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136. WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICANS CALL TO END TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: Delegates at the Washington State GOP convention adopted a resolution to their party platform which would end tribal governments. John Fleming, the sponsor of the measure, said that if tribes fought against the effort, "then the US Army and the Air Force and the Marines and the National Guard are going to have to battle back." Out of 250 delegates at the Washington state Republican convention, only two delegates voted to oppose it. Tribal leaders have called the GOP resolution outrageous and an affront to their rights under treaties signed by Congress. Many human rights groups have allied with the tribes calling on the Republicans to revoke the resolution and to pledge to uphold and honor treaties. (*Spokesman-Review*, July 3, 2000)

137. RIGHT-WING MUSIC FESTIVAL BOASTS OF EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT: A concert featuring far-right musicians scheduled for July 14th and 15th apparently has the support of the European Union. The Arcana Europa music festival in the town of Tarazon, Spain will feature a number of leading performers of the European right-wing extremist music scene. According to the websites of the organizers "Los Cantos de Maldoror" (www.seduced.to/arcana-europa) the festival is supported by the European Union and regional Spanish governmental departments.

Tony Wakeford from the British band Sol Invictus, main gig of the festival, has been closely linked to the network of the extreme Right in Britain by *Searchlight Magazine*. *Searchlight* reports that Wakeford has been a member of a fascist cultural group called IONA, which has financed events with the extreme right magazine *Scorpion*. The Austrian musician Kadmon (aka Gerhard Petak) from the band Allerseelen, another performer at the festival, has been publishing in a number of magazines of the extreme Right in Germany. Sangre Cavallum, who will also perform, became popular in the scene in 1998 when they performed as the opening act for the Portland, Oregon band, Blood Axis, led by self proclaimed neo-fascist Michael Moynihan.

138. JACK METCALF LED CHARGE IN 1983 TO END TREATIES: In 1983, then Washington State Senator, Jack Metcalf, sponsored a Senate Joint Memorial that said there "is no longer a constitutional basis for maintaining the treaty relationship with our American Indian citizens..." The Memorial went on to urge Congress to "enact appropriate legislation that will abrogate all existing treaties which permit such special privileges and return control of fisheries to the State..." For more information on Jack Metcalf's leadership in the anti-Indian movement please see *The Dignity Report*, Winter 1998.

139. ARYAN NATIONS PLANS WORLD CONGRESS FOR JULY 14TH: The Aryan World Congress is scheduled for the weekend of July 14th at the Aryan Nations compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Some white supremacists leaders have refused to participate in the meeting. Alex Curtis, who runs the internet publication, the *Nationalist Observer*, declined to join other racists at the meeting citing possible infiltration by police. Curtis prefers the "lone wolf" approach where individual racists acting in small groups or by themselves attack Jews, gays, or people of color. Racist "lone wolves" attacks are those committed by people like Buford Furrow, who attacked a Jewish center in Los Angeles, or Richard Baumhammers who killed five in suburban Pennsylvania last April.

Christian Identity figure, Vincent Bertollini of Sandpoint, Idaho announced that he and possibly KKK leader Louis Beam will speak at the meeting.

140. RACIAL TAUNTING LEADS TO DEATH ON JULY 4TH: Minh Duc Hong, 26, of Bellevue, Washington is charged with stabbing Chris Kinison of Ocean Shores, Washington after Kinison and 9 other white men confronted Hong and two other Asian-American men at a convenience store. Kinison, reportedly approached the Asian-American men yelling “white power” and racial epithets while taunting them with a Confederate flag. Eyewitnesses outside of the group reported that Kinison challenged Minh Hong and his brother Hung Hong to a fight yelling, “I can take you both.” Prosecutors allege that Minh Hong stabbed Kinison 22 times, which Hong’s defense attorney’s is calling self-defense. Kinison’s friends said that he was “looking for a fight that night” and police records indicate he had a history of fighting. (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, July 12, 2000)

141. MATT HALE CONTRADICTS HIMSELF AT TRIAL: The World Church of the Creator (WCOTC) is being sued by the families of victims killed by a member of the Church. Ben Smith, who had been given the WCOTC’s highest award, went on a killing spree in July of 1999 targeting Asians, Jews, African-Americans and Latinos. In a 1999 interview Hale claimed that Smith’s killing spree was morally right. Now he seems to have altered his view. “Certainly the whole complaint against us is ridiculous,” Hale said after the recent hearing. “You can’t hold a church or a religion responsible for the acts of its members.” Washington state WCOTC leader, Melody LaRue, has urged her members to pick up where Smith left off, in order to win the “Racial Holy War.” For WCOTC members “Racial Holy War” or RaHoWa can be used to describe the murders committed by Smith last year. (Associated Press, July 6, 2000)

142. IDAHO OBSERVER BOLSTERS RELATIONS WITH RACIST TABLOID: The northern Idaho monthly tabloid, the *Idaho Observer* is building its relationship with the Christian Identity paper *The Jubilee*. Ever since *Idaho Observer* editor Don Harkins and *Jubilee* editor, Paul Hall, Jr. began working together on the American Media Association the two papers have begun to share advertisements, articles and interviews between their publications. While running advertisements for *The Jubilee* and quoting Paul Hall, Jr. in its pages, the *Idaho Observer* fails to acknowledge Hall’s racism, or regular columns in *The Jubilee* that have advocated the death penalty for homosexuals. (For more information on The American Media Association or Paul Hall, Jr., see *The Dignity Report*, Spring 2000)

143. THREAT OF RACIAL SHOOTING CLOSES WASHINGTON SCHOOL: Puyallup High School was closed temporarily on June 8th after the school heard from an anonymous caller who threatened to drive by the school at noon and shoot African-American students. No shots were fired and police reported no suspicious activity. Puyallup High School has been the scene of racial harassment and the community has been targeted by the racist World Church of the Creator in its recent recruiting drive. (*The News Tribune*, June 9, 2000)

144. SENATE PASSES NEW HATE CRIMES BILL: Voting 57 to 42 the US Senate strengthened federal hate crimes law and added sexual orientation as well as disability to its list of protections. The bill allows the FBI and other federal agencies to assist local police in investigating hate crimes. (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 21, 2000)

145. MAN WHO SAWED DOWN KKK HIGHWAY SIGN IS FINED: Christopher Bellers, of Clayton, Missouri was recently fined \$100 for sawing down a sign designating a stretch of Missouri highway as adopted by the Ku Klux Klan. “I was angry over what the sign represented,” Bellers, 22, told a jury. “I was angry I was going to have to look at it every day. I was angry the Klan was being represented in the cleanup program. I believe I did the right thing.” (Associated Press June 28, 2000)

146. PUBLIC BROADCASTING SPECIAL ON CHURCH OF THE CREATOR: Public television will be airing a documentary about the World Church of the Creator. Matt Hale, the racist leader of the World Church of the Creator told his followers that the documentary, “Invisible Revolution” covers “the Church extensively (and) will be airing in Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio on July 18 on PBS.”

147. TWO TEENS SENTENCED FOR GERMAN SYNAGOGUE ATTACK: Two teen-agers who threw Molotov cocktails at a synagogue in eastern Germany on Hitler's birthday were convicted Thursday and sentenced to prison. Andreas John, 18, drew a three-year term and Carsten Haag, 17, received two years and three months for an attack that provoked outrage across Germany. They had confessed to throwing beer bottles filled with oil at the building in Erfurt, capital of Thuringia state, on the night of April 20, saying they wanted to show "Nazism is still alive." At the start of the trial on Tuesday, both had expressed regret and told the court they were no longer neo-Nazis. (Associated Press, July 13, 2000)

148. NAAWP LAUNCHES OPERATION APPALACHIAN: The National Association for the Advancement of White People is moving its message with a new twist. The NAAWP has vowed to fight what it considers Jewish control of the US Government, to stop all immigration, to protect the "white Christian majority" and oppose inter-racial marriage. Operation Appalachian is the NAAWP's outreach strategy to deliver a racist message with a helping hand. The stated goal of Operation Appalachian is to: "help the children, one community at a time, to receive a better chance of receiving a good education than what is currently being provided. It is also our goal to help these parents by providing them with the necessary help to enhance their lives, and give them a "helping hand", and not a "hand out!"

149. RACIST INFIGHTING HITS THE WEB: Lisa Turner of the World Church of the Creator recently published a scathing letter aimed at Richard Barrett of the Nationalist Movement. The letter was published after Barrett's comment on WCOTC leader Matt Hale. "We of the WCOTC have watched Barrett's poisonous behavior and know full well what his problem is (among others). He was afraid that if Reverend Hale prevailed in this battle, that he, as a young, dynamic, up and coming, charismatic winner would steal Barrett's thunder in the courtroom, and show him for what he really is - an aging loser with a highly questionable "lifestyle" Barrett can play the "nationalist" game for the edification of his jew masters. We will not. The WCOTC is also not a "boy's club" composed of "men only" but a TRUE social movement, composed of men AND women."

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Resolution of the NWCHD on Tribal Sovereignty and Treaty Rights

The Mission Statement of the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity holds us accountable as an organization to “end malicious harassment and violence by countering individual and organized bigotry and anti-democratic movements.” NWCHD is called to reaffirm its long-standing commitment to the elimination of attacks against tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

We reaffirm unequivocally NWCHD’s responsibility to work towards the fundamental recognition of the sovereign status of Indian Nations in the United States and to advocate and endorse the fulfillment of Indian tribal treaty obligations and the trust responsibilities of the federal government. NWCHD supports tribal government responsibilities to preserve human rights and prevent bias crimes on tribal territories.

NWCHD has expressed its opposition to all forms of attacks on tribal sovereignty in the past. Nevertheless, attacks on tribal sovereignty still exist in the United States, crystallized within a mainstream configuration of organized bigotry. The present-day attacks on tribal sovereignty, as in the past, are rooted within the philosophy of white supremacy and must be opposed.

Therefore, be it resolved that the NWCHD, with respect to the memories of Lawrence Arripa and Henry Sijohn and in solidarity with domestic sovereign nations:

- A. Call upon organizations, associate members, and supporters of NWCHD to:
 1. develop relationships with tribal governments;
 2. educate communities to the insidious nature of present-day attacks on tribal sovereignty through public forums, study groups, and workshops for youth and adults, religious institutions, labor, public officials and civic organizations;
 3. assist in developing programs to support tribal governments, particularly in rural areas where social institutions that mediate conflict are weak and anti-Indian activity is prevalent;
 4. support coalitions, individuals, and organizations that oppose attacks on tribal authority, treaties, and agreements;
 5. oppose the involvement of elected officials and appointed public officials in attacks on tribal authorities, treaties and agreements.

- B. Calls upon federal, state and local governmental agencies to:
 1. advocate and implement the full meaning of the principle of self-determination in its social as well as its economic and political dimensions (consistent with US commitments under the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Helsinki Act) for Indian Nations and increased federal, state, and local government respect for tribal sovereignty;
 2. collaborate with tribal governments in resolving intergovernmental disputes.

NWCHD calls upon all of its member organizations, associate members, and supporters to engage in actions of peace and justice that will bring these aims into full reality.

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