

EDITORIAL/OPINION

Hayden Lake Incident, A Reminder of the Continuity of Racism

Last week the convention of the World Aryan Congress, held in Hayden Lake, Idaho, is a reminder that elements of racism are still present in our society. The purpose of the rally, which was attended by 100 Neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan leaders from around the country, was to discuss plans to turn the Pacific Northwest into a White homeland.

These racist individuals practice racial hatred and bigotry against non-Whites, and use violence and murder as tools in their racist campaign of terror.

Last winter, 10 members of the Aryan Nation, called the Order, were convicted on a host of racketeering and conspiracy charges. The Order committed murder, counterfeiting, arson and robbery of banks and armored cars.

Although groups such as these are in the minority in this country, there are many individuals who possess racial intolerance. Racism

still operates in contemporary American life, although in somewhat more subtle forms than it once did.

In recent years, attempts by Blacks and other minorities to achieve political, social, and economic equality opportunities have met with the disfavor of a majority of White Americans. This disfavor has resulted in continuing racial discrimination against Blacks and other minorities in the area of education, employment opportunity and health care.

It would be naive to think that all forms of racism could be eradicated from society. However, all decent Americans should work together to resist overt acts of racism by hate groups such as those who gathered in Hayden Lake. Furthermore, we must unite and fight against subtle forms of racism, which are just as damaging as racial violence that is practiced by hate groups.

Letters to the Editor

"Dr. Jekyll Is Hyding"

What is happening in South Afrika cannot or shouldn't be forgotten by Us. What is read, what is seen or viewed, and what is heard are three factors which weigh heavily as an exploited group attempts to free itself of its exploiters' influences. We should never forget this. What We read in the newspapers and magazines, what We see on the television screen and at the movies, and what We hear on the radio are calculated attempts by those who own these vehicles to keep Us from realizing what is important and what is not important, to manipulate the way We think about them (Our exploiters), and to manipulate the way We think about persons and/or organizations which oppose what they are trying to do. Everything We read, everything We see and everything We hear should be carefully analyzed by each of Us before We conclude that one thing is good or beneficial and another thing is causing trouble or is "just a lot of jive." Every attempt to influence Us, be it Black-, Red-, or caucasoid-originated, should be carefully analyzed by each of Us. Why? Because We cannot trust them, and because it is important that Each Of Us Get Into The Habit Of Doing His Or Her Own Thinking.

Some of Us find it difficult to accept the fact that it is not the purpose of those who take advantage of Us to tell Us the truth. As a result, We accept what We read in the various newspapers, We accept what Walter Cronkite and Eric Sevareid show Us, and We accept what the radio stations tell Us. We have no logical reason for doing so. And, on another level, We describe "Jaws" and "Love Story" as "good" books, We feel that Kojak is a "good" cop, "Good Times" is a "good" television show, and We listen to that "good" music on the radio (and keep up with what's happening at the same time). We lose when we forget these things, Brothers and Sisters. Once again, We lose. They have put Us to sleep, and it's time for Us to wake up. It's time for Us to start acting according to what We know, and to start learning about the things We don't know.

In the 1770s, a social, economic and political relationship had developed between Great Britain and her American colonies which established great Britain as a dominant tyrannical force. As a result, many of the colonial people began developing feelings of resentment toward the mother country (Great Britain). As time passed, they tired of the constant tyranny of King George to the point where the most politically aware among them felt that something should be done to stop that tyranny for once and for all. These men were in favor of opposing tyranny with arms if necessary, but in order to do this effectively they had to overcome a major obstacle. They

knew that most of the colonial people would sympathize with their cause because it was a just cause, but they also realized that this sympathy would not develop into actual open support unless some vehicle was used to popularize their just cause on a mass level. They needed a vehicle which could transport similar ideas to persons in all parts of the colony at the most opportune times. This vehicle would be used to champion the cause of resisting tyranny, and make the people fond of those who resist tyranny and deathly critical of all others. In short, they needed a vehicle which could render the masses of the people mentally free of Great Britain. This vehicle was the press (news media). In South Afrika, they are using censorship and other repressive measures, while they attempt to systematically destroy an entire racial group (genocide).

In South Afrika, the same press which was hailed as the guardian of a so-called democratic people, has been usurped and expanded by a racist group of individuals which is threatened by so-called democracy. The racist has changed the press from a savior of the people to a threat to the people. The racist group which intends to enslave humanity has used money and force to eliminate free press and has replaced it with a controlled written, oral, and visual communications network which does not have as its purpose the telling of the truth. Its purpose is not to report the news, but to dictate the selfish views of the so-called caucasoid christian Aristocracy. By gradually changing the press from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde, the so-called christian Aristocracy hopes that most people will not notice its purpose and, therefore, not lose their esteem for it and their trust in it (translated: people will continue to believe what the press tells them).

Today, there are politically alert Black people in South Afrika and around the world who see through this diabolical scheme; who see the changes the racist press has been taken through and who see the eventual posture which the racist press will be forced to assume. Blacks in South Afrika will no longer be the toys of the rich and scapegoats of all others. They will scale the ladder of humanness and cover it with their humanity.

Dr. Jamil Cherovee

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to your freedom and social justice article (July 9) and about subjects being human Guinea Pigs: I bet you never heard of THE HELLER PROJECT. I reason why you or anyone else never heard of THE HELLER PROJECT is because it was (and still is?) an experimental "prisoner" program whereby prisoners (of course—many of them

BLACK) had their testicles radiated. Most of the prisoners I know of who have been through this "human project" cannot speak about it. Why? They are all dead. They died of cancer or whatever one dies of after having their testicles radiated. That such human experimentation did happen in the State of Oregon (we protect pop bottles but not people) is, indeed, shocking. Most Oregonians have no inkling that such an inhuman project ever occurred within their State.

Of course, the "subjects" for THE HELLER PROJECT were nonetheless prisoners—prisoners who were mostly BLACK—or Jews, or AMERICAN NATIVE INDIANS. Some of these subjects could not even sign their names to the so-called release forms. Most were paid by the State of Oregon FIVE DOLLARS A MONTH for what only can be considered as being buying a slow death. Most of the prisoners to this day know nothing about the effects of radiation. How can you explain the process of radiation of one's testicles to a person who cannot even sign their name?

That human experimentation happened within the State of Oregon is shocking—but, what is far more shocking is the collective silence of THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY (the native American Indian never had a voice—so, no one can expect them to be able to utter one word). And so it goes (or does it?), not one word from any of the BLEEDING HEARTS JEWISH VOICES. Nevertheless, does a day go by that we are not told over and over again about the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps? When will we look at our own horror? Here in Oregon.

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Editor of Dads Newspaper

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Like many, I am deeply concerned about the plight of the Northeast Neighborhood, particularly N.E. Union and its environs. I feel that we (the city's residents who care) were beginning to make some headway in the war against street crime last year; I say, BEGINNING.

It is true, in an area where crime is deeply entrenched, it takes a pound of effort to produce an ounce of result, but that's no reason to stop fighting.

After some efforts last year, the prostitutes and drug dealers and the clouds of crime that follow them were still there, but cautiously—furtively. They were beginning to get the idea that they no longer owned our streets. Neighbors were more alert to crime, the police more responsive.

Well, the hoop-la of last year's



"Civil Rights Victory in North Carolina"
Along the Color Line by Dr. Manning Marable

In this period of conservative reaction against civil rights, there are few instances in which those individuals and social groups who are fighting for racial equality are winning. Rarer still are those cases in which local leaders who have been victims of the anti-civil rights offensive have emerged victorious. The Reverend Cozelle Wilson, a 59 year old Black leader in Kinston, North Carolina, stands as a symbol of courage and hope in an era of Reaganism and renewed racism.

Rev. Wilson is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and has been active in registering Black citizens to vote. Millions of white voters take their franchise rights for granted; poor Black people, especially in the rural South, still cannot afford to do so. In 1984, a federal district court in North Carolina declared in the Gingles vs. Edmisten decision: "Black voter registration remains depressed relative to the white majority, in part at least because of the long period of official state denial and chilling of Black citizens' registration efforts." Rev. Wilson became a volunteer "special registrar" in 1983, and brought hundreds of new voters into the political process. Naturally, the racists and Republicans did not desire an increase in Black voter turnout at the polls, and Rev. Wilson was selected to be a punitive example.

The opponents to Black voting challenged Rev. Wilson's registrations at the Lenoir County, North Carolina Board of Elections in October, 1984. But the Board reviewed her work, and found that no action was necessary. The state Board of Elections also agreed in early 1985. Only when white Republicans took over the Lenoir County Board of Elections, in July, 1985, were charges of illegal registration brought against Rev. Wilson.

In September, 1985, Rev. Wilson was indicted on felony charges, which upon conviction carry a ten year prison sentence. The prosecution admitted that Rev. Wilson had not committed "fraud" or had registered people who were ineligible to vote. Her alleged "crime" was that she had improperly registered 205 new Black voters only one

month before election day in late 1984. She had allegedly used college students to assist in registration "too much" and had not asked for proper identification in some cases. In short, the charges were of a very technical nature. One of Rev. Wilson's attorneys, Lewis Pitts of the Christic Institute-South legal service center, notes: "This appears to be the first prosecution of its type ever brought in the State. It was brought not because of what Rev. Wilson did but because of race and politics."

The Carolina "Peacemaker" observed that the real organizer of Wilson's indictment effort was Republican State chairman Tom Flaherty. The whole effort was designed to "intimidate Black voters and other Democrats by making public allegations of vote fraud against individuals like Wilson. The Republican strategy was based in large part on fear of strong Black support for the Rev. Jesse Jackson as a presidential candidate."

The local NAACP chapter called mass public meetings to protest the indictment, and a local movement began which called for freedom for Rev. Wilson. The Christic Institute-South, the Black Lawyers' Association, the National Lawyers Build and other groups brought media attention to Rev. Wilson's plight. Finally, on May 7, 1986, the prosecutor relented, and dropped all charges against Rev. Wilson. NAACP State Field Director Carolyn Coleman termed the dismissal of charges "a tremendous victory. We have to fight this kind of harassment wherever and whenever it exists."

Rev. Wilson has refused to become intimidated. Upon her vindication, she declared: "I will continue to work hard for my people. This case has given me an even greater desire to do more since there was so much harassment." The battle for racial justice under the law continues, despite the increased assaults by "legal" and vigilante racists to push Black Americans backward to Jim Crow.

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Letters to the Editor

King Facility meeting is over and another summer is well under way. The criminals are out in full force on Saturday nights.

Last Saturday, about 10:30, a very young prostitute was beaten up by a young man on the street in full view of neighbors on their porches who stood and watched placidly, doing nothing. On a street, just off Union, a drug deal was going on.

A friend of mine lives in the Union area. She had a pack of bums

hanging around—smoking, drinking, bringing drugs. My friend doesn't use any of these things, she has children and is now pregnant. She was extremely disturbed by this but felt powerless to do anything about it. She finally started seeing what they were doing as a serious infringement of her rights and she acquired enough backbone to throw them out.

The Northeast neighbors WERE gaining an awareness of their neighborhood as THEIR home and I was

glad to see that. We need to rekindle that.

Criminals of any color are criminals. "The Code" aside, if someone destroys your house, you stop him—if he destroys your neighborhood, you do the same. Any one who does things to help destroy your community is not a legitimate member of your community. Don't provide them with the silence and apathy he wants—report crime and testify in court. We can win!

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