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## NORTHWEST UPDATE

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**1. IMPAC ANNOUNCES FIRST 1997 CANDIDATE:** The Lacey, Washington-based Christian Right fundraising organization IMPAC is backing the candidacy of Jim McCune for the state senate in the 1997 off-year primary. McCune will run as a Republican in the 33<sup>rd</sup> district against the appointed incumbent Rod Blalock. Running on a platform of getting tough on crime, cutting taxes, and stopping educational "platforms for the latest politically correct rage," McCune's campaign material proclaims that, "as a nation, we have lost our sense of individual responsibility (self-government) the second order of government under the reign of our King Jesus." Citizens for Jim McCune: 20420 12<sup>th</sup> Pl. S; Sea Tac, WA 98198; (206) 878-2911.

**2. AMERICA'S PROMISE EASTERN BIBLE CAMP:** America's Promise Ministries will host its eastern Bible camp Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 in Falling Waters, WV. Speakers presently scheduled for the event include James Bruggeman of North Carolina, Ted Weiland of Nebraska, Ron Poch of Georgia and Richard Kelly Hoskins. Contact: Christian Israel Fellowship, P.O. Box 124, Sandston, VA 23150.

**3. ROAD TO VICTORY 1997:** Christian Coalition "Road to Victory" conferences are scheduled for Sept. 12-13 in Atlanta, GA; Oct. 10-11 in St. Louis, MO; and Nov. 7-8 in Long Beach, CA. In addition to Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed, scheduled speakers include: Charles Colson, Daniel Lapin, Newt Gingrich, Pat Buchanan, Bill Bennet, Star Parker, Henry Hyde, Dick Armey, Kay Coles James, Mike Huckabee, John Kasich and J.C. Watts (Christian American, July/August).

**4. NETWORK NEWS ON IMPACT OF INCREASED BORDER ENFORCEMENT:** The Spring 1997 issue of the Network News, the quarterly publication of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, examines the impact on immigrant communities of the increased border enforcement embodied in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA). Among the topics examined are: the IIRIRA's demand for increases in the number of INS officers patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border versus the lack of increase in employees to investigate the unfair immigration-related employment practices that have been found to coincide with increased enforcement; the increased flexibility (through agreements such as NAFTA) for business owners and executives to cross the border versus the increased barriers for poor people; and the increase in human rights abuses by law enforcement agencies that is sure to accompany increased enforcement in the absence of improved screening and training of INS officers and increased accountability.

The Network News also describes the bias that already exists in enforcement against Mexican immigrants. For instance, while the majority of those in the country illegally are so because they overstay their visas, 85% of INS resources target southern border communities; and, while Mexican nationals represent 39% of undocumented immigrants in the U.S., they comprise 90% of those arrested by the INS. Network News: 310 8<sup>th</sup> St., Ste 307; Oakland, CA 94607; (501) 465-1984.

**5. ANTI-IMMIGRANT ACTIVIST RUNS FOR COLLEGE BOARD:** John Tresch of the anti-immigrant Monterey Bay Action Committee is running for the Board of Trustees at Harnell College. John Tresch: P.O. Box 4626, Salinas, CA 93912-4626. (9\*1\*1\*, June)

**6. AMERICAN RENAISSANCE PROFILES ITS READERS:** In the July-August American Renaissance, Jared Taylor reports on a survey of readers of the high-brow racist rag. According to Taylor, the 391 who returned the survey have a median age of 52 (mean 53) and a median income of \$45,000 (mean \$48,000). Almost 11% (43) report incomes of more than \$100,000 and "one claims an annual income of one million dollars." Taylor reports that 73% of AR readers

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have a college degree and one third have advanced degrees.

Taylor reports that 45% of respondents claim to have once been “liberals on race;” the poll indicates, however, that at present the interests and affiliations of the AR readership range from conservative to neo-Nazi. Readers reported being most active in the following organizations: National Rifle Association (63 of 391), Council of Conservative Citizens (34), Southern League (28), American Immigration Control Foundation (23) and Federation for American Immigration Reform (14). Other organizations of note include the John Birch Society (9), Gun Owners of America (8), the Liberty Lobby (8), William Pierce’s National Alliance (8), the National Association for the Advancement of White People (8) and the militia (5).

The same skew is found in magazines to which AR readers report subscribing. Topping the list are the Paleo-conservative Chronicles (76) and Wilmot Robertson’s eminently racist Instauration. These are closely followed by conservative publications such as the American Spectator (58) and National Review (48). Other far right publications of note include Spotlight (28), Ed Field’s Truth at Last (24), the Holocaust denying Journal of Historical Review (19), the neo-Nazi National Vanguard (19) and Willis Carto’s “revisionist” publication the Barnes Review (16).

Other notable results include a third place finish (37) for Holocaust denier David Irving in the category of “favorite non-fiction writers” and David Duke’s third place finish (64), behind Jared Taylor (120) and Patrick Buchanan (66), in the category “Americans who have Advanced White Interests.” In the same category, Wilmot Robertson finished with 33, William Pierce with 27 and American Nazi Party founder George Lincoln Rockwell with 26. Interestingly, Adolph Hitler places first in both “Foreigners Who Have Advanced White Interests” (75) and “Foreigners Who Have Damaged White Interests (120).”

**7. PRO-LIFE ACTION NETWORK CONFERENCE:** The 20th anniversary conference of the Pro-Life Action Network (PLAN) has been set for September 11-13 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. PLAN has long been associated with the most extreme wing of the anti-abortion movement. A full-page advertisement in the July/August Advocates for Life magazine boasts that “many contemporary activist leaders had their start after inspiration at P.L.A.N. events.” This year’s crop of guest luminaries includes Matt Trehwella of Missionaries to the Preborn, Jim Sedlak of STOPP Planned Parenthood, Joe Scheidler of the Pro-Life Action League and “several other ‘surprise’ speakers.” The event is scheduled to include “field training” in “rescue” techniques. P.L.A.N.: 7603 Harford Rd., #119 Baltimore, MD 21234 or call (410) 254-9154.

**8. AFLM TARGETS PROMISE KEEPERS:** Advocates for Life Ministries (AFLM), the Portland-based publisher of Life Advocate magazine, has targeted Promise Keepers (PK), the Denver-based Christian Right men’s organization, for distribution of anti-birth control literature. An article titled “AFLM Focuses on Chemical Abortion” in the July/August 1997 Life Advocate states that AFLM distributed 5,000 pieces of anti-birth control literature at the May 24 PK gathering at the Kingdome in Seattle. “I talked to a pharmacist who already refuses to fill IUD prescriptions,” said editor-in-chief Paul deParrie. “He told me he didn’t want to fill prescriptions of any kind which killed babies.” According to the article AFLM is planning to distribute 150,000 anti-birth control fliers at the Promise Keepers “Stand in the Gap” gathering in Washington, D.C. in October. “This is all part of an additional emphasis for AFLM,” commented deParrie. “We hope that this information will spark the beginnings of repentance within the Church for our own bloodguilt.”

**9. JUBILEE ON GENOCIDE:** Jubilee managing editor Paul Hall penned his ideas about “genocide” in the July/August issue. He writes, “When you hear the word ‘genocide’ you typically think of the mass murder of people such as the 20 million + Russians killed by Edomite dictators in Russia. Or today, Christians might think of the 4000 babies being aborted every day.

What I want to bring to your attention is the mass murder of a nation of people through the process of giving birth...not much is said about the huge problem of inter-racial genocide the destruction of God’s Children (and ALL RACES of people) through integration...The epidemic of inter-racial children, is the systematic and planned extermination of an entire racial group – the main target is the ‘evil’ white man.”

**10. FEDERAL COURT RULINGS THWART JUSTICE DEPT. ABUSE OF POWER:** Calling it “an arbitrary abuse of power” U.S. District Court Judge Jack Weinstein has ruled that the Justice Department may not use the 1996 anti-terrorism law to automatically deport immigrants who committed crimes before the law was enacted. Judge Weinstein’s ruling holds that the Justice Department may not retroactively deny immigrants the right to take their case before an immigration judge; it rejected an order issued by Attorney General Janet Reno to apply the law even if an immigrant’s crime was committed decades ago. The 1996 anti-terrorism act expanded the number of

offenses that lead to mandatory deportation and blocked immigrants convicted of such crimes – including crimes which Judge Weinstein called relatively minor offenses – from being able to ask a judge to waive their deportation on humanitarian grounds (New York Times, June 25).

In another ruling, federal district court Judge James Lawrence King barred the Immigration and Naturalization Service from deporting tens of thousand of immigrants who have challenged a portion of the 1996 Immigration Act. Under the Act, an immigrant wishing to apply for permanent residency must prove that a U.S. citizen faces “extreme and unusual hardship” if they are deported – having a child who is a U.S. citizen does not necessarily constitute a hardship. In the past, the immigrant had to show that he or she would face unusual hardship if deported. In making his ruling, Judge King wrote that “Seldom, if ever, has such a dramatic, heart-rending and powerfully persuasive case of irreparable harm to literally tens of thousands of human beings been presented to this Federal court” (New York Times, June 25).

**11. JUSTICE DEPT. SEEKS TO DEPORT WAR CRIMINAL:** In late June, the Justice Department moved to begin deportation proceedings against Jonas Stelmokas, an 80-year old man the government claims served as a guard commander in a Lithuanian ghetto where Jews “were subject to extreme deprivation, brutality and arbitrary shootings.” Stelmokas lost his U.S. citizenship in 1995 when a federal judge ruled that he had lied about his wartime activities during immigration proceedings. Stelmokas claimed to have been discharged from the Lithuanian army in 1940, but the Justice Department’s Office of Special Investigation found that he served in an auxiliary police unit from 1941 until 1944, when he entered the German Air Force (New York Times, July 1).

**12. AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION HONORS ALABAMA JUDGE:** Donald Wildmon’s American Family Association gave its 1997 God & Country Award to Judge Roy Moore, the Etowah County Circuit Judge who gained notoriety when he refused to remove a Ten Commandment plaque from his courtroom. Past recipients of the reward have included Kay Cole James, Peter Marshall, Jr., Alan Keyes and Trent Lott (AFA Journal, July).

**13. STATES MOVE AGAINST COUER D’ALENE GAMING:** Idaho, Washington and Montana, along with over 30 other states, are calling on the National Indian Gaming Commission to shut down an internet gambling site set up by the Coeur d’Alene Indian Nation. Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance and attorneys general from 34 other states drafted a letter to the commission claiming that the Internet site violates the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act because the act “requires that a consumer betting on a tribal gaming activity be physically present on the tribe’s reservation.” Couer d’Alene leaders disagree. In 1996 a tribal court held that the National Indian Lottery does not violate federal law while tribal gaming manager David Matheson told Indian Country Today (July 21-28) that “They say that the (state) lotteries that they have are good and meaningful, but then when they talk about the tribes trying to do the lottery, then somehow it’s not good... We’re a convenient target for them.”

In a related matter, Boise attorney Stanley Crow, a member of the Idaho Governor’s Gaming Study Committee, offended tribal leaders on the committee when he declared that “if gambling is not a vice, it should be available everywhere in Idaho and not just be an affirmative action program for tribal reservations.” In response, Nez Perce tribal secretary Carla High Eagle, also a member of the state committee, stated, “I sincerely hope such antics will not become the norm. To allow unfounded reason and race to become the issue only serves to discredit this committee” (Indian Country Today; P.O. Box 2180; Rapid City, SD 57709).

**14. LAROUCHE CANDIDATE IN VIRGINIA:** Nancy Spannaus, the editor-in-chief of the LaRouche newspaper, The New Federalist, is a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination in Virginia’s 10th Congressional District. Reflecting the recent public jump to the left by LaRouche, Spannaus is haranguing Virginia governor George Allan to stay the execution of Joseph Roger O’dell. She is also alleging a cover-up in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King and, of course, in the prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche (New Federalist, July 21).

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