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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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- 1. CHD ON "THE STATE OF HATE IN THE NORTHWEST":** CHD executive director Jonathan Mozzochi presented a briefing for members and supporters of the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) and Artists for a Hate Free America (AHFA) on April 24 in Portland, Oregon. Held at Steen's Coffee House, the event featured a presentation by Mozzochi on the terrorist models of the white supremacist movement: "leaderless resistance" and the Phineas Priesthood; and the development of "counter-culture institutions" that are evident in common law courts, preparedness expos, militias, and Identity churches. MRG executive director Scot Nakagawa and AHFA director Sarah Stevens served as MCs.
- 2. CHD & CENTER FOR NEW COMMUNITY:** The Chicago-based Center for New Community (CNC), a faith-based, grassroots organization that counters the far-right throughout the Midwest, has contracted with CHD for the services of CHD research associate Devin Burghart. Burghart is assisting CNC staffers with trainings, database development, communications systems, and research. The CNC can be reached at (708) 848-0319.
- 3. EPA CONFISCATES CHEMICALS FROM COMMON LAW COURT ACTIVIST:** On April 3 Federal Environmental Protection Agency officials removed dangerous chemicals from the home of James Dalton Bell in Vancouver, Washington. Among the chemicals confiscated from Bell's home were more than 500 grams of sodium cyanide, nitric acid, sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid. On Tuesday, April 2 the Internal Revenue Service raided Bell's home after he reputedly advocated the murder of government employees on an Internet site. A federal affidavit describes Bell as involved with the Multnomah County Common Law Court, "typically run by self-appointed anti-government extremists, who do not recognize the United States government" (Vancouver Columbian, April 3). Officials with the IRS told the Columbian, "The front page of the document discusses using the Internet to set up an organization which would be awarding a cash prize to somebody who correctly predicted the death of one of a list of violators of rights, usually either government employees, officeholders or appointees." IRS inspector Jeffrey Gordon said, "I believe that Bell is directly soliciting others to set up a system to murder government officials."
The Multnomah County Common Law Court conducted its first "trial" in January of this year, charging eight federal officials with a long list of offenses. All the officials later were found guilty and the court awarded a \$100,000 judgment to Louis Joseph Whispell, the "defendant" (See Northwest Update September 15, 1996; November 1, 1996; January 1, 1997; February 15, 1997)
- 4. MILITIA BOMB THREAT SHUTS DOWN DAISHOWA AMERICA MILL:** An anonymous caller phoned into a mill in Port Angeles at 1:30pm, April 2nd saying, "This is the North Olympic Militia calling. We have placed an explosive on your premises. We wish you no bloodshed. You have two hours to evacuate the premises." The mill was shut down for approximately four hours. No bomb was found (Peninsula Daily News, April 3).
- 5. GONZAGA BLACK STUDENTS TARGETS OF HARASSMENT:** A third-year law student has been identified as a suspect in several recent incidents of hate-motivated harassment targeting African-American students at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Black students have received harassing phone calls, and one student found a threatening letter in her backpack. It is the third year in a row that African-American law students have been harassed around finals at the private Jesuit university (Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 19; April 22).
- 6. NEW CHRISTIAN COALITION LEADERS:** In addition to the recent replacement of longtime Christian Coalition of Washington State executive director David Welch by Jerry Shaw, the state's Christian Coalition chapter has announced a number of new county leaders. Sandy White (360-687-1054) replaces Ray Garza in Clark County;

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Ken Nichols (206-752-0746) replaces Matt Burgher in Pierce County; Bill Heberling (360-856-0509) replaces Dennis Gwinn in Skagit County; Jim Robinson (509-922-1054) replaces Dean Ladd in Spokane County; and Larry McAlpine (360-734-0618) replaces Cal Fairbanks in Whatcom County. In addition, the Thurston and Kittitas County chapters appear no longer active while Dan Eby (509-738-4308) and Brenda Palmer (360-426-2638) have been added as Stevens and Mason County representatives, respectively.

7. HOMER BAKKER ON RADIO FREE AMERICA: Snohomish county far right activist Homer Bakker appeared April 13 on the Liberty Lobby's Radio Free America where he talked about the "attack" on US sovereignty represented by Biodiversity treaties.

8. MARBLE FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVAL: The Northport, Washington-based Marble Community Fellowship will hold its 5th annual "Fourth of July God and Country Celebration" July 3-6. The guest speaker at the event will be Stephen McDowell of the Virginia-based Providence Foundation. Promotional material for the event ensures that McDowell's "Patriot Pastor's Sermon" will "deepen your understanding of our country's magnificent Christian heritage in addition to impacting and inspiring you toward more focused action." Contact: (509) 732-4358.

9. NATIONAL ALLIANCE HOSTS DAVID DUKE: The Parma, Ohio chapter of the neo-Nazi National Alliance will play host to David Duke May 18 in Cleveland, Ohio. Contact: National Alliance; P.O. Box 34035; Parma, OH 44134; (216)-663-2375. The phone is registered to David Daams at 4621 E 131st St. in Cleveland.

10. TOWARD TRADITION SEMINARS: The Mercer Island, Washington-based group Toward Tradition is hosting a series of seminars featuring the group's leader, Rabbi Daniel Lapin. The second of four meetings takes place on May 1st when Lapin will present "A Comprehensive Theory of Life." Lapin will also speak on May 29th and June 24th. The meetings are scheduled to take place at the Temple Bnai Torah on Mercer Island.

11. ANNUAL KLAN PATRIOTS DAY: The Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the parent organization of the Tacoma, Washington-based Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will hold its annual "Patriots Day Picnic" May 23-25 near Harrison Arkansas. Contact: Church of Jesus Christ; P.O. Box 354; Bergman, AR 72615.

12. FAR RIGHT ON THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING: As the trial of Oklahoma City bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh progresses, CHD will keep Northwest Update readers apprised of what various far right leaders are saying about the case. According to Idaho racist leader James "Bo" Gritz, in an article titled "Lee Harvey McVeigh," the bombing was part of a plot by the Clinton Administration to boost sagging public approval ratings. According to Gritz, approval for the bombing emanated from national security advisor Anthony Lake, who empowered his subordinates to contact "Islamic terrorist contacts who would execute the bombing." Timothy McVeigh, in Gritz's view, was part of a "diversionary plan" and would be saddled with responsibility for the bombing. In Gritz's words, "the government and media has bet the post on indicting all conservatives as John Doe-2 and convicting McVeigh as a patriot terrorist" (Center for Action, April 1997).

The Nationalist Times, the tabloid of the American Nationalist Union (formerly the Populist Party), rings in with a conspiracy theory as well: "Whatever role Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols may have played in the tragedy, one can bet that just as with so many other alleged terrorist incidents in recent years, one or more federal operatives were involved, quite possibly as the masterminds behind the scenes" (Nationalist Times, April 1997).

13. ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN CANADA: In its 1996 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith of Canada reports 244 anti-Semitic incidents in 1996, down 26.3% from 331 in 1995. Reported incidents of vandalism stayed virtually the same, with 81 in 1996 and 80 in 1995. Reported incidents of anti-Semitic harassment—which include death and bomb threats, physical assault, hate literature distribution and verbal slurs—fell 35.1% from 251 in 1995 to 163 in 1996. B'nai Brith of Candada: 15 Hove St; Downsview, ON M3H 4Y8; (416) 633-6224.

14. REPUBLIC OF TEXAS STAND-OFF: A stand-off between law enforcement and members of the far right Republic of Texas began Sunday April 27 when a faction of the group led by Richard McLaren kidnapped two people and took them to the group's Ft. Davis, Texas headquarters. Just 12 hours later, McLaren released the hostages after Texas officials released Robert Scheidt, a member of the group who had been arrested on unrelated trespassing and weapons charges. In addition to McLaren's demand for the release of Scheidt and follower Jo Ann Canady Turner,

jailed on contempt of court charges, McLaren has demanded that Texans be allowed to vote on a referendum on Texas independence. In typical Christian Patriot fashion, McLaren and others in the group hold that Texas remains an independent Republic and that it was illegally forced into the Union in 1845. Joe Rowe, the neighbor who was kidnapped on April 27, stated that he believed there to be about 10 people holed-up with McLaren. A "Lt." Keys of the Republic of Texas Militia reportedly answered the phone at Rowe's house, referring reporters to McLaren.

The confrontation between McClaren and law enforcement has further exacerbated splits in the Republic of Texas. The faction of the group aligned with "provisional president" Archie Lowe responded to the incident by stating that "It appears that Richard McLaren and those acting with him have gone completely off the deep end... This blatantly unlawful act by Mr. McLaren illustrates his contempt for the common law process he claims to love. The neighbor was kidnapped by force of arms based on nothing more than a rumor – no evidence, no grand jury, no indictment, no hearing, no due process of any kind." McLaren was "impeached" by this faction of the group in late March (Reuter April 28; Associated Press April 28; Republic of Texas webpage, April 29).

15. HATE CRIMES INCREASE IN LOS ANGELES: According to a report by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, bias crimes in the county increased by 28.7% between 1995 and 1996, jumping from 773 to 995. Bias crimes based on sexual orientation and race accounted for 88% of the total with hate crimes against black men increasing by 50.5% and those against gays and bisexuals increasing by 43.2% (San Jose Mercury News, April 26).

16. JUDGE MOORE AND PETE PETERS: In his ongoing crusade to trample on the separation of church and state, Alabama Judge Roy Moore (see Northwest Update April 15) appeared recently on the shortwave radio program of Christian Identity leader Pete Peters, where the magistrate proclaimed that the Constitution is founded on a higher authority and it is his "duty under the Constitution to uphold it and support it. You can't uphold or support anything when you destroy its foundation." Moore's appearance on Peters' program and recent statements attributed to him have prompted the American Jewish Congress to call for a full investigation into his "fitness to serve as a judge." The AJC declared that, "a judge's publicly proclaimed intention to ignore an adverse decision of the controlling appellate court breeds disrespect for the law and undermines public confidence that the legal system works impartially" (PRNewswire, April 21).

17. AMERICA'S PROMISE IN 1997: America's Promise Ministries will hold its "summer camp & retreat" August 9-15 near Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Sandpoint, Idaho Identity group will also participate in the Christian Israel Fellowship Fall Camp in Falling Waters, West Virginia Aug. 29 to Sept. 1. America's Promise: PO Box 157; Sandpoint, ID 83864

18. POLICE INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL OREGON HATE CRIME: Winston, Oregon police are investigating a possible hate crime after a resident found her car defaced with graffiti March 14. Police Lt. Bryon Beaulieu was quoted as saying the damage to the vehicle was minor, but that, "It's the damage to the heart that hurts." The message scrawled on the vehicle was homophobic (RoseburgNews-Review).

19. CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS TAKES AIM AT HOLOCAUST DENIER: North Shore News columnist Doug Collins, a longtime regular holocaust denier with close ties to the Institute for Historical Review, has been accused by the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) of having violated section 2 of the Canadian Human Rights Code, which prohibits hateful and discriminatory expression. The CJC is taking issue with a column Collins wrote concerning the film Schindler's List. Collin's column—an inflammatory piece typical of his journalistic style—was reprinted in the Journal of Historical Review under the title, "Swindlers List" (Vancouver Sun March 14).

20. SENTENCING IN WASHINGTON STATE MILITIA TRIAL: Theodore R. Carter, 38, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in January in connection to his role in Washington State Militia bomb making activities, was sentenced to five years probation on April 25. Carter apparently received a light sentence because he cooperated with prosecutors in the trial of other militia members and will reportedly cooperate in the upcoming June 23 retrial of seven militia and common law court activists on conspiracy charges.

The sentencing of Carter's cohort in crime, Richard Frank Burton, who also pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges in January, was postponed because several defense witnesses could not appear. A spokesperson for the US Attorney's office told reporters that "we are recommending five years imprisonment for Burton." The defense is seeking a 10 to 16 month sentence. Caitlin Hansen, Burton's wife, was sentenced to three years probation, including six months

under electronic monitoring. She pleaded guilty in January to one count of obstruction of justice (Associated Press).

21. OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING TRIAL UNDERWAY: In testimony on April 28 in the trial of Oklahoma City bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh, Oklahoma state trooper Charles Hanger testified how he arrested McVeigh after pulling him over for having no license plates on his car. An FBI agent further testified that among the items found in the trunk of McVeigh's car were sections of William Pierce's book The Turner Diaries. One such section read, "They [politicians and bureaucrats] learned this afternoon that not one of them is beyond our reach. They can huddle behind barbed wire and tanks in the city, or they can hide behind the concrete walls and alarm systems of their country estates, but we can still find them and kill them" (New York Times, April 29; Los Angeles Times, April 25; Associated Press, April 25).

22. PATRIOT COUNCIL MEMBER ADVERTISES MILITIA: Oldtown, Idaho City Councilman Cliff Jones recently placed two signs on his property along Highway 41. The sign has the appearance of an official state highway sign, but depicts a revolutionary war Minuteman standing below the words "Patriot County" and above the words "Idaho Militia." Jones put the sign up late last summer. "I put that up as a display of patriotism, no different than if I hang a flag up out here," Jones was quoted as saying (Spokane Spokesman-Review, March 24).

23. AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCF DIRECTOR HUNG IN EFFIGY: During a rally outside the Oregon state Capitol April 18, Lawrence Carver of Eugene hung the African-American director of the Services to Children and Families Department in effigy, ostensibly to protest the agency's "kidnapping of children." Protestors with Carver, including the organizer of the rally, Jesse Lott of American Voter, tried to distance themselves from the crudely racist doll that Carver hauled about with him, but to little avail. Numerous Oregon lawmakers correctly assailed Carver as a racist and the Governor of Oregon, John Kitzhaber called the incident "outrageous." Lott is a second cousin of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. (Oregonian, April 19).

24. RACIST SKINHEADS ATTACK AFRICAN-AMERICAN IN OREGON CITY: Daniel Wright Sessions, 19, Angelina Maddox, 21, and Gary Lee Sloan, 17, all of Oregon City were arrested the evening of March 31 outside an Oregon City Fred Meyer after they attacked Val Polk, an African-American man. All three were charged with first-degree racial intimidation, second-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct and harassment. All three racist skinheads have been released on their own recognizance (Oregonian, April 2).

25. FINANCIAL ADVICE FROM PROMISE KEEPERS: One of the themes of the Christian right men's group Promise Keepers (PK) in 1997 is financial integrity. A recent fundraising letter from founder and CEO Bill McCartney offers a booklet titled "Five Keys to Financial Freedom" by PK lecturer Ron Blue. McCartney writes: "All across America—debt is inflicting great pain and constraint on families. Debt destroys the very thing that a man is supposed to bring to his family—and one of the things that is so important to their wives. And that is security." In the letter dated March 31, 1997, McCartney goes on to explain that "...God intends our finances to be wonderful and powerful tools. And He has given us some great advice in His Word concerning our finances. In fact Jesus spoke more about our relationship with our possessions than He did about baptism, His second coming, hell, Communion, and the Word of God—all put together. There are over two thousand references to money in the Bible." Beyond the appeal for personal integrity with money is a persistent claim that individual resources in reality belong to God and the Kingdom—"Kingdom Money"—and that debt creates not just a burden on the family but puts money into the hands of banks and other secular institutions that ought to be available to promote Promise Keepers and other Christian ministries.

26. CHALCEDON GOES TO ZAMBIA: "If you are convinced that the Christian Faith is a 'personal, private affair,' designed only for stone-faced Sunday morning worshippers, gossipy Thursday evening home Bible studies, and ethereal 'quiet times with Jesus,' please don't tell our brothers in the African nation of Zambia" opens the cover article in the May 1997 issue of the Chalcedon Report. Writing for the Christian Reconstructionist flagship publication, Rev. Andrew Sandlin tells readers about a June 26-28 conference to be hosted by Chalcedon in Lusaka, Zambia. Sandlin writes: "For 27 years Zambia was mired in the throes of Communism.... By the unspeakable grace of God and a providential chain of events, however, in free elections on October 31, 1991, God installed (by a 5 to 1 margin) an explicitly Christian president, Fredrick Chiluba, and a vice president, Godfrey Miyanda, as well as a largely Christian parliament." According to Sandlin the "Greater Reformation"—i.e., creating "God's kingdom on earth"—may have already begun in Zambia. "When [after his election] he was asked if he intended writing a new constitution, [President] Chiluba replied that he didn't have to. It was already written. He held up a Bible to the full

view of the world press. If that had occurred here in the good old US of A, Dan Rather would have suffered a nightly-news prime-time coronary.... It just goes to show that not all pagans wear goofy face paint and dance nude around fires."

27. OREGON CHRISTIAN COALITION ATTACKS GORDON SMITH: In the April issue of Inside Oregon: Religious Rights Watch the Oregon Christian Coalition (OCC) took first year US Senator Gordon Smith to task for voting to release funds to International Planned Parenthood. "Disappointing thousands of Pro-Life Oregonians," the item states, "Senator Smith voted to release \$385 million for international family 'planning' programs. Jo Blum, National Abortion Reproductive Rights Action League's chief lobbyist said, 'We are really pleased that he is voting to support the pro-choice position.' This vote was the first important vote that Senator Smith cast. Oregonian's tax dollars will now be paying for abortions in other countries. Oregon family values and pro-life beliefs have suffered a set back because of this vote."

28. PETE PETERS PUTS ENEMIES ON NOTICE: The Volume 2, 1997 issue of Pete Peters' *Scriptures for America Worldwide* newsletter prints a "Notice to the Antichrist Enemies of God's True Covenant People" (p.9). It states in part: "The blasphemous, antichrist words and deeds which you arrogantly, openly flaunt in our land testify against you; your evil intentions toward God's people are all too evident." It goes on to warn those who oppose "God's people" and support "the New World Order" that "We solemnly charge you to immediately desist from your blasphemies against God and His righteousness, and from your furious persecution of his true covenant people; or else, let the guilt be on your own head. Know that your depraved works must surely seal your own certain ruin; that from the gaping traps you have set, the merciless devices you have fashioned, you shall never escape."

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