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121. NEW NWCHD REPORT FOCUSES ON THE ANTI-INDIAN MOVEMENT: The Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity is proud to announce the release of its latest *Dignity Report* [Spring 2000]. This 27-page report focuses on the current anti-Indian movement, and profiles some of the key organizations that are crusading an attack on treaty rights and tribal sovereignty. A brief history of sovereignty is included. The report also features a look at a newly formed right-wing newspaper network, entitled the American Media Association, headed up by Paul Hall, Jr., of *The Jubilee*, and Willis Carto, of the *Spotlight*. The *Dignity Report* can be obtained from NWCHD at P.O. Box 21428, Seattle, WA 98111-3428.

122. NWCHD SPEAKS TO BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT: NWCHD Board member, Skip Kuck, discussed hate crimes and community solutions to violence at a meeting of the organization Blacks in Government in Spokane, Wash. About 400 government workers from Washington, Idaho, Alaska and Oregon attended the conference on June 1st.

123. PAT BUCHANAN COURTS DR. LAURA: Reform Party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan has drawn up a list of six possible running mates, including radio talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger. Also on the list are GOP presidential hopeful Alan Keyes, radio talk show host Oliver North and John Silber, former president of Boston University. Schlessinger has sparked controversy by calling homosexuality "deviant" and single mothers "immoral." (*USA Today*, June 12)

124. WORLD CHURCH OF THE CREATOR "MINISTER" CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT: Racist and anti-Semite Rudy Stanko, 53, of Billings, Montana, a self-described "minister" in the World Church of The Creator, was arrested and charged for allegedly handcuffing a woman to a staircase in his residence, and refusing to release her. Stanko claims he shackled her because he wanted to revoke her bond and she wasn't cooperating. Law enforcement officials contacted the bail bondsman, who said that he did not authorize Stanko to detain the victim. Stanko asked for a jury trial, and said he will represent himself. (*The Billings Gazette*, June 6th)

125. HIPPIES, NAZIS, AND BIKERS ALL HEADING TO MONTANA: In the upcoming summer months, Montana will be host to The Hells Angels "USA 2000 National Run" in July in Missoula, The Rainbow Family's annual "Gathering of the Tribes 2000" somewhere in a national forest, and the World Church of the Creator's "summer retreat," sometime around Labor Day. The Rainbow Family, according to their website, identify themselves "as the largest non-organization of non-members in the world." "We are sisters and brothers, children of humankind, friends of nature and all people, families of life on Earth, recognizing the living spirit of light." In contrast, WCOTC, the white supremacy organization led by Matt Hale, are expected to meet near Superior to burn a wooden swastika. As for the Hells Angels, Richard "Smilin' Rick" Fabel, said his members will simply be fishing, hiking, shopping and meeting old friends.

126. HATE LITERATURE CIRCULATING AROUND BOISE, IDAHO: Racist and anti-Semitic flyers reached the homes of several residents in Boise on June 4th. The literature carried the name of the "National Alliance"

a neo-Nazi organization, whose leader is William Pierce, a former chief of ideology for George Lincoln Rockwell's old American Nazi Party. Pierce is best known for writing *The Turner Diaries*, a book that fictionalized and discussed robberies, bombings, and assassinations of black and Jewish leaders. Additionally, police spokesman Lt. Jim Tibbs said an 8-foot-wide banner draped on an overpass over Interstate-184 appeared linked to the National Alliance. The banner said, "Keep Boise White." (*The Idaho Statesman*, June 6th)

127. OREGON CITIZENS ALLIANCE GETS ENOUGH SIGNATURES FOR ANTI-GAY INITIATIVE:

Lon Mabon declared that his organization, the OCA (Oregon Citizens Alliance), with assistance from the Oregon Christian Coalition, has already gathered the 67,000 signatures needed to qualify the anti-gay measure for the November ballot. They are using the next 30 days to gather another 20,000 signatures to guarantee qualification of their measure by the July 7th deadline. According to Bigot Busters organizer Jennifer Laverdure, the so-called "Student Protection Act" is a "green light to gay bash." She also argues that the initiative would violate free speech rights and censor library and curriculum materials. Oregon Bigot Busters will canvass local communities to conduct voter education and oppose the OCA. (*Skanner*, May 27th)

128. KAMIAH SCHOOL BOARD DEFENDS IT MEMBERSHIP IN ANTI-INDIAN MOVEMENT:

Kamiah School Board of Trustees—Merry Leach, Frank McIntire, Kim Berdar, Jean Nelson and Polly Hagen, defended their membership in the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance (NCIJA) in a recent public letter. The NCIJA, which is comprised of local governmental entities and is a leader in the movement to weaken or overthrow Indian treaty rights, has specifically focused on negating Nez Perce tribal government (please refer to *The Dignity Report*, Volume 7, Issue 1, Spring 2000). The School Board has come under fire by members of the Kamiah Indian Education Parents Committee, which held a May 15th march and protest, to oppose the school board's membership in the NCIJA. The parents group was demanding the school board withdraw from the NCIJA, particularly in light of a NCIJA document that states "...bloodshed is inevitable," between the Nez Perce tribe and non-tribal members. The school board stated that it does not agree with some of the phrasing in the NCIJA document in question, but "will remain a member of the Alliance." The school board also stated "we are not going to get drawn into a public argument about any issue. We were elected to represent all patrons of the school district." (*Clearwater Progress*, May 27th)

129. NEO-NAZIS GET ADVICE ON HUNTING "ARYAN ENEMIES" AND POLICE:

Neo-Nazi Alex Curtis has published advice to fellow racists in a recent e-mail broadcast on assassinations. "Our worst enemies are government/ law enforcement agents and giving their home address or phone numbers to another person is an illegal act. Thankfully, Pac Bell has taken care of that problem in San Diego County as 100,000s of the new phone books mistakenly printed personal info on many pigs. I know how some piggies can go out of their way to disrupt the lives of people of all races. Perhaps we can expect some deserved retribution killings. At very least certain swine and their families will get to feel some of the hell they give to the people Jews and the corrupt rich point to as "criminals." Curtis goes on to discuss forming a website based outside the USA where neo-Nazis "can research the personal lives of the opposition," to help facilitate hunting them down.

130. 400 SEATTLE PROTESTER DEMAND PLUG BE PULLED ON DR. LAURA SCHLESSINGER:

Radio talk show host, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, who characterizes gays and lesbians as a "biological faux pas," "aberrant," "disorder," and "dysfunctional," and has dubbed homosexual practices "deviant," came under fire from more than 400 protesters who assembled outside KING Broadcasting in Seattle, Washington. They were demanding station manager, Glenn Wright, pull the plug on plans to air Schlessinger's television show this fall. A group called "Stop Dr. Laura" are leading the charge to cancel the show. Among those opposing Schlessinger are: The Anti-Defamation League; United Airlines said it would not advertise; American Express; AT&T; Xerox; and Toys "R" US have all withdrawn their support. Proctor & Gamble, Schlessinger's largest advertiser, have also pulled their support. Fred Phelps, the guy who brought "God Hates Fags" signs to the funeral of Matthew Shepard, announced he would be boycotting Proctor & Gamble, and called their logo "an everlasting symbol of sodomite shame," and referred to them as "those pimps and enablers for perverts and fags." (*Seattle Weekly*, June 8th)

131. COEUR d'ALENE TAXPAYERS STRAPPED WITH ARYAN NATIONS LEGAL EXPENSES: A federal judge has ordered the City of Coeur d'Alene to pay roughly \$6,000 in attorneys fees to the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho. Last year the ACLU argued on behalf of Aryan Nations who applied for a permit to parade downtown. The city tried to move the neo-Nazi parade to Ramsey Road, near the old city dump, in order to avoid the controversial and disruptive event. Aryan Nations sued, charging their First Amendment rights were being violated. Regarding the judge's decision Mayor Steve Judy said, "We are planning to pay it and not appeal it. I'm disappointed we lost. But at least we tried." (*Spokesman Review*, May 16th)

132. SECOND ARYAN NATIONS MEMBER SENTENCED FOR IDAHO SHOOTING: John S. Yeager, one of two neo-Nazis charged with the 1998 chasing and shooting at a woman and her son outside the Aryan Nations compound was sentenced to 30 months in prison. During the trial, Yeager blamed the assault on former Aryan Nations security chief Edward "Jessie" Warfield. Warfield, 45, who blamed Yeager for the incident, was convicted of aggravated assault, and sentenced to five years in prison. The victims have filed a lawsuit against Richard Butler, and the Aryan Nations. The trial is scheduled for late August.

133. MAN CHARGED WITH HATE CRIMES IN IDAHO FAILS TO APPEAR FOR HEARING: Police have issued a felony warrant for a Post Falls man accused of a hate crime. Mark E. Johnston, 22, is wanted on a \$5,000 warrant for a charge of felony malicious harassment. Johnston is accused of threatening to kill the alleged victim because he was Hispanic. The alleged victim reported that Johnston whispered an ethnic slur and said, "I kill (people) like you." Apparently, while at a sports bar in Post Falls, Johnston picked a fight with the victim, and told the victim's white friends they should visit the Aryan Nations. Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler said he wasn't familiar with the suspect. (*Kootenai Co. Press*, May 23rd)

134. BAINBRIDGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS FAIL TO REPORT HATE CRIME: Parents and police are frustrated that Bainbridge High School officials chose to paint over a racist threat and anti-Semitic graffiti, instead of reporting it to police as a hate crime. The graffiti was scrawled on a wall between the high school and the Commodore Center gym. This is one of several crimes that have allegedly occurred at the school, where administrators failed to report, including an alleged armed robbery. (*The Sun*, May 26th)

135. ARGENTINA APOLOGIZES FOR HARBORING NAZIS: Fulfilling a promise he made last month, President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina said Monday a main focus of his U.S. visit will be to seek forgiveness for his country's role in providing sanctuary to Nazis following World War II. He said in an interview an apology is appropriate because "common Nazi criminals had found refuge in Argentina, and some Jews were not given all the necessary facilities to emigrate to our country." Jewish organizations welcomed de la Rúa's remarks but said they wanted to see him take action to apprehend those who have committed crimes against Jews and are still at large. Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said: "it is really important to see when and if the Argentine government can bring to justice those who perpetrated the bombing of the Jewish community center and embassy. There still is no closure on that." A 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires killed 29 people. Two years later, an attack on a Jewish community center in the Argentine capital claimed the lives of 86 people. (Associated Press, June 12, 2000)

DUE TO STAFF TRAVEL, THE NEXT *NORTHWEST UPDATE* WILL BE PUBLISHED ON JULY 15.

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