

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND COLLECTION OF HATE CRIMES STATISTICS

Background:

As unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, August 10, S 702 mandates the collection of data relating to crimes that manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a companion bill in May, 1988 by a vote of 383-29. Rep. Gekas (R-PA), on three occasions, offered an amendment to strike sexual orientation. The amendments were voted down on all three occasions - during subcommittee mark-up, full committee mark-up, and during floor consideration. Mr. Gekas argued (1) that there is not compelling evidence that homosexuals are more often the target for crimes than other groups; (2) that there is no evidence of an interstate organization such as the Ku Klux Klan focusing on homosexuals; and (3) that this legislation would indirectly create a federal protected class for homosexuals.

It is expected that Senator Jesse Helms will offer an amendment dealing with sexual orientation during Senate floor consideration.

Talking Points in Favor of Retaining Sexual Orientation:

- There is compelling evidence of widespread violence motivated by bigotry against homosexuals and those perceived to be homosexual. In a report sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, entitled "The Response of the Criminal Justice System to Bias Crime: An Exploratory Review," it was noted that "the most frequent victims of hate violence today are blacks, Hispanics, Southeast Asians, Jews, and gays and lesbians. Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims." (Emphasis added.)
- There are compelling statistics to support inclusion of sexual orientation. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reported 7,008 incidents of hate crimes motivated by sexual orientation in 1987, 4,946 in 1986 and 2,042 in 1985. A 1984 study by the ~~National-Gay~~ National Gay and Lesbian Task Force revealed that nearly one in four gay men and nearly one in ten lesbians have been punched, kicked or beaten because of their sexual orientation.
- Sexual orientation should not be separated from other forms of hate violence because the perpetrators of racial, religious, and anti-gay crimes are frequently the same. For example, a neo-Nazi leader convicted in the 1983 arson of a Jewish Community Center in Indiana was also found guilty of torching a gay Metropolitan Community Church in Missouri. In Mobile, Alabama, Klansmen who

took part in the 1981 lynching of a heterosexual black man had earlier beaten a man because he was gay. In Arkansas, an Aryan Nations computer bulletin board that has issued messages attacking Jews, Blacks, and Hispanics, has also called for the collection of names and addresses of "queers" and their "family members and close associates" to "be acted upon when expedient." (See attached.)

- Including sexual orientation in this bill does not address the issue of whether sexual orientation is or should be a protected class. That is a separate issue for the courts to decide.
- This is not a back-door gay rights bill. It simply collects data on the extent of violence perpetrated against a group of American citizens. Congress has before it a separate piece of legislation, S 464, that addresses the issue of extending civil rights protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- Irrespective of one's views on civil rights protections for homosexuals, it is important for Congress to take a stand against any hate violence. Any legislation addressing crimes of bias that ignores anti-gay violence sends a message that attacks against gay people are less reprehensible than crimes against racial, ethnic or religious groups. The removal of sexual orientation from S 702 would reinforce the widespread perception that victimization of gay people is acceptable.
- Anti-gay violence has also been acknowledged to be a serious problem by leaders of a wide variety of law enforcement, criminal justice, professional, civil rights and religious organizations.
- The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a statement on "The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response" issued on December 10, 1987, stated, "we are alarmed by the increase of negative attitudes as well as acts of violence directed against gay and lesbian people since AIDS has become a national issue. We strongly condemn such violence. Those who are gay or lesbian or suffering from AIDS should not be the objects of discrimination, injustice, or violence."

Supporting Documents:

1. Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1987 (summary).—
2. Anti-Gay Violence Surveys Compared.
3. Introduction to "The Response of the Criminal Justice System to Bias Crime: An Exploratory Review," by Peter Fin and Taylor McNeil of Abt Associates; sponsored by the National Institute of Justice.
4. Selected news articles.

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**Anti-Gay
Violence,
Victimization
&
Defamation
in 1987**

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REPORT SUMMARY

Anti-gay harassment and violence remained a widespread and critical problem in 1987, with incidents reported to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reaching a record high. Seven thousand and eight (7,008) incidents--ranging from harassment to homicide--were reported to NGLTF from across the United States, as compared to 4,946 incidents reported in 1986. Documented by 64 groups in 32 states and the District of Columbia, and by the National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline, the statistics gathered for last year account for only a very small fraction of the actual total.*

While 42% more incidents were reported to NGLTF in 1987 than in 1986, it is unclear to what extent the rise reflects an increase in victimization or improved documentation of incidents, or both. More than one third of the local organizations reporting incidents to NGLTF last year observed that anti-gay violence occurred more frequently in 1987 than in 1986, and most indicated that fear and hatred associated with the AIDS epidemic continues to exacerbate the problem.

In addition to anti-gay violence reports from local groups, violence surveys completed in 1987 at Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, and in Vermont, Maryland and elsewhere, provided additional evidence of the pervasiveness of anti-gay violence and victimization.

Social Context: Increased reports of anti-gay harassment and violence occur at a time of widespread attacks against members of the Arab, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Jewish and Native American communities. A report recently published by the Center for Democratic Renewal and the National Council of Churches--which cites thousands of racial, religious, and anti-gay episodes documented since 1980--describes hate violence in America today as a "largely unrecognized cancer eating away our communities and social institutions."¹ In addition, a 1987 Justice Department study of the criminal justice system's response to bias crime concluded that "there is plenty of documentation to show that the problem [of hate violence] is widespread, and considerable evidence that it is increasing... Explanations for these changes include increased economic competition from minorities, visibility of gay men, ethnic neighborhood transition, and a perceived decrease in government efforts to prevent discrimination in education, housing, and employment."²

Causes of Anti-Gay Violence: The incidents documented in this report--and countless other attacks--are motivated by irrational fear and hatred and by the perception that gay people are "easy targets," unable to fight back and unwilling to risk exposure by reporting crimes against them to the police.

* Low rates of reporting by victims and the lack of systematic data collection efforts throughout most of the U.S. continue to prevent an accurate measurement of the problem's full scope.

Unfounded and longstanding notions that gay people are sick, sinful, or predatory have fostered hostility that leads to anti-gay violence, and have slowed official recognition and response to the problem. Moreover, the failure of most leaders in religion, government and education to condemn anti-gay violence--and the prejudice that underlies it--has only allowed the problem to continue unabated.

Incident Accounts: Anti-gay attacks reported to NGLTF in 1987 included the following:

o On September 13 in Long Beach, CA, three young men assaulted a gay man with AIDS, breaking his hip and causing other injuries. Although the assailants were apprehended, they were later released after police learned that the victim had AIDS. (L.A. Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center)

o On July 12 in San Francisco, a heterosexual male tourist was stabbed to death because he was mistakenly perceived to be gay by his assailant. The victim was en route to a dance club when a man accosted him, called him "faggot" and "fruit," and then stabbed him in the face and abdomen. The victim staggered several blocks, collapsed, and died two hours later. According to police, there was no evidence to show that the victim provoked the attack. He was, they said, "at the wrong place at the wrong time." (Bay Area Reporter)

o On January 17 in Shelby, North Carolina, several men linked by officials to the White Patriot Party entered a gay-oriented adult bookstore and shot five men, killing three. According to an informant, the killings were intended to "avenge Yahweh on homosexuals." (North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence)

o On March 17 in Philadelphia, a man who tried unsuccessfully to pick up a lesbian at a local bar dragged her out on to the sidewalk and beat her after she told him her sexual orientation. The victim sustained lacerations that required stitches at an emergency room. (Report from victim)

o On October 6 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, three youths wielding Chinese "throwing stars" stormed into a gay bar and assaulted patrons. According to police, eight men were slashed by the youths. (Indianapolis Star)

Anti-Gay Defamation: Along with an unprecedented number of harassing and violent incidents, there were numerous offensive and inflammatory statements against lesbians, gay men and people with AIDS by highly placed public officials, media personalities, religious leaders and others.

Official Response: After years of denial and neglect, the federal government last year began efforts to study anti-gay violence. The National Institute of Mental Health agreed to hold a research conference on anti-gay violence, and the National Institute of Justice--the research arm of the Justice Department--sponsored a study on bias crime which concluded that "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence.

Also at the national level, the House Judiciary Committee voted favorably on the Hate Crime Statistics Act (H.R. 3193), a bill that would mandate the national collection of statistics on crimes motivated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity. On May 18, 1988 the bill passed overwhelmingly on the floor of the House of Representatives.

While most state and local governments failed to take action against anti-gay violence, legislation to address the problem passed in California and Connecticut, and several major city police departments initiated efforts to track and investigate such crimes. Also at the local level, gay and lesbian groups initiated or expanded efforts to document violence and assist victims.

TABLE 3

ELEVEN ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE SURVEYS COMPARED

Survey location:	PENN STATE ¹	RUTGERS ²	VERMONT ³	BOSTON ⁴	MARYLAND ⁵	YALE ⁶	ALASKA ⁷	PHILADEL ⁸	WISCONSIN ⁹	MAINE ¹⁰	NATIONAL ¹¹
Year completed:	1987	1987	1987	1987	1987	1986	1986	1985	1985	1985	1984
Total sample size:	132	213	133	110	56	166	734	167	213	323	2074
Number male/female:	83/49	83/130	58/75	40/60	-	-	323/411	87/80	138/75	176/147	1420/654
Overheard anti-gay remarks:	98%	90%	-	-	96%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Target of verbal insults:	72%	55%	81%	94%	59%	65%	58%	80%	83%	84%	86%
Threats of physical violence:	25%	16%	36%	53%	20%	25%	24%	31%	47%	45%	44%
Property damaged/destroyed:	16%	6%	19%	-	13%	10%	12%	10%	20%	20%	19%
Target of objects thrown:	13%	12%	21%	16%	-	19%	-	22%	21%	26%	27%
Followed or chased:	22%	18%	32%	53%	13%	25%	14%	25%	37%	38%	35%
Spat upon:	6%	1%	-	11%	7%	3%	-	11%	13%	11%	14%
Punched, hit, kicked, beaten:	4%	4%	16%	26%	9%	5%	11%	10%	23%	16%	19%
Assaulted/wounded w/weapon:	1%	2%	5%	3%	-	1%	-	4%	10%	10%	9%
Victimization by police:	-	-	8%	-	-	-	8%	20%	24%	48%	20%
Victimization in school:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%	38%	37%	37%
Expectation of harassment:	93%	86%	76%	-	-	92%	-	-	88%	77%	83%
Fear for Safety:	58%	35%	79%	-	-	57%	-	51%	70%	-	62%
Know others victimized:	-	57%	89%	-	86%	76%	-	-	85%	85%	84%
Incidence of non-reporting:	93%	88%	63%	75%	-	90%	-	-	-	-	-

1. Anthony D'Augelli, Ph.D., Penn State University
2. Susan Cavin, Ph.D., Rutgers University
3. Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
4. Deborah Potter, Boston
5. National Organization for Women, Maryland affiliate
6. Gregory Herek, Ph.D., Yale University

- 7) Identity, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska
- 8) Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force
- 9) Wisconsin Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues
- 10) Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, Maine Civil Liberties Union
- 11) National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Study of Gay/Lesbian Victimization in Fight U.S. Cities (Boston, New York, Atlanta, St. Louis, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle)

Other Studies completed in 1987

National Lesbian Health Care Study,
National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation
(Sample size: 1,917) (1987)

Verbally harassed: 52%
Physically assaulted: 6%

Social Indicators Study, Chicago

McKirnan, Peterson

(Sample Size: 3404, 2655 males/749 females) (1987)

Verbal harassment:	At least once	More than once
Males:	84%	42%
Females:	71%	35%

Physical Assault/Vandalism

Males:	44%	31%
Females:	22%	13%

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THE RESPONSE OF THE
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The Response of the Criminal Justice System to Bias Crime An Exploratory Review

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Statement of the Problem

Bias crimes, or hate violence, are words or actions designed to intimidate an individual because of his or her race, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. Bias crimes range from threatening phone calls to murder. These types of offenses are far more serious than comparable crimes that do not involve prejudice because they are intended to intimidate an entire group. The fear they generate can therefore victimize a whole class of people. Furthermore, our country is founded on principles of equality, freedom of association, and individual liberty; as such, bias crime tears at the very fabric of our society.

For a variety of reasons (see Section 3.1 below), there are no accurate data regarding the number of bias crimes committed each year. However, there is plenty of documentation to suggest that the problem is widespread, and considerable evidence that it is increasing. Bias crimes may also be turning more violent: compared with the past, a larger proportion of incidents appear to involve personal injury as opposed to vandalism. Explanations for these changes include increased economic competition from minorities, visibility of gay men, ethnic neighborhood transition, and a perceived decrease in government efforts to prevent discrimination in education, housing, and employment.

Most observers believe that fewer incidents are being committed by members of organized hate groups, like the Ku Klux Klan, but many more are being perpetrated by individuals or small groups of people acting on their own. However, many of these offenders may be encouraged by the rhetoric of white supremacist organizations, and by the failure of most community and national leaders to speak out forcefully against these groups.

At least half the people arrested for bias crimes are teenagers and young adults between the ages of 16 and 25. For example, arrest records document that 70 percent of bias crimes in New York City in the past seven years were committed by youths under 20 years of age.

The most frequent victims of hate violence today are blacks, Hispanics, Southeast Asians, Jews, and gays and lesbians. Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims. Verbal intimidation, assault, and vandalism are the most commonly reported forms of hate violence.

For the most part, the criminal justice system--like the rest of society--has not recognized the seriousness of the hate violence problem. Police officers, prosecutors, and judges tend to regard most incidents as juvenile pranks, harmless vandalism, private matters between the involved parties, or acceptable behavior against disliked groups. Many criminal justice system personnel do not believe that hate violence exists in their community. Others are aware it exists but are reluctant to publicize the fact for fear their communities will be branded as racist or hotbeds of violence. Lack of police and prosecutor attention to bias crime often reflects the attitudes of local residents who do not want minorities in their community.

Because of the widespread and serious nature of hate violence and the inability of most criminal justice agencies to address the problem adequately, the National Institute of Justice solicited an exploratory review to (1) identify effective or promising steps that some criminal justice agencies have already taken to combat the problem, (2) identify the principle issues involved in assisting other police agencies and prosecutor offices to take effective action, and (3) review previous research and other resources in the field. The following chapters address each of these objectives. The introduction concludes with a list of the respondents who, in addition to program documentation and available previous research, provided the information on which this report is based.

1.2 Research Methods

We interviewed forty respondents. (See Exhibit 1.) Twenty-one were representatives of the criminal justice system, including eleven associated with law enforcement, five with prosecutor offices, and five with the National Criminal Justice Association. Fifteen respondents represented constituency organizations, including groups representing minorities that are often victims of hate violence (e.g., the National Association of Colored People, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Anti-Defamation League), and generic organizations devoted to preventing hate violence (e.g., the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, Klanwatch). Four respondents were researchers who have conducted studies related to hate violence.

Respondents were identified initially through recommendations from the National Institute of Justice, literature obtained from a library search of pertinent

Computer network based at NLR joins supremacist bulletin boards

By Michael Haddigan
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A computer network based at North Little Rock has joined the white supremacist computer bulletin boards at Dallas, Houston, Chicago and North Carolina that have been disseminating racist propaganda and far-right-wing political messages.

The "Arkansas Liberty Net," an affiliate of the "Aryan Nation Liberty Net" originates from the residence of Wilbur B. Hale of 6902 Pontiac Drive at North Little Rock. In a telephone interview Thursday, Hale said he was an Identity Christian, a member of the White Patriot Party of North Carolina and a former member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Hale also was an unsuccessful candidate for the North Little Rock School Board in the 1985 election.

"This system is dedicated to the free exchange of ideas," the introductory message in the system states.

"If you are an anti-Communist you have made the right connection. If you love the heritage, culture and traditions of the white race, then you are at home. If on the other hand you are consumed with one of the modern malignant social diseases such as liberalism, atheism or egalitarianism, then you have definitely dialed the wrong number."

One message on the Arkansas



—Gazette File Photo
WILBUR B. HALE

computer network requests information on homosexuals so that they could be rounded up for internment and quarantine to stem the AIDS epidemic, a reference to the deadly disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Calls Kahl state's 'new hero'

Another message praises Gordon Kahl, the anti-tax protester who died in an Arkansas shootout, and calls him Arkansas's "new hero." The message also compares him with the seven astronauts who died in the space

shuttle Challenger.

Computer enthusiasts have established thousands of bulletin boards during the last few years as a way of exchanging computer programs and equipment information. Recently the networks have been joined by computer bulletin boards specializing in ultraright-wing, racist propaganda.

Listed under 'William Travis'

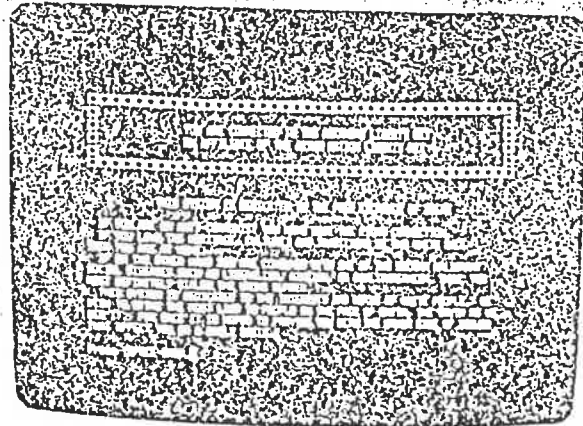
Access to the new Arkansas network can be gained with a home computer and a telephone. The phone number for the system is listed under the name of "William Travis" and under Hale's address.

Hale said he was not the operator of the computer network, but that a man he knows as William Travis from Dallas came to Little Rock last week to set up the system. Hale said he did not know what else Travis did at Little Rock before returning to Dallas.

Hale, a retired electrical engineer, said he had rented a room in his house for a "very nominal sum" to Travis and that Travis had installed an Apple IIC computer in the room for the bulletin board.

Hale said he had not "interrogated" the computer system, but that Travis showed him some of the messages on the system. Hale said he knew enough about the system to know that it was "a patriotic network." He said Travis was "a real nice guy," but that he

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—Staff Photo by Jim Bowman

Computer bulletin board dedicated to 'free exchange of ideas.'

did not know much about him or how to get in touch with him.

A message titled "Queer Watch," and headed "We may need to round them up soon," said that "because of the terrible crisis this nation faces over the AIDS epidemic," the Liberty Net has ordered new equipment that will allow people to use their home computers to transmit information to the computer system.

We advise all callers to start collecting now the names and addresses of queers in their local area for entry into this online database," the message states. "You should also include in your list the addresses of all known devian establishments where sodomites are known to congregate, as well as the names of restaurants where they work."

The message then asked for the

full names, addresses, ages and occupations of homosexuals and the names and addresses of all family members and close associates of homosexuals.

The information, the message said, would be included in a "nationwide hotline" and would be "acted upon when deemed expedient."

The ode to Gordon Kahl, written by Louis Beam, the former Texas Klan leader with close links to the Aryan Nations church of Hayden Lake, Ida., compares Kahl to Viking, Spartan and Roman warriors, Christian Crusaders, American soldiers of the Revolutionary War, Texans who fought at the Alamo and soldiers of the Confederacy.

Kahl, a member of the militant

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antitax group, Posse Comitatus, who was being sought by federal agents for the shooting of two federal agents, was killed in a 1983 shoot-out with Lawrence County Sheriff Gene Matthews in a farmhouse near Smithville. Matthews also died in the shoot-out.

The Arkansas Liberty Net also includes numerous other messages attacking Jews, blacks, Hispanics, the news media, the federal government, homosexuals and immigrants. Many of the messages also have appeared on the Texas computer networks.

Several messages call for armed revolution against the federal government. One asks why the federal government sanctions the killing of Communists in Nicaragua, but will not allow the killing of "the Communists in Washington, D.C., and Berkley [sic]."

Material by Beam and Robert Miles of Michigan, a former Klansman, who now operates an identity organization known as the Mountain Church, also appears on the Arkansas system.

The Dallas network states that the system operator is "Nathan B. Forrest," the name of the Confederate general who also is credited with founding the Ku Klux Klan. The name is thought by watchdog groups to be a pseudonym for Beam, who previously was based at Dallas. He reportedly has dropped out of sight in recent months.

Hale said he had met Beam several years ago at a "Freedom Festival" organized by the Christian Patriots Defense League of Licking, Mo. Asked if William Travis was a pseudonym for Beam, Hale said it was not.

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Federal study cites KKK violence

By GREGORY GORDON

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A Justice Department study has concluded federal agencies must cooperate more to combat Ku Klux Klan violence, and a Klan faction headed by Bill Wilkinson bears watching "as a potential serious threat."

The department review found Wilkinson's Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the most dangerous several Klan splinter groups because Wilkinson "really does very much promote violence," one law enforcement source said.

"Wilkinson's group is the much more serious and bears watching," the source said, adding most of the divisions in the white supremacist organization seem to be operating independently.

Wilkinson's Invisible Empire has set up a commando training camp near Cullman, Ala., where followers carry guns, wear army fatigues and say they are preparing for a race war.

The Justice Department review found two other Klan-related groups — Robert Shelton's United Klans of America and former Klan wizard David Duke's new organization, The National Association for the Advancement of White People — are less violent.

The study, which will be left to the new administration, was conducted at the request of Justice Department civil rights chief Drew S. Days III. Days was trying to learn whether there actually has been a resurgence of Klan activities, and whether federal agencies are effectively combating Klan violence.

The six-month review was done mainly by Louis M. Thrasher, former Justice Department civil rights lawyer who prepared a controversial, unprecedented suit charging the city of Philadelphia with condoning police brutality.

According to his conclusions, a lack of "information sharing" between the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms may have hampered some Klan prosecutions.

Sources said ATF agents frequently have found Klan members in possession of explosives or guns. But they said the Treasury Department agency did not attempt to prosecute them because it was unaware the Klansmen were convicted felons barred from purchasing or possessing firearms.

In addition, the Defense Department has failed in the past to provide

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Boy Scouts, cadets drilled at KKK camp

HOUSTON (UPI) — An instructor at a Ku Klux Klan survival camp, "who says communists and homosexuals are only enemies, is teaching boy scouts and Civil Air Patrol units how to strangle people and fire guns, it was reported yesterday.

In a copyrighted story, the Houston Chronicle said the survival skills taught by ex-Marine cook Joe Bogart include how to strangle people, cope with obstacle courses and fire automatic weapons.

It said Bogart, a drill instructor from La Porte, Texas, conducts the course for Explorer scouts and Civil Air Patrol units at Camp Puller near Houston.

The Chronicle earlier reported that Camp Puller — called "survival camp" — is frequented by right-wing extremists and is used as a training camp for the Texas Emergency Force, a Klan paramilitary arm.

The camp is run by Robert John Sisente of Deer Park, Texas. He denies he is a Klan member, and Louis Beam of Houston, grand dragon of the Texas KKK. Sisente is affiliated with an Explorer post.

"I am proud to be a member of the Klan," said Bogart, who said he had been a member for two years. "There are only two groups I'll battle with — communists and homosexuals. That's the basic reason I joined the Klan."

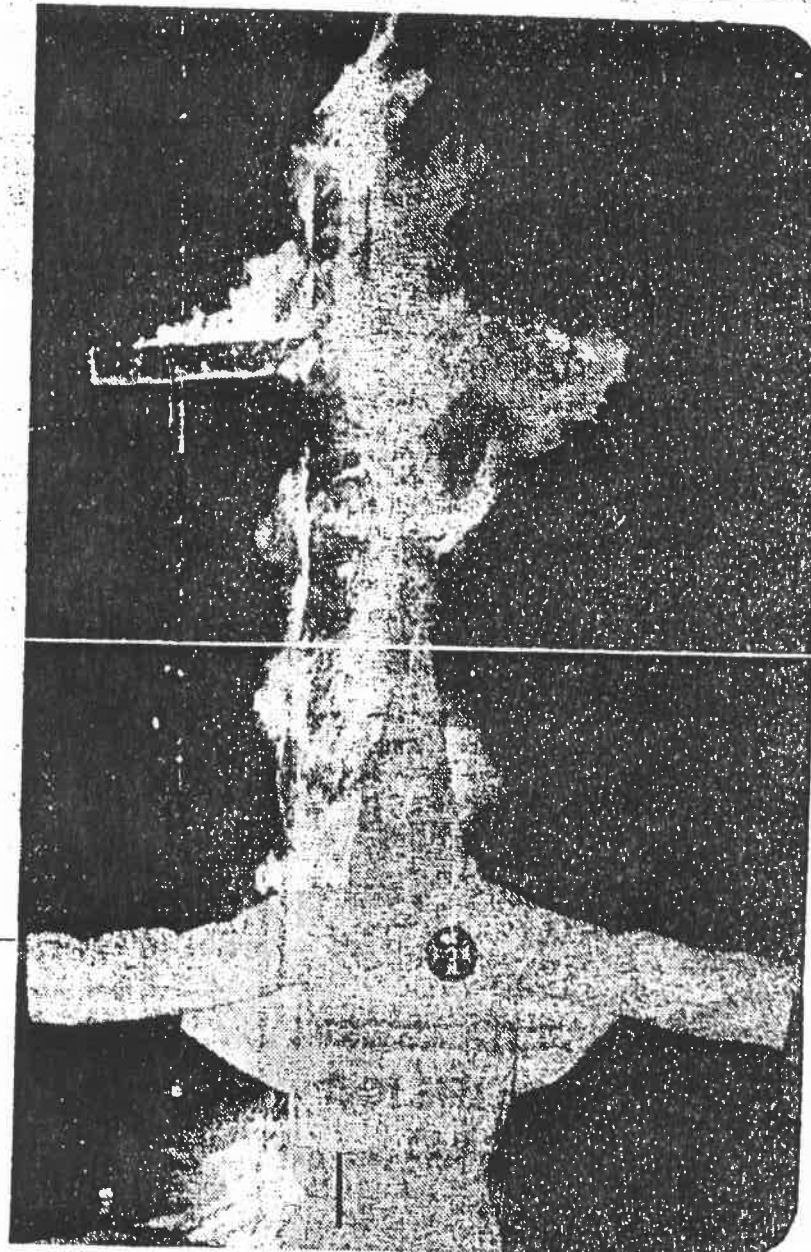
Bogart said he was invited to teach the youths by John Bryant, on federal probation for illegal weapons sales in Memphis and a leader of the Explorer post. It has not been fully chartered by the Boy Scouts of America.

Bogart said he served four years in the Marines as a cook and participated in some boot camp training exercises.

Bryant, who was expelled from the CAP Oct. 20, said CAP superior officers were trying to "assassinate" his character by associating him with the Klan. He described himself as an "asset protection officer" aiming to "develop young men."

"I have no connection whatsoever with the KKK," he said. "Half my post is Mexican-American. We're not teaching these guys how to snipe. They only shoot a few rounds, not proficiently by any means."

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UPI Telephoto

A HOODED KLANSMAN poses in front of a burning cross as the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan conducts a September rally in Scotland, Conn.

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law enforcement agencies with enough evidence of klan infiltration of the military, they said.

Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti has expressed concern about a seeming rash of klan violence, which climaxed with the fatal shootings of five communists at a 1979 anti-klan rally in Greensboro, N.C. Civiletti re-

cently urged U.S. attorneys and FBI officials at a conference to vigorously investigate and prosecute klan violence.

Last week, FBI Director William Webster expressed some frustration about klan investigations. He told reporters that while the bureau has "some klaverns" under investigation, it has fewer informants than in previous years because guidelines bar FBI

infiltration of domestic groups without evidence of a crime.

As a result, he said the bureau gets less advance warning of crimes.

"These organizations tend to be cellular, tough, tight, testing and when we open an investigation, we do not automatically have people in place," he said.

CAMP

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CAP Maj. Paul Renfro said he had been investigating the training of scouts and CAP cadets at the camp. He said parents had complained their sons were learning guerrilla warfare and had heard racial slurs from leaders.

"There was nothing boy scout about it," Renfro said of a recent weekend camping trip. "They were on maneuvers. They were firing, unloading, using live ammunition and the parents were very upset because they were told nothing about this. These guys misled the scouts."

Some 12 to 30 Explorers and CAP cadets reportedly were involved in the training. The Explorers were members of Post 2125, hosted by the Marine Corps Reserve at Ellington Air Force Base. The CAP cadets came from the Ellington CAP unit.

Houston Explorer Director Don Townsend of the Boy Scouts of America said the post at Ellington was supposed to teach boys about military careers.

"It is not uncommon for this type of survival post to handle weapons, but it's not supposed to be an exposure to boot camp," Townsend said.

White Supremacist Convicted

Charges Stemmed From Bombing, Fires

Associated Press

FORT SMITH, Ark., July 17—

The leader of a white supremacist group was convicted Tuesday of racketeering charges related to a Jewish center, a church and to the bombing of a natural gas pipeline.

A U.S. District Court jury deliberated less than two hours before convicting James D. Ellison, 38, founder and spiritual leader of the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, described by the FBI as a survivalist group.

Ellison surrendered April 22 after a four-day siege by the FBI, U.S. Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms agents and Arkansas state police at the group's 224-acre compound in north-central Arkansas, which straddles the Missouri state line.

Ellison was charged with using his position as group leader to burn his sister's Missouri home in 1980 for the insurance, a Springfield, Mo. church in 1983 with a largely homosexual congregation, the Jewish Community Center in Bloomington, Ind., and to bomb a natural gas pipeline at Fulton, Mo., also in 1983.

In closing arguments, defense attorney Neal Kirkpatrick told the jury that the government prosecuted Ellison because of his politics.

"If the government felt James Ellison was guilty of sedition or treason, why didn't they charge him with it," Kirkpatrick said. "They haven't charged him with it. It's not there."

U.S. Attorney Asa Hutchinson urged the jury to convict Ellison because "no man can take the law into his own hands." Government witnesses included Randall Rader, who said he conducted military training exercises at the group's compound in Arkansas, and William Thomas, a former group elder.

Ellison was convicted of one count of racketeering and two counts of interstate travel to commit criminal acts. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$45,000 fine.

PRAISE GOD FOR AIDS

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ANTI-GAY/LESBIAN VIOLENCE

Anti-gay/lesbian violence is a major concern to the gay/lesbian community. The incidence of such violence is significant and increasing. Reports of increased anti-gay/lesbian hate violence occurs at a time of widespread attacks against members of the Arab, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Jewish and Native American communities.

A report recently published by the Center for Democratic Renewal and the National Council of Churches--which cites thousands of racial, religious, and anti-gay episodes documented since 1980-- describes hate violence in America today as a "largely unrecognized cancer eating away our communities and social institutions." In addition, a 1987 Justice Department study concluded that "there is plenty of documentation to show that the problem (of hate violence) is widespread, and considerable evidence that it is increasing."

Incidents documented by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force indicate that anti-gay/lesbian attacks are motivated by irrational fear and hatred and by the perception that lesbian and gay people are "easy targets," unable to fight back and unwilling to risk exposure by reporting crimes against them to the police. Unfounded and longstanding notions that lesbian and gay people are sinful, sick or predatory have fostered hostility that leads to anti-gay/lesbian violence, and have slowed official recognition and response to the problem. Moreover, the failure of most leaders in religion, government and education to condemn anti-gay/lesbian violence has only allowed the problem to continue unabated.

In 1987, the federal government began efforts to study anti-gay/lesbian violence. The National Institute of Mental Health agreed to hold a research conference on anti-gay/lesbian violence, and the National Institute of Justice sponsored a study on bias crime which concluded that "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence.

Representative John Conyers (D-MI) sponsored legislation, HR 3193, that would mandate the national collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. On May 18, 1988 the bill passed overwhelmingly on the House floor. Companion legislation, S 702 sponsored by Senator Paul Simon, is pending Senate floor action.

Facts about anti-gay/lesbian violence:

- There is compelling evidence of widespread violence motivated by bigotry against homosexuals and those perceived to be homosexual.
- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force documented: 7,008 incidents of anti-gay/lesbian violence in 1987, 4,946 in 1986, and 2,042 in 1985. In 1984, NGLTF found that nearly one in four gay men and one in ten lesbians have been punched, kicked or beaten because of their sexual orientation.
- Sexual orientation should not be separated from other forms of hate violence because the perpetrators of racial, religious, and anti-gay/lesbian violence are frequently the same. For example, a neo-Nazi leader convicted in the 1983 arson of a Jewish Community Center in Indiana was also found guilty of torching a gay Metropolitan Community Church in Missouri. In Mobile, Alabama, Klansmen who took part in the 1981 lynching of a heterosexual black man had earlier beaten a man because he was gay. In Arkansas, an Aryan Nations computer bulletin board that had issued messages attacking Jews, Blacks and Hispanics has also called for the collection of names and addresses of "queers" and their "family members and close associates" to "be acted upon when expedient."
- Irrespective of one's views on civil rights protections for homosexuals, it is important for Congress to take a stand against any hate violence. Any legislation addressing crimes of bias that ignores anti-gay/lesbian violence sends a message that attacks against lesbian and gay people are less reprehensible than crimes against racial, ethnic or religious groups.

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By HOLLY DANKS

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L.A. Times-Washington Post Service

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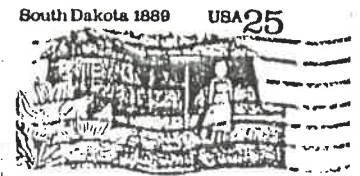
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Gay men, women rally for equal rights

□ Thousands celebrate the movement's 20th anniversary

By JIM HILL

of The Oregonian staff

Several thousand gay men and women marched through downtown Portland on Saturday, then held a rally in Tom McCall Waterfront Park to celebrate two decades of civil rights activism on behalf of homosexuals.

Kevin Koesel, state manager for the march and rally, said the events marked 20 years since the riot that resulted from a routine police raid on the Stonewall, a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village. That riot, on June 29, 1969, provided the impetus for the gay activist movement, Koesel said.

He said the Portland rally, which been an annual event for about 12 years, had the political goal of promoting equal rights for homosexuals. But it also was a social occasion, "a chance for people to come out and be proud of who they are," he said.

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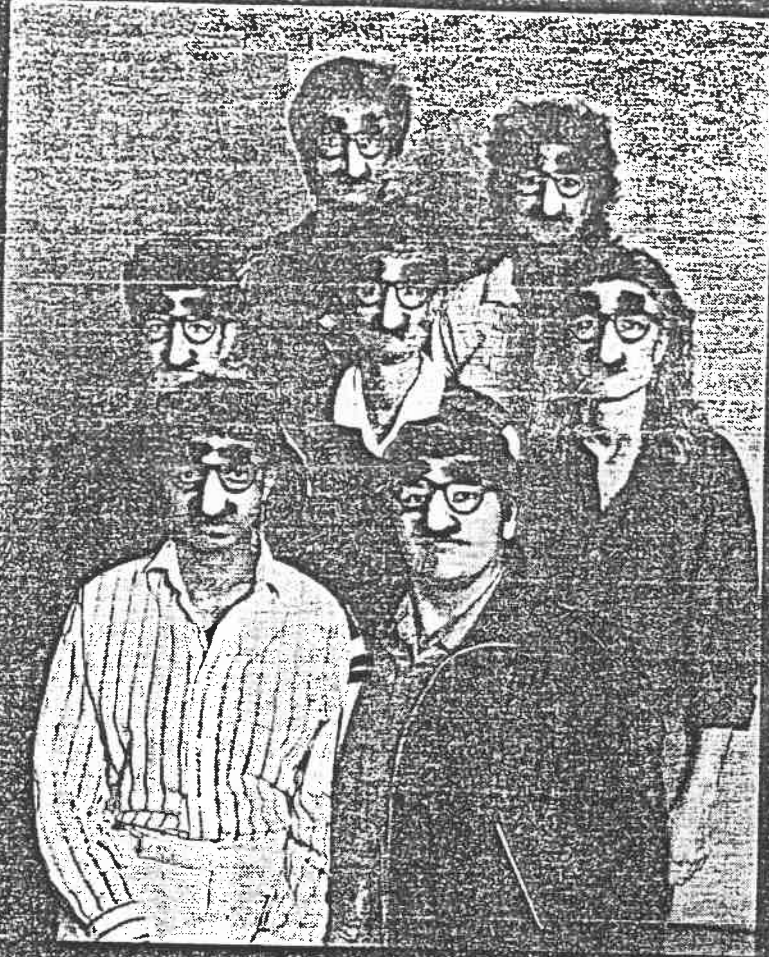


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