



In Defense of Democracy & Civil Rights

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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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1. HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPORTERS PROTEST ARYAN MARCH: Human rights supporters have planned a peaceful demonstration to show their opposition to the racism and bigotry on display in the planned July 18 march down the streets of Coeur d'Alene by the Hayden Lake, Idaho-based Aryan Nations. The "Regional Response Plans to the Aryan Nations Parade" sent out by demonstration supporters explains,

"Although all regional people are encouraged to participate in the HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER rally planned on July 18th in Spokane organized by United in Action in Spokane and the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, some of us felt a strong need to be present at the Aryan Nations Parade which coincides with the Spokane rally. Our purpose is to offer a nonviolent protest to the invasion of our streets by the Aryan Nations by sending the message to Aryan Nations and others that we stand in support of human rights, justice and equality for all peoples...

Our rather courageous group will consist of human rights activists, war veterans, people from the religious communities including the Quakers and Buddhists, representatives from the women's center, off duty law enforcement and area residents... We, and all the others who are supporting us in this statement want the Aryans and others who threaten the peace and well-being of our region to understand we have zero tolerance toward their beliefs and their racist and anti-American messages."

The Coalition for Human Dignity supports the July 18 demonstration against racism and bigotry in Couer d'Alene. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact Skip Kuck at (208) 772-3953.

2. AMERICAN NATIONALIST UNION LAUDS METCALF: The American Nationalist Union, formed from the Wassal faction of the former Populist Party, has given high praise U.S. Representative Jack Metcalf (R-WA), the far right leader who has made attacking Indian treaty rights and weaving Federal Reserve bank conspiracies into a winning ticket in the state's 2nd Congressional District. The group's organ, *The Nationalist Times*, states,

"One of the best Republican congressman is Jack Metcalf of Washington State, a strong opponent of the Federal Reserve system and America's debt-usury money system. Liberals and feminists from across the country are sending money to Metcalf's opponent, Greth Cammermeyer, an avowed lesbian" (*Nationalist Times*, June 1998).

The American Nationalist Union's strongest allies in Washington State are the Washington State Populist Party led by Seattle-based neo-Nazi Harry Schmidt and the Tacoma-based Northwest Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. *The Nationalist Times* recently announced the addition of Idaho-based Holocaust denier and Identity believer Michael Hoffman as a contributing writer to the publication. Hoffman is noted for his "revisionist" history of the United States that absurdly claims that white "slavery" was worse than the enslavement of blacks.

3. SPOTLIGHT CONTINUES ATTACKS ON BUCHANAN: The *Spotlight* continues to vent its frustrations with far right favorite Pat Buchanan. Liberty Lobby Board of Policy member John R. Moore wrote the following of Buchanan in the July 6 *Spotlight*:

"Both times Pat Buchanan was running I supported him as best I could... Twice he let me and th rest of his supporters down by caving in at the last minute to the Republican Party... When he did this the last time I wrote him and told him exactly what I thought about him... I reminded him that he had done the same thing in the previous election. How could he support Bob Dole knowing everything that this man and his cohorts stood for? I personally will never support this man, again. I think he is a liar and a cheat, who wouldn't know the truth if it jumped up and bit him in the you-know-what."

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4. BUCHANAN ON ONE NATION PARTY: Despite criticism by the Liberty Lobby, Pat Buchanan showed his favor towards racism in a column lauding the Australian One Nation Party of Pauline Hanson [See *Northwest Update*, July 1, 1998]. In a column titled "America is listening to the noise of One Nation," Buchanan writes,

"Why should Americans care about trees falling in Australia [a reference to the "falling" conservative coalition government of John Howard]? Because many of the issues convulsing Australia will explode right here in the United States if the Asian economic flu hits full force...U.S. conservatives should take note. Howard's conservative coalition could be swept from power because of a failure to accommodate a surging populism of the right, just as the Bush Republicans, The Tories in Britain, the Progressive Conservatives in Canada, France's center-right, and this northern autumn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative coalition in Bonn...."

Buchanan notes Hanson's positions that future immigration "not significantly alter the ethnic and cultural make-up of the country" and that the struggle for land rights for aboriginal people is "destroying us and splitting us as a people" and concludes, asking, "Why should this [One Nation party's victory] matter to us? Well, even with 4 per cent unemployment, the smoldering issue of higher immigration of foreign skilled workers...is intruding on the California governorship race. Candidate Dan Lungeren favors a near-doubling of the annual number of skilled immigrants. Let a tsunami of Asian imports hit this autumn, and if the markets tumble and the economy heads south, Hanson's issues could be America's issues"

5. FREE AMERICAN ATTACKS BO GRITZ OVER KIDNAPPING CASE: In an editorial in the July 1998 *Free American*, editor and publisher Clayton Douglas launches an attack on far right leader James "Bo" Gritz over the former Populist Party presidential candidate's support for Linda Wiegand, the Massachusetts woman whose children Gritz was arrested for allegedly attempting to kidnap. Douglas also describes the split between Gritz and Militia of Montana leader John Trochmann that has developed over the case:

"A year after the incident, questions about Linda, her story and her motives, were being asked by various individuals and organizations, like John Trochmann of the Militia of Montana, and Keith and Kim Johnson, of the 'un-American Activities Investigation Commission.' ..Once those allegations were brought up on the *Free American Hour*, I announced that we would be conducting an investigation, John Trochmann, Keith Johnson and myself were savagely attacked by both Bo and Linda."

Douglas accuses Wiegand of making false charges of "Satanic abuse" against her husband in the custody case and alleges that Linda "did not care about the father's rights." He continues,

"She would have her audience believe that the courts in Connecticut are part of some vast conspiracy, run by a ring of pedophiles that include judges, prosecutors, state agencies and police. She has even put out a reward poster for information on a list of eleven judges, attorneys, doctors and of course, her ex-husband and his relatives...None of the people she names have ever been charged with any of these crimes, with the exception of the charges she managed to get in Vermont against her husband. (Which were later dropped...)

Isn't Gritz adopting the same attitude as the US Government he served for so long? 'Don't question what I tell you?'...He is acting as judge and jury and seems to be trying to form a lynching party to string up a man who has been found guilty of nothing but wanting a divorce from a vindicating, unscrupulous woman."

6. RARICK TO SPEAK AT 'CONFEDERATE FREEDOM CONGRESS': Arch-segregationist and former Louisiana representative John Rarick is the announced speaker at the August 14-16 "Confederate Freedom Congress '98 in San Antonio, Texas. The event is billed as aiming "To explore lawful ways to restore the Confederate States of America constitution and government. C.S.A. News: (915) 446-4439.

7. ALLEGED WEAPONS CONSPIRATORS TIED TO REPUBLIC OF TEXAS?: Closely on the heels of the conviction of the last of the Republic of Texas defendants [See *Northwest Update*, July 1, 1998], three men who the FBI says may have been involved with the far right group were arrested and charged with conspiracy to use "weapons of mass destruction." Charged were Johnnie Wise, 72, Jack Abbot Grebe Jr., 43, and Oliver Dean Emigh, 63, all of Olmito, Texas.

A team of FBI agents, hazardous materials experts and firefighters searched the home of the suspects, who were reported by the FBI to have "made threats toward several different (federal) employees from several different agencies" and were being investigated for conspiring to make biological weapons. The Brownsville, Texas fire chief reported that investigators were particularly concerned about three small

containers of a "clear liquid" that were found. About the possible ties to the Republic of Texas, FBI special agent Jorge Cisneros stated, "We have heard that they have been involved in it [RoT] but that hasn't been confirmed" (*Brownsville Herald*; AP, July 2; Reuters July 2).

Despite the string of convictions of Republic of Texas leaders, the group continues to receive accolades in Christian Patriot circles. In the July/August Christian Patriot tabloid *The American's Bulletin*, "investigative reporter" Dessie Andres reports on the "significance" of the Republic of Texas

"Many false reports have been circulated about the Republic of Texas (RoT) movement. I am writing this article as an attempt to clarify what the RoT is and has been attempting to do. The resurrection of Texas as an independent nation, this time, began in December 1995 at the Cotton Gin in Bull Verde, Texas. A group of Texans met to form a provisional government which would again establish Texas as an independent sovereign nation...

There are some, including one with whom I am most familiar, Richard Lance McLaren, original ambassador to the Republic of Texas, when the provisional government was formed, who have never been diverted from their direction. They have kept their eyes on the prize and that prize is freedom...When historians write about Rick McLaren in the history books, and I believe they will, they may refer to him as, Rick, never give up McLaren, or Rick, keep that paper coming McLaren...

This began as a battle for restoration of Creator given rights, and everyone across the great expanse that is America should be pulling and praying for the triumph of justice. ..If these brave Texans can prove their case and reclaim her soil, all across America we can once again proceed with what our forefathers began."

Jesse Enloe, self-declared president of the Republic of Texas Provisional Government is less enthusiastic about McLaren:

"I want to go on record as saying the General Council for the Republic of Texas stands against this trial [Of McLaren and other RoT leaders] on the grounds that the Federal Government does not have the delegated authority to prosecute the charges against McLaren and the others. ..

You see, the People of the Republic of Texas are against government officials acting outside their delegated authority...This is the reason that on Nov. 30, 1996, a Convention of Delegates from the 20 Lands Districts of Texas met and removed Richard McLaren, Archie Lowe and five others from office... In addition to being removed from office, Richard McLaren stands indicted for treason by the People's Court of Common Law, a court established by the People of the Republic of Texas...While we agree with McLaren on his claims regarding Texas as a Nation, HE IS NOT OUR LEADER" (*Media Bypass*, July 1998).

8. RACIST VANDALISM AND LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION: King County Fire officials have announced that a June 18 arson of a restaurant owned by an African-American man may have been racially motivated. The fire, which caused \$300,000 to \$400,000 damaged, came several days after the restaurant was vandalized with racist graffiti (*Seattle Times*, June 19).

Hundreds of flyers from the Nebraska-based NSDAP-AO were distributed in downtown Spokane, Washington June 28 (*Seattle Times*, Jun 29).

9. KEHOE CASE UPDATE: New indictments have been brought against Chevie Kehoe in connection to the events that became public following the February 1997 shoot-out between Chevie and Cheyne Kehoe and Ohio police officers. In an indictment alleging that the two conspired to revolt against the federal government, Chevie Kehoe is also charged with the 1996 murder in Northern Idaho of Jon Cox, a neo-Nazi skinhead who is reported in the indictment to have become a security risk after "revealing letters to his friends" and telling friends that he was involved in a group planning to rob armored cars. The indictment also charges Kehoe and Danny Graham, a.k.a. Danny Lee, with setting off a pipe bomb near Spokane City Hall in 1996. Kehoe and company are alleged to have plotted to overthrow the U.S. government to create a whites-only polygamist Republic (AP, July 8).

10. BILL COOPER THREATENS 'ARMED RESISTANCE': Militia leader and anti-Semite Bill Cooper has warned Arizona authorities that he will use "armed resistance" to stop any attempt to arrest him on warrants for evading income taxes and defrauding a bank. Cooper, a self-professed member of the "Second Continental Army of the Republic" posted the following notice on his Internet webpage: "WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants...will be met with armed resistance." Cooper is charged with failing to pay income tax from 1992 to 1994 and submitting false information to obtain a loan. Cooper is the author of *Behold a Pale Horse*, a conspiracy book that targets new-age followers and includes a reprint of the nefarious

Protocols of the Elders of Zion (*Arizona Republic*, July 3).

11. JAMES DALTON BELL ARRESTED FOR PAROLE VIOLATIONS: James Dalton Bell, the common law court activist and author of the "Assassination Politics" essay which described a plot to kill government officials, was arrested June 23 on three probation violations. Bell was arrested for failing to submit a mental health evaluation, refusing to allow probation officers to search his home, and failing to pay \$1,559 in fines. Bell was sentenced to 11 months in prison last year for falsifying a Social Security number and obstructing a federal official (*The Columbian*, June 24).

12. ANTI-IMMIGRANT CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS: Material promoting the candidacy of Alan Spitz for U.S. Congress was distributed at the April 23-25 Immigration Reform Awareness Week hosted in Washington, D.C. by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, the National Grassroots Alliance and other anti-immigrant groups. Spitz's platform for the 5th District house seat from Illinois targets both the anti-immigrant and Christian Right constituencies that comprise part of the Buchananite base of support. Spitz' campaign material reads in part: "Equal treatment for all...End affirmative action and all racial preferences. Jobs for Americans first...Stop illegal immigration; Reform legal immigration. Cut tax rates for all Americans...Ban partial birth abortions. Work, not welfare...no welfare for non-citizens. Make English our official language...End bilingual education." Spitz for Congress: 70 W. Burton; Chicago, IL 60610; (312) 951-0349.

13. FREEMEN LEADERS NOT SO FREE: Four key leaders of the infamous Montana "Freemen" were convicted of 35 charges July 3 of attempting to defraud four banks of \$15 billion. The Identity figure LeRoy Schweitzer was convicted of 20 counts; Daniel Peterson of five counts, Dale Jacobi and Rodney Skurdal on two counts each. Also convicted were Russel Dean Landers and Richard E. Clark, on two counts each. On July 8 the jury, which had been deadlocked on other counts and sent back into deliberations, returned convictions on 22 more counts. The charges against the far right leader include bank fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud and filling false I.R.S. claims. Schweitzer and company were reported to have issued some 3,432 bogus checks.

While the Freemen ringleaders face the possibility of lengthy sentences, the jury deadlocked on 11 counts in the indictment against defendants John Patrick McGuire, Cherlyn Petersen, Agnes Stanton, John Veldhuizen, Ralph E. Clark and William A. Stanton. Prosecutors will decide whether or not to refile charges in these cases (AP, July 8, July 3, July 9; Reuters, July 8).

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