gathered in Colorado Springs March 29-30 to hear far right leader Gene Schroder give his standard presentation about the War and Emergency Powers Act. Also speaking with Schroder was Colorado State Senator Charles Duke. Duke set up a table to promote his bid for the U.S. Senate. Duke's campaign can be contacted at P.O. Box 51342, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80949. Christian Coalition supporters were also on hand, distributing promotional flyers though not representing the organization in an official capacity.

11. CHENOWITH RECEIVED MONEY FROM GOA: Far right US Representative Helen Chenowith received \$1000 from Gun Owners of America (GOA) in her 1994 successful bid for office. GOA is headed by Larry Pratt, a co-chair for Pat Buchanan's presidential bid who became a focal point of controversy for his numerous appearances at white supremacist meetings and his support for militias. Gun Owners of America contributed \$52,159 to more than 60 congressional candidates in 1994. According to Chenowith's campaign manager, Jim Gambrell, the far right legislator has no intentions of returning the money. Mimicking the cry of militia organizers, he told reporters, "This very protection (2nd Amendment) can restrain the government from violating the rights of citizens" (Idaho Statesman, March 13, 1996).

12. ANTI-SEMITISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: According to a report by B'nai B'rith Canada anti-Semitic incidents have increased four-fold between 1994 and 1995 in the province of British Columbia. The report states that anti-Semitic incidents in B.C. increased from just 5 in 1994 to 23 in 1995. Across Canada 331 cases of anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism were reported in 1995, an increase of 12% from 1994. According to the report, this is the largest number of such incidents in 14 years. Most of the cases cited in British Columbia were distribution of hate literature, though cases reported included vandalism, racist and anti-Semitic radio broadcasts and a telephone hate-line operated by Aryan Nations ally Charles Scott.

13. WENATCHEE MILITIA LEADER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT: Bruce Alden Bannister, the self-proclaimed leader of the Wenatchee Minutemen Militia, has been charged with assaulting a Washington police officer. The altercation occurred February 4 after Bannister was stopped by officer Paul Hughes for driving with expired vehicle tabs. Alden began threatening the officer and allegedly punched Hughes in the face as the officer was trying to hand-cuff him. At the time of the assault Alden also admitted to having a loaded pistol in his pocket. Bannister, who is set to go to trial May 6, claimed during his arraignment that the presiding judge, John Bridges, did not have jurisdiction over him. Alden has since asked that he be represented by Ronald Kurpui, a far right activist and former reserve police officer from East Wenatchee.

Several far right figures were present for Bannister's arraignment, including: Dan Black of the Chelan County Militia, Rod Strand, an associate of Oregon racist Bob Wangrud, and Byron Kent, commander of the Yakima County Militia (Wenatchee World, March 5, 1996).

14. NEO-NAZI SKINHEADS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT: Banner Dawson, 20, and Jason LaRue, 22, the neo-Nazi skinheads involved in a November 3, 1995 assault of an African-American student in Bellingham, Washington were convicted March 4 of malicious harassment and second degree assault. Dawson and LaRue were among four skinheads who yelled racial epithets and attacked the student as he walked by the skinhead's house. The group of skinheads surrounded the victim and fractured his cheekbone with a 40-ounce beer bottle. Cordelia Dollar, 23, of Springfield, Oregon was convicted in late February for the felony hit-and-run of an Asian man during the same incident. Following the conviction of LaRue, Linda Henderson of Everson came to the skinheads defense stating that "He's not violent. He's a good person" (Bellingham Herald, March 5, 1996).

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15. NEO-NAZI LEADER WORKS FOR PARK SERVICE: Justin Dwyer, the former Washington State leader of the Aryan Nations, is working as a seasonal park ranger with the National Park Service. As a park ranger Dwyer has the power to arrest people and issue tickets and last season made four such arrests. Park Service officials were surprised to find Dwyer employed with the agency and issued new guidelines for conducting background checks on seasonal employees. According to Aryan Nations' leader Richard Butler, Dwyer has not formally resigned from the organization.

16. PETE PETERS RECRUITING NON-IDENTITY CHRISTIANS: Colorado Identity leader Pete Peters is hosting a conference May 10-12, near Estes Park, Colorado to introduce non-Identity Christian ministers and leaders to the Identity movement. Titled the "Free National Christian Ministers Seminar," Peters describes the targeted audience of the meeting in order of importance as (1) "the minister who does not believe the Israel Identity message but is willing to investigate it and/or the minister that has already begun to investigate it and is considering it and perhaps leaning towards it," (2) "other church leaders such as elders and deacons that fit the priority #1 description," (3) "communicators and civic leaders that meet priority #1 description. This would include newsletter and magazine publishers and editors, talk show hosts and men holding local, state, or national political office," and (4) "men new to the Israel Identity message wanting to learn more." In addition to Peters, presenters at the conference include James Bruggeman of North Carolina, E. Raymond Capt of California, Jack Mohr of Arkansas, Red Beckman of Montana, Earl F. Jones of New Mexico, Everett Ramsey of Missouri and Ted Weiland of Nebraska.

Pete Peters is scheduled to appear July 6-7, 1996 at the West Coast International Inn in Anchorage, Alaska. Also scheduled to appear are Identity leaders Doug Evers, Earl Jones and Ted Weiland.

17. COMMON LAW COURT ACTIVISTS INDICTED: Eleven common law court activists from Florida, Arizona and California have been indicted on charges of conspiracy and obstructing justice. Those indicted include Tampa common law court figures Emilio Ippolito, Susan Mokdad and John Gentz, Orlando far right leaders Laurent Moore, Jack Franz and Jack Warren, Richard Brown of Winter Garden, Florida; Charles Dunnigan of Clermont, Florida; Larry Myers of Seffner, Florida; Douglas Carpa of Phoenix, Arizona and Phillip Marsh of California. The group is charged in connection with threatening communications sent to prosecutors, jurors, clerks and judges, some of which proposed hanging as a "punishment." Some of the charges stem from the far rightists involvement with the Constitutional Common Law Court of Ippolito and Mokdad. The court issued arrest warrants to judges, law officers, and jurors for their prosecution of Phillip Marsh, a leader of the Christian Patriot group the Pilot Connection. At least one of the warrants reportedly called for those "indicted" to be "shot at high noon."

18. ROBERT BROCK ATTACKS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM: Anti-Semite Robert Brock is promoting a picket to be held April 20 at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. The protest is being promoted under the auspices of Brock's Cosmopolitan Brotherhood Association. Brock is using crass anti-Semitic appeals to promote the event. A flyer advertising the picket urges people to "participate in picketing and protesting this dislocated Jewish Holocaust Museum and the exclusion of the far greater 'holocausts' such as the Jewish operated: African Slave Trade, Ukranian Harvest of Despair, Katyn Forest Massacre, Genocidal Bombing of Dresden, Palestinian Genocide, etc."

Brock is also using the event to push the latest book published by his Cosmos Publishing Company, also based in Washington D.C. The book, titled The Holocaust Dogma of Judaism in Religion, written by Ben Weintraub, claims that the Holocaust "is a Jewish religious Dogma" spread "by fanatics with the power of America, Russia and Germany combined." Brock's latest Holocaust denial project also claims that the Holocaust "dogma... was created by rabbis using Kabbalist 'gematria' to account for the number six million." The book has received favorable reviews from a variety of anti-Semitic groups, including the Jubilee, the Spotlight, and the Holocaust denying, U.F.O. chasing Contact: The Phoenix Project. The writers behind Contact claim to receive regular communication from Captain Hatonn, a space alien dressed in Star Trek-like garb who divines anti-Semitic truths.

Brock contact address: P.O. Box 70463, Washington D.C. 20024; Phone: (202) 544-5366.

19. YOUTH ACTION COALITION LEADERS HEAD ANTI-GAY EFFORT: Gary and Annetta Small, leaders of the Lynden, Washington-based Youth Action Coalition (YAC) have been named the state coordinators for the National Campaign to Protect Marriage, an organization working to block recognition of gay and lesbian

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marriages. The group has been working to pass H.B. 2262, which would prohibit homosexual marriages in Washington state and would prohibit the state from recognizing marriages valid in another state. The bill passed the Washington State House, but was blocked in the Senate Law and Justice Committee. YAC has also joined the Early and Rapid Response System, a fax network apparently dedicated to mobilizing support for ultra-right positions in the legislature. Small's Phone: (360) 398-1227.

20. RUDY STANKO TO HOST SKINHEAD BAND: Church of the Creator leader Rudy Stanko is hosting "Rights Fest '96" June 8, in Billings, Montana at the Coulson Park. The neo-Nazi skinhead band Bound for Glory is scheduled to highlight the event along with local bands Not for Sale, Krunk and Savage Nosebleed. At least one of the local bands was apparently unaware of the roots of Stanko and Bound for Glory in the neo-Nazi movement. Speakers at the event are scheduled to include hemp activists, "constitutionalists," tax protestors and 2nd Amendment supporters.

21. BOB WEEMS FORMS POPULIST ELECTION FUND: Former Mississippi Klan leader and Populist Party founding chairman Bob Weems has formed the Populist Campaign Fund as a vehicle for funding far right electoral campaigns. Weems is soliciting donations of \$25-\$500 which he claims will be forwarded to individual "populist" campaigns. Populist Campaign Fund: P.O. Box 7819, Washington, D.C. 20044-7819.

22. DEMOCRATS CHOOSE ANTI-GAY REPRESENTATIVE: Betty Sue Morris, a state representative from Clark County, Washington has been chosen by the Clark County Democratic party as their choice to succeed commissioner John Magnano. Magnano stepped down May 10 to take a job coordinating rail transportation in Washington and Oregon. Morris, who received a slim majority of the votes of 140 precinct officers, cast a vote in favor of HB 2622 which would have banned same-sex marriages and barred the state from recognizing such marriages valid in other states. She also supported the property rights measure Referendum 48.

23. REPUBLIKANERS RETAIN SEATS IN BADEN-WURTEMBERG: In state elections held March 24 the neo-fascist Republikaner Party, retained 14 of the 15 parliamentary seats it had won in 1992 in the German state of Baden-Wurttemberg. The Baden-Wurttemberg victory marks the only German state in which the Republikaners have broken the five-percent barrier needed to gain seats in any of the federal states in the past 5 years. The Republikaner Party won 9.1% of the vote in the election, down from 10.9% in 1992. In Schleswig-Holstein the far right Deutsche Volks Union (German People's Union) lost the six seats it had gained in 1992 after winning just 4.3% of the vote, down from 6.3% in 1992. The loss of votes of both far right parties comes in the wake of victories for the ruling Christian Democratic Union, which increased its vote in the two previously mentioned states, holding its lead in Baden-Wurtemberg and surpassing the Social Democrats in Schleswig-Holstein.

24. AMERICAN JURAL SOCIETY IN IDAHO: John Quade and Randy Lee of the California-based American Jural Society are scheduled to appear in Couer d'Alene, Idaho May 10-11. The group is being hosted by Gordon Ormesher's Americans for Constitutional Government. Ormesher, who has received training from the Oklahoma-based United Sovereigns of America, is north Idaho's leading common law court advocate.

Lee and Quade have been touring the country for months teaching the American Jural Society's common law court strategy of using "abatements" to proclaim their "immunity" from federal and state jurisdiction. The group is headed by Lee, an activist in the California Jural Society, and by Quade, the stage name of b-movie actor and Reconstructionist figure John William Saunders III. Quade/Saunders has studied under Reconstructionist leader R.J. Rushdoony whom Quade terms the "number one Christian thinker in the world today." Lee, who has also been influenced by Rushdoony, claims also to have been inspired by Eugene Schroder. Abatements produced by Lee have been used in common law courts in Idaho and Wisconsin. The American Jural Society is in the process of helping far right activists form quasi-governmental "Jural Societies." Phone Contact: (818) 347-7080.

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