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## Packwood and Family Are Guarded After Threat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — Bob Packwood, the new chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and his family received intensive police protection for the past week after they were threatened by a neo-Nazi group, an aide to the Senator said today.

The Capitol police lifted the special protection Wednesday after determining that there was no further immediate danger, said Etta Fielek, Mr. Packwood's spokesman.

### Threat to Senator in 1977

The protection for the Oregon Republican and his family began Dec. 28 after an informer told the Eugene, Ore., office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Aryan Nations, a white supremacist group, planned to assassinate Mr. Packwood before the new year, the Senator's spokesman said.

Mr. Packwood made his first public appearance since Christmas at a meeting of the Finance Committee, which he took over as the 98th Congress convened.

Eight to 10 officers of the Capitol po-

lice provided the 24-hour-a-day protection for Mr. Packwood; his wife, Georgie; their son, Bill, 17; and their daughter, Shyla, 14.

Senator Packwood received Federal protection for himself and his family in 1977 after a radical Arab group threatened to kidnap and kill his children because of his support for Israel.

"In the past, I have had miscellaneous personal threats," Packwood said. "That's the risk in this job. It's a lot more frightening when it's your family."

Some members and former members of the Arab group have called for the violent overthrow of the United States Government through terrorism and killing. Members of the group say they are the chosen descendants of the Biblical tribes of Israel.

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# Supremacist is arrested in Brink's heist

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A second member of the white supremacist group The Order was arrested Thursday for the \$3.6 million armored truck holdup in northern California in July, authorities said.

James Dye, 31, also known as Grant Ullrig, was arrested without incident by FBI agents at noon in the parking lot of a suburban convenience store near his home in the Spokane Valley, said Allen P. Whitaker, special-agent-in-charge of the FBI's Seattle agency.

The FBI says 12 members of The Order, which it describes as a "right-wing splinter group affiliated with the Aryan Nation," robbed a Brink's armored car July 19 near Ukiah, Calif., about 100 miles north of San Francisco.

Dye has not been mentioned in the holdup or other crimes blamed by officials on a network of neo-Nazis. His presence in Spokane had been known for "several months," Whitaker told a Spokane news conference.

At a court hearing following, U.S. District Judge Justin L. Quackenbush ordered Dye held without bail pending a hearing Monday.

The only other defendant identified so far is Denver Parmenter, 32, of Cheney, Wash., who was arrested in Seaside, Ore., Dec. 18 and was charged last Friday. He is being held without bail in Portland.

Meanwhile, a federal grand jury in Seattle returned a 16-count indictment Thursday against four people arrested in FBI raids on suspected neo-Nazi hideouts on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound in December.

Randolph George Duey of Spokane; Robert E. and Sharon K. Merki, 49 and 46 respectively, formerly of the Oroville area; and Ian Roy Stewart, 21, hometown unknown, were charged with two counts of harboring Robert J. Mathews, 31, of Metaline Falls, "at Whidbey Island ... and elsewhere" from Nov. 24 until their arrest Dec. 7.

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## NATIONLINE

**FBI NABS SUSPECTED NEO-NAZI:** James Dye, 36, a suspected neo-Nazi accused of participating in the \$3.6 million robbery of a Brinks armored car in Ukiah, Calif., last July, was arrested at his home in Spokane, Wash., Thursday. Denver Daw Partmenter II, 32, of Cheney, Wash., also is in custody, charged with the hold. And in Seattle, a federal grand jury indicted four people accused of harboring self-proclaimed neo-Nazi Robert J. Mathews on Whidbey Island until a day before he died in a fiery explosion on Dec. 8 after FBI agents fired flares into the house where he had held out agents for 36 hours.

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## 2 Brink's Workers Held in Vault Plot

By KATHERINE BISHOP

Special to The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 — Two employees of Brink's Inc. are facing Federal charges that they plotted to rob the armored car service's main vault in San Francisco to help finance an anti-Semitic extremist group that was plotting to take over the Federal Government.

One of the two is Charles E. Ostrout, who is also charged with aiding in the \$3.6 million armed robbery of a Brink's truck last July 19 near Ukiah, Calif. The Federal authorities say they believe the money was meant to be used in part to support a extremist group, known as the Order, or the Silent Brotherhood.

The men were arrested Wednesday. Mr. Ostrout, 51 years old, who is on disability leave from his job as a Brink's supervisor, was arrested in Lockport, Calif., in rural Modoc County, near the Oregon border. He is to be arraigned Friday in Federal District Court in Sacramento.

### F.B.I. Ties Both to Group

The other suspect, Ronald Allen King, 45, is the operations manager at the San Francisco branch. He was arrested in Hayward, about 12 miles southeast of here. A Federal magistrate in San Francisco held him without bail pending arraignment Monday.

According to affidavits by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, both men are members of the Order. Over the last two months 17 people in six states have been charged with crimes related to activities of such a group.

According to the F.B.I. affidavits, the investigation began with the arrest Nov. 24 of Gary Lee Yarborough in a shootout with bureau agents near Portland, Ore. Robert J. Mathews, who is believed the leader of the Order, escaped.

A list of code names and telephone numbers for members of the Order were found in a car that Mr. Yarborough and Mr. Mathews had been using, the affidavit said. This information, the F.B.I. papers said, eventually led last July to an apartment shared by Mr. King and Mr. Ostrout in San Lorenzo, Calif., just south of Oakland.

Two F.B.I. sources, who are said to have taken part in the robbery in Ukiah, said Mr. Ostrout met in advance with Mr. Mathews and gave him information about the route the truck would take and the amount of money in it.

### 3 Accused of Harboring

Mr. Mathews died in a 33-hour siege by law-enforcement officers at a house on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, Wash., on Dec. 7. Charged with harboring Mr. Mathews in that case are Frank Lee Silva, who the authorities

say is the former leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Los Angeles; Randolph G. Duoy; Ian Roy Stewart; his mother, Sharon Merkl, and her husband, Robert Merkl.

Mr. Stewart's sister, Suzanne C. Stewart Hamilton, and another woman, Jean Craig, were arrested this month in Boise, Idaho, and charged with receiving money stolen in the Brink's robbery. Mrs. Hamilton's husband, Luke, has been charged with counterfeiting.

Already charged in connection with the Brink's robbery are Andrew Virgil Barnhill and Richard Harold Kemp, arrested in Kalispell, Mont.; James Dye, arrested in Spokane, Wash., and Denver Daw Parmenter 2d, arrested in Portland. They were all apprehended this month.

Assistant United States Attorney Peter Robinson said the Government intended to charge Mr. Yarborough and Mr. Duoy in the Brink's robbery.

At a news conference last month at the headquarters of the the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist organization, at Hayden Lake, Idaho, that group's leader, Richard Girnt Butler, said Mr. Mathews, Mr. Yarborough, Mr. Duoy and Mr. Parmenter had been members. Mr. Butler, who also heads an anti-Semitic group, the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, said the four men attended his church.

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# Armed neo-Nazi sect ready for revolution

## Aryans linked to murder, bombings, robberies

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**W**ASHINGTON — Federal law enforcement officers are cracking down on a far-right-wing sect in the West that they view as increasingly dangerous as it attempts to lead nationwide.

The group has been linked to nine months of violent acts seemingly patterned after a 1978 novel in which te supremacists and tax protesters overthrow the erument.

The 12-year-old group, known as the Aryan Nations he Church of Jesus Christ Christian, has been tied to murder of a controversial Denver talk-show host, a agogue bombing in Idaho, shootouts with police in eral states and two armored car robberies in Califor- and Washington state.

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FBI Special Agent Norman D. Stephenson told a eral magistrate in Seattle that the group's goal is the olent overthrow of the U.S. government by killing, ury and counterfeiting." He cited a "declaration of r" against blacks, Jews and the federal government ned by 12 of the neo-Nazis.

Law enforcement officers say the group and its af- ale units, variously known as the "White American stion," "The Order" or "Bruder Schweigen" (Silent otherhood), essentially is acting out in real life the t of a fictional Nazi fantasy.

The current outburst of violence tracks fairly close- with the plot of a novel, "The Turner Diaries" by its supremacist William Pierce of Arlington, Va.

42- That book relates a successful revolution by heavily med American neo-Nazis. In the book, the Nazis mur- r several prominent Jews, bomb the FBI headquarters d finally attack Israel with nuclear weapons.

The emerging pattern of violence linked to the Ar-



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ly considered violent except for scattered incidents in which gun-toting members occasionally threatened law- men.

But according to court documents and law enforce- ment officials, young militants recently have come to the fore in the group. They appear to be bent on imple- menting the "The Turner Diaries."

The "church" and the Aryan Nations group are de- scendants of hate groups that flourished during the Great Depression.

In 1970, Butler, a California aeronautical engineer, became a follower of Dr. Wesley Swift, one of the more active Depression-era white supremacists.

In 1973, Butler moved the operation to a fenced and secluded 20-acre site at Hayden Lake, Idaho, on the edge of Coeur d'Alene National Forest, near the banks of a pure, ice-blue lake surrounded by a dense stand of dark- green Douglas fir.

The church's name reflects Butler's angry rejection of the assertion that Jesus Christ was born a Jew. The name "Aryan Nations" reflects his belief that the "white nations" of the world, in North America and Western Europe, are the true Aryan descendants of the original tribes of Israel, described in the Bible as the Chosen People.

Butler, 65, a nervous, thin-faced man with a surpris- ingly unmenacing manner — his conversation is laced with "Gosh!" and "Heck!" — set about spreading his views that Jews and blacks are the children of Satan and



Butler said in an interview that he views his mission as spreading the message.

"We must win the hearts of the people," he said. "It's battle, or a war, for minds. It can only be done in the U.S."

The group, in addition to its racism, holds that the federal government's power to tax deprives citizens of basic rights, and that overthrowing the government may be achieved more easily if citizens withhold payment of federal income taxes.

Although the sect claims it has up to 8,000 members, readers of its literature, Assistant FBI Director William M. Baker says the FBI estimates the "hard core" to be a cadre of 100 to 150.

Among the group's affiliates are members of the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party and some radical elements to the doctrine of Posse Comitatus, which requires no law above the county level. One Posse Comitatus adherent who attended Aryan Nation functions, Don Kahl, was killed in May 1983 in a bunker in Arkansas after a cache of explosives and ammunition was used in a gunfight with federal agents, but not before he had killed a sheriff. The Aryan Nations has declared him a martyr.

Kahl, a tax protester with a history of anti-Semitic anti-black activity, was a fugitive sought in the slaying of two federal marshals in North Dakota.

Federal agents investigating those killings began uncovering links among heavily armed right-wing extremists. These overlaps also were reported by such groups as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which monitored and talked to informers in groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

The extremist network is loose-knit and nationwide in scope, but concentrated in small pockets in the Middle West and the South.

Although the investigators say it is united more by ideology and theology than by organization or hierarchy, its constituent groups are being linked by a rudimentary computer network being set up by Louis Beam, a Ku Klux Klan leader and computer consultant, based in Dallas.

According to an Aryan Nations newsletter, Beam is an ambassador at large of the Aryan Nations.

The Aryans have drawn special attention and expressions of concern from Stanley E. Morris, director of U.S. Marshals Service, some of whose officers have been shot or assaulted as they attempted to serve court orders on extremist group members.

One person linked to the group, federal investigators said, had plans of a power dam in northern Washington. Among the group's announced aims is destruction of utilities and communications, although there was no confirmation of any plan to sabotage the dam.

The federal agents also seized racist tracts, including one detailing a "point system" for gaining hero status as an "Aryan warrior" by murdering Jews, blacks, federal judges and FBI agents.

One hand-written tract declared "war" against "the G" (Zionist Occupation Government) and the "Jew-controlled media," and warned of "daily firefights" between law enforcement officials and the "heavily armed American Revolutionary Army."

Some organizations affiliated with the racist alliance have computerized "enemy lists," with names and addresses of Jewish organizations, purported Communists

One young militant, Robert Jay Mathews, 31, died inside a burning farmhouse near Seattle on Dec. 8 in a shootout with federal officers attempting to arrest him on assault and weapons violation charges. The house caught fire when an FBI SWAT team fired a nighttime illumination flare that accidentally hit the frame building, in which Mathews had stored explosives.

Mathews, who had left the Aryan church to form an affiliated group called the White Aryan Bastion, was recently termed a "hero" of the sect by Butler.

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a few associates to join what he called "The Order." That is the name of a paramilitary underground group in "The Turner Diaries."

Some activities of Mathews and his followers closely paralleled events in the novel, officials say, and court papers indicate that Mathews recommended the book to his associates. The book describes pitched battles with law enforcement officers and the use of robberies and counterfeiting to fund a white supremacist organization.

Pierce, the author of the novel, refused to discuss his book and the question of whether it has served as a guide for the extremist violence.

Since Mathews' death, Gary Lee Yarbrough, a close associate of Mathews and former bodyguard of Butler, has been arrested on charges of assaulting federal officers in connection with an armored car holdup last April in Seattle.

A search of his Idaho home led authorities to consider him a prime suspect in the murder of Alan Berg, a Jewish talk-show host who had publicly belittled extremist groups. Berg was gunned down outside his Denver town house in June. The search turned up a cache of weapons ranging from an Uzi submachine gun and loaded crossbows to a "Mac-10" automatic pistol — the weapon used to kill Berg.

Yarbrough has denied any role in the slaying.

Related searches of other homes of Aryan Nations-linked defendants have turned up four crossbows, booby traps, infrared night-vision scopes, 100 sticks of dynamite, three-quarters of a pound of C-4 explosives along with detonating wire, two .45-caliber semi-automatic weapons (one equipped with a silencer), a Mini-14 Ruger .223-caliber semi-automatic rifle, a bandolier of buckshot shotgun shells and a hand grenade.

Informants have told Denver police that Beam had boasted privately of killing Berg. But police have discounted this information, saying there is no supporting evidence.

According to the FBI's Baker, Aryan members or sympathizers also have been linked to an armored car holdup last July in Ukiah, Calif. It and the Seattle robbery were conducted "to fund further criminal acts by members or offshoots of the Aryan Nations," he said. More than \$4 million in cash was taken in the two holdups.

More cash was obtained through the counterfeiting ring, which authorities said also was used as part of the extremists' effort to disrupt the Federal Reserve System. Some Aryan Nations publications describe the federal banking system as a tool of Jews. Robert E. Merti and his wife, Sharon, are to be tried next month in Seattle on charges they organized the ring.

In all, the FBI has arrested 11 suspects in connection with the armored car heists, for harboring Mathews

and for assisting federal officers. Two suspected armored-car bandits, Andrew Virgil Barnhill and Richard Harold Kemp, were taken into custody earlier this month while playing poker in a bar in Kalispell, Mont. Baker said sect members also are under suspicion in the April 29, 1984, fire-bombing of a synagogue in Boise, Idaho.

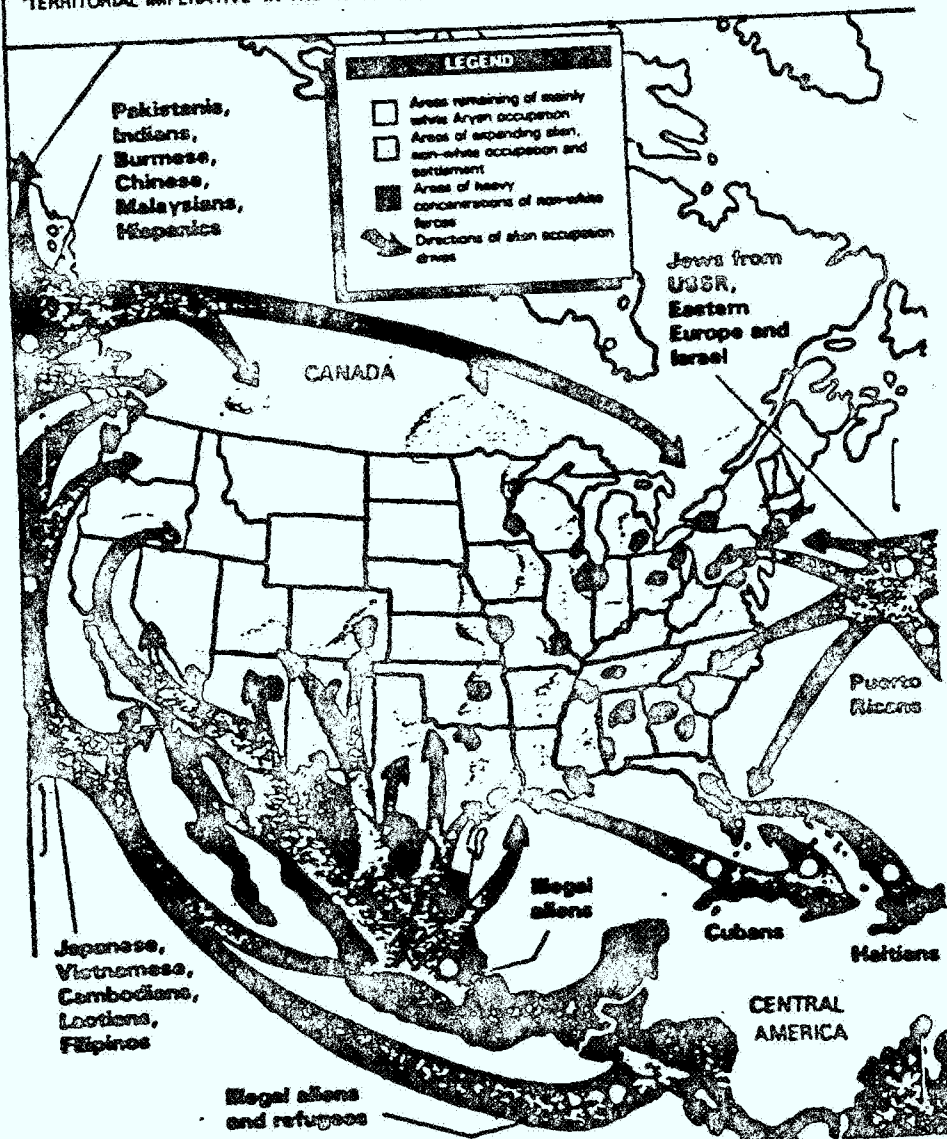
Under Beam's direction, the Aryan group has spread its propaganda of white supremacy and tax protest on two computer bulletin boards called the "Aryan Nation Liberty Nets." Anyone with a home computer and a modem can tap into the Aryan system to read denunciations of blacks, Jews, communists and federal agents.

Authorities familiar with the computer network say it also has contained threats against prominent civil rights activists such as attorney Morris Dees of Montgomery, Ala. Other messages advocate the use of terrorism and assassination to overthrow both the U.S. and Canadian governments, they said.

This article was compiled from reports by Robert C. Jackson and Ronald Ostraw of the Los Angeles Times, Wayne King of The New York Times and T.R. Reid of The Washington Post.

#### HOW NEO-NAZIS SEE AMERICA

A MAP BY ARYAN NATIONS LEADER RICHARD BUTLER SHOWS A NATION UNDER SIEGE, AND A 'TERRITORIAL IMPERATIVE' IN THE NORTHWEST TO WHICH THE WHITE RACE IS FLEEING





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### Robbery trial set

Portland, Ore. (AP)—A Feb. 6 trial is set for Denver Daw Parmenter 2d, 36, linked by the FBI to the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist group accused in two West Coast armored car robberies last year that netted \$4.1 million.

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# Law in War on Far-Right Sect

White Supremacists Try to Western Crime Spree

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## Pattern Proves Puzzling

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According to Wes McCune, executive director of Group Research Inc. of Washington, a nonprofit organization that monitors far-right activities, the Aryans are loosely allied with the Ku Klux Klan but generally are not as visible or as well-organized.

Baker said the Aryan Nations "derive members and concepts" from the former Idaho chapter of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, a militant tax-revolt group. Gordon Kahl, one of that group's leaders, was killed in a 1983 shoot-out with authorities in Arkansas, more than a year after he killed a U.S. marshal and a deputy and wounded a police officer.

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## Attracted to Various Issues

Morris said such groups "support issues that on the surface have a superficial appeal to many Americans, such as objecting to taxes and opposing heavy federal and state regulation."

Paradoxically, he added, members "commit illegal acts but wrap themselves in the American flag, ... assault the police but view themselves as religious and God-fearing ... (and) talk of freedom but support virulent racial and religious bigotry."

Authorities note that younger, more militant Aryan adherents have come to the fore in recent months, replacing the leadership of 61-year-old founder Butler, whose "violence" had been confined to his fiery, racist speeches.

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# D'Aubuisson Associate Arrested

## U.S. Search of Nine Suitcases in Texas Yields \$5.9 Million

By Joanne O'Leary  
Washington Post Staff Writer

A close associate of Roberto D'Aubuisson, leader of El Salvador's far right political wing, was one of three men arrested at a remote Texas airfield last week with nine suitcases containing more than \$5.9 million in small bills, U.S. Customs Service officials said yesterday.

El Salvador's ruling Christian Democratic Party, locked in a bitter struggle with D'Aubuisson's Arena Party over next month's municipal and legislative elections, immediately charged that the money was obtained illicitly and would be used by Arena "to corrupt the electoral process."

Customs officials said they arrested Francisco Guirola Beeche, 35, and two other men on Feb. 6 as their small Sabreliner private jet was refueling at the Kleberg County airstrip near Kingsville, about 35 miles southwest of Corpus Christi near the Gulf Coast.

Guirola, carrying two passports from El Salvador and one from Costa Rica, is a wealthy Salvadoran conservative with citizenship in El Salvador and Costa Rica who travels frequently to the United States.

He claimed that diplomatic immunity protected his nine suitcases from a search, according to Donald G. Turnbaugh, assistant regional commissioner for enforcement at the Customs Service's Houston office. "I think he was counting on that," Turnbaugh said.

But Guirola did not have diplomatic immunity and agents found that the suitcases contained \$5,975,850 in U.S. currency, with the largest bills being \$100 denominations, Turnbaugh said. He called it the largest currency seizure in Texas history.

"We believe they were headed out of the country," Turnbaugh said. He said that the plane had left John Wayne Airport in Los Angeles the morning of Feb. 6 on a flight plan to Kingsville and Florida and that Customs Service officials in California had warned the Texas office of the flight because the plane

Turnbaugh said the pilot, Gus Maestralos of Boca Raton, Fla., "was known as a possible contraband exporter." He, Guirola and Oscar Rodriguez Feo were charged with transporting undocumented cash and conspiracy and are being held at the Corpus Christi jail in lieu of \$1 million bond. A hearing is scheduled on Tuesday.

An investigative team of FBI, customs and the Drug Enforcement Administration agents has been formed to work on the case, Turnbaugh said. Although there is no apparent drug connection, drug deals usually involve large amounts of cash in small bills.

A possible drug ring involvement is "certainly one of the things being investigated," a State Department official said.

Guirola is known as a close associate and financial backer of D'Aubuisson, and has allowed D'Aubuisson to use a floor of a building he owns in San Salvador as an Arena office, according to State Department officials. The Guirola family has been strongly opposed to Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte since 1979, when the first Duarte government expropriated and nationalized a large bank, the Banco Salvadoreño, that the family owned.

There also are reports that Guirola was instrumental in the formation of the Broad National Front, FAN by its Spanish initials, a rightist umbrella organization that includes Arena and two splinter parties.

Arena is seeking in the March elections to expand its domination of the Salvadoran legislature, where Arena and a coalition of conservatives have been largely successful in blocking Duarte initiatives. Duarte is counting on a large popular vote in March to gain control.

In major newspaper advertisements Feb. 12, the Christian Democratic Party charged that Guirola was bringing in money "to supply support for his comrades who in-

tend to corrupt the electoral process of our country ... to buy votes, promote political chaos and other misdeeds in order to mistreat and ridicule our suffering people."

Reagan administration officials could scarcely conceal their glee at news of Guirola's arrest. "The Christian Democrats are mopping up on this. It's seriously undercutting D'Aubuisson right now," said one.

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## White Supremacist Pleads Guilty to Gun Charges

BOISE, Ida. (UPI)—White supremacist Gary Lee Yarbrough, allegedly a key member of a militant neo-Nazi gang, pleaded guilty Friday to 11 counts of illegally possessing firearms and explosives at his northern Idaho home.

Yarbrough still faces trial in U.S. District Court beginning Wednesday on an additional charge of shooting at FBI agents as they approached his home in Sandpoint last October. He was arrested in November after a shoot-out with the FBI near Portland, Ore.

Yarbrough, 29, is believed to be a member of the White American

Bastion and a former security officer for the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations Church of Hayden Lake, Ida.

Yarbrough, whose guilty pleas came as a surprise, faces a maximum sentence of 61 years in federal prison on the 11 counts.

Prosecutors say that his group is responsible for various robberies, including armored car holdups in California and Washington.

In addition, Yarbrough is a suspect in the 1984 slaying in Denver of a popular radio talk-show host, Alan Berg. The murder weapon was found in Yarbrough's home, but he has denied any involvement

in the death.

Yarbrough was moved to Boise in December under tight security after his arrest in Portland.

An associate, Robert J. Mathews, 31, of Metaline Falls, Wash., a founder of the White American Bastion, eluded authorities in Portland but died in a burning house during a shoot-out on Whidbey Island, Wash., in early December.

Mathews, in a last manifesto mailed to the Aryan Nations compound at Hayden Lake, Ida., just days before his death, called for a race revolution to overthrow the federal government and drive minorities out of the United States.

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# Computer Network Links Rightist Groups and Offers 'Enemy' List

By WAYNE KING

Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, Feb. 14 — An Idaho-based neo-Nazi organization has established a computer-based network to link rightist groups and to disseminate a list of those who it says "have betrayed their race."

One list available from the computer, titled "Know Your Enemy," includes the addresses and telephone numbers of regional offices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the offices of the Communist Party U.S.A. It also includes names and addresses of "race traitors" and "informers."

The computer link, called the "Aryan Liberty Net," is sponsored by the Aryan Nations, an organization based in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Law-enforcement officials have tied a splinter group of the organization to several bank and armored-car robberies, armed attacks on Federal officers and the machine-gun slaying of Alan Berg, a Denver talk show host.

## "War" on the United States

The splinter group, calling itself by various names, including the Order and the Brüder Schweigen, German for the Silent Brotherhood, was identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the organizational link for several heavily armed individuals who had "declared war" on the United States Government. The Silent Brotherhood maintains that the Government, which it refers to as the "ZOG," for Zionist Occupation Government, has been taken over by Jews, whom the group regards as descendants of Satan who should be exterminated.

The leader of the group, Robert J. Matthews, 31 years old, was killed in December after firing on Federal officers with a submachine gun from a hideaway on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, Wash. The house was ignited by elimination fires dropped from a helicopter. Mr. Matthews was sought in connection with the wounding of an F.B.I. agent in Seattle and the robbery of a Brink's armored car in northern California.

Federal investigators later determined that the California robbery, in which \$1.6 million was taken by a band of up to 17 men who sprayed the truck with an automatic weapon, was conducted to finance a "war" against the Government. The authorities ascribed the same motive to counterfeiting operations they said were conducted by other members of the group.

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ews and several other members of the Silent Brotherhood were "former members" of the Aryan Nations. Mr. Butler called Mr. Matthews "a hero."

One message on the Aryan Nations computer network warns: "The older and less active spokesmen for the fold and faith are being replaced by the young lions. These dragons of God have no time for pamphlets or speeches. They are the armed party which is being born out of the inability of white male youths to be heard."

Another entry is a courtroom statement of a California man convicted in 1982 for killing a 17-year-old who informed on right-wing activities.

The statement accuses the "Satanic society" of the United States of "murdering Christians like Gordon Kahl, who you burned in Nebuchadnezzar's oven because he would not bow to your golden Babylonian God and pay your tribute to finance Israel."

Mr. Kahl, a fugitive charged with killing two Federal marshals, was an outspoken member of a tax-protest group. He was killed in June 1983 when a concrete bunker crammed with thousands of rounds of ammunition exploded in a gun battle with the Federal authorities. He shot and killed Sheriff Gene Matthews of Lawrence County, Ark., in that incident. Mr. Kahl attended Aryan Nations functions and has been cited as a "hero and martyr" by the group.

The Government's continuing investigation has expanded to at least six states.

## Weapons and a Point System

Investigators have already found caches of weapons, including explosives and automatic weapons, one of which was identified by ballistics experts as the one used to kill Mr. Berg, who taunted right-wing extremists on his radio show. The authorities also found literature detailing a "point system" to achieve status by killing Federal officials, blacks or Jews.

The Federal authorities have also discovered the names of public officials and others viewed as enemies by rightists.

Late last month, for example, the F.B.I. notified Lieut. Gov. Bill Baxley of Alabama that he might be a target for revenge. Mr. Baxley, when State Attorney General, was responsible for obtaining the extradition of the racist J. B. Stoner for the bombing of Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham.

The F.B.I. also uncovered threats linked to the Aryan Nations against Morris Dees of Montgomery, Ala., head of the Southern Poverty Law Cen-

discuss whether they are monitoring the computer network sponsored by the Aryan Nations.

It was set up by Louis Beam, of Dallas, a member of the Ku Klux Klan. It can be reached through telephone numbers in Texas, Idaho and North Carolina, which has an active Klan.

## Access Is Restricted

The computer link, which has varying levels of passwords to restrict access, describes itself as "a pro-American, pro-White, anti-Communist network of true believers who serve the one and only God — Jesus, the Christ," and that it is "for Aryan patriots only."

Under a listing of "known ZOG (Zionist Occupational Government) informers," the network lists the names of an F.B.I. informer against the Klan and a man who testified against a Ku Klux Klansman charged with bombing a California radio station.

The informer was killed last summer, and the network exults: "He was blown to pieces on a recent morning, when he opened his mailbox to remove his newspaper. Oh, glorious day!"

An entry called "At Last, Unity" says: "Finally, we are all going to be linked together at one point in time. Imagine, if you will, all the great minds of the patriotic Christian movement linked together and joined into one computer. Imagine any patriot in the country being able to call up and access these minds."

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## How FBI works to solve alleged neo-Nazi crimes

By Walt Willey  
See Staff Writer

A picture is emerging from official documents of how the FBI is going about solving a string of armed robberies, counterfeiting schemes and the murder of a Denver talk show host, all of which are linked to a gang of neo-Nazis.

The FBI is by no means through with the case and agents will not discuss the investigation. But what is known is this:

One person linked to the group is dead, at least 16 others already are in jail and at least three more are believed to be the objects of hunts on

various charges connected with the crimes, which include the \$3.4 million robbery of a Brink's armored car near Ukiah last July 19.

The FBI got its first break in the case the day of the robbery when agents found a handgun that had been left behind by one of the robbers, according to an affidavit released by the U.S. District Court in Sacramento. From there, that document and others reveal, the investigation has led to at least two informants who were involved with the Ukiah holdup and with a broad network of neo-Nazis, who seek ultimately to overthrow the U.S. government and to remove all non-whites and Jews from the country.

Mike Dooher, the FBI agent in San Rafael in charge of the Ukiah robbery investigation, said last week more arrests are expected, but he would not say how many and would not confirm the names of those being sought.

Further, agent Dooher said, arrests have been made in the case nationwide. He said some of the arrests were made with no apparent connection to the robbery itself. Plans are to have all or nearly all of the suspects in custody before the suspects are charged in the Ukiah heist so that they can be tried at the same time, said Dooher.

According to the court documents, the pistol found in the armored car after the robbery was a blue steel, Smith and Wesson 9mm semiautomatic. The pistol was eventually traced to Andrew V. Barnhill, 28, of Missoula, Mont., who bought it under his own name at a Missoula sporting goods store April 26.

Barnhill was arrested in the case Jan. 7, but before his arrest, agents were zeroing in on other members of a group Barnhill helped found — "The Order."

The Order gets its name from a little-known novel, "The Turner Diaries," written by a former Oregon State University physics professor, William Luther Pierce, who quit the university in 1965 to work with George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party.

Pierce is leader of the National Alliance of Arlington, Va., a neo-Nazi group.

In Pierce's novel, The Order is the inner circle of a larger group of revolutionaries who take control of the whole world, eradicating all Jews and non-whites.

Members of the National Order swear a blood oath to commit suicide before they are taken captive. Their revolution is financed by armed robberies and counterfeiting.

Barnhill and other members of the real-life Order were originally members of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations in Hayden Lake, Idaho, which preached white supremacy and separation of the races, according to the court documents.

Before Barnhill was tracked down and arrested along with Richard Harold Kemp, 22, as they were playing poker in a Kalspell, Mont., bar, the FBI was able to infiltrate The Order and obtain information from at least two members of the gang involved in the Ukiah holdup, according to court documents.

From one informant, the FBI learned the leader of The Order was Robert Mathews, 31, of Metairie

Pala, Wash. — not far from the Hayden Lake headquarters of Aryan Nations. Mathews died Dec. 9 in a fire following a shootout with FBI agents and police on Whidbey Island, Wash., near Seattle.

Before he died, Mathews wrote a letter to his hometown newspaper in which he said the informant is known to The Order and, if found, "his head will be removed from his body."

At that time, the FBI noose was already tightening on the group. Mathews had escaped Nov. 24 from a shootout with FBI agents in Portland, Ore., in which he and an FBI agent were wounded. A member of the gang, Gary Lee Yarbrough, 29, of Sandpoint, Idaho, was arrested by agents after the shootout.

Yarbrough had been sought since Oct. 18, when he escaped after a shootout at his home, where officers found a large cache of weapons and explosives. Included in the cache was what crime-lab technicians said was the .45-caliber Mac 10 submachine gun believed used in the June 18 ambush-murder of Alan Berg, an outspoken radio talk show host in Denver. Berg was Jewish.

By the time of the Portland shootout, documents reveal, the FBI had already learned from an informant that Mathews had robbed a Seattle bank of \$25,000 the previous winter and that he and several others later involved in the Ukiah holdup robbed an armored car in Seattle April 23, taking \$500,000.

Left behind at the scene of the Portland shootout was a car containing not only \$30,000 in cash that appeared to be from the Ukiah robbery and weapons including a silencer-equipped machine gun, but also a book of names and phone numbers in code.

Mathews was run down on Whidbey Island, and since then, arrests have come with regularity.

Arrested on the scene on Whidbey Island were Randolph George Duey, 34, of Spokane, Wash.; Robert E. and Sharon K. Merki, 50 and 47, of Oro-

ville, Wash.; and Ian Roy Stewart, 21, all charged with harboring a fugitive — Mathews. In addition, the Merkis were wanted on a 1982 Oregon counterfeiting charge.

Then, on Dec. 18 at Seaside, Ore., Denver Daw Parmenter II, 32, of Cheney, Wash., was arrested in connection with the Ukiah robbery. And Jan. 3, James Dye, 31, was arrested in Spokane on a similar charge.

On Jan. 7, Barnhill and Kemp were arrested.

On Jan. 18, Sharon Merki's daughter, Suzanne C. Tornatzky, 27, was arrested in Boise, Idaho, along with Jean Craig, 50. They were charged with receiving money from the Ukiah holdup.

An informant revealed that the Ukiah robbers had driven straight from the holdup to Reno, where they split up into several cars and drove north to Boise to divide the money with the help of Tornatzky and Craig.

Subsequently, Tornatzky's husband, Eric, 30, was arrested on a counterfeiting charge linked to the Merki's case.

At about the same time in Northport, Ala., Mark Frank Jones, 26, and Michael Stanley Norris, 25, were arrested on charges they aided a man identified only as Richard Joseph Scutari in his escape from Whidbey Island after the shootout.

Then, on Jan. 30, after agents broke the code to the records found in the car in Portland, two Brink's guards in Northern California were tracked down and arrested: Charles E. Ostrout, 51, of Lookout, Modoc County, and Ronald A. King, 45, of San Leandro.

Ostrout and King were indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury in San Francisco on charges they planned a robbery by The Order of the Brink's main vault in San Francisco, a robbery that never occurred.

Ostrout and King pleaded innocent Friday to the charges and are being held without bail.



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# Defense says activists targeted

By Joseph T. Brady  
Staff Reporter

**NEW YORK** — Two blocks from the monolithic federal courthouse in lower Manhattan, an elevator creaked its way to the fourth floor of a Duane Street office building. Through a door, a simple black-on-white sign read "Resistance Law Offices."

The furnishings were simple but attractive. A receptionist chatted on the phone about a farewell party for a client about to be imprisoned. Pro-Sandinista and black revolutionary handbills hugged the walls.

Judith L. Holmes emerged from one of the offices and carried a visitor's coat to a closet. Instead of a nameplate, her door bore a headline clipped from a New York tabloid: "Bloody Holmes."

Holmes is a small woman, her short hair and narrow face overpowered by large, round glasses. She sat behind her desk, opened a bag of peanut M&M's and, smiling, offered the bag across the table.

A picture of V.I. Lenin hung by the window. She referred to him as "one of my lawyer heroes."

Holmes represents Yvette Kelley, one of the defendants the attorney repeatedly refers to as "The New York Eight." Holmes said she had "no idea" why a woman, alleged to be Kelley, used an alias to

rent a New Haven apartment for three months in early 1984. She objected to the government's claim that the dwelling was a "safe house" for black radical terrorists.

"First of all, I don't automatically accept that Yvette rented the apartment, and if it is true, there could be 16 different reasons (for securing it)," Holmes said.

The attorney said the government is targeting people who "have a long history of political activism going back to the early days of the civil rights movement." Speaking specifically of Coltrane Chimurenga, she said, "He's a very intelligent, well-educated black man. That makes him a great risk."

Like everyone else involved with the case, Holmes was waiting for a grand jury's decision on a superseding indictment against her client and the others. Holmes speculated that the government is looking for charges under the federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute based on alleged intent to kidnap prison guards in freeing black radicals Donald Weems and Sekou Odinga.

Holmes said that, while the government hails the case as "a preemptive strike against domestic terrorism," the real aim is "politically, to criminalize dissent in this country." She acknowledged that the New York Eight are revolutionaries and "anti-imperialists,"

but otherwise said the government exaggerates connections between various domestic revolutionaries.

"It's not illegal to be a revolutionary," she added with a slight smile.

Whatever the relationship between the groups, such radicals are no strangers to the law firm of Flood, Holmes & Tipograph. One of the partners, Susan Tipograph, represents Susan Lisa Rosenberg and Timothy Blunk, two suspected terrorists arrested in New Jersey last November while allegedly transporting about 700 pounds of explosives with a trailer rented in New Haven.

Moreover, in 1977, longtime terrorist Marilyn Jean Buck was serving a 10-year sentence in a West Virginia federal prison when corrections officers granted her a six-day furlough to visit Tipograph, her attorney, in New York City. After meeting with Tipograph, Buck disappeared, and has been among the nation's most-wanted fugitives ever since.

In addition, Silvia Baraldini — Tipograph's former legal aide and a member of the radical May 19 Organization — was convicted on racketeering charges in 1981 for driving getaway cars in an attempted December 1980 armored-car robbery in Danbury, Conn., and in the prison breakout of convicted cop-killer Joanne Chesimard in New Jersey.



# 'Aubuisson's Link to Salvadorea Indicted in money smuggling

San Salvador

Francisco Guirola Beche, the wealthy young Salvadoran indicted in Corpus Christi, Texas, on conspiracy charges last week for trying to smuggle over \$5.9 million in cash out of the United States, is a close friend and associate of right-wing Salvadorean leader Roberto d'Aubuisson, according to El Salvador's ruling Christian Democrats.

The Christian Democrats have seized on the scandal of Mr. Guirola's arrest by taking out full-page newspaper

vertisements that publicize the case. The ads point out that Guirola was traveling with an official Salvadorean passport at the time of his arrest — a passport that identified him as a "special commissioner" of the Salvadoran attorney general's office. The two right-wing morning papers here have not reported the incident. The ads note that the attorney general, Dr. Francisco de Guerrero, is a leading right-wing politician, and a legal and political counsellor of Mr. d'Aubuisson, the head of the ARENA (National Republican Alliance) party. Dr. Guerrero was appointed to head the attorney general's office by the rightist-controlled assembly last June. A spokesman for the attorney general, Dr. Maximiliano Monterrosa, said he had "no evidence that this type of [fictitious] passport was issued." But he also said the office is investigating the charge.

There is speculation that the sum of cash seized might have come from trafficking in narcotics or guns, and that it was being laundered by being smuggled out of the U.S. There is also speculation that some of the money may have been destined for ARENA's political campaign for the March 31 elections for the national assembly and municipalities. Guirola has been involved in funding ultra-right activities in the past.

But the amount of money seized far exceeds the needs of the current campaign. It has thus caused the Christian Democrats to whisper ominously about attempts to buy votes or even directly to destabilize the government of José Napoleón Duarte. US federal investigators in Texas, meanwhile, have said that there is no evidence that indicates what the money was meant to be used for once it reached El Salvador.

While the Christian Democrats have tried to make the

most of the scandal to help their flagging political fortunes, few observers think the scandal will turn the tide against the rightists, who are expected to make substantial gains in the elections. The Christian Democrat's newspaper articles and television programs, which link Guirola to the murky and at times violent underworld of ultra-right Salvadoreans, may hurt ARENA's attempts to shed its alleged death squad associations and to portray itself as a party that stands by democratic values.

Still, the Salvadoreans who voted for d'Aubuisson in last year's presidential elections — despite charges that ARENA was linked to death squad activities and of alleged involvement in the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero in 1980 — seem unlikely to change their vote because of this latest scandal.

According to a Christian Democratic party leader, Dr. Gusvira Lecayo, Guirola travels frequently between the U.S., Guatemala, El Salvador, and Panama. When Guirola applied for his passport, Dr. Lecayo says, he presented documents identifying himself as a special assistant to d'Aubuisson, who was then president of the constituent assembly, a post d'Aubuisson left to run for president against Mr. Duarte last spring.

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■ The former propaganda minister of a white-supremacist cult, Eugene Thaddeus Kinderk, hanged himself in the Boise, Idaho, jail, leaving a note saying he feared what might happen to him after testifying against his former comrades.

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## 'Aryan Warrior' Guilty In Idaho Assault Case

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 22 (UPI) — Gary Lee Yarbrough, one of nearly two dozen reputed members of a neo-Nazi group who have been linked to a series of terrorist robberies and shootings, has been convicted of assault charges.

Mr. Yarbrough, a 29-year-old former convict and an avowed "front-line Aryan warrior," was found guilty Thursday of assault for firing toward three agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who drove past his rural home near Sandpoint, Idaho, in a Forest Service pickup truck.

The jury deliberated five hours before returning the verdict after discounting Mr. Yarbrough's testimony that he fired to warn the agents that they were trespassing, and was not trying to hit them.

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A federal jury in Boise, Ida., began deliberating assault charges against a suspected neo-Nazi who testified that he fired only warning shots at three FBI agents he believed were "intruders" on his property. Gary Lee Yarbrough said he only wanted the agents to identify themselves, but the agents testified that he aimed at them. Yarbrough is thought to be a member of the Order, a violent offshoot of the Aryan Nations. After the incident, officers found a cache of firearms in Yarbrough's home, including the gun used to kill Jewish radio talk show host Alan Berg in Denver last year.

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# A neo-Nazi neighborhood

## Fear of swastikas and secrets in Utah

By George Lurie  
 Special for USA TODAY

**HAYDEN LAKE, Utah** — The white-supremacist, violence-prone Aryan Nations' followers who make this mountainous area their headquarters are a dreaded, unwanted presence.

Swastikas and armbands decorate their army fatigues. Law officers across the West suspect their past brethren and splinter groups of committing murder, robbery and kidnapping.

They live, drill and — says an infiltrator — plot in a secluded, 20-acre compound surrounded by 8-foot-high barbed wire and patrolled by Doberman pinschers.

Gary Lee Yarbrough — on trial this week in Boise, Idaho, for shooting at FBI agents — lived here and once guarded Richard Butler, the avowed racist founder of Aryan Nations Church.

Butler says he has 75 hardcore followers.

The 65-year-old leader preaches the final battle to save the white race has begun. Few in these parts have much contact with him. He has withdrawn more — cutting off access to his compound — since an infiltrator's secret film was televised last week by a

Spokane, Wash., station.

Today, Butler is to tape a rebuttal to the station's five-part report after demanding equal time. Thursday, Butler said, "Other than a few crank calls, I think the community accepts us and appreciates our contribution to the local economy."

But the rumors, the secrecy, the urban-guerrilla war practice and the Dobermans are a great concern in this scenic slice of the Rockies.

Tavern operator Ken Weaver has to ask neo-Nazis to leave guns outside, and says they fight with the cowboys who come to the tavern.

Real estate agent Nelson Evans said "people are having a tough time selling their houses" because of the Aryan Nations Church.

Says Colonel Knox, a 72-year-old Hayden Lake native: "They're giving this town a bad name. I wish they'd go somewhere else and burn their crosses."

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## Idaho supremacist convicted of assault

Special for USA TODAY

BOISE, Idaho — White supremacist Gary Lee Yarbrough — a former member of the Aryan Nation Church — was convicted Thursday

of assault for firing a gun at three FBI agents.

Yarbrough, on trial for firing three shots at FBI agents in October on his property in Sandpoint, Idaho, testified Thursday that he fired only

warning shots.

A weapon at Yarbrough's home was used to kill controversial Jewish radio talk show host Alan Berg in Denver. Yarbrough has not been charged in the murder.

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the two brothers, said he had learned of the arrest when neighbors called him.

"No one is more shocked than we are," he said. "My wife is on the verge of a nervous breakdown right now."

Frank Scutari, separated from his wife and young son, looked stunned when he appeared before U.S. Magistrate J. Michael Brennan for his bond hearing in Fort Pierce shortly after his arrest.

"Everything's got me all at once, and I can't think," he told Brennan.

Brennan delayed the bond hearing until today so Scutari could be represented by an attorney. But Robinson said he will ask that Scutari be held without bond.

"Our feeling is anyone who has been assisting The Order, we want to make sure they're arrested," Robinson said.



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FBI agents take contractor Frank J. Scutari to federal court.

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# U.S. protected Nazis, author claims

By Alise Kohn  
 and Gregory Katz  
 USA TODAY

A former Justice Department lawyer Monday released government documents he says show State Department officials knowingly brought Nazi war criminals to the USA.

John Loftus, whose 1982 book was the basis for last weekend's TV movie *Kojak: The Belarus File*, said at his home in Rockland, Mass., that U.S. officials overlooked Nazi crimes in return for information on Soviets. The State Department declined comment.

Loftus, on the Justice Department team that hunted Nazis during the Carter administration, said he'll send the de-

classified top-secret documents to congressional investigators. The papers include a list of 100 Nazi criminals and collaborators who attended a South River, N.J., convention in 1954.

Loftus did not offer government documents showing that Nazis had been helped into the USA but claimed the convention records proved they were welcomed here. He estimates 300 former Nazi collaborators or war criminals still live here.

He accused the FBI of blocking congressional probes — a

charge denied by the FBI.

Loftus named Svyatoslav Kaush of South River as a convention organizer. Kaush said the convention was anti-communist, not Nazi. Asked if he collaborated with Nazis, Kaush said, "Not really."

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# Neo-Nazis weakened, FBI says

By Sam Meddis  
USA TODAY

Eighteen arrests since November have weakened the USA's "most violent" right-wing revolutionary group, FBI Assistant Director Bill Baker said Sunday.

Of the two dozen members of the neo-Nazi group known as "The Order" — linked to West Coast armored car heists and the slaying of Denver radio personality Alan Berg — only five remain free, Baker said.

"We think we've weakened the organization, certainly," Baker said.

On Friday in Boise, Idaho, a key group member, Gary Lee Yarbrough, 29, pleaded guilty to illegally possessing firearms and explosives. He still faces trial on a charge of shooting at FBI agents on Oct. 18.

The FBI's "intensive investigation" for the remaining gang members — including suspected gang leader Bruce Carroll Pierce — focuses on Washington state, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Northern California, Baker said.

The fugitives are believed to be heavily armed — with large amounts of ammunition, grenades and dynamite.

"This is demonstrably the most violence-prone, right-wing group operating in the country today," he said.

The FBI also is looking for possible links to other white supremacist groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan in the South, Baker said. "We're ready to carry the hunt nationwide," Baker said.

In Hayden Lake, Idaho, the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations Church plans to conduct a memorial service for slain white supremacist Robert J. Mathews on April 20 — the 96th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth. Mathews died in a shootout with the FBI near Seattle.

The Order is "an offshoot or a violence-prone faction" of the Aryan Nations, which claims to have 6,000 sympathiz-

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# Vast dragnet hunts neo-Nazi

By Louis Kizer  
Denver Post Staff Writer

Bruce Carroll Pierce has become the most wanted man in the West.

The new leader of a neo-Nazi clan that police believe carried out the assassination of radio talk show host Alan Berg. Pierce is the subject of a federal dragnet rarely seen since the days of John Dillinger.

Federal and state lawmen fear Pierce may command an arsenal of weapons, millions in cash, and a philosophy pledging death to the agents who are pursuing him.

The location and dates of possible racketeering trials involving Pierce's neo-Nazi comrades are being kept secret, in part to prevent Pierce from knowing where they are, said one assistant U.S. attorney.

Denver police are equally interested. Their current theory of the Berg homicide is that Pierce and three other neo-Nazis belonging to a clan called The Order were at the scene.

Of the four, Pierce and Denver neo-Nazi David Lane are fugitives on other charges. Denver police believe that they hold the answer to who actually gunned down Berg. A third suspect, Robert Mathews, died in a shootout with FBI agents. The fourth is unidentified.

"Pierce's whereabouts is the most important thing. We consider

him a threat to San Francisco.

The Order, a branch of Pierce's slain mentor, Robert Mathews, is a neo-Nazi clan allegedly trying to bring into reality a fictional revolution depicted in a 1978 book called "Turner's Diaries," according to the FBI.

The book portrays a white supremacist takeover of the United States through "bombings and assassinations against public officials and public offices, energy facilities, communications systems, newspaper offices, and television and radio stations," according to an FBI complaint.

Part of the scheme in the book was to use counterfeiting to ruin the American currency while financing a revolution. Turner, the book's hero, dies in a suicide nuclear attack against the Pentagon.

There is overwhelming evidence that Pierce, Mathews and their associates began to live out the book's prophecies:

✓ Pierce pleaded guilty to counterfeiting charges in Washington in 1983. But he never showed up for sentencing last year.

✓ In April, the FBI has charged Pierce, Mathews, and at least five other confederates heisted \$500,000 from an armored truck in Seattle.

✓ In June, Berg was gunned down outside his Denver townhouse. Berg, a Jew, had condemned the white supremacist

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say that eight members of the group held up an armored car in San Francisco, heisting \$3.6 million while spraying the truck with machine-gun fire.

On Feb. 7, Pierce was indicted for planning a holdup at the main Brink's vault in San Francisco.

And there are threats that the violence has not ended.

Keith D. Gilbert, leader of a neo-Nazi group in Idaho, says that May 1 will be a day "of great destruction" in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the death of Adolph Hitler. Gilbert, an associate of several Order members, told The Denver Post that he was not "at liberty" to say what he or his members intend to do on that date.

Hit list of FBI agents?

Gilbert also said that his associates are keeping lists of FBI agents who are investigating the Order. Are they hit lists? "I think that is probably a reasonable assumption," Gilbert said.

Gilbert spent five years in San Quentin prison in California for possessing 1,600 pounds of explosives he says were intended to blow up the late Martin Luther King.

Robert Jay Mathews was the founder of The Order, which began

According to previously sealed federal documents obtained by The Denver Post last week in Seattle, a pact of violence among core members may have been made on April 1 last year.

That was the day Pierce, Mathews, Gary Lee Yarbrough, Denver Dan Parmenter II, and Randolph George Dury met in Mathew's Metairie Park, Wash., home to buy life insurance from a Bankers Life of Nebraska agent.

While some of the group signed over their \$50,000 policies to the families of other members, Mathews signed his over to William Pierce and John Ireland, of the Arlington, Va.,-based right-

wing organization called the National Alliance.

William Pierce (apparently not related to Bruce Pierce) was the author of "Turner's Diaries," which became the "bible" of Mathews' group, according to the FBI.

#### Insurance, then violence

Three weeks after their lives were insured, the armored car heists began. According to an FBI complaint, Mathews, Pierce, Parmenter, Yarbrough, and Dury and several others drew their guns during the robbery at a Seattle mall and held up a sign reading, "Get out or you die."

Agents later found that a car used in the \$500,000 robbery had been purchased by Bruce Pierce for \$200 three days before, according to federal documents.

On June 18, 1984, Denver talk show host Alan Berg drove his Volkswagen convertible into the driveway of his townhouse in east Denver. Exactly how many people were there waiting for him is uncertain.

He was sprayed with bullets fired from a MAC 10 submachine gun.

Denver police soon began searching for Lane after an informant told them Lane may have controlled a weapons cache containing machine guns.

However, little progress was made in the Berg case until FBI agents got into a shootout with Yarbrough at his Sandpoint, Idaho, home on Oct. 18. A search of Yarbrough's home revealed a carrying case. Inside the case was the MAC 10 used to kill Berg.

#### Involvement denied

Yarbrough, although identified by Denver police as a suspect, has denied any involvement in the Berg shooting. Yarbrough pleaded guilty Friday to 11 of 13 charges of illegally possessing firearms and explosives at his northern Idaho home. He faces trial Wednesday on the two remaining charges of shooting at FBI agents when they approached him at his house.

On July 19, a month after Berg's death, federal documents claim that The Order staged a \$3.6 million armored car heist in San Francisco.

Shortly after that robbery, an informant, placed within the group, began giving information to the FBI.

According to one federal prosecutor, Mathews began revealing his hand. "It was Mathews who had the big mouth," he said. Mathews implicated himself in the two armored car heists and a bank robbery in December 1983.

He also put himself and Pierce at the Berg shooting scene.

However, Mathews' death in late 1984 made the investigation much more difficult.

#### Cornered by FBI

On Nov. 24, agents cornered Mathews and Yarbrough in a Portland, Ore., motel. A gunbattle ensued in which Yarbrough was captured and Mathews escaped with a bullet wound to the hand.

Safe houses — hideouts — were now the priority for The Order as the federal net tightened. Federal documents showed that The Order rented three houses in Whidbey Island, Wash. Five other homes were rented in the Mount Hood area of Oregon. Pierce had earlier rented alleged safe houses in Salmon, Idaho.

FBI agents cornered Mathews at his Whidbey Island hideout. Surrounded by law officers and FBI and naval helicopters, Mathews allegedly fired a machine gun at agents.

After agents fired a flare into the house, it burned to the ground, killing Mathews.

Shortly before the shootout, in a four-page typewritten note, Mathews wrote, "I am not going into hiding, rather I will press the FBI and let them know what it is like to become the hunted. Doing

so, it is only logical to assume that my days on this planet are rapidly drawing to a close."

Pierce was reported to have been on Whidbey Island about the time of the shooting, but wasn't captured.

#### Case weakened

Mathews' death actually hurt the government's ability to prosecute because some of the evidence connecting Mathews and other neo-Nazis to the armored car heists and the Berg shooting consisted of statements Mathews allegedly made to the government informant.

With Mathews dead, those statements can be challenged as hearsay and their admissibility in court is questionable, prosecutors in the case say.

Gene Wilson, an assistant U.S. attorney in Seattle, said the death could hurt the armored car cases if Mathew's statements "were the only thing we had." However, there's a lot more evidence, including eyewitness identification and strong circumstantial evidence, he said.

In the Berg case, the key evidence is the MAC 10 and whatever testimony from informants can be admitted. So far, no one has been charged in that case.



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## FBI arrests man suspected of taking loot to neo-Nazis

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — FBI agents arrested a man Friday who allegedly delivered a \$30,000 stolen payroll to an underground neo-Nazi white supremacist group known as The Order.

Jackie Lee Norton, 28, of West Plains was arrested near Sparta on a federal complaint alleging that he received, concealed and disposed of \$30,000 in stolen property and that he aided and abetted in the offense, Kansas City FBI spokesman Robert B. Davenport said.

The money was taken last July in an armored car holdup near Urich, Ga.

Mr. Norton was arrested about 4 a.m. without incident at a friend's home near Sparta in southwest Missouri, where he was staying with his wife and three children, Mr. Davenport said.

U.S. Magistrate James England in

Springfield on Friday ordered Mr. Norton held without bond pending his removal to Washington state.

Mr. Davenport said Mr. Norton was recruited last August to go to eastern Washington state to conduct paramilitary training for members of The Order.

On Dec. 1, Mr. Norton allegedly went to Spokane, Wash., and used the \$30,000 to "pay the salaries of members of The Order," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Crum said in Spokane.

John Lamp, U.S. attorney for eastern Washington, said additional federal charges may be filed against Mr. Norton in Idaho, but he wouldn't elaborate.

The alleged payroll delivery would have occurred just a week before the leader of the right-wing underground sect, Robert Mathews of Metaline Falls, Wash., died in a shoot-out with the FBI at Whidbey Island, Wash.



# Violence on the Right

A handful of new extremists disturbs the peace.

They caught up with Gordon Kahl, the nation's most notorious tax evader, in a concrete bunker of a farmhouse half buried in the scrubby hills of northeastern Arkansas. It was June of 1983, and the North Dakota farmer had been on the run since federal marshals tried to arrest him for probation violations four months before. Kahl, 63, a member of the paramilitary antitax group Posse Comitatus, had escaped after killing two officers and wounding three more. This time more than 40 law-enforcement officers encircled the hideout. Sheriff Gene Matthews bulled through the doorway—and Kahl stepped out from behind a refrigerator and shot him in the side. As Matthews, fatally wounded, crawled away, his comrades raked the bunker with automatic-weapons and shotgun fire, igniting an ammunition cache inside. Explosions echoed through the hills and for almost two hours lighted the sky like a summer storm. Kahl's remains were identified by dental plates.

The morning of Dec. 7, 1984, all shipping on Puget Sound's Admiralty Inlet was halted, all low-level air traffic in the area diverted. Dozens of federal agents, their faces blackened and bodies clothed in camouflage fatigues, moved in on three small homes on Whidbey Island, a 45-mile stretch in the sound north of Seattle. Trapped inside were members of a neo-Nazi guerrilla group that boasted almost as many names—The Order, The White American Bastion, the Silent Brotherhood—as true believers. Brotherhood members were suspects in violent crimes including bank and armored-car robberies—one in California that netted \$3.6 million—and the 1984 murder of Denver radio-talk-show host Alan Berg. One by one they surrendered—except for Robert Matthews, 31, the group's founder. After 35 hours of negotiations and intermittent exchanges of automatic-weapons fire, the agents lighted the house with flares. In the ensuing gun battle, a fire broke out, igniting ammunition stockpiles. Matthews was burned to death. A search of the homes revealed an arsenal of weapons, explosives and ammunition and a document dated Nov. 25, 1984, entitled "Declaration of War." It called for the execution of federal agents, congressmen and judges and the "beheading" of informants—and concluded, "Let the battle begin."

The battle already has. The extreme right has grown a new revolutionary arm. It embraces white supremacists and survivalists, trigger-happy tax resisters and neo-Nazis who believe "Mein Kampf" is the last book of the Bible. Though few in number, they are schooled in the arts of war, heavily armed and inspired by a cockeyed, revisionist Christian theology known as Identity. "There are not a bunch of kooks sitting around contemplating how they can show some muscle," says Buck Revell, assistant director in charge of criminal investiga-

tions. "This is a small cadre of individuals dedicated to violence [and] engaged in paramilitary activities." The right-wing revolt is modeled after a crusade in the fantasy novel "The Turner Diaries," written by American neo-Nazi William Pierce, a former physics professor. In the book an army of white-supremacist superpatriots overthrows a tyrannical American government and—after a murder spree against Jews and other non-Aryans, followed by the nuclear destruction of Israel—ushers in a "Christian" paradise. It is a scenario that writer Murray Kempton describes as "a few Mike Hammers find their rifles and in five years the world is free."

However surreal, the scenario has captured the attention of federal investigative agencies. Though minuscule and without the network of sympathizers that the fringe left enjoyed in the late 1960s and early '70s, the extreme right has evolved into a sophisticated terrorist operation with cells, safe houses, communication blinds and false ID's. Indeed, the FBI has made a top priority of the Silent Brotherhood, a breakaway faction of the Aryan Nations white-supremacy group, and has arrested 18 of its members and associates in the last several months alone. Brotherhood disciple Gary Lee Yarbrough was convicted last week in Boise, Idaho, of assaulting FBI agents. The FBI has found the group's footprints in more than a dozen states. "As far as numbers go, they are fairly insignificant, but there's enough of them that they have a certain capacity to spread their venom," says Revell. "They are probably even more violent than left-wing terrorists and possibly a greater threat to the law-enforcement community."

ZOG: Violence has always been a tool of right-wing extremists. Traditionally, victims were individuals—black men swinging from the cottonwoods, Jews in the rubble of firebombed stores. The new radical right, however, has targeted the U.S. government, which it calls the ZOG, or Zionist Occupational Government. "The Klan in the '20s made a mistake thinking that evil resided in men who came home drunk or in Negroes who walked on the wrong side of the street," says Klansman Thomas Robb, publisher of The Torch newsletter. "Today we see the evil is coming out of the government. To go out and shoot a Negro is foolish. It's not the Negro in the alley who's responsible for what's wrong with this country. It's the traitors in Washington."

In the forefront of the new ministries of hate is the Aryan Nations group. On Rimrock Road, amidst the snowy fields of Kootenai County just outside Hayden Lake, Idaho, a neatly lettered sign proclaims the entry to the

Church of Jesus Christ Christian and warns "Whites Only." A guardhouse stands at the end of a long driveway. It is often manned by armed men, swastika-like patches in red, white and blue signaling their loyalties. On special occasions riflemen are perched on a tower catwalk above the field where the U.S. flag flies alongside the Confederate flag, the Bonnie Blue and the Nazi swastika. In the tiny church office, stacks of hate literature are piled beside souvenir tie clasps, belt buckles and coffee mugs; one prominent pamphlet, titled "The Aryan Warrior," portrays that idealized soldier armed with a golden sword and two bolts of lightning, his black-booted foot stomping into submission a dragon embossed with the Soviet hammer and sickle and the Jewish Star of David.

Nearby, on a rolling timbered ridge, is the church where pastor Richard G. Butler of the Aryan Nations preaches his gospel of white, Christian supremacy, Jewish villainy and government treachery. "When the Declaration of Independence talks about 'one people,' it's not talking about a nation made for Asia, Africa, India [or] the Soviet Union," he says. "That's a document based on a Christian people. We have watched like frightened sheep as dogooders sniveling about the underprivileged gleefully grabbed our children by the nape of the neck and rubbed their faces in filth to create equality."

The undergirding of Butler's teaching is Identity theology, a movement founded in 1946 by Ku Klux Klan organizer Wesley Swift. Its doctrines argue that Jesus Christ was an Aryan, not a Jew, that the lost tribes of Israel were the Anglo-Saxon and other Aryan races, that the United States is therefore the Promised Land, and that Jews should be destroyed as the children of Satan. "Identity recognizes that now we're Israel. We don't have to play pansy with Jews over here," explains Robb. Swift, who died in 1970, prophesied in the early '50s that soon "there will not be a Jew in the United States—and by that I mean a Jew that will be able to walk or talk."

Elijah: Identity attracts a strange mix of apostles and many variations on its theme. William Potter Gale, a former colonel who served under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines, preaches from his Ministry of Christ Church in Mariposa, Calif. In one taped sermon he said, "Damn right I'm teaching violence! God said you're gonna do it that way. It's about time somebody is telling you to get violent, whitey. You better start making dossiers, names, addresses, phone numbers, car-li-

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... cense numbers on every damn Jew rabbi in this land." Yet Gale deplores Butler's "Nazi approach." On the other hand, Keith Gilbert found Butler not Nazi enough. Gilbert, who served five years in San Quentin for a plot to explode 1,400 pounds of dynamite during a speech by Martin Luther King Jr. to B'nai B'rith, started his Restored Church of Jesus Christ in Post Falls, Idaho. He preaches that Hitler was the reincarnation of the prophet Elijah, that "Mein Kampf" belongs in the Biblical canon and that May 1 of this year—the 40th anniversary of the announcement of Hitler's death—will begin "the terrible day of destruction."

The apocalyptic vision is central to Identity theology, though in a variety of scenarios. Sometimes it's revolution against an evil U.S. government; other times it's the communist menace surging up from Mexico or down from Canada. In any case, the troops are making themselves ready. The Christian-Patriots Defense League, led by John Harrell, a southern Illinois millionaire, holds an annual summer festival at its 232-acre "Mo-Ark Survival Base" in Missouri. Last year's meeting attracted 600 people to sessions on tax rebellion, first aid and survival—education and skills necessary for a struggle that, Harrell says, will be "worse than Vietnam." Cpl. Don E. Richardson, a Missouri Highway Patrol specialist in right-wing groups, says Harrell is recruiting members who own airplanes in order to build his own air fleet.

The Aryan Nations' two-day summer congress, according to a source at the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League (ADL), included demonstrations of guerrilla skills such as building homemade detonation devices, planting explosives on bridges and railroad tracks and igniting gasoline in city sewer systems. Gordon (Jack) Mohr, the 69-year-old brigadier general in Harrell's militia who gave the lessons in sabotage, says that the instruction is for self-defense only. The ADL, however, is skeptical. "If they're running a course on a state of war against the U.S. government," says David Lehrer, ADL regional counsel in Los Angeles, "no one should be shocked when the people being taught go out and do what they've been talking about." The ADL goes further, charging that at a meeting last year at Stone Mountain, Ga., a traditional Klan gathering site, some right-wing leaders decided to adopt violent, revolutionary tactics. The FBI's Revell would say only that "we are aware of such a meeting."

**Pimple:** "This is the start of another witch hunt," argues Robert Miles, a former KKK grand dragon and now pastor of the Mountain Church in Cohoctah, Mich. Miles, who served six years in federal prison for a plot to blow up school buses shortly before court-ordered busing was to begin in Pontiac, Mich., concedes there is "a lot of communication, a lot of discussion," but no conspiracy. "The government is the biggest conspiracy on earth," he says. "They see every image of themselves in every

see, however, that right-wing violence will escalate. "There are young, very intelligent white Aryan people who are starting to come forth instinctively, realizing that it is the extermination of the white race that is the goal of our adversaries," says Butler. Tom Metzger, a former California KKK grand dragon and a Democratic nominee for Congress in 1980, agrees. He says violence has finally enabled the extreme right to be more than just "the pimple on the butt of the conservative movement... no philosophy has ever gained power by writing and thinking about it."

To enhance its fighting capability, the far right is recruiting in the nation's jails. George Stout, a Texas Aryan Nations and Klan leader, says the prison network is extensive; in one Texas prison alone, more than 300 inmates are on the Aryan Nations mailing list. Aryan Nations supporter Donny Harvey, who is serving 34 years in a Texas maximum-security prison, has filed a freedom-of-religion lawsuit alleging that he was denied the right to practice Identity doctrine or to have visits from an Identity minister. "Can you imagine?" says Gilbert. "We've got a guy on death row in Ohio and they won't even let him have a copy of 'Mein Kampf'."

Authorities in many states argue for hot pursuit of the radical right. In Wisconsin the Posse Comitatus's two most prominent leaders were jailed for impersonating public officials. As a result, Posse headquarters there—"Constitution Township of Tiger-ton Dells"—has evolved from a vigilante stronghold into something of a ghost town. "Whenever we stood up to Posse people and brought the forces of law to bear, 9 times out of 10 they backed off," said Wisconsin Attorney General Bronson La Follette. Posse recruitment among Kansas farmers was hampered by a very visible police presence at farm sales. Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan says he confronted the group publicly to reveal "how despicable and anti-Kansan and anti-American their message of hate was." He adds, "History has shown that those who preach hate and violence don't survive well in the sunlight."

**Hard Core:** But Posse leader Donald Minniecheske, recently released after 11 months in a Wisconsin prison, insists the Posse is still flourishing—only underground. And hate groups gone underground have proved extremely dangerous in the past. Ironically, any threat now stems from weakness, not strength. The Reagan revolution has drawn many far-right sympathizers into the new conservative mainstream and, just as the liberal '60s did to the left wing, further radicalized the diehards—leaving them more alienated and desperate than ever. "The hard core pretty much wind up out there by themselves," says Vincent Ryan, managing editor of *The Spotlight*, an influential publication of the extreme right. His paper's circulation has been cut almost in half, to 166,000, without "a Carter to push around."

But while the right-wing menace may prove no threat to the government of the United States (or even, says the ADL's Irwin Suall, "to the government of Hayden Lake, Idaho") it cannot be measured by numbers

radical right's left-wing counterparts—such as the Weather Underground, the Symbionese Liberation Army and the Black Liberation Army—have proved capable of causing trouble and attracting attention out of all proportion to their size or real power in the American political process.

MARK STARR with GEORGE RAINE in Hayden Lake, Idaho, JOHN McCORMICK and PATRICIA KING in Chicago, VINCENT COPPOLA in Arkansas, BARBARA BURGOWER in Houston and ELAINE SHANNON in Washington

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Stories that made weekend news

■ Randall E. Rader, a reputed member of a violent white supremacist organization, was arrested Friday by FBI agents in Spokane, Wash.

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### 1984 Murder Is Cited

BOISE, Idaho, March 2 (UPI) — The Idaho Statesman reported Friday that investigators believed Walter Earl West, 42, was killed last year because he could not keep secrets about The Order. Wayne Manis, an F.B.I. agent at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, confirmed that Mr. West's disappearance last May was being treated as a homicide but that the bureau would not say it was a killing by neo-Nazis.

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By WAYNE KING

Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, March 2 — Federal agents investigating an armed neo-Nazi group that stole more than \$4 million to finance a "war" against the United States have arrested more than 20 people in seven states. But the agents have recovered little of the money and are still gathering evidence on other suspects.

They are seeking key figures in the group after arrests and indictments in Alabama, California, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

Members of the group, known as the Order, or the Silent Brotherhood, have been linked to armed robberies of banks and armored cars, counterfeiting, armed attacks on Federal officials and the killing of Alan Berg, host of a Denver talk show.

Federal investigators say at least four members of the Order took part in the fatal shooting of Mr. Berg outside his Denver home last June 18.

Data Going to a Grand Jury

Links are also being sought between the Order and armed rightist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the

American Nazis, and much of the information is being conveyed to a Federal grand jury in Seattle.

The jury is looking into the possibility of a broadly based rightist extremist movement dedicated to armed assault on the Government, which the extremists maintain has been taken over by Jews.

Among those called before the jury, according to a source close to the inquiry, was Richard Girt Butler, 65 years old, head of the Aryan Nations, a large neo-Nazi group based in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

The source said Mr. Butler had been asked about his relationship with some Order members who were in or had been in the Aryan Nations and have been charged with robberies. Several of the men, including Robert Mathews, 31, the founder of the Order, were described as "heroes" by Mr. Butler.

Search On for \$4 Million

Mr. Mathews was killed Dec. 8 on an island in Puget Sound when a house where he was hiding was set afire by a flare dropped from a helicopter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He had fired a submachine gun at Federal officers who surrounded the house. Mr. Butler was also reported to have been asked to turn over his membership list, which he has said has as many as 6,000 names.

Federal agents continued their search for \$4 million said to have been taken from banks and armored cars by members of the Order to finance their "war" against the Government.

The robberies included an assault last June in which a dozen men with automatic weapons took \$3.6 million from an armored car at Ukiah, Calif. The Federal authorities have arrested several members of the Order and are seeking others.

According to an affidavit filed in connection with a request for a search warrant, the authorities believe much of the stolen money may have been put in safe-deposit boxes or secreted on a farm at Lone, Wash., purchased by a man the affidavit calls the "banker" for the Order.

The affidavit, prepared by James Davis of the Spokane office of the F.B.I., was based on information from five informers, including two who are said to have participated in the Ukiah robbery.

The informers said a man who has been identified but not yet indicted was given the code name "Marbles" and assigned to parcel out money stolen in robberies to buy arms, vehicles, survival gear and rent hideouts.

The affidavit said the informers had told investigators the man would not participate directly in robberies or other illegal acts but rather would remain in the background as "banker," holding and concealing the proceeds of "the Order's" illegal activities.

According to the affidavit, members of the Order met a month after the Ukiah robbery and Mr. Mathews, the leader, authorized payment of \$40,000 to each active participant in the robbery and \$10,000 each to support personnel. "The balance was to be held for future needs of the Order," the affidavit says.

\$1 Million Reported Buried

One informer said more than \$1 million dollars was delivered to the "banker" "to be secreted on his farm until needed."

An Assistant United States Attorney in Seattle said only about \$110,000 taken

from robberies had been recovered. "They spent a lot on cars and houses and trips," he said. "We're in the process of adding it all up."

A message on the Aryan Nations' "Liberty Network," a computerized bulletin board, announced that a memorial to Robert Mathews, "freedom fighter and folk hero," would be set up.

"On it," the message says, "the inscription will include the words, 'not the first nor the last.' The network was set up by Louis Beam, a Ku Klux Klansman affiliated with the Aryan Nations.

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# Probe of neo-Nazis spans U.S.

by Peter Lewis  
Times staff reporter

The probe began quietly on the East Coast last summer and slowly moved west.

To date, some 200 federal agents across the nation have become involved in the pursuit of The Order, a Northwest-based, neo-Nazi group suspected in the murder of Jewish talk-show host Alan Berg, and a string of armed robberies in which more than \$4 million was taken.

So far, 18 people have been arrested in eight states on a variety of charges. Warrants exist for several fugitives, some of whose identities remain secret.

And late last week, the FBI confirmed that it is treating the disappearance of an Idaho man as a murder and in connection with the investigation of The Order.

The FBI believes that former Aryan Nations Church member Walter Earl West, 42, who disappeared from his home near the Donner-Kootenai County line last May, was murdered, said Agent Wayne Means of Coeur d'Alene. Reports attributed to an unidentified investigator said that West may have been slain because he could not keep secrets about The Order.

The large scale investigation of The Order apparently started last June with the arrest of 23-year-old Thomas Allen Martinez in Philadelphia. Martinez, who later pleaded guilty to counterfeit-money charges, reportedly cut a deal with authorities. In exchange for government protection and a light sentence — three years' probation — Martinez apparently agreed to provide information about a Northwest-based neo-Nazi group with plans to overthrow the government.

Authorities will not confirm or deny if the Philadelphia man played a pivotal role in the early stages of the case.

What is known is that if Martinez did infiltrate The Order, his

presence failed to tip authorities to a series of crimes which have since been linked to the white-supremacist group.

Authorities say The Order was set up by Robert J. Mathews, among others, to be a national underground organization using guerrilla tactics to finance various white-supremacy groups. A plan to

with money from armed robberies; recruit new members; assassinate alleged "enemies" and, finally, begin the guerrilla movement itself and form an army. Along the way, The Order also planned the extermination of Jews and other minorities and the rise of the "Aryan race."

Last December on Whidbey Island, FBI agents recovered an eight-page "Declaration of War" that was dated Nov. 25, 1934, and was signed by 12 persons, including Mathews, who described themselves as representatives of the Aryan Resistance Movement.

In the declaration, obtained by The Denver Post last week, the resistance members promise to kill all politicians, judges, journalists, bankers, soldiers, police officers and federal agents who get in their way.

The declaration addresses members of Congress, accusing them of betrayal in Vietnam, subservience to Israel, and allowing the Soviet Union to gain military supremacy.

"When the Day comes, we will not ask whether you swung to the right or whether you swung to the left; we will simply swing you by your neck," the declaration says of congressmen.

In addition to threatening lawmakers, it says that any "agent of the Zionist Occupation Government of North America" will be "considered to be our enemy. ... anyone who takes it upon himself (sic) to oppose us intentionally, willfully and actively we consider to be our mortal enemy."

Traitors will hunted like dogs, the paper said. "... With these things said, let the battle begin."

Federal prosecutors reportedly are taking the unusual step of preparing a racketeering indictment against The Order. Racketeering indictments almost always refer to a criminal "enterprise" set up to further a drug empire, extortion ring, or the like. In the case of The Order, the object of the criminal enterprise would be political revolution.

More than a half dozen suspected neo-Nazis are being sought by federal authorities for specific crimes. The Order, an extremist splinter group of the Idaho-based Aryan Nations Church, is believed by authorities to have between 20 and 30 members.

Officials emphasize that they are seeking those who have committed crimes, not the Aryan Nations Church itself.

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Members of The Order have been linked to the slaying last summer of Denver radio talk show personality Alan Berg, who was killed by machine-gun fire outside his home last June 18. Berg was outspoken in his views against racism.

The man authorities say they are most anxious to catch is Bruce Carroll Pierce, who is believed to have taken over the reins of The Order after Mathews' death.

Two weeks ago, a San Francisco federal grand jury indicted Pierce and two former Brink's employees for conspiring to steal \$30 million from the main Brink's vault in San Francisco. The planned heist was called off after Mathews' death, authorities say.

Along the way, the investigation has led to numerous peripheral arrests involving people who reportedly belong to sympathetic organizations, such as the Ku Klux Klan. Seattle federal court papers show that Mathews had intended to relocate from the Northwest to the Southeast or Southwest and establish a new "safe house."

Authorities have expressed satisfaction with the number of arrests but they are less optimistic about the government's chances of recovering the bulk of the \$4 million taken in two armored-car robberies in Washington and California last year.

A large amount of money remains unaccounted for and probably always will be, said a source close to the case. Authorities believe much of the money has been spent.

Search warrants indicate that those arrested have spent freely on automobiles and personal consumer items, including video equipment and major appliances for "safe houses" that were abandoned as soon as occupants thought the FBI was on their trail.

Other money apparently was spent to buy vehicles used in the bank heists and to purchase life-insurance policies.

For example, three vehicles used by robbers in the \$3.6 million heist of an armored truck in Ukiah, Calif., last July, were purchased by three men who answered want ads and paid for each vehicle with \$1,000 in cash stuffed in a white envelope, authorities said.

Three weeks before the Ukiah robbery, a former agent for a Nebraska insurance company was asked to come to Mathews' Eastern Washington home in Metaline Falls, Pend Oreille County. The insurance agent met with Mathews, Denver Daw Parmenter II, Bruce Carroll Pierce, Gary Lee Yarbrough and Randolph George Duey, and sold a \$50,000 policy to each of the five men. Mathews, who bought two for himself, paid for at least four of the policies in cash. Duey listed the wives of Mathews and Yarbrough as his beneficiaries, while Mathews listed "William Pierce" and "John Ireland" as his beneficiaries.

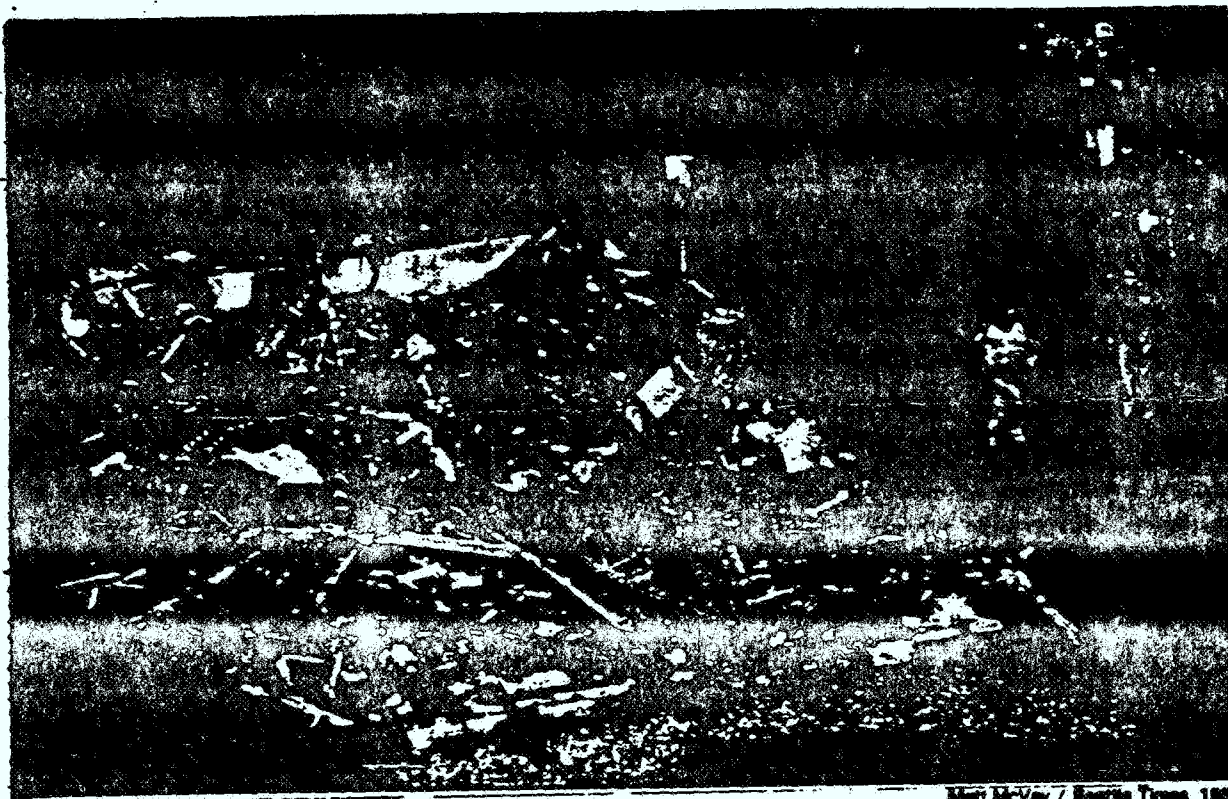
Mathews told the insurance man that Pierce and Ireland were officials of an organization known as the "National Alliance," which is a white-supremacist group headquartered in Washington, D.C., according to the FBI.

Three federal agencies — the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Secret Service — have been involved in the case.

It isn't certain where the government intends to prosecute the suspects, although Seattle seems a likely choice. The U.S. attorney's office here declines to confirm it, but defense attorneys for neo-Nazi suspects in custody here have said that they have been told by Seattle federal prosecutors that a racketeering indictment is coming.

Racketeering charges also could be brought in San Francisco, where 12 people linked to The Order have been accused of participating in last July's \$3.6 million robbery of a Brink's armored truck.

Six people, some of whom also have been charged in the San Francisco case, have been charged by the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle with participating in last April's \$500,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport truck at Northgate.

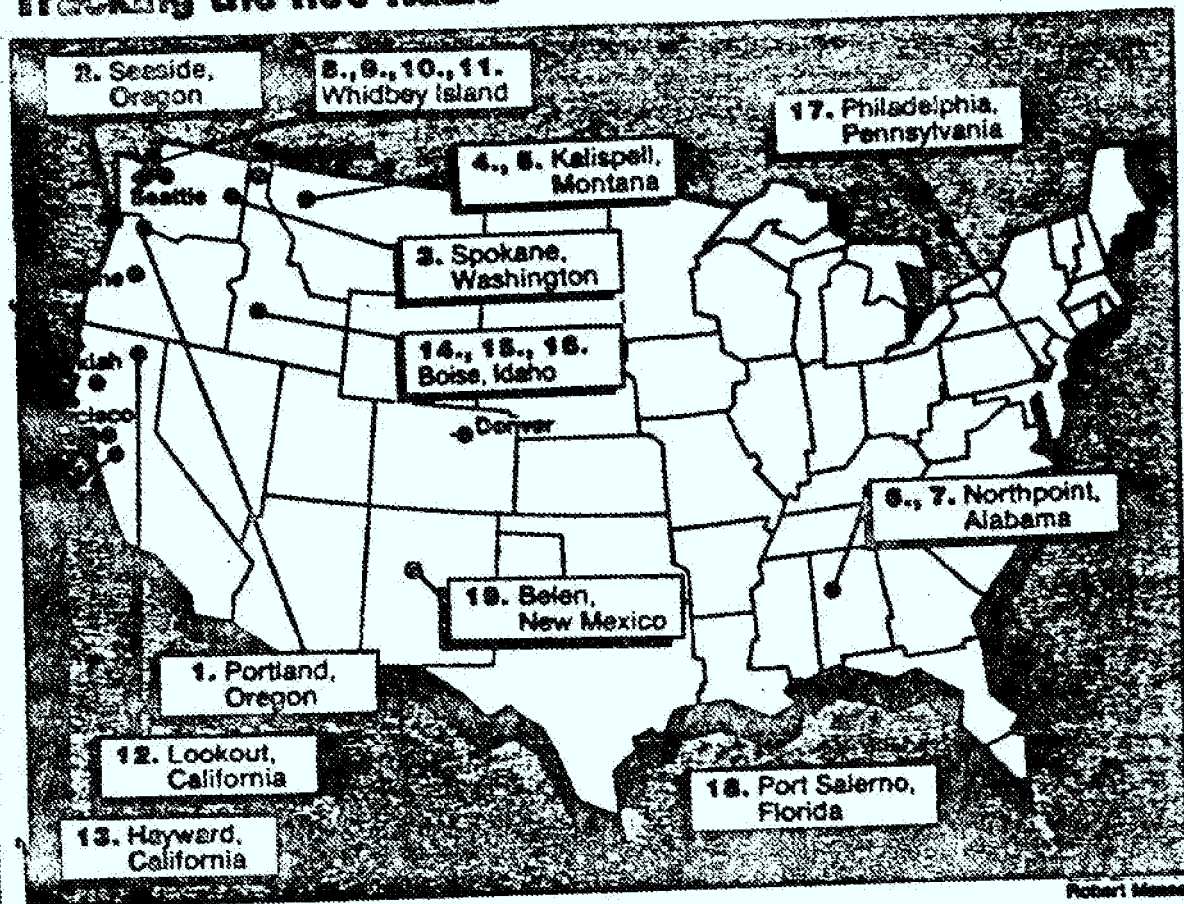


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An FBI agent removes materials from the burned ruins of a Whidbey Island house in which Robert Mathews died in December.



## Tracking the neo-Nazis



### Crimes laid to web of suspects with white-supremacist ideology

**1** Gary Lee Yarbrough, 29, of Sandpoint, Idaho; arrested Nov. 24, 1984, in Portland. Charged with assaulting a federal officer in Sandpoint in October. Also a fugitive on a 1983 counterfeiting charge in Oregon. Also charged with the \$500,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport Inc., truck at Northgate Mall in Seattle on April 25, 1984, and will be charged with the \$3.6 million robbery of a Grink's armored truck in Ukiah, Calif., on July 19, 1984, prosecutors said. In custody in Idaho.

**2** Denver Dew Parmenter II, 32, of Cheney, arrested Dec. 18, 1984, in Seaside, Ore. Charged with the \$500,000 Seattle job and with the \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Oregon.

**3** James Dye, 36, of Spokane, formerly of Philadelphia, arrested on Jan. 7, 1985, in Spokane. Charged with \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Spokane.

**4** Andrew V. Barnhill, 28, of Florida, arrested Jan. 7, 1985, in Kalispell, Montana. Charged in \$500,000 Seattle job and in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Montana.

**5** Richard Harold Kemp, 22, of California, arrested Jan. 7, 1985, in Kalispell, Montana. Charged in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Montana.

**6** Michael Stanley Norris, 25, of Northport, Ala., arrested near there Jan. 10, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the \$3.6 million Ukiah job and with harboring Robert J. Mathews, white-supremacist leader who died in a shootout with FBI agents on Whidbey Island last Dec. 8. Mathews also was suspected in the Ukiah and Seattle robberies, plus the \$25,000 robbery of Seattle City Bank, Innis Arden Office, on Dec. 20, 1983, and the \$44,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport, Inc., truck on March 15, 1984. Norris is in custody in Alabama.



**7** Mark Frank Jones, 26, of Northport, Ala., arrested near there Jan. 10, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the \$3.6 million Ukiah job and with harboring Mathews. In custody in Alabama.

**8** Randolph George Duey, 33, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Charged with harboring Mathews, firearms violations; and \$500,000 Seattle job. Also will be charged in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Seattle.

**9** Robert E. Merkl, 50, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Fugitive from counterfeiting charges in Oregon. Charged with firearms violations and harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

**10** Sharon K. Merkl, 47, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Fugitive from counterfeiting charges in Oregon. Charged with firearms violations and harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

**11** Ian Roy Stewart, 20, (stepson of Merkl's) most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Charged with harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

**12** Charles E. Detrou, 51, of Lookout, Calif., arrested there Jan. 30, 1985. Charged with conspiring to rob main Brink's vault in San Francisco and with aiding and abetting in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in California.

**13** Ronald A. King, 45, of Hayward, Calif., arrested there Jan. 30, 1985. Charged with conspiring to rob main Brink's vault in San Francisco. In custody in California.

**14** Suzanne Hamilton, 27, of Boise, (Sharon Merkl's daughter) arrested there Jan. 18, 1985. Charged with receiving stolen property, part of Ukiah loot. In custody in Idaho.

**15** Jean Craig, 50, of Boise, arrested there Jan. 18, 1985. Charged with re-

ceiving stolen property, part of Ukiah loot. At a halfway house in Idaho.

**16** Eric Tornatzky, 30, of Boise, arrested there Jan. 20, 1985. Charged with passing counterfeit money in Oregon. Husband of Suzanne Hamilton, son-in-law of Sharon Merkl. Released from jail in Eugene on Feb. 15, 1985.

**17** Thomas Allen Martinez, 29, of Philadelphia, arrested there June 29, 1984. Charged with passing counterfeit bills. Three years probation. Reportedly turned informant and entered Federal Witness Protection Program. Whereabouts unknown.

**18** Frank Scutari, 40, of Port Salerno, Fla., arrested there Feb. 20, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the Ukiah heist. He is the brother of Richard Scutari, who is among the dozen charged in the Ukiah job. In custody on \$350,000 bond in Florida.

**19** Gregory Lane Pierce, 35, of Missoula, Mont., brother of Bruce Carroll Pierce, alleged leader of the neo-Nazi group known as "The Order," arrested Feb. 22, 1985, in Belen, N.M., about 30 miles south of Albuquerque. Charged with giving false statements to the FBI, possessing false identification and with being an accessory after the fact in the Brink's robbery.

Known warrants outstanding:

David Lane, 46, formerly of Denver, for counterfeit charge in Philadelphia, also wanted for questioning in connection with June 18, 1984, murder of Jewish talk-show host Alan Borg of Denver.

Bruce Carroll Pierce, 30, a Kentucky native who later lived in Eastern Washington, is charged with the Ukiah and Seattle robberies, as well as the planned, but not pulled off, robbery of the main Brink's vault in San Francisco.

Frank Silva of Los Angeles, charged with participating in the Brink's job.

Richard Scutari of Florida, brother of Frank Scutari, charged with harboring Mathews when he was on Whidbey Island.

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## 'Dragons of God': A little less of the fire-breathing, please

By Jon Anderson  
 TV critic

**"D**ragons of God," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on WMAQ-Ch. 5, is an expansion of previous reports by anchor/reporter Carol Marin on "Whites of the Far Right" and bristles with such words as "shocking," "frightening" and "terrifying." Luckily, the rhetoric seems to outweigh the current threat.

Marin and co-producers Doug Longhini and Don Moseley do an able job of rounding up footage of recent crimes linked to right-wing hate movements, including the murder of Denver talk show host Alan Berg. They also visit an Arkansas boot camp run by a paramilitary quasi-Christian organization called the Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord and, in another sequence, show a person in a Ku Klux Klan hat working a video display terminal.

From that, they argue that bigots and zealots now are setting

up "a frightening, new network of racial extremist groups with sophisticated mass communication and computer systems to better reach their terrifying goals."

Backing this assertion is an FBI spokesman who notes an upsurge in street gang activity in support of white supremacy. Art Jones, identified as a representative of America First, adds that Chicago "is one of the hottest areas in the country for movements of the Right."

A problem here is putting such assertions in perspective. For example, it is right to be concerned about the racist mouthings of Gary Kellias, leader of a Chicago gang. But the alarm is muted since Kellias is in prison, the result of a drug deal that went awry.

Keeping a news media spotlight on hate groups is an effective way to keep their venomous activities in check. That's the value of programs such as this one. They may err a bit toward drama, but as Marin notes: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

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NEWARK — Radicals face March 4 trial: An indictment against Susan Liss Rosenberg, 29, and Timothy H. Blunk, 27, will not be dismissed, says a federal judge. The self-proclaimed radicals face charges of possessing weapons, explosives and identification cards from agencies such as the FBI.

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## Witness Against Neo-Nazis Hangs Himself in Idaho Jail

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 25 (AP) — A former member of the Aryan Nations, a neo-Nazi group, hanged himself in a jail cell Saturday, one day after testifying before a grand jury in a case involving the group, authorities said.

Eugene T. Kinerk, 22, who was expected to testify in other criminal cases against members of the white supremacist group, was found hanging from a vent by a torn bed sheet shortly after noon, United States Marshal Blaine Skinner said.

Mr. Skinner said Mr. Kinerk had testified in Seattle before a grand jury in a case involving the Aryan Nations. On the trip back, Mr. Kinerk threatened escape or suicide, the marshal said.

He said Mr. Kinerk left a note, whose contents he did not disclose.

Mr. Kinerk was in custody in connection with the Nov. 16 robbery of the Pacific Beach branch of Grays Harbor Bank near Seattle. Authorities said \$7,152 was taken.

He was arrested Nov. 21 near Spokane, Wash., where he was stopped for a traffic violation, but managed to escape. He was rearrested Dec. 11 in the home of an Aryan Nations member in Careywood, officials said.

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