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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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1. SPOKANE SCHEDULED TO HOST NATIONAL SOCIALIST: Self-declared “national socialist” Chris Temple is scheduled to speak at the Family Preparedness Fair, October 8-10 at the Spokane Convention Center. Temple, a long time figure in the northwest white supremacist movement, announced at a speaking engagement in May 1997, “I am very much a national socialist.”

A co-sponsor of the Family Preparedness Fair is the Joseph Project 2000 founded by Shaunti Feldhahn. With its headquarters in Cartersville, Georgia, Joseph Project 2000, “seeks to prevent and respond to the potential impacts of the Year 2000 computer problem in a biblically balanced and professional manner.” Board members of the organization include: Tom Mason, executive vice-president of Focus on the Family; Bill McCartney, founder and president of Promise Keepers; and Bill Bright, founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ.

It was the National Socialist Party in Germany that brought Hitler to power and was responsible for atrocities committed against millions of civilians during World War II, in particular, the Nazi Holocaust against European Jews. Temple has referred to Hitler’s Germany as a “cultural and economic revival” and a “fight to rid the world of atheistic Judaistic Communism.” Temple has also acknowledged his belief that “National Socialism is biblical.” Temple is also an adherent of the racist and anti-Semitic “theology” of Christian Identity. Christian Identity holds that Jews are Satanic and that people of color are inferior. Temple has written for the Identity tabloid *The Jubilee* and attended meetings held by Christian Identity leader, Pete Peters of LaPorte, Colorado and the neo-Nazi Church of Jesus Christ-Christian—Aryan Nations.

2. NEW REPORT ON RACISM AND NATIONALISM IN AMERICA: *Searchlight*, Britain’s premier anti-fascist journal, has published a special issue on the United States called, *From Compounds to Congress: White Nationalism in the USA*. The report features excellent articles about racism and free speech, the Promise Keepers and Christian nationalism, Pat Buchanan and his appeal to middle Americans, the anti-immigrant movement and many more. Contributors include Leonard Zeskind, Eric Ward, Loretta Ross, Rev. David Ostendorff, CHD’s Terre Rybovich and Robert Crawford, Carrie Fleider and others. This special issue is now available through CHD for \$7.00. Contact CHD at (360) 756-0914.

3. IDAHO EDITOR TO ASSIST LOCAL PATRIOT NEWSPAPERS: *Idaho Observer* editor, Don Harkins, will lead a new organization to provide technical support to new patriot newspapers. The Committee for Local Media, chaired by Harkins, is being backed by Paul Hall of the American Media Association. Hall is also the editor of the Christian Identity publication *The Jubilee* based out of Midpines, California. “The Establishment, or dominant media, has degenerated into the lapdog media,” says Harkins. Harkins is the editor for both the *Idaho Observer* and the *Oregon Observer*. The *Oregon Observer* has run advertisements for militia groups and supported anti-Semite Martin “Red” Beckman on his visit to Oregon in 1994.

4. NEO-NAZI VIOLENCE ON THE RISE IN SWEDEN: Complaints about violence and harassment by neo-Nazi groups in Sweden rose sharply last year, Sweden's security police, Sapo, reported. A Sapo study showed that police received 940 reports of crimes by white power nationalist parties, individuals or groups last year. This was twice as many as in 1997. Police spokeswoman Katja Karttunen said neo-Nazi violence was an increasing problem in Sweden. "Mostly it was reports about racist leaflets, posters and people wearing Nazi symbols on their clothes but there was also a number of assaults and threats," Karttunen reported. According to police, there are three main neo-Nazi groups in Sweden with an estimated 1,500 hard-core members and several thousand sympathizers. The biggest was the National Socialist Front, founded in 1994 and based in Karlskrona in southern Sweden. The other two were the Aryan Brotherhood, a prison group which only accepted members who had committed certain violent crimes, and the National Front, which was based in Smaland, also in southern Sweden. (Reuters, September 10)

5. COUNTY SECESSIONIST VOWS TO GO TO PRISON FOR FREEDOM: The State Attorney General has warned Thom Satterlee that he may have committed a felony when he threatened to place liens against the property of government officials who do not recognize Freedom County. Satterlee, of Arlington, Washington, claims that Freedom County seceded from northern Snohomish County in 1995. He and David Guadalupe claim that they collected 12,000 signatures to present to legislature in 1995 and were elected Freedom County representatives on the bus ride to Olympia. Many of the signatures were duplicates or from unregistered voters. Satterlee has vowed to go to jail in order to bring his case for Freedom County to court. "I am prepared to go to prison for the rest of my life to get this question answered," Satterlee said. "And I will surrender peaceably."

Satterlee was warned in 1997 for carrying "public wealth rebate notes" purportedly worth \$38 million that he tried to use to fund Freedom County. Satterlee was involved in the filing of liens against federal officials who were prosecuting members of the Washington State Militia on weapons charges. (*The Herald*, September 30)

6. ENTERPRISE, OREGON MAN CHARGED WITH BOMB-MAKING: Joshua Rynearson, 20 of Enterprise was arrested 15th and charged with unlawful paramilitary activity and bomb-making. Police suspect Rynearson of being a member of a local militia. (*Statesman Journal*, September 17)

7. WHITE ORDER OF THULE MOVES WEST COAST OFFICE: The White Order of Thule, a white power music and publishing company, has moved its offices across Washington state from Whidbey Island to the Spokane area. James Zorn, who operates the WOT and also runs Fenris Wolf Press, recently relocated.

8. ORGANIZATIONS OF COLOR CHALLENGE SALEM-KEIZER SCHOOLS: A coalition of community groups that have come together under the name Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality recently presented a list of seven demands to the local school board. The Coalition called for: a reduction in the number of suspensions of students of color; a greater effort to hire culturally diverse teachers; as well as assistance for teachers to become more culturally and linguistically competent. The Coalition asked the school board to respond to the demands in writing within the next 30 days. Salem-Keizer Interim Superintendent, Larry McMurray, said that the school board would report on what steps district officials would take to address the issues by early October. Members of the Coalition for Equality include the Oregon Farmworkers Union, PCUN, Mano y Mano, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, 100 Good People and other local organizations. (*Statesman Journal*, September 14 and 15)

9. EVERGREEN FREEDOM FOUNDATION OFFERED \$100,000 TO FIGHT UNION: On August 26, Judge Thomas McPhee of Thurston County Superior Court ruled against the Evergreen Freedom Foundation (EFF) saying it failed to prove its case that the 68,000 member Washington Education Association (WEA) should register as a political action committee. In his ruling, McPhee said the purpose of the WEA is "to enhance the economic and professional security of its members." The EFF was hoping that Judge McPhee would rule that the WEA was operating as a political action committee and make it more difficult for the union to raise dues. To continue its challenge to the union, the Olympia, Washington based EFF has been offered up to \$100,000 dollars by anonymous donor to help take its appeal to the Washington State Supreme Court. EFF has to raise another \$100,000 from its members to receive the full donation. (*Seattle Times*, August 27)

10. ANTI-IMMIGRATION LEADER MAY RUN FOR US SENATE: John Tanton, founder of the anti-immigrant group Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform (FAIR), has formed an exploratory committee in Michigan. Tanton may run as a Reform Party candidate hoping to win the seat currently held by Republican Senator Spencer Abraham.

11. TWO RACIST SKINHEADS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO MURDER: Keith James Pearce Jr., 21, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and Paul Minton, 23, of Philadelphia, were arrested Friday in New York City and are expected to waive extradition on charges of first-degree murder in the death of Yohann Lee. All three men were reported to be Neo-Nazi skinheads. Lee went by the name Adolf Metzger. Police reports indicate that the three men were socializing the evening that Lee was found murdered. The prosecutor in the case suspected that Pearce and Minton used a miniature steel sledgehammer to pummel Lee's head after the victim spoke of cannibalism and sleeping with dead women. (Reuters, September 9, Associate Press, September 29)

12. CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP RESPONDS TO FORT WORTH SHOOTING: Conservative Christian leaders from Jerry Falwell to Pat Robertson, James Dobson and D. James Kennedy, uniformly decried what they called a double standard with regards to Christian victims of violence. "The recent shooting at a Granada Hills Jewish community center and last year's murders of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming and James Byrd Jr. in Texas were quickly—and rightly—labeled as hate crimes against Jews, gays and blacks, respectively," the leaders said. But no such declaration has been made, they pointed out, in the case of Wedgwood Baptist Church, where the alleged shooter Larry Ashbrook reportedly screamed anti-Christian expletives as he killed seven churchgoers. "It would seem that killing Christians is on a far lower level of seriousness than anyone else being killed," said Kennedy, pastor of the 10,000-member Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida. "Is that where we've come to as a Christian nation?" (*LA Times*, September 17 and 18)

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