



## Dick Bogle

The Ku Klux Klan is both growing and splintering, both dangerous trends boding more trouble for minorities in this country.

The Anti-Defamation League estimates national membership in various Klan factions at between 9,500 and 11,000, reflecting a slight increase over its estimate of about three years ago.

Stewart Lewengrub of the League says, "There's a growing tendency of Klan groups splintering off because some members feel they are not violent enough."

Last May, agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) arrested ten people affiliated with the KKK for conspiring to bomb the office of the NAACP in Catonsville, Maryland.

Also in May, ATF agents arrested

six people, allegedly members of a KKK splinter group for conspiring to bomb a Jewish synagogue and Jewish businesses in Nashville, Tennessee.

But the case perhaps drawing the most attention was the plotted overthrow of the government of Dominica in the Caribbean. That was planned by 10 mercenaries, 9 of whom were either connected with the Klan or Nazi movements.

Agents of the ATF were responsible for those arrests, too.

According to the Klanwatch of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Atlanta, Klan factions are working closer with Nazi groups and are becoming more anti-semitic.

The Klanwatch project doesn't just watch the Klan's activities. It filed suit in U.S. District Court in Texas and won a restraining order

against Klan intimidation of Vietnamese refugee shrimpers in a Gulf Coast town.

The SPLC is also trying to prove that the operation by the Texas Klan of a paramilitary training camp violates an old state law.

Morris Dees, chief trial lawyer of the SPLC says 34 states already have such laws but most either do not realize they exist or neglect to use them.

It's interesting to note the role of the ATF in all this. Despite the impressive arrests it has made in cases of potential or completed racial violence, its director, G.R. Dickerson says, "The Klan as a whole has not been targeted for investigation." He says when his agents have grounds for reasonable suspicion of illegal activities, they can infiltrate a Klan or other groups and have done so to

prevent violence.

Historically the ATF has been best known for its relentless pursuit of moonshiners. Yes, the ATF has been known to most of us as the "Revenooers."

And guess what, in President Reagan's latest budget proposals which contain drastic cutbacks for federal law enforcement agencies, the ATF is facing extinction. With the growth of personal ownership of automatic and semi-automatic weapons in this country, it seems to me to be a horribly inappropriate time to end its long history.

Incidentally the FBI is facing a possible budget cut of between 44 and 50 billion.

Recalling Reagan's very strong law and order position it seems inconsistent that he talks one game and budgets another.



## From the Capitol

by Rep. Ron Wyden

**Q.** Congressman Wyden, now that the first round of budget cuts have actually gone into effect, what do you think of the prospects for a healthier economy?

**A.** I wish I could be more optimistic. I certainly hope the Administration's program works—I think we all do.

But I have to admit, I have major concerns. In many ways, the Reagan Administration's fiscal policies are like a grim fairy tale. The President and his economic advisers have

promised an economic wonderland with no hard choices and no tough trade-offs. They said we could cut taxes to the bone, send defense spending to the moon and still wind up balancing the budget. Well, all I've seen so far are federal deficits that are spiraling out of control and interest rates that are skyrocketing.

We simply must return to 1-plus-1-equals-two economics if we really hope to achieve a healthier economy.

I would begin by making more spending cuts in "sacred cow" pro-

grams such as defense spending, synthetic fuel loans and tobacco subsidies—programs that have gone virtually untouched by the budget axe.

I think we must also continue federal investments in waterways, highways, job training centers, timberlands and sewers to build a base for more jobs—a critical issue in Oregon where unemployment approaches 10 per cent.

A third step is what I call credit conservation. Right now, America is desperately short of credit. The

federal government is borrowing enormous sums to pay its debts and Americans are saving less than ever before. Instead of using up our credit for speculation, corporate takeovers and foreign lending, we should conserve it for domestic use for housing, industrial expansion, farmers and small business.

Without these steps, I fear we will soon face a time when there are fewer farmers, fewer small businessmen and businesswomen and fewer homebuilders. And that's something we simply cannot afford.



## An Open Letter

by Police Chief Ron Still

When I was appointed Chief of the Portland Police Bureau, I stated that in six months I could make major changes. I need this time in order to take a critical look at all the way the total Bureau was operating. My goal was then and is to have the Bureau efficiently and professionally provide services to the citizens of Portland, and I will make whatever changes are necessary to meet this goal.

While we are still in the first six months of my appointment, I would like to provide you with a brief synopsis of the changes in organization and policy made to date.

One area in which changes are being made is in the Internal Affairs Division. Some citizens have expressed a concern in our ability to police ourselves. The primary concern was citizens' confidence that complaints would be fairly investigated. Commissioner Jordan formed a Task Force that was to look at the effectiveness of this unit and suggest changes.

I carefully reviewed the present structure and the citizens task force report. I agreed with the report that changes need to be made. The recommendations were constructive and have merit, and I have made several changes based at least in part, on this report.

First, the Internal Affairs Division was transferred to the Investigative Branch and given a new title

of Internal Investigations. One of the reasons that this was done was to provide additional investigative resources to the Division.

Also, a new and easily understood brochure describing exactly how to make a complaint, will be published and widely circulated throughout the community. In addition to the brochure, there will be a listing in the new telephone directory that will read, "complaints against police," as a further means to identify the Division.

We are also working with the District Attorney's Office in order to expedite those criminal cases which also have complaints against officers. For example, if an individual complains of being assaulted by a police officer following his arrest for burglary, the burglary prosecution would be expedited in order that the citizen's complaint can be investigated immediately following the adjudication of the criminal matter. The process will save several weeks, or possibly months, of delay. Additionally, the Internal Investigations Division will routinely recontact the complainant once the criminal matter is adjudicated.

Additionally, the Bureau will fully explain the process by which the complaint will be investigated and resolved. The complainant, at the conclusion of the investigation, will receive a response letter specific to the particular case, to include a

synopsis of the investigation and findings. The use of form letters will be discontinued. The Internal Affairs Division will personally review the case with the complainant, if the complainant so desires.

Internally, managers of the Bureau will be automatically notified when a particular officer is the subject of complaints from citizens which exceed established criteria.

An interesting statistic is that the number of complaints to Internal Investigations about officers had dropped 46 per cent during the months of June, July and August of 1981 as compared to the same months in 1980. At the same time, the number of sustained complaints remained numerically the same over both periods which means that the percentage of sustained complaints are up while the total number of complaints are down. This shows that we are continuing to deal with problems that are brought to our attention.

I view these changes as a positive response to the constructive criticism based upon a great deal of effort on the part of the task force.

I intend to discuss other areas of concern. Internal Investigations is an important part of the Police Bureau and therefore warranted an entire article. Future articles will address such areas as minority recruiting, use of physical force and training.

If you have comments or ques-

tions regarding the Portland Police Bureau, send them to me through the Public Information Office, 222 S.W. Pine, Portland, OR 97204. I will not be able to respond in my open letters to each and every concern, but will select those which will assist in improving communications and relations with the community.

## Mitchell requests investigation

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) will request the U.S. Justice Department to investigate what he describes as "a conspiracy" against Wallace and Wallace Chemical and Oil Corporation.

Mitchell reports that Charles Wallace in 1974 sought to build an

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oil refinery in Macon County, Alabama, and from the inception of the project, local, state, and federal entities used almost every device at their command to thwart the construction of the first Black-owned oil refinery in America.

The Maryland Congressman was especially critical of the Small Business Administration. "It is my firm belief," he stated, "that S.B.A. imposed certain contractual requirements on Wallace and Wallace with the full knowledge that those requirements in and of themselves almost guaranteed that the oil refinery would not succeed."

Mitchell added that a recent court decision, which ordered that a minority firm be reinstated to 8-a status, demonstrates that the Small Business Administration did indeed

make arbitrary and capricious demands on a minority firm. This case involved Oklahoma Aerotronics, Inc., which had been dismissed from the 8-a program. On August 27, 1981, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ordered that Oklahoma Aerotronics, Inc., be restored to 8-a status, citing that S.B.A. acted unlawfully, arbitrarily, capriciously, and abused discretion.

"I believe a similar vendetta pattern was followed by S.B.A. in the case of Wallace and Wallace," Mitchell said, "and we must not, cannot permit the stifling of minority enterprise in this fashion!"

On August 27, 1981, Wallace and Wallace filed suit against the Small Business Administration in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking injunctive relief.

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