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NORTHWEST UPDATE

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1. DAVID IRVING BRINGS REVISIONIST MESSAGE TO THE NORTHWEST: British Holocaust denier David Irving recently brought his benign historical interpretation of Adolf Hitler to Ellensburg, Washington (May 4), Seattle, Washington (May 5) and Portland, Oregon (May 6).

"I am the most hated historian in Britian," claimed Irving as he opened his speech at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Irving was sponsored by the group Pepper, Inc., a student organization based in the Philosophy Department. Pepper Inc. has risen to the defense of the Euro-American Student Union and its leaders at CWU, David Stennett and Justin Cowgill, after the ESU was denied official standing as a student club.

2. SUSPECTS CHARGED IN SPOKANE CROSS BURNINGS: Three juveniles were charged with burning crosses at an interracial family's home in Spokane. The three burned the crosses to protest interracial relationships, according to police. One of the boys, Lonnie "Joe" Goolie 15, was placed in juvenile detention by the court because he was deemed to be a threat to the community. Goolie has a swastika carved in his arm and claims to be a member of the Aryan Nations in nearby Hayden Lake, Idaho. He is charged with malicious harassment, which is a felony. There have been four cross burnings in Spokane since late February of this year. Two at the home of an interracial couple, another outside of a African American church, and one outside the home of a 58 year-old white man. The three youths have only been charged in the cross burnings at the interracial family's home. Police are still searching for evidence that may link the youths to the two other cross burnings. A police search of the boys bedrooms turned up a wooden bat with "White Pride Worldwide" inscribed on it. Police assert that it was to be used as a "weapon against minorities." (*Spokesman Review*, April 14, 15, 23 and May 8)

3. OREGON SHERIFF CONTINUES TO LEAN ON MILITIA MEMBERS: Jackson County Sheriff Bob Kennedy is continuing his efforts to stop harassment by freemen and militia members. Kennedy said a group called Freedom Bound is responsible for much of the harassment he and his department have received including threats and liens against homes of county employees. Kennedy is trying to bring in another US Assistant Attorney and more FBI agents into the area. (*Rogue River Press*, March 31)

4. IDAHO JUDGE ORDERS CONSTITUTIONALISTS TO PAY FEES: Federal District Judge B. Lynn Winmill ordered four southeast Idaho residents to pay attorney fees after they filed a bogus lawsuit claiming unspecified constitutional rights were violated by state officials. Cornelius Butler, Jr. of Franklin County; Koreen Morgan of Madison County; Elmer Stecklein of Bingham County and Zane Cunningham of Clearwater County were each ordered to pay \$2,640 in attorney fees by May 3. Attorney General Al Lance said of the four "these constitutionalists, these whackies, these right winger" have received a clear message from the court about filing frivolous lawsuits. The four individuals initially filed their lawsuit in May 1998, and charged that the attorney general and county prosecutors went after people who should not have been prosecuted. Their lawsuit failed to name the victims of the alleged prosecution. (*Idaho State Journal*, April 11)

5. SOUTHERN OREGON SCHOOLS TAGGED WITH SWASTIKAS: Sutherlin Middle School and West Sutherlin Intermediate School were burglarized and vandalized. Police charged Mark Randall Wellman, 16, of Sutherlin,

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Oregon with the crime. Wellman and two others stole school property and painted swastikas and "route 666" on school walls. (*Roseburg News-Review*, April 19)

6. LON MABON SPEAKS TO FEDERAL AGENCY: Oregon Citizen Alliance founder, Lon Mabon, was invited to speak on April 20 at the Bonneville Power Administration. About 40 members of Christian Values Resource Group and their guests listened to Mabon speak on the need for Christians to get involved in their communities. Civil rights and Jewish organizations voiced concern over Mabon's appearance knowing the OCA's history of accepting money from Christian Patriot organizations and its attempt to label lesbians and gays as "abnormal and perverse". A spokesperson for the Bonneville Power Administration said that the federal agency has about 10 different employee organizations at its facility besides the Christian Values Resource Group; others represent women, Native Americans, and lesbians, gays, and bisexuals. (*Oregonian*, April 21)

7. SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FORM CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOLLOWING STUDENT PROTESTS: In the wake of student and community protests over police harassment and targeting of people of color in Salem, Oregon, the Salem Police Department has formed an Advisory Committee on minority relations. Creation of the Advisory Committee is the first of five goals recommended by the community to the police. Others include hiring more officers of color, and improving community grievance processes. (*Statesman Journal*, April 21)

8. CANADIAN JAILED FOR THREATS TO KILL US OFFICIALS: Carl Edward Johnson 49, of Bienfait, Saskatchewan was convicted of suggesting that specific sums of money would be paid for the murder of a federal magistrate in Tacoma along with Treasury agents involved in the investigation of James Dalton Bell. Bell, who wrote *Assassination Politics*, which promoted a scheme to murder IRS agents, is friends with Johnson. Both men are now locked up in the same federal detention facility in SeaTac, Washington. (*The Columbian*, April 23)

9. BIAS CRIMES RISE IN OREGON FOR 1998: Bias crimes in the state of Oregon increased by 3.6 percent in 1998 compared to incidents from the previous year. The report published by the Oregon State Police documented a total of 115 crimes in 1998. The greatest number of reported crimes were Intimidation (41); Vandalism (30); Simple Assault (22); and Aggravated Assault (17). The two leading motivations for the crimes were race prejudice and prejudice based on sexual orientation. For copies of the report contact the Law Enforcement Data System, Salem, Oregon, (503) 378-3057.

10. ANTI-IMMIGRANT BLITZ ON CONGRESS: The Federation for American Immigration Reform is calling on people in key Congressional Districts to lobby their representative to co-sponsor H. R 41 (The Mass Immigration Reduction Act of 1999) introduced by Bob Stump of Arizona. The Act will cut immigration to less than one-third of its current level. The bill currently has 49 sponsors and has been referred to committee.

11. TIRED OF RISING TAXES? BLAME THE HOLOCAUST: Right-wing magazine, *Media Bypass* features an article in its April edition titled "The Holocaust: History or Dogma?". Written by Holocaust denier Ingrid Rimland, the article takes aim at US Government aid to Israel. Rimland claims that the only reason why the US gave the Israelis \$5.5 billion per year is because of "guilt." "The 'Holocaust' must be investigated as thoroughly and independently as Ken Starr's office investigated the allegations against President Clinton," states Rimland. She urges readers to call their "Senator and Congressman (sic)" and request an Independent Council to investigate the Holocaust. Ingrid Rimland is the webmaster for "Zundelsite," a web site for Canadian Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel. Rimland is also an author and columnist who writes widely on Holocaust denial and hopes to "exonerate the Germans in the public mind of many atrocities and crimes they have been accused of but did not commit..." during WWII.

12. DAVID DUKE LOSES BID FOR CONGRESS: David Duke, former Ku Klux Klan leader and author of "*My Awakening*," a book which calls for "Aryan revolution" failed in his bid for Congress. Running as a Republican, Duke fell 4,000 votes short of the two front runners, former Louisiana Governor Dave Treen and state representative Dave Vitter. Duke finished with 27,967 votes, 19 percent of the votes cast.

13. COUNTY SECESSIONISTS LOSE THEIR BID FOR FREEDOM: County secessionists in Washington State were dealt another setback when their latest attempt to create a new county was thwarted by the State Court of Appeals. The Court upheld a verdict by Snohomish Superior Court Judge Ronald Castleberry in November 1997. At that time Castleberry ruled that Freedom County, which its backers claim was carved out of northern Snohomish county, did not exist. Snohomish County lies north of Seattle and has seen a dramatic influx of people and construction over the past 10 years. Property rights activists and other anti-government activists have been attempting to set up new counties in Washington state for the past decade to avoid taxes, environmental protections and create new extremist governments.

Thom Satterlee and David Guadalupe who filed the lawsuit claimed that Freedom County was created in 1995 when they presented 12,000 signatures to the Legislature calling for the creation of the new county. Satterlee and Guadalupe were elected as Freedom County's commissioners on a bus ride to Olympia. Judge Castleberry in his verdict argued that it is up to the State Legislature to create new counties. (*The Herald*, Everett, WA, April 22)

14. LE PEN WINS IN FRENCH NATIONAL FRONT FEUD: The symbol and name of the far right National Front party belong to Jean-Marie Le Pen a French court ruled on May 11. Le Pen, the long time standard bearer of fascist politics in France, was challenged by rivals within the National Front led by Bruno Magret who deposed Le Pen in December of last year. From the court's ruling Le Pen also gets to keep the party headquarters in Paris, membership lists and the \$7 million in party assets.

While Le Pen wins the internal feud, the far right National Front is losing in popularity. At its zenith the National Front could count on 15 percent of the vote, polls show now the party is receiving well below 10 percent in the days leading to next month's European elections. (British Broadcasting Company, May 11)

15. NORMA MCCORVEY TO SPEAK AT PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: Norma McCorvey, formerly known as Jane Roe in the landmark Roe v. Wade case, is scheduled to speak a fundraiser for the Pro-Life Society in Vancouver, BC on May 10. McCorvey who began speaking out against abortion over a year ago was also a speaker at the 1998 Jubilation '98 sponsored by the white supremacist newspaper, *The Jubilee*.

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