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33. NEW NWCHD REPORT RECEIVES NATIONAL ATTENTION: The Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity is proud to announce the release of its latest report, *Hate By State*. This 16-page report focuses on groups that are part of the white supremacy movement in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain states. It has received coverage from *USA Today*, *The Boston Globe*, Associated Press, and National Public Radio. The report features a review of the past year's hate activity, a glimpse of the battles ahead, as well as a regional locator map of groups. It also includes articles on the World Church of the Creator, anti-Indian and anti-immigrant movements, and profiles of some of our key task force activists that are fighting bigotry across the region. *Hate by State* can be obtained from NWCHD at P.O. Box 21428, Seattle, WA 98111-3428—a \$5.00 suggested donation is requested.

34. NWCHD CALLS FOR RALLY AGAINST PETE PETERS IN PORTLAND: Christian Identity pastor Pete J. Peters of LaPorte, Colorado brought his message of anti-Semitism, homophobia and racism to Portland, Oregon on February 26th. Over 80 protesters from the faith community, the lesbian and gay community and others were there to counter Peters as he spoke at the Courtyard Hotel at the Portland Airport. It is estimated that Peters had 80 people in attendance for his 7 hours of lectures and sermons. Ken Anderson of Evans, Washington and Kenny Anderson of Medford, Oregon lectured alongside Peters. Peters claims that he was in Tacoma, Washington to perform a wedding and decided to stop in Portland for a lecture.

35. SOVEREIGN CITIZENS WORRY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are worried about the rise of "several extreme anti-government groups" in Western Canada. These groups – inspired by U.S. radicals – dispute the state's authority to levy taxes and license drivers. An RCMP intelligence brief warns that "increasing militancy" by groups that oppose taxes and other government measures has led to a pattern of criminal harassment of police officers, judges and bureaucrats. The RCMP says radical anti-government activity in the western provinces appears to be influenced by the U.S. Sovereign Citizen movement, individuals who deny the legal authority of government. (*Southam News*, March 1)

36. WORLD CHURCH OF THE CREATOR LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED IN CORVALLIS: Several homes and apartments in Corvallis, Oregon were littered with WCOTC racist fliers during the past week. According to police, "the investigation is not for the content of the literature; the investigation is for the manner in which it is being put into the community," said Lt. Patrick Mollahan. WCOTC had warned it would do this in commemoration of its founder Ben Klassen, whose birthday is February 20th (see the January 15th *Northwest Update* for more information). The Corvallis Police Department is urging anyone with information, to call Officer Debbie Lampsky at 541-766-6729, ext. 0860. (*Corvallis Gazette-Times*, Feb. 24th)

37. NEO-NAZI SKINHEAD CHARGED WITH MURDER OF ANTI-RACIST SKINHEAD: Neo-Nazi Michael Stehle, 26, was recently charged with murdering anti-racist skinhead Brain Hartzell in Pittsburgh. Stehle writes music reviews for *Resistance Magazine*, the premier racist music publication in North America. Resistance is owned by William Pierce of the National Alliance, one of the leading neo-Nazi organizations in the US. Stehle, 26, is a recruiter for the National Alliance in Pennsylvania. The incident occurred at Stehle's residence, where he lives with Joseph Foley,

28, and Robert Reichel, 27. (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, February 10th)

38. NEO-NAZI PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT: On February 14th, Jesse T. Brown, a known neo-Nazi-skinhead from Eugene, Oregon, plead guilty to assault IV, a misdemeanor. The charges stem from an incident dating back to August 16, 1998, involving Brown and an unknown accomplice. A sentencing date has yet to be determined. In addition to the above charges, Brown, and Dwight Richard Aeschlman, another known Eugene neo-Nazi, are facing criminal trespass charges for allegedly occupying a city facility. When officers arrived, they found "white pride" and "nazi pride" scrawled on the walls.

39. EUGENE CITY COUNCIL PLEDGES \$10,000 TO FIGHT RACIST GROUPS: The Eugene, Oregon City Council earmarked \$10,000 toward a citywide campaign to counter anti-Semitic and racist activity. The allotment of funds comes after council members agreed to sit down with community members, the Chief of Police, the Human Rights Commission, the Mayor, and the District Attorney to collaboratively design a year-long strategy to combat hate groups and their activities. "It's sad we have to deal with it, but it's clear it's a growing problem in the Northwest," Councilor David Kelly said. "I'm glad we're not in a denial mode," Councilor Gary Pape said. (*Register Guard*, January 25th).

40. AMERICAN RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2000: Jared Taylor's American Renaissance announced their upcoming conference which is being held in Reston, Virginia (near Washington, D.C.). Among their "noted" speakers are: Bruno Gollnisch of the Nationalist Movement in France; Samuel L Francis, author of "Race and the American Right"; and Gordon Baum, CEO of the Council of Conservative Citizens.

41. FERNDALE & BELLINGHAM RESPOND TO RACIST THREATS: In Bellingham, Washington about 120 residents gathered for a march against race-based threats that were made against students of color in Ferndale schools. In Ferndale, volunteers posted "Joining Hands Against Hate" stickers in area businesses. City and school officials plan to distribute a petition that would allow citizens to voice their support for diversity. Additionally, a citywide diversity celebration will be held in March. A reward of more than \$1500 has been offered for information leading to the arrest of those responsible. Anyone with information can call Ferndale police at 384-3390, or make donations in care of Linda Knutson, P.O. Box 936, Ferndale, WA 98248.

42. BRAZILIAN ULTRA-NATIONALIST SKINHEADS MURDER GAY MAN: In a city that boasts itself as diverse, and one of the most gay-friendly cities in Latin America, Sao Paulo Brazil is home to a recent brutal slaying of a gay man. Edson da Silva was attacked with chains and brass knuckles as he crossed the street in the city center. Police arrested 18 racist skinheads, and have charged them in connection with the death. There are still another dozen suspects at large. (*Reuters*, February 7th)

43. GUN WIELDING MAN AIMS GUN AT TEEN WHILE SHOUTING RACIAL SLURS: Jeffrey Allen Cadwallader, 19, of Salem, threatened a black teen with racist remarks and a gun at a Salem, Oregon mall. Caldwallader was charged with racial intimidation and unlawful use of a firearm. Also arrested were a 15-year-old transient, and Timothy Guinn Jr., 18, who was charged with unlawful possession of a gun. (*Statesman Journal*, February 10th)

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