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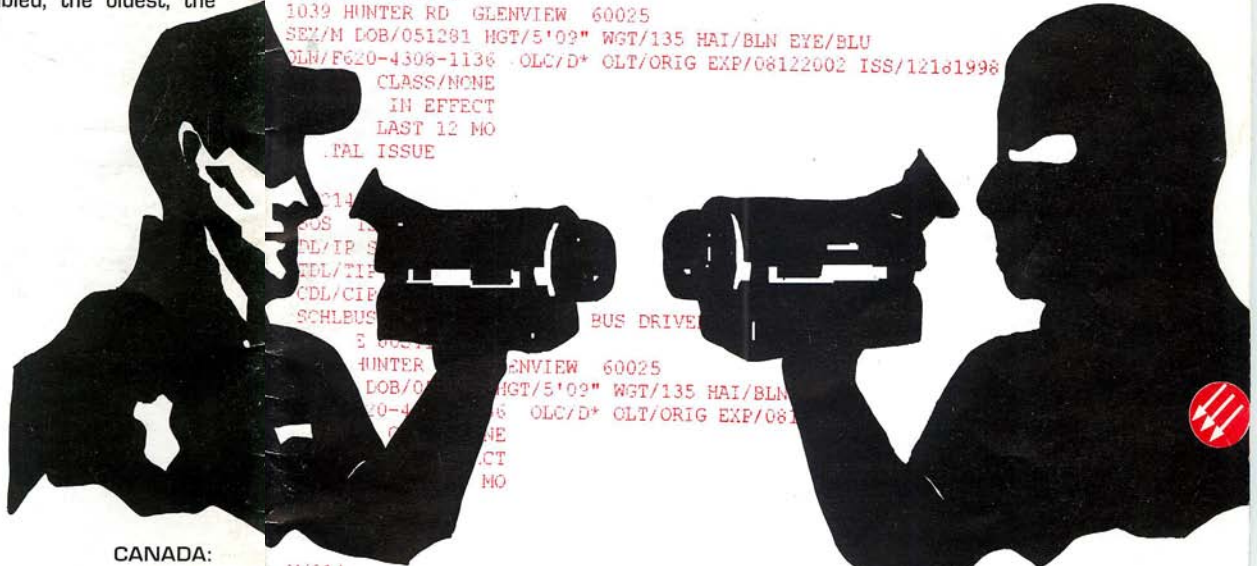
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ABOUT THIS BULLETIN

We have opted to not include the names of our contributors or editorial collective for security reasons. However, we wish to encourage debate, and so have assigned pseudonyms to each writer so that the articles have a "name" attached to them. We have some concerns about this policy, such as the unprincipled nature of making political criticisms when hiding behind a false identity, so we are open to feedback on it. Let us know what you think.

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This bulletin is part of ARA's research and anti-repression project. One aspect of it will be research and distribution of information on specific fascist groups as well as the nature of, trends within, and directions of the more broadly defined fascist movement. The strategies and tactics of state repression, particularly as they affect ARA's work and others with similar politics, is the other part of the equation.

We don't view this project as just research. We hope to arm all militant anti-racist activists with information that is accurate and useful for figuring out how to deal with both enemies. There are, and should continue to be, political questions and debate over how much significance to attach to various fascist groups or what the state has up its sleeves. We won't shy away from these debates.

The differences we have with groups or individuals who are currently "expert right-wing researchers" are significant. First, we aren't into raising funds from scared liberals who want the government to deal with the fascists for them. Second, we aren't interested in "exposing" shit as much as we are in figuring out how to incorporate this information into our work. Third, and most important, a lot of our information, insights and analyses come from actually doing something. For example, Chicago ARA learns a lot about the World Church of the Creator, their members, their tactics, as well as escalating police responses, through confrontations with them. Experts who aren't on the ground can't adequately gauge the significance of Matt Hale's increased reliance on cops for protection or how the police response (or lack of it) makes a difference to our activity.

We want this bulletin to be an arena where ARA activists can report on and debate topics such as police responses, fascist strategies, and infiltration from both or either of them. There's a lot to consider. If we want our activity to be effective, we have to operate on shared analyses and assumptions. That is our goal.

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"rahowa" (racial holy war) and attempted to have them banned from McGill University as a "violent terrorist" organization.

INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRIA

Vienna, Feb. 22, 2001—Police brutally attacked an anti-fascist demonstration, sparking a running street battle where antifa built barricades and responded with rocks and bottles. The protestors also discovered undercover police dressed as "typical anarchists" and far right hooligans from "Rapid Ultra" infiltrated their ranks. At least 42 were arrested and many hurt. Early the next day, 300 police and an anti-terrorism squad raided and ransacked the "Ernst Kirchweyer Haus" autonomous center.

ENGLAND

Bermondsey, April 10, 2001—The National Front held a march while protesters from the Anti-Nazi League were penned in by the police.

FRANCE

Marseille, Feb. 22, 2001—French anti-fascists Yves Pierat and William Ferrari of the Partisan Sharpshooters were sentenced to 5 years in prison and an 18-month suspended sentence, respectively, after being convicted for a series of arson and bomb attacks against National Front property and sites rented out to the extreme right between 1991 and 1998.

Brittany, March 29, 2001—French police arrested U.S. anti-abortion activist James Kopp, aka Atomic Dog, who is wanted for the 1998 killing of Dr. Barnett Slepian in New York state, and other sniper attacks. Known as Atomic Dog in the anti-choice Army of God underground, Kopp has eluded authorities for over two years. Police in New York also arrested convicted clinic bomber Dennis Malvasi and his wife, Loretta Marra, for allegedly sending money to Kopp and helping him evade arrest. Kopp is currently awaiting extradition.

GERMANY

May Day, 2001—Nazis marched in 6 different German cities. In Frankfurt, police protected 800 fascists from antifa protestors, though the two groups clashed later. In Mannheim, police allowed the National Democratic Party to march for only a few hundred meters before stopping them; antifa pelted the nazis with horseshit. 500 Antifas who were

attempting to stop the march of 120 nazis in Essen were rounded up several times, but later caught and attacked some fascists on the train. 1,500 antifas protested a nazi march in Augsburg, but the attempts of 300 antifa to block the march of 700 nazis in Dresden was unsuccessful.

In Berlin, the radical Mayday march was banned by the government, but the nazi march was allowed to proceed. The 900 nazis who showed were not allowed to march to the city center, but they were heavily protected by police from 700 antifa. Meanwhile, a massive police presence on almost every street in Kreuzberg attacked groups of people and street parties. Over 9,000 police were deployed.

ITALY

May 13, 2001—The victory of far-right candidate Silvio Berlusconi and the National Alliance's polling of 11% in Italy's general election means that the far right will enter the national government. Gianfranco Fini, the National Alliance leader, is tipped to become the deputy prime minister. The election results were welcomed by Jorg Haider, leader of the Austrian Freedom Party, but caused concern among more liberal elements. A Swedish newspaper summed up this feeling: "An ugly situation has arisen in Italy and Europe. Racist and intolerant forces have come into power again."

LEBANON

March 2001—Lebanon banned a holocaust revisionist conference organized by the California-based Institute for Historical Review (IHR) and the Swiss-based Truth and Justice. The conferences' organizer, Juergen Graf, was sentenced to 15 months jail in 1998 for violating Swiss anti-racism laws but he has since fled Switzerland, hiding in Tehran as a guest of Iranian scholars.

NORWAY

March 30, 2001—Norwegian police raided the homes of Ole Krogstad and Tore Wilhelm Tvedt, seizing over 20,000 white power music CDs, the equivalent of \$45,000 cash, and fascist paraphernalia, clothes and propaganda. Tvedt leads an Odinist sect called Vignid, which claims to be the Norwegian branch of William Pierce's National Alliance. Krogstad was running the nazi mail-order outfit "Tor Effekter", and may have taken over the bulk of the stock and business from Nordland, a now defunct major European white power music distribution.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 9, Westmoreland, PA—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- June 9, Ft. Payne, AL—North Georgia White Knights rally, DeKalb courthouse, noon.
- June 9, Osceola, IN—National Knights of the KKK cross lighting
- June 23, Sylacauga, AL—Alabama White Knights rally, noon.
- June 29-July 2—National Klanvocation
- June 30, Ft. Wayne, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- July 21, Elwood, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- August 11, Jefferson, PA—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- August 4, New Castle, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- August 25, Knox, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- September 8, Lancaster, PA—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- September 22, Evansville & Booneville, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- October 13—Annual Realm Of PA Picnic
- October 13, Columbus, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.
- November 10, Terre Haute, IN—American Knights of the KKK rally.

Memorial, where he laid a wreath in memory of the officers who died in the line of duty and was allegedly thanked by Fraternal Order of Police head Keith Fangman.

Columbus, April 20, 2001—A fascist group calling itself the "November 9th Society" held a march to commemorate Hitler's birthday.

OREGON

Portland, Feb. 23, 2001—White-power music label Imperium Records announced that it was liquidating Imperium Distribution due to low sales and profit loss. Imperium Records was set up as a fund raiser for Thule Magazine, a white supremacist prisoner publication.

Umatilla, Feb. 28, 2001—A prison riot at the Two Rivers Correctional Institution was determined to be the work of a white supremacist splinter gang calling itself the New Family Mafia. Nine inmates shaved their heads, hit a corrections officer with a padlock inside a sock, broke televisions, law-library computers, a soda machine and windows, triggered sprinkler heads and ran amok until subdued.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, May 2, 2001—ARA mobilized a strong anti-fascist presence at a punk show in West Philly, in response to recent incidents where boneheads have come to shows to harass punks and local black residents.

Bushkill, May 46, 2001—Pastor Pete Peters was the keynote speaker at a Christian Identity retreat in the Pocono Mountains. Peters is the most likely identity candidate to step up to the fore in the wake of the fall of Aryan nations and movement leader Richard Butler. Some of his followers helped to form the ODR in the mid-80s, the armed white supremacist group that carried out counterfeiting, armed robbery and murder. Peters also convened the conference that led to the establishment of the militia movement in response to Ruby Ridge.

Other speakers at the event included Richard Kelly Hoskins, author of "Vigilantes of Christendom," a book that attempts to provide biological justification for religious violence, and

Earl Jones, an Identity minister from South Carolina.

WASHINGTON

Spokane, Jan. 27, 2001—Nathan Pett, aka Nathan Zorn, leader of the pagan White Order of Thule and publisher of Fenris Wolf magazine, was hospitalized with severe head injuries after being struck with a baseball bat. According to police, Pett was injured after he and a friend attacked two unidentified men in a car at 2:30 am.

Pett has been under attack in fascist circles recently. Online racists have called Pett an informant and traitor for allegedly attacking German neo-Nazi fugitive Hendrick Moebus after a dispute over music distribution rights. Pett allegedly tied Moebus up and beat him systematically with a hammer. Moebus stayed with Pett for several weeks before later going to stay on the Hillsboro, W. Va., compound of National Alliance leader William Pierce. After two weeks there, Moebus was arrested on Aug. 26 by US Marshalls for parole violation in Germany, where he was convicted of murder. He asked to be granted asylum, but was refused.

Seattle, April 21, 2001—While thousands of activists fought police in Quebec City outside of the Free Trade Area of the Americas summit meeting, FBI agents paid a visit to the Seattle IndyMedia Center. Flashing badges and asking questions, the FBI agents wanted to see "all user connection logs" from the IMC's Web site from a period between April 20 and 21, falsely claiming that someone had posted secret, stolen documents, including President Bush's travel itinerary. The sealed demand to turn over the logs also contained a gag order that threatened the IMC with contempt of court if news of the FBI demands were made public. Word leaked out anyway, causing panic and rumors that the IMC office had been taken over by Secret Service agents. In addition to intimidating and discrediting the IMC, this action also provided the FBI with information on activists who post to and read the IMC boards.

CANADA

ONTARIO

Ontario has seen an upsurge in racist/fascist activity in the past few months. The Heritage Front is regrouping under the new leadership of "Freedomite" webmaster Marc Lemire, who seems to be trying to revive the glory days of the late 1980's and early 90's. It remains to be seen how effective this switch will be, as Lemire, like most "internet warriors," has little charisma and no street credibility with the more militant, fascist youth scene. The Front marked their return with a flying campaign (the title read, "Immigration can kill you") in the Hamilton neighborhood near the hospital where a woman was being treated for a potentially fatal virus. While a recent press release from the group claimed that the flyers were well received, media reports show the targeting of their neighborhood by the HF in fact horrified residents. Heritage Front flyers have also been dropped in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Two weeks later, three people were assaulted in two separate incidents at the same Hamilton bar after a punk show by a group of boneheads wearing Heil Hitler patches. Also, websites for groups that call themselves "The Canadian Ethnic Cleansing Team" and "The Tri-City Skins" have sprung up lately.

Toronto, Feb. 24, 2001—A neo-Nazi private party held at the Gladstone Hotel was crashed by 40+ people from ARA, who confronted about 30 boneheads. The Nazis hid behind management and police for half an hour until the hotel was closed down early.

Kitchener, March 23, 2001—ARA crashed a fascist meeting held at a Holiday Inn, with members of the Tri-City Skins, the Canadian Ethnic Cleansing Team and the Canadian Heritage Alliance and featuring white supremacist Paul Fromm as the guest speaker. ARA members pushed their way into the meeting room, knocking over a literature table and scuffling with racists before being forced out by police. One ARA person was arrested.

QUEBEC

Montreal, Feb. 2001—ARA members exposed the efforts of Joseph Quesnel, a racist activist who claims to represent a group called RadicalWatch, who was attempting to infiltrate the anti-globalization movement. In the past, Quesnel has threatened ARA members with

EDITORIAL

NO TEARS FOR THE NAZIS, NO SUPPORT FOR THE STATE

After a period of disarray and demoralization, the Anti-Racist Action Network is back in the thick of things. ARA militants actively participated in the Black rebellion in Cincinnati against police brutality, the protests and street fighting in Quebec countering the capitalist FTAA summit, and an aggressive campaign against the white supremacist World Church of the Creator in central Illinois, among other struggles and projects.

The re-emergence of the radical anti-racist/anti-fascist movement is a welcome development, but we can expect serious challenges as the struggle intensifies—there are many questions that will have to be discussed, debated, and dealt with.

One issue that we face immediately is the use of capital punishment against nazis. First we have Timothy McVeigh, convicted for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and scheduled for federal execution. Second, we have the death sentence imposed on John "Polar Bear" Butler for the torture and murder of two ARA members, Lyn "Spit" Newborn and Dan Shersty, outside Las Vegas almost three years ago.

The media hype surrounding McVeigh's execution has predictably focused on side issues such as whether or not it should be televised. For our movement—militant anti-fascists and revolutionaries—the important question is: where do we stand when the racist state eliminates a fascist killer? Our attitude and the stance of the movement will influence our ability to remain a radical, independent force in the future.

We believe the anti-fascist movement has to oppose the government executions of McVeigh and Butler. We do not call for this out of any solidarity with the fascists or the movements and organizations they are associated with.

McVeigh was briefly in the KKK and later rubbed shoulders with a number of different tendencies in the white nationalist movement. He traveled the gun show circuit selling copies of *The Turner Diaries*, the racist novel describing a white-power revolution—including an evidently inspiring section that details the bombing of a federal building. McVeigh's target may have been a government facility, but the Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people, was primarily a massacre of civilians—including children from a day care center.

With a smaller "body count," the Las Vegas murders still hit us harder. Spit and Dan were our comrades, members of both ARA and the Las Vegas Unity Skins, an anti-racist skinhead crew. They were tortured and assassinated because of the significant influence and respect for anti-racist politics they had established in the Las Vegas youth scene. Butler, the only one of several assassins to be arrested, is a pathetic piece of shit and a traitor to his class. A drug dealer and police informant, Butler was also a leader of the Independent Nazi Skins, a bonehead gang that had clashed with ARA and the Unity Skins.

It is not out of sympathy that we oppose these executions [maybe Odin can do something for them cuz we see no hope of saving their souls here on planet earth]—our

position is strategic. In the short term, these death sentences reinforce the state's power and authority as the sole legitimate practitioner of violence in society. This violence is used again and again to maintain the rule of a racist, sexist, exploitive system and to repress those that challenge it—as seen in Cincinnati and Quebec City.

The death penalty, is a racist institution rooted in legal lynchings. It is increasingly under attack because of its blatantly racist disproportional application to Blacks and the exposure of numerous death row frame-ups directed mainly at Black people. The use of the death penalty against McVeigh and Butler will serve as token examples. McVeigh's execution date has been moved up in order to restore public support for the death penalty and whitewash the faces of the executed.

In the long term, these death sentences will not weaken the fascist movement, but build it. A couple of aryan soldiers may be lost but their movement as a whole is credentialized as the revolutionary opposition with the martyrs to prove it. This will mean something serious if the economy takes a dive or some other crisis erupts that leads working class whites to look for solutions outside the status quo.

The murders of Spit and Dan were devastating to those who knew them and to the network as a whole. By raising the ante higher than we were prepared to go, the Independent Nazi Skins exposed a major shortcoming—we lacked the ability to fully defend ourselves. After the shock, our collective reflex was to fall back on the old leftist trap of calling on the state to "do its job." This is understandable, but only confirmed our weakness.

The responsibility for the failure to adequately confront the murders rests with the entire anti-fascist movement: U.S. and Canadian, anarchist and socialist, skinhead and student. Despite some tough talk late in the game, no alternative approach was ever attempted. It is no accident that the Las Vegas murders, along with splits in several important chapters, marked the beginning of a decline for ARA in size and activity.

What could have been done instead? Right after the first mobilization to Las Vegas, a crew from the ARA Network could have stayed behind. They could have set up shop as a publicly and legally armed group and begun a campaign of outings against the nazis. This would have sent a strong message that we would not be intimidated, but it would have been risky, controversial, and hard to sustain. It also leaves aside the question of retaliation. But this kind of discussion would have at least been consistent with our refusal to rely on the cops and courts and our vision of a radical egalitarian movement.

Now, ARA has wind in its sails again, and in some ways is involved in more important work than ever before, it is essential that we try and learn from Las Vegas. A first step is to get our heads screwed on right about these executions. ●



THE ENEMY OF OUR ENEMY
THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER "BAD-JACKETS" ANARCHISTS

By P. Milstein

"Bad-jacketing" is a term used to describe the misrepresentation of a group as something it is not; presumably the false description is bad and discrediting in some way. Bad-jacketing is similar to "red-baiting," where progressives are sometimes labeled as "communists".

Are anarchists now the allies and recruits for the latest trend in white neo-fascism? That is the amazing Big Lie being put out by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), on its popular civil rights website, in the Winter 2000 issue of their "Klanwatch" *Intelligence Report*. This attack on revolutionary anarchism is more than a simple mistake, more even than just pro-government propaganda that needs to be shot down. It's a slipping of the mask, exposing the contradiction of pro-capitalist "anti-racism" in America.

This dramatic SPLC report, "Neither Left nor Right," is nominally about third position neo-fascism (the tendency that advocates both anti-capitalism and racism, first made prominent by the Strasser wing of the 1920-30s German Nazi Party). But the SPLC surprisingly uses the events of the Anti-WTO Battle of Seattle as its starting point and focus—and targets the anarchist Black Bloc. The report says right at the start:

"As the streets of Seattle exploded into 1960s-style violence last November, stunned Americans were told that 'anarchists' and other left-wingers were leading a huge riot aimed at protesting capitalist globalism ... And these reports were true—but only to a point.

"Right alongside the 'progressive' groups that demonstrated in Seattle—mostly peaceful defenders of labor, the environment, animal rights and similar causes—were the hard-edged soldiers of neo-fascism. They carried signs decrying 'The New World Order Agenda,' bitterly denounced 'Jewish media black big capital' and in at least one case, fought it out with black youths amidst the tear gas. The 'Battle of Seattle' brought erstwhile antagonists together to face a common enemy in the streets.

"What was behind this truly remarkable mix? How was it that members of the far 'left' and 'right' found themselves facing down police together?..."

And at the conclusion it comes back to this theme: *"Still, it seems clear that the hard right will draw increasingly from the ranks of its former enemies."*

What is so damaging about these lies, of course, is that the Southern Poverty Law Center—recently in the headlines for its winning civil suit against the Aryan Nations in Idaho—is probably the leading mainstream source for information on white racist and far right organizations. Continually quoted in the media, the SPLC is widely used by schools and those concerned about racism.

If the Seattle PD or the f.b.i. had tried such a crude smear—like, "Many of those black-masked anarchists who attacked corporations at Seattle were really from the Ku Klux Klan!"—everyone would have laughed it off. But the Southern Poverty Law Center slipping a "bad-jacket" on anarchists in the name of anti-racism is much more disarming.

The truth here is not in doubt. "Neither Left nor Right" is conveniently vague throughout about numbers, about how large the neo-fascist presence was at Seattle. But its dramatic language would mislead an innocent reader to assume some significant far right presence in the street clashes. Of the hundreds in the anarchist Black Bloc who trashed Starbucks and Niketown, the provable number of neo-fascists was exactly zero. Of the roughly 20,000 Anti-WTO protest marchers, the few neo-fascists were certainly less than the number of various police, f.b.i., and military infiltrators and observers. The white neo-fascists could probably have fit into a van. They did not play any role on the historic events at Seattle (except for buying postcards, getting themselves photographed, and gazing at the action with envy).

It isn't just the Black Bloc and its supporters who have confirmed this. We can refer to Chip Berlet, a well-known progressive researcher and author on repression issues. Berlet has been a consultant for US government agencies and has defended the SPLC's contribution to anti-racist education (we mention this to emphasize that Berlet is neither an "extremist" nor someone with a bias against the SPLC). Yet on the accuracy of this report, Berlet wrote in an upcoming book he has co-authored that only "a handful of rightwing activists, including some third position neo-nazis and fans of David Icke, took part in the large and dramatic Seattle protests against globalization ..." When asked for clarification on what he meant by "a handful," Berlet answered: "Several Icke supporters were openly holding signs promoting Icke and handing out pamphlets. There are photographs of this, including one in the SPLC report. The reports about the Buchananites, other Patriot types, and the Third Positionists are from people who were there and know the distinctions. Apparently a few dozen at best."

Less noticed, the SPLC report has another pattern: it follows the government and police script about the Battle of Seattle. What we find isn't one error of fact but an entire scenario of lies and pro-law enforcement propaganda.

* The anarchist Black Bloc, which startled America with up-front anti-capitalism, is conveniently smeared as haters who join with the "hard-edged soldiers of neo-fascism."

* The considerable street violence at Seattle, with tear gas and "rubber bullet-firing police," is implied to be between the police and violently attacking anarchists and neo-fascists. This, too, is pure fiction. As we know, the mass street violence was initiated by the police and aimed at the thousands of "peaceful" protesters blocking the downtown streets with CD. The police shot at, chased for blocks, and beat up these nonviolent protesters, filling whole neighborhoods with tear gas.

* In the SPLC's concocted scenario, the real racism in Seattle is covered up. There was no fighting between anarchists (and neo-fascists) and Black youths, as the SPLC report hints. Fighting with Black youths was done by the self-appointed "peace police," the liberal white protest monitors who tried to physically stop Black youth from liberating capitalist property—and even tried to get the police to arrest them.

Peoria, March 24, 2001—A public meeting to be held at the Peoria Library by the World Church of the Creator was shut down after clashes broke out between fascists and ARA. During the melee, the WCOTC flag was confiscated and leader Matt Hale was struck twice in the head with a 2 x 4. The Peoria library has billed the WCOTC over \$4,000 for damages to the meeting room and plans to bar them unless they pay. In response to masked anti-fascists, the Peoria police are attempting to pass an anti-mask ordinance.

Pontiac, April 29, 2001—A WCOTC meeting at city hall was protected by squads of riot police and state troopers armed with shotguns, rubber bullets, tear gas and digital cameras to identify activists. The FBI was also present. Hale was escorted into the meeting, but consistent heckling and whistle-blowing drowned him out. Afterwards, Hale complained of a low WCOTC turnout.

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Clinton, May 12, 2001—Another WCOTC public library meeting was also met with a low racist turnout and massive police protection. Police complied with Hale's demands and refused to allow anti-racists to disrupt the meeting with heckles and noise, even removing activists from the room on Hale's orders.

INDIANA

Gary, March 10, 2001—After months of stalling, Gary was forced to allow the American Knights of the KKK to hold a rally. ARA and dozens of local residents turned out to protest, but a massive police show of force kept the Klan and opponents far apart and out of earshot.

South Bend, May 5, 2001—35 members and sympathizers of the National Knights of the KKK who marched and held a rally were opposed by 200 protesters. Near the end of the march, the Klan members had difficulty locating their cars and clashed with protesters. Eight arrests were made, including Klan Grand Dragon Richard Loy. One of the other Klan arrests was a 17-year old boy charged with felony battery of a police officer.

KENTUCKY

Elizabethtown, April 28, 2001—A dozen members of the KKK's Aryan Knights of the Confederacy, led by Grand Dragon Scott Smith, rallied in front of 150 supporters on the steps of a Hardin County

government building. 200 anti-racists turned up to drown out their message.

The Klan was supported by members of the Derby City Skins, a white-supremacist bonehead gang from Louisville. Several of the Derby Skins recently received a slap on the hand after they were arrested for beating and permanently injuring the friend of some ARA members. According to reports, the Derby Skins are now back on the street, issuing threats to ARA.

MARYLAND

Baltimore, January 27, 2001—A white power music show set up by the Eastern Hammerskins was cancelled for unknown reasons, presumably through the pressure of activists to have it cancelled.

MICHIGAN

Lansing, April, 2001—Michigan State University admitted to a joint operation with an FBI, BATF and state police task force when it sent an undercover MSU police officer to infiltrate Students for Economic Justice and Lansing ARA. The FBI has opened a new office in Lansing to investigate local anarchists, anti-globalization and ARA activists, and FBI officers have paid a visit to one activist's home, dropping personal information in an attempt to intimidate. It was also revealed that a grand jury is investigating the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) arson of MSU's Agriculture Hall in 1999.

Ann Arbor, May 2001—The Michigan Court of Appeals reinstated charges against six antifascists accused of inciting a riot at a May 1998 Ku Klux Klan/neo-Nazi rally held in front of Ann Arbor City Hall. The charges had been dismissed in 1999, but were overturned on appeal.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Feb. 20, 2001—Six members of the National Socialist Movement flyered the crowd outside of a Pantera concert. Armed with mace, the fascists met no opposition and reported a positive response. According to NSM leader Patrick Scanlon, a student at University of Minnesota, "If we can leaflet there successfully, we can leaflet anywhere."

MISSOURI

Springfield, April 21, 2001—The Midland Hammerskins and racist music label Panzerfaust Records sponsored a white power concert on private land in celebration of Hitler's birthday. The concert

was outed in the press by the Center for New Community, and drew a small turnout. Racist bands H8Machine, WhiteWash, Aggressive Force, Straightlaced Nightmare, Shortfuse 76, and the Brawlers played. Dennis Mahon, a recruiter for Metzger's White Aryan Resistance, also attended.

MONTANA

Missoula, March, 2001—According to reports, the National Alliance has stepped up its recruiting drives. ARA has responded with flyers and outreach, leading to threats from NA members.

NEVADA

Sparks, March 17, 2001—Two white teenagers attacked two Muslim men outside of a mosque with baseball bats, breaking one man's arm and leaving the other with critical head injuries. Police believe the attack may be linked to two attempted firebombings of a Jewish synagogue in neighboring Reno.

NEW JERSEY

Camden, March 9, 2001—Nicholas Morency, 30, pled guilty to offering a \$1.5 million bounty over the Internet to anyone who killed an abortion provider. He also pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography.

NEW YORK

Stone Ridge, April 16, 2001—Edward Kuhnel, a state prison guard who made the news after flying a Nazi flag outside of his home, was arrested and pled guilty to two felony sodomy counts, one count of attempted sodomy and one count of official misconduct for sodomizing a male inmate.

OHIO

Cleveland, Jan. 19-22, 2001—Operation Save America, formerly known as Operation Rescue, declared their intention of making Cleveland a "city of refuge," free of abortion services. The anti-choice rallies largely fizzled with a low turnout and through opposition by ARA and pro-choice activists.

Cincinnati, April 2001—In the wake of a rebellion over racist police murders, several white supremacist groups announced plans to travel to the Cincinnati, organize whites and support the police. Matt Hale of the World Church of the Creator announced plans to hold a public meeting there, but it never materialized. Richard Barrett of the Nationalist Movement held a press conference at the Police

NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINES

The following items were compiled, summarized or blatantly stolen from ARA members, activist reports, and mainstream news articles.

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

Birmingham, March 7, 2001—Anti-abortion activist Robert A. Rudnick was arrested outside of a Planned Parenthood clinic for a 1994 misdemeanor warrant. Inside Rudnick's van, which is covered with large images of dead fetuses, police confiscated three handguns, two shotguns, ammunition and a bulletproof vest. He was bailed out by Alabama Operation Rescue director David Lackey for \$200 cash bond.

CALIFORNIA

San Diego, March 16, 2001—Alex Curtis, publisher of the influential National Observer newsletter and website, well known for advocating lone-wolf racist terrorism and non-cooperation with the police, cracked and made a plea bargain with prosecutors. Curtis pled guilty to civil rights violations for threatening officials and activists and vandalizing two synagogues. He agreed to a sentencing recommendation of 3 years, to apologize to his victims, to not engage in white supremacist activism and to have no contact with a list of 138 individuals, including Tom Metzger. Curtis' three collaborators are awaiting sentencing.

Curtis was denounced by Richard Barrett's Nationalist Movement, who called him an "impostor" and an "anarchist."

COLORADO

Greeley & Denver, March 2001—The National Alliance flyered several college campuses in an effort to recruit. Their efforts are being opposed by new ARA chapters as well as the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional Mexicano.

CONNECTICUT

Wallingford, March 10, 2001—The World Church of the Creator held a public meeting at the Wallingford library. Over 100 police officers in full riot gear, using attack dogs and pepper spray, kept 200 anti-racists from entering the meeting. Hale was given a police escort away from the meeting, but when other fascists attempted to leave the were attacked by anti-fascists. It was later revealed that the police

mobilization was sparked by Boston police surveillance of the Barricada Collective and other anti-globalization activists.

Wallingford, April 21, 2001—The WCOTC held a rally in a public park. Fencing and a line of riot cops separated 200 anti-racists and about 50 fascists, including some members of their White Beret security force. One ARA organizer was stopped and searched as she entered the park and arrested for carrying potential weapons. A busload of plainclothes police officers infiltrated the protesters, including many undercover dressed as anarchists. A WCOTC member also infiltrated the anti-racists, collecting names, phone numbers, and photos, communicating via radio, and pointing out people carrying weapons to the police. WCOTC supporter Michael Grega was arrested for pulling a knife at the end of the demo, as were two anti-racists who defended themselves.

FLORIDA

Jacksonville, March 17, 2001—The Confederate Hammerskins planned to host a white power music "St. Patrick's Day Fest." Any information regarding the outcome of this event would be appreciated.

GEORGIA

Gainesville, March 31, 2001—The National Alliance held an anti-immigration rally, drawing 40 supporters and a few opponents.

IDAHO

Coeur d'Alene, April 2001—Civil liberties attorney Lawrence A. Hildes, representing members of ARA against the Coeur d'Alene police, discovered evidence that Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment had undertaken covert surveillance of ARA and other Idaho anti-fascists and supplied the information to the police. Wassmuth contacted ARA members after the terrorist firebombing of an ARA activist's home (presumably carried out by an "active service unit" attached to Aryan Nations) to profess empathy and offered assistance, using the occasion as a pretext to gather information. Wassmuth supplied police cover letters, faxes, flyers and other documents produced by anti-racist groups. Additionally, fax records indicate that Wassmuth may have in turn received

information on ARA from the Seattle office of the Pacific Northwest Anti-Defamation League. For decades, the ADL routinely compiled dossiers on left wing organizations, trade unions, journalists, anti-apartheid and pro-Palestinian activists and admits to supplying reports to law enforcement entities including the FBI.

Coeur d'Alene, May 2001—The Carr Foundation, which purchased the Aryan Nations compound after Richard Butler was forced into bankruptcy, has scrapped its plans to turn the site into a human rights memorial and is considering razing it. Razing it when the fascists owned it would've been even better.

ILLINOIS

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2001—The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals gutted a 1981 consent decree intended to prevent the Chicago Police Department from political surveillance, repression and Red Squad activities. "The era in which the Red Squad flourished is history, along with the Red Squad itself," the court said. The CPD are now free to engage in a new set of repressive, counter-insurgency tactics against the rising new militant anti-capitalist and anti-fascist movement.

Bloomington, Feb. 10, 2001—The World Church of the Creator attempted to hold a public meeting at the Bloomington public library, but it was effectively hijacked by ARA members and other anti-racists.

Dewitt, Feb. 22, 2001—Anti-abortion terrorist Clayton Lee Waagner escaped from Dewitt County Jail through an open door onto the roof. Waagner was arrested after eluding police for several months on September 12, 1999 on charges of Theft, Robbery, and Weapons Violations. Previously, Waagner had left behind a stolen vehicle containing stolen license plates, fraudulent licenses, 3 gas cans, 2 stun guns, a laptop computer, photo equipment, a scanner, an issue of Soldier of Fortune and a hand-written list of abortion clinics in Tennessee and Georgia. Waagner has testified in court that God has told him to stalk and kill abortion providers.

Decatur, Feb. 24, 2001—Despite police harassment and a large fascist turnout, ARA was able to heckle and disrupt a WCOTC public meeting at the Decatur library.

The major white racist move at Seattle—the prominent appearance of far right presidential candidate Pat Buchanan as a speaker at the main protest rally, as arranged by the AFL-CIO and the Ralph Nader lobby—isn't even mentioned by the report. It's the most "respectable" pro-capitalist elements in the anti-globalization struggle that have been knowingly allying with white racism—not anarchists. So the reader isn't so much getting important intelligence about racists but rather is being misled in an actual cover-up of racism.

Ironically, the far right itself is using this SPLC report. At least one neo-fascist group has put the entire SPLC report up on its website. This is a curious unity, but we can understand it. The far right has been trying to recruit white youth with boasts that it has been on the front lines against corporate Globalization. Now, like a gift dropping into their laps, the Southern Poverty Law Center has endorsed these neo-fascist lies in this report on Seattle.

What kind of "anti-racist" organization would do all this?

The Southern Poverty Law Center itself and its founder-director, Morris Dees, while a public relations and fund-raising powerhouse, has for years been viewed by many activists with misgivings. This was especially true after John Egerton's expose in *Progressive* magazine took the lid off "Poverty Palace." It appears that SPLC is the model of capitalist "anti-racism"—that is, it functions like a business with government connections using anti-racism as a commodity. And far from being a critic of the racist system, it is a small gear in the machinery of capitalist hegemony and institutional repression.

Morris Dees was a white segregationist businessman in Alabama during the civil rights battles of the 1960s, which he didn't support (although, like many millions of other white people, he afterwards claimed that he was secretly sympathetic to Black people all along). He first became a millionaire as a genius at direct mail marketing, although in at least one instance he worked for the Klan as an attorney defending white men who had attacked civil rights demonstrators. According to Dees, in 1967 at an airport he received an epiphany, and decided to dedicate his life to social justice. He starting doing civil rights law. After he profitably cashed out of his business, in the early 1970s he turned to liberal politics and founded SPLC.

The one unique thing is that his role in liberal politics continued to be very profitable direct marketing. Dees ran nationwide mail solicitations for the McGovern, Carter, Kennedy and Hart presidential campaigns (he was national finance director, for example, of the successful Carter campaign). Out of these he amassed a Northern white liberal contributors list of hundreds of thousands, which his Center has used to raise millions of dollars every year. Along the way the SPLC has taken on worthy civil rights lawsuits, of course, but the occasional high profile lawsuits seem to exist mostly to be "sold" in the multi-million dollar fundraising solicitations that each year result in surpluses that the SPLC invests in its Wall Street accounts.

They have also become a national information resource for many police departments and government agencies—and now a propaganda resource as well.

Randall Williams, who set up the "Klanwatch" project for the SPLC, said after he resigned: "We were sharing information with the FBI, the police, undercover agents. Instead of defending clients and victims, we were more of a super snoop outfit, an arm of law enforcement ... but Morris was still writing donors about the Klan menace, and the money was still flowing in."

The Southern Poverty Law Center has quietly gone about filling a special role in government monitoring. As a private organization wrapped in the banner of Civil Rights, it carries out political surveillance that current u.s. law forbids the f.b.i., a.t.f. and other police agencies from doing. For example, the SPLC records license plate numbers of vehicles near extremist demonstrations, then runs them through state DMV records to compile names and addresses of participants. Extensive computer files with thousands of photographs are kept on those with extremist political views, using not only monitoring of news sources and political journals but paid informers and tips from police. All this political information is then available to government agencies and corporations.

Pro-government propaganda "bad-jacketing" anarchists just fits in with the SPLC's role as an informal "arm of law enforcement." The question that immediately comes up is what else has the SPLC been distorting or covering up?

Nor are they the only ones at this dirty work: after Seattle, the Anti Defamation League of B'nai Brith, another major source of mainstream information about racism, added

Ottawa Citizen
April 23, 2001
—Warren Kinsella

(former campaign adviser to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien)

"...But a more salient question, unaddressed in the avalanche of media coverage surrounding Quebec City, is this: how is it that the extremists found on both sides of the ideological continuum — far-left and far-right — have joined forces to oppose liberalized trading rules?..."

Either way, the far right and far left have come together to oppose international cooperation in trade. And, increasingly, they do so violently, or by making use of rhetoric that legitimizes violence...

I suspect that if it has succeeded in unifying so many lunatics, left and right, globalization can't be such a bad thing after all."

THE THIRD POSITION

By R. Gibson

Prior to a 1999 national meeting, ARA was informed that the World Church of the Creator knew some details of the time and place. The information was provided indirectly, but probably deliberately, by the American Front, a part of the so-called "national revolutionary" "third position" wing of fascism. So what was happening here? Was it a little fascist joke? Was it some kind of cointelpro police action? Or was it an example of the "beyond left and right" stance that is an element in third position politics? The answers are not clear. What is clear, however, is that ARA has to pay specific attention to third position fascism.

Most anti-fascist research has concentrated on traditional white supremacists, christian identity, and orthodox, Nazi-modeled, fascist groups like the National Alliance. This focus is understandable; such political movements have been the visible face of fascism in this country, even if not necessarily elsewhere in the world. However, if we look at fascism too narrowly, it becomes an easy target, easy to attack or to dismiss, at a time when we can't afford such a luxury. Fascism is a real and complex social movement, not a political pathology that is manipulated by one or another sector of the ruling class. Failing to come to grips with this reality will support some dangerously complacent assumptions about the course of our struggle.

What does it mean when fascists aren't pro-capitalist, but overtly pro-working class? What if they aren't reactionary, but revolutionary? What if they claim to reject white supremacy and, in some cases, anti-semitism? What if they claim to want to organize working people in a revolutionary assault on capitalism and attempt to develop alliances with the revolutionary left to accomplish this? All of these positions can be found in the third position tendency in the fascist movement.

The third position advocates a racialist cultural nationalism, but it sharply separates itself from the dominant fascist tradition, arguing that Hitler, Franco, Mussolini, etc. were opportunists who sold out to capitalism. The position has roots in the radical "socialist" Strasser tendency in the German Nazi movement, in similar elements of Italian and Spanish fascism, and the Montonero wing of the Peronist movement in Argentina. The third position is growing in this country and elsewhere in the world, partly out of the demoralization and fragmentation that has accompanied the collapse of the Eastern Bloc and partly out of the political weakness and lack of militance of both the traditional left and the traditional right.

Determining the shape and direction of third position fascism is one major part of anti-fascist research. What is its political strategy, and what are the contradictions within it? Is it getting a popular response? To what extent may it be state-influenced or manipulated? Has it had any success in its stated policy of developing working relations with anti-imperialist nationalists and popular mass movements against globalization and for "green" issues?

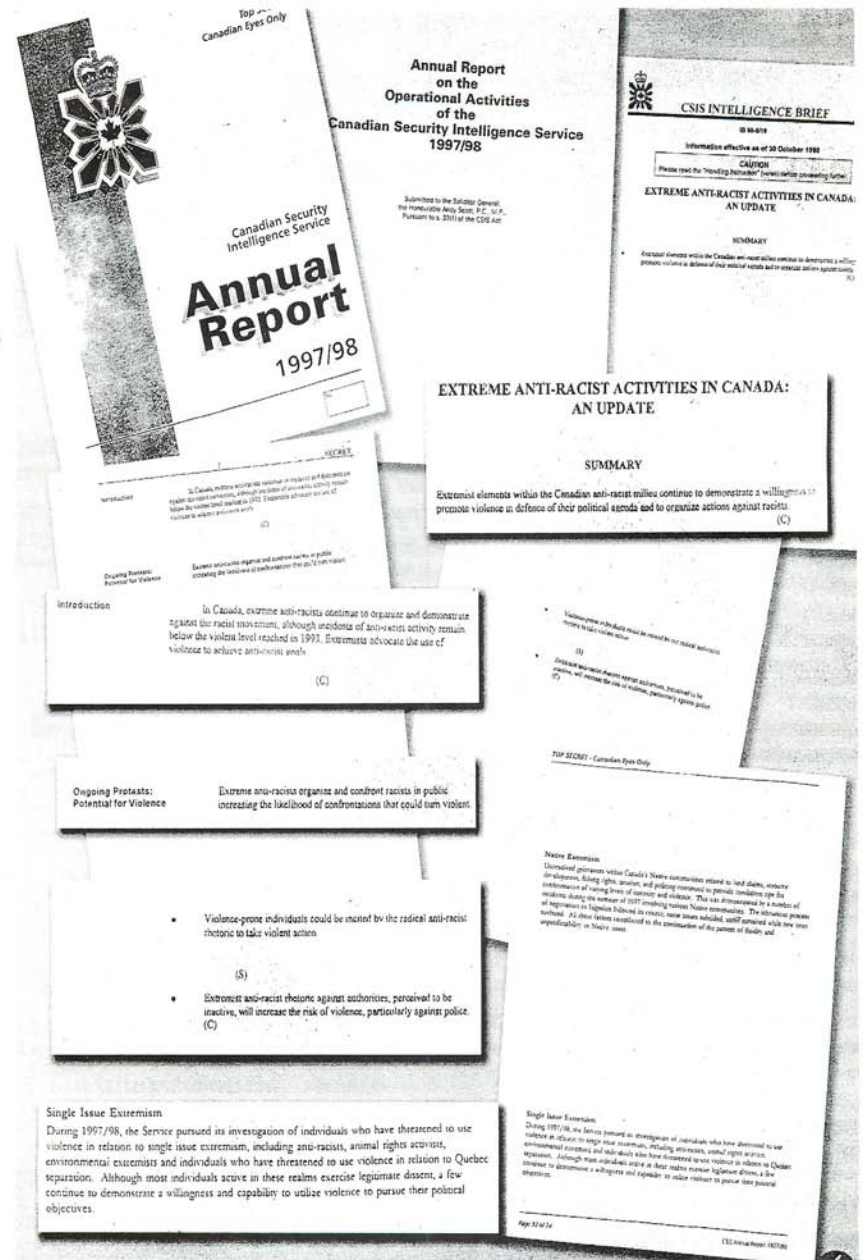
At least three points deserve immediate attention. Third position groups project a planned and systematic infiltration of left organizations as well as radical popular

movements. If this were just the information-gathering/disruption tactics which have already been utilized by the LaRouchies and Moonies in this country, it could be dealt with as a variant of police infiltration. However, third position entryism raises problems beyond the security of our movement. Since third position politics have a substantial overlap with accepted left views on globalization, ecology, national liberation, and even working class struggles, this infiltration could result in a catastrophic skewing of left political positions and the capture of some popular movements by forces that fundamentally oppose us. We can screw things up enough by ourselves without this help.

Second, third position politics have real potential to disrupt the fascist movement, not to mention the left, so we must assume these groupings are targets of state counter-insurgency programs. Some may even be state operations of the "pseudo-gang" variation.

Finally, and overwhelmingly the most important, we have to look at the implications of these third position politics for our radical anti-capitalist strategy. Do they constitute a real alternative to traditional racists and fascists? Do they have the potential of winning this competition? Can they successfully appeal to the same social base as we do, using some issues that we have seen as our own?

It is tempting to look at the third position as an invention of capitalist propaganda. Certainly various liberal apologists for the system are attempting to use it as propaganda with their groundless allegations of a convergence of "terrorists" of the left and right (see Enemy of Our Enemy article on the SPLC, p. 4). State sponsorship of the third position could be a part of the reality, but that should be something to find out, not an assumption underlying the investigation. We must be careful not to limit ourselves to a search for evidence that the new fascism is just a cosmetic change, not so different from the old fascism, not so different from capitalist reaction, and in consequence, not such a serious challenge to us. We have to look at what is really happening and why it is happening. There are major political issues here. This goes well beyond our need to have enough information to develop a tactical response to the third position. ●



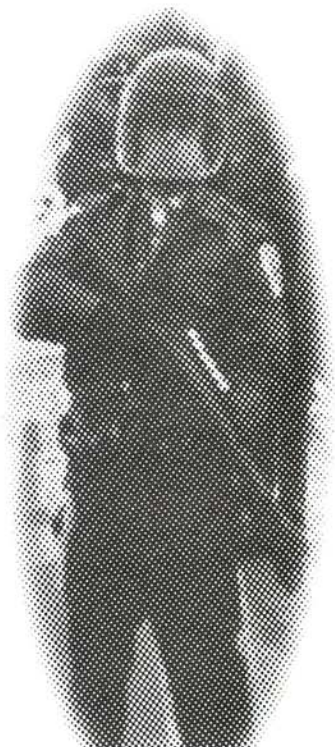
EDITORIAL REPRESSION

Even in very small towns, ARA is finding an increasingly sophisticated police response to its confrontations with fascists. This response is clearly organized and coordinated at the regional and federal level, and this is probably only the tip of an iceberg that likely includes a good deal of international cooperation. Beyond our anti-fascist and anti-racist activity, we are part of a general radical insurgency both in spirit and, in many cases, in body. There is no doubt that the state is organizing counter-measures to this insurgency. This necessitates a clearer understanding of state repression on our part.

Everyone in our section of the movement is generally aware of state repression, but a general awareness isn't going to cut it. The bizarre arrest of Jaggi Singh and the sting operation leading up to the arrests of the Germinal Five in Quebec should not be seen as isolated incidents, but as part of a policy. The federal grand juries operating in the Northwest and in Michigan and the increasingly coordinated response to every situation where a black bloc develops also point to an emerging repressive policy.

There is no doubt that the state is taking us seriously. We should also take ourselves seriously. Playing the innocent victim is not serious. Treating repression policies as if they were reflexive reactions of idiots and thugs is not serious. Much of the content of movement talk about "criminalizing dissent," about mass and preemptive arrests, about police brutality, and "non-lethal weaponry" substitutes a liberal public relations stance—and an ineffectual one at that—for an analysis. We won't get anywhere or gain anything by reacting to incidents of repression with appeals of civil libertarian rights to protest. The state isn't committed to these "rules of the game", and the movement isn't either - or at least it shouldn't be.

It is quite unlikely that "criminalizing dissent" or any other clumsy and generalized strong state posture will be the major element in repressive policy. To the contrary, when the movement reaches the level that we have already reached, the



most important features of repression will come out of the doctrines of counterinsurgency and low intensity warfare. These doctrines emphasize mapping, encapsulating, and eventually determining the direction of the movement. We should be examining our encounters with state repression from this perspective. The reactionary rhetorical law and order crap that is a staple of ruling class propaganda should be dismissed with the contempt it deserves.

We intend to deal with the issues of repression in future issues. This includes counterinsurgency policies, some of the limitations on the use of these policies, and some ways of countering them. We also want to look at some specific examples, both current and historical, to see if anything helpful can be learned. Any contributions in this area are welcome. ●



Third Position on the Internet

Third position politics can be explored on the internet. The American Front site has some interesting statements opposing white supremacy and criticizing other fascists for not being genuine revolutionary anti-capitalists. The National Revolutionary Fraction, an English group that calls itself, "national anarchists", has an extensive site. Of particular interest is an article on "Cadre" that lays out the group's policy of infiltrating the left. There is a site titled "nationalbolshhevik" that has a number of links to third position groups throughout the world. Check out the big picture of Che Guevara on the masthead, but don't overlook the favorable take on Bakunin, Kropotkin, etc. The links will lead you to the Canadian Spartacus Press site. This is apparently a sort of fascist thinktank group. Their favorable article on Pol Pot's policy of "deindustrialization" and its relationship to green politics is instructive. Insurrection Online, also a Canadian group, features an extended and bitter critique of William Pierce's orthodox Nazi National Alliance. Lewis Beam, former head of the Texas KKK and proponent of the "leaderless resistance position" is a prominent populist third position supporter. His stuff can be found on the "Radical Okie" site. Finally, check out Arctogaia, which is devoted to Alexander Dugin, a major intellectual figure in this tendency. He is identified with Eurasianism, (a pan-nationalist, anti-western capitalist form of fascism). Look at his take on anti-Semitism which can be found in an article responding to questions and criticisms from other fascists. With a little ingenuity, much more can be found.



RESISTANCE RECORDS

THE NEW FACE OF RESISTANCE WHITE MUSIC FOR WHITE SHEEP

By D. Drake

Three years ago, the nazi music project Resistance Records was nearly dead. It is now back up and running on its firmest footing to date.

Resistance began when young North American nazis ambitiously attempted to follow the lead of their European comrades and used music as an organizing tool. In addition to a US and Canadian following, it now has supporters and influence in Argentina, Brazil, Finland, Russia and the Ukraine. Their magazine, also called *Resistance*, was and is more than a simple catalog of "white power" cassettes, CDs and gear. It contains a mix of scene reports, commentary, interviews, history, and book and movie reviews. The magazine and its allied network of local, regional, and continental events provides space, a sense of organization, and imparts a racist-fascist worldview to a certain segment of young people.

Resistance came together in 1993, and the magazine's premiere issue appeared in the spring of 1994. Shop was initially set up in the Detroit-Windsor border area. The business address, inventories and production were handled stateside to avoid the Canadian government's hate speech laws. George Burdi was the main mover, active in both the (pre-Matt Hale) Church of the Creator and the David Duke-influenced Canadian Heritage Front. Detroit's now non-existent West Side Bootboys clubhouse provided space for shows. The area's active racists—COTC, Northern Hammerskin, SS Action—supported the effort, as did other formations later.

The project also had initial support from outside of the Detroit-Toronto corridor. Mark Wilson of Wisconsin moved to a Detroit suburb to be the first business manager. Wisconsin was the site of early regional concert events. The Minnesota band Bound for Glory and the circles around it were also key players.

Resistance quickly expanded. Many bands, mostly but not entirely from the skinhead milieu, signed on and the magazine and subscriptions grew. Various peddlers of fascist wares, racist outfits, and individuals quickly related to the project in one fashion or another.

In April 1997, US and Canadian cops struck. Locations in a Detroit suburb and Windsor, Ontario, were raided. Stock, files and computers were seized. State sales tax violations were the pretext in Michigan. Arrests under the anti-hate statutes were made on the Canadian side.

Eventually, the items seized on the US side were returned, but the prosecution of Burdi and two others went ahead in Ontario. All of this was a serious financial burden and also tested the personal and political resolve of Burdi and his immediate cronies.

Prior to this, Resistance's standing in its own move-

ment was weakening. Strained relationships developed between Burdi and others in the "white power" music scene, including important early supporters like Bound For Glory. Burdi increasingly rubbed folks the wrong way. At shows, Resistance restricted others' sales tables, trying to suck all cash its way. The united front stance, which had been a real strength, was being undermined.

The first phase was over. ARA played a major role by alerting the public to the threat and disrupting their events through direct actions. I only know of one instance when non-ARA forces seriously hit a Resistance structure. However, it wasn't enough. The real threat that nearly ended Resistance was a combination of state actions and their internal weaknesses.

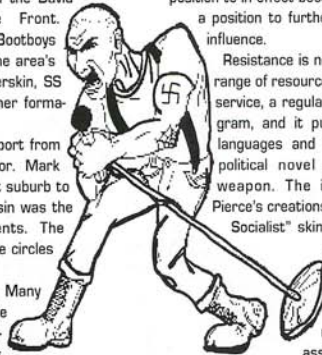
Resistance started up again in 1999. Burdi and company had sold off the name and assets which eventually ended up in the hands of William Pierce's National Alliance (NA). The NA also purchased the inventory of Sweden's Nordland Records.

The NA is a longstanding Nazi organization with a strong focus on propaganda and cadre building. It has experienced significant growth recently and Resistance is now in position to in effect become its youth arm. This puts the NA in a position to further recruit, expand, and strengthen its influence.

Resistance is now part of an organization with a wide range of resources and experiences. The NA has a book service, a regular radio and cassette commentary program, and it publishes basic propaganda in several languages and formats. It has effectively used the political novel as a recruitment and struggle weapon. The infamous *Turner Diaries* was one of Pierce's creations. Now Resistance is selling a "National Socialist" skinhead novel with promises of more to come. The NA has members from all

walks of life and it carries on patient work in several milieus. It attempts to recruit and build a presence in the military, the police, ethnic cultural associations, academia and other right-wing formations. Some key figures in other nazi and racist groups are NA members or friends.

While clearly wanting a vehicle to build the NA, the new owners are painstakingly recreating a presence for Resistance through the use of united front tactics. Numerous shows have happened on local and regional levels. Regardless of who initiated them, they are being carried out in a spirit of cooperation and co-sponsorship. Five issues of the magazine have appeared under the NA's ownership. The new editor was quick to extend public apologies to skins and imprisoned Order members who were inadvertently antagonized by some articles and positions in the magazine. There is also a budding relationship with the Imperial Klans of America (IKA), a youthful Klan



From: pmhale@aol.com
Subject: Join the White Berets!
Date: Sat, 7 Apr 2001 14:15:58 EDT
Dear Comrades,

As the enemies of our great Cause become more and more desperate to break up and stop our public meetings, it will be, and indeed is necessary for our beloved Church to have a strong security team ready and willing to fight with their fists against the vermin in defense of themselves, of our members, and of me.

Therefore, we are at this time seeking applications for membership in The White Berets—our security team. In particular, those who have a background in the skinhead struggle are most welcome as this is your chance to join The White Berets and physically fight in legal self-defense.

The two main requirements for membership in The White Berets are: 1) membership in the World Church of the Creator, 2) following the Membership Manual, and 3) following instructions assigned to you. If you are interested in joining this great effort, send an email to: Tonyofcg@aol.com

RAHOWA!

Rev. Matt Hale

The Mission of the White Berets and White Rangers: Church security and self-defense

From the WCOTC Membership Manual:

The primary mission of the White Berets and White Rangers, collectively known as the Security Legions, is to provide security services for members and Church property.

The secondary mission of the White Berets and White Rangers, collectively known as the Security Legions, is to prepare members for active and effective self-defense.

In order to accomplish their mission of security and self-defense, the White Berets and White Rangers must:

- abide by the laws of the land
- self-educate themselves in physical fitness, martial arts, first aid techniques, police communications, and armed self-defense
- legally own at least one handgun and become proficient at it through frequent target practice.

All present actions of the White Berets and White Rangers must be within the limits of "reasonable self-defense" and within the law.

Only a member of the Church can be a White Beret or White Ranger. The White Berets and White Rangers are the only uniformed branches of the Church.

Although orientated towards our youth as the most energetic defenders of our Race, White Berets and White Rangers impose no age limitation on their membership. However, every member must be physically and mentally able to perform his duties effectively.

World Headquarters endorses and promotes with great enthusiasm both the White Berets and White Rangers. No matter which of the two is selected, the member will be part of the militant elite of Nature's Finest.

The basic difference between White Berets and White Rangers is in the image and mystique, the type of heritage and tradition they want to emphasize, promote, and emulate.

White Rangers, as the name implies, draw their inspiration from the tradition of the heroic White conquerors of the North American continent—Pioneers, Frontier Fighters, Cowboys, and Texas Rangers. Their official uniform features white cowboy hat (with Church logo) and cowboy boots.

White Berets, as implied by their name, draw their inspiration mainly from the heroic White military tradition, especially as exemplified by the elite commando units (such as paratroopers). Their official uniform features white military beret (with Church logo) and paratrooper boots.

Despite the differences in image, mystique, and tradition, we must always remember that the essence of a White Ranger and a White Beret is not his uniform, but in his attitude. Our main goal is to revive the ATTITUDE OF WHITE MILITANCY—THE WILL TO FIGHT FOR WHAT IS WHITE AND DEFEND THE ONE AND ONLY, TRUE AND REVOLUTIONARY WHITE RACIAL RELIGION—CREATIVITY.

In order for a member to begin the dynamic process of becoming a White Beret or a White Ranger, the candidate should send a letter of interest to World Headquarters along with a head to toe photo of him. RAHOWA!

The WCOTC and the National Alliance

The history of the WCOTC and the National Alliance has been closely intertwined. When Church of the Creator founder Ben Klassen was sued into bankruptcy, the National Alliance's leader William Pierce helped to shelter Klassen by taking some of his property. This land was later sold and the money used to purchase Resistance Records.

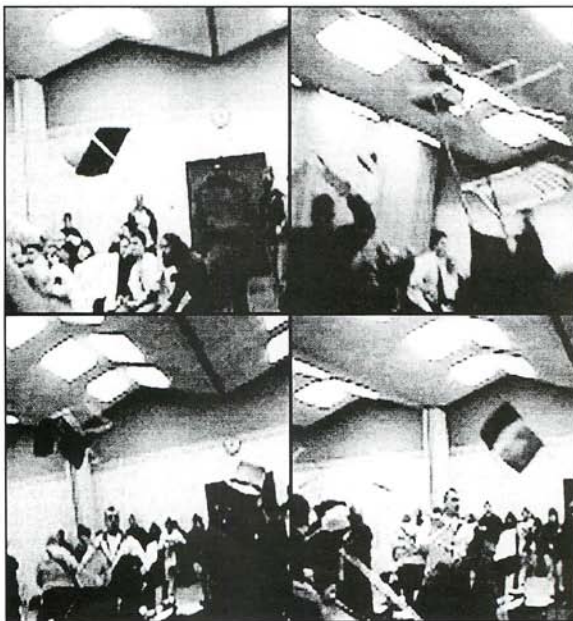
Under Pierce's direction, Resistance has run two favorable articles about Matt Hale and the WCOTC. Why would the NA promote a rival organization? Perhaps Pierce allows the WCOTC to draw in fresh (and sometimes troublesome) recruits, while the WCOTC also takes all the risks by holding meetings, rallies and otherwise being foremost in the media and on the "front lines." Pierce can then use the WCOTC as a recruiting ground, pulling the cream of the crop into NA cadres, and letting the WCOTC take the heat from anti-racists and the state. Clearly, Pierce does not view Hale as a threat—Hale is already showing himself to be an incompetent leader.

inspire a mass uprising, or at least another Ben Smith. But nothing materialized, and despite the rebellious rhetoric, Hale has returned to his mantra of "non-violence" and legality.

Recent events have thrown this contradiction back in Hale's face. The WCOTC's strategy of holding public meetings has been met with militant opposition by ARA and other anti-racists. Hale saved face after the first few disruptions by exhorting the toughness of his security team, despite the fact that they did little to defend him in reality and simple weren't very tough. In Peoria, Hale's security failed to defend him from being struck in the head with a 2 x 4, and Hale's calls to "Stop fighting!" were ignored by his supporters who clashed with anti-racists in the meeting room (leading to a shutdown). Though he later claimed victory and supported the violence as "self-defence," Hale clearly cannot control his own troops and keep them in line. His flirtation with militancy has backfired and the WCOTC's true colors have been exposed, leaving Hale scrambling to protect his sacred respectability.

Despite a call to recruit more White Berets "ready and willing to fight with their fists against the vermin," the last two WCOTC public meetings turned out far fewer supporters than before and Hale's security was nonexistent. Instead of boneheads, Hale has been forced to rely on the state for protection, hiding behind riot squads equipped with shotguns and rubber bullets. The last two meetings were also both held in towns housing state police offices, ensuring a strong police presence.

Hale has been extremely willing to work with police agencies, warning them of public meetings and rallies in advance, asking for protection, attempting to file charges against anti-racists, and even receiving an escort to and from the meeting sites. This would seem to contradict the WCOTC's policy to "Never trust police, FBI, or other agents of the JOG (Jewish-Occupied Government)" and Hale's previous calls to no longer acknowledge their authority. Certainly a reliance upon state protection can't be considered "revolutionary." Time will tell if it leads to an exodus from the WCOTC, as radical fascists grow fed up with the posturing and lack of substance. ❖



Matt Hale hides in the shadows, while his "white berets" battle ARA members

group who for the second year running are providing space and security for a Nordic Fest white power music festival in western Kentucky. Bound for Glory and their Minnesota allies are also back in the mix, and Ted Dunn of SS Action is starting to play a public role once again.

Resistance always had an international readership and coverage, but a decision was made to dramatically increase coverage and contacts. This increase cannot be explained solely by the potential financial opportunities of providing services to scenes that are undeveloped or are facing government bannings. There is much historical coverage of the Waffen SS as a multinational force of a generation of idealist youth fighting to save European civilization. A pan-European



racialism is operating from the cone of South America to Eurasia as a part of Nazi strategy. Here in the US, the magazine's interviews with Serbian, Greek, Polish, Slovakian and other young ethnic national socialists helps to welcome European immigrants into defense of the "white bloc." Both Chicago and Toronto have reported some young "off the plane" Polish nazi problems that may be a part of this. Resistance has also run photos of stateside Resistance events with the caption "young Polish concertgoers." Perhaps more importantly, those born into AmeriKKKa are finding "whiteness" and "white history" thin on flavor and heroic tradition. Clearly anti-fascist activists have to pay more attention to Resistance and the National Alliance. ❖



Anti-Klan rally in Skokie.

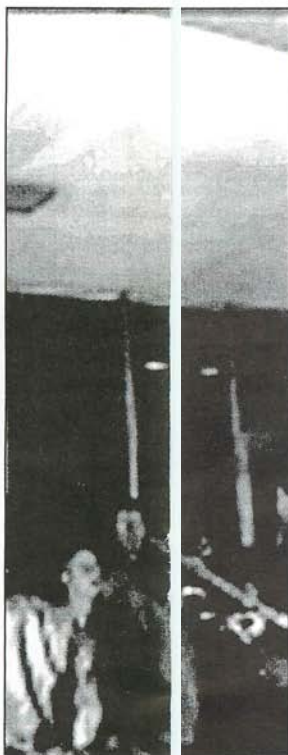
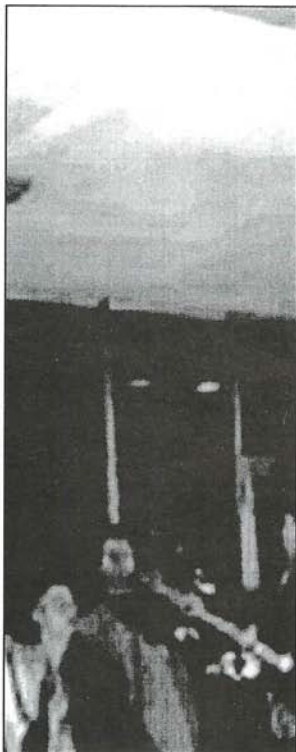
HALE AND BRIMSTONE

By M. Edwards

Since the shooting spree of World Church of the Creator (WCOTC) member Benjamin Smith in 1999, the white-supremacist WCOTC has bloomed into the loudest, most active, and possibly fastest growing fascist group in the US. Taking advantage of the media spotlight after Smith targeted Black, Jewish, and Asian people—killing two and wounding nine—WCOTC leader Matt Hale initiated a media blitzkrieg. For over a year, Hale's face appeared on TV shows on a monthly basis, spewing his ideology of white revolution virtually unopposed and often taking home a hefty "speaking fee" to fund racist activities. The WCOTC's sleek web presence took advantage of liberal hype proclaiming the internet as a spawning pool of racist activism, gaining more free publicity. Hale's drive to fame was further bolstered by a propaganda push that saw WCOTC pamphlets littered over thousands of lawns. Every small act of the church made the news, snowballing into a mountain of air time and press that has nearly made Hale a recognizable household name—free thanks to clever manipulation and the media's uncritical sensationalism. Whether this attention has drawn in new recruits is questionable, but it has certainly served to coalesce racist activists around the WCOTC.

Fortunately, Hale is exceptionally lacking in charisma, but his hard work has still developed the minor cult of personality so inherent to fascist groupings. As a young (29 years old), serious-minded racist trying desperately to claw into the mainstream, Hale draws support from a new generation of white supremacists who can relate much better to him than the stodgy old-school nazis and klansmen dictating over other small, dying fascist empires. With no other attractive alternatives, young fascists are flocking to the group, including many who formerly criticized it. The WCOTC has appeal because it is anti-Christian, espousing a creed upholding the "creativity" and superiority of the white race as the only thing worth believing in, and because it postures militantly with talk of RaHoWa (Racial Holy War) and white revolution. Other aspects of the WCOTC's "religion"—such as only eating raw, natural foods—paint the group as modern and hip to current youth trends, drawing in a new breed of granola-nazi hipsters.

The WCOTC also scores points by strongly emphasizing the involvement of women in the group. Unlike traditional fascist groups that stifle women under patriarchal dominance, the WCOTC has two separate groups for women. The WCOTC's Women's Frontier promotes white women activists and seeks to recruit new women into the church, while the Sisterhood of the WCOTC focuses on female "creators" as mothers and domestics. Though these groups have given women a strong role in the organization, they certainly do not promote women's liberation—according to "creator" ideology, a woman's primary role is as an incubator, churning out white babies and supporting white men.



ARA "sticks" photo Matt Hale



Internal Contradictions

While many white supremacist groups hide their terrorist tendencies behind talk of "white pride" and "saving white communities," it is obvious to anyone who checks that these altruistic-seeming phrases are merely code words for justifying prejudice, scapegoating, and violence against non-whites.

Many fascists have learned the hard way that this won't protect them from SPLC lawsuits, but short of going underground, they have no alternative. Some racist figureheads, such as the recently jailed Alex Curtis, strongly advocate leaderless cells and lone wolf terrorists, criticizing above-ground groups like the WCOTC for putting their membership at risk of surveillance, infiltration and attacks by the state and anti-racists.

Hale has publicly defended the WCOTC against these criticisms, citing the importance of organizing other whites and putting a "personal touch" into their recruiting. While the WCOTC has gained some ground by actually putting effort behind their facade, such as supporting homeschooling and trying to break into the respectable mainstream with public meetings, it suffers from a serious internal contradiction.

On one hand, the WCOTC claims to operate entirely within the law, building towards a "legal revolution of values" (as Ben Smith put it). According to Hale, violence is "counter-productive" to their message:

"Violent, illegal acts only serve to put good people behind bars, fuel anti-racist propaganda, and hence diminish the effectiveness of our efforts. Also, these activities serve to reinforce the negative stereotypes fostered by the Jewish media about people involved with the racist Movement."

Hale knows that he cannot maintain his public image of respectability if he can't keep his thugs on a leash. Breaking the law is also grounds for dismissal from the WCOTC, though this is certainly just to protect the church from legal problems.

On the other hand, the WCOTC puts forth a militant posture, emphasized by its slogan of RaHoWa (Racial Holy War). Skinheads are actively recruited, and the WCOTC promotes two security groups, the White Rangers and White Berets (the distinction being style of dress—cowboy or commando). Hale knows that many of his racist activists are more interested in busting heads than building community, so he must adopt a pose that keeps them satisfied. The stated goal of the White Rangers/Berets is to "revive the attitude of white militancy." Thus Hale attempts to walk the line between kicking ass and working within the system by pushing forth an image of militancy. On a few occasions, Hale has let this slip out in speeches and hotline messages, stating that their enemies must be "destroyed" and "eliminated." He took this even further when his law license appeal was lost:

"I can no longer in good faith and in good conscience urge, recommend or instruct, my adherents and supporters in general to obey the laws of this land [I declare today that this government is illegitimate and has no basis of authority over we Racial Loyalists who are free, according to our own conscience, to take whatever actions we deem necessary to resist its tyranny ... Whatever blood is spilled with [sic] be on the hands of those who severely wronged us today."

Most likely, Hale hoped this message would