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British Commonwealth secret services deploy neo-Nazism

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Over the July 4 weekend, American newspapers headlined the Illinois-Indiana shooting spree attributed to Benjamin Nathaniel Smith. Suspected of killing an African-American and a Korean-American, and wounding several Orthodox Jews, Smith reportedly committed suicide during a showdown with police. The police said he shot himself three times.

The 21-year-old Smith seems to have picked his targets at random, noticing only their racial/ethnic identification. After his death, police and other officials confirmed that Smith was a member of the "World Church of the Creator," a highly secretive neo-Nazi group that recruits young people through the Internet based on explicitly anti-Christian, radically nihilist appeals.

(Smith may have sufficiently debased his mind for this guided madness, through his reported prior addiction to *Dungeons and Dragons*, a feudal-racist fantasy game developed by military war-game professional Gary Gygax.)

The recently mounting toll from berserk shootings in high schools heightened public interest in the Smith case, as an apparently new phase of "blind" terrorism by young Americans against other Americans.

Soon after Smith's death, Benjamin Matthew Williams and James Tyler Williams were arrested in California, and are being investigated for the murder of two homosexuals and the firebombing of Jewish synagogues. The Williams brothers reportedly possessed quantities of literature from the Church of the Creator.

To keep up the momentum, a neo-Nazi grouplet close to the Church plans to march and riot outside the White House in Washington on Aug. 7, a staging whose script includes what the group calls "hand-to-hand combat" with "leftist counter-demonstrators."

The U.S. Justice Department is now talking about a possible FBI investigation of the Church of the Creator, while California police have paid numerous visits to suspected members.

Up to now, news outlets have been surprisingly negligent about delving into the background of the Church. Yet, only six years ago, the group was involved in Canada in one of the biggest scandals of police-controlled radicalism ever to hit

the front pages.

This report presents evidence that the neo-Nazi movement is a controlled initiative of the British Commonwealth secret services, in league with certain U.S.-based military, police, and private agencies.

The Church of the Creator, essentially defunct in the early 1990s, was revived and re-deployed by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). CSIS agent Grant Bristow, who in 1989 had created Canada's neo-Nazi "Heritage Front," guided and used the Church of the Creator as the "security arm" of the Heritage Front.

Much of this was publicized when the scandal broke in Toronto newspapers in August 1994. The official Canadian/British Commonwealth intelligence watchdog, the Security Intelligence Review Committee, wrote a 193-page report on the affair for the Solicitor General, seeking to justify secret police activity which had caused alarm among the Canadian public. Their justification: We had to shape the movement, in order to surveil it.

The smoke and mirrors of a police provocation

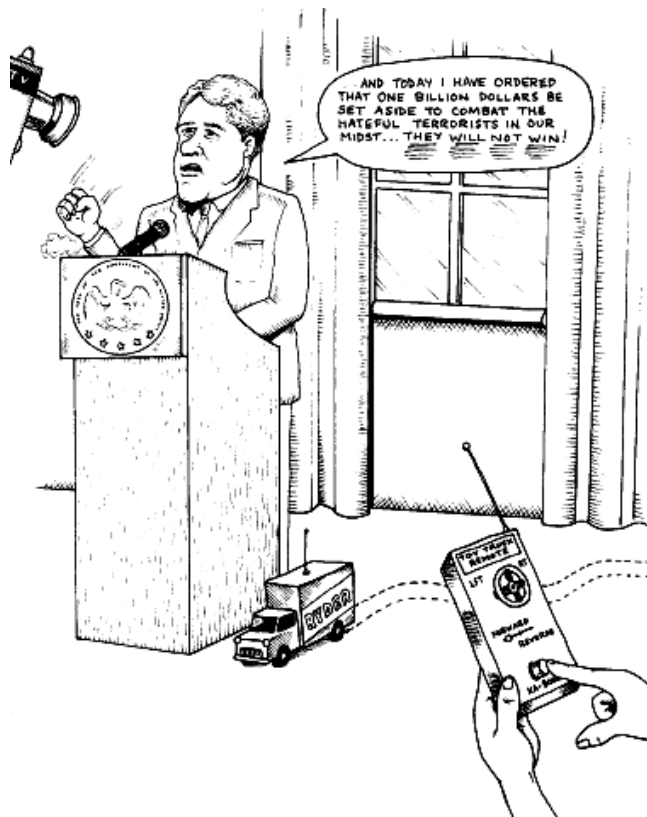
On Aug. 14, 1994, the *Toronto Sun* began the media exposé on how the Canadian secret police created the neo-Nazi movement. Under the headline, "Spy Unmasked: CSIS Informant 'Founding Father' of White Racist Group," reporter Bill Dunphy wrote:

"A paid informant for Canada's spy agency helped create and direct this country's largest and most successful neo-Nazi group. . . .

"Grant Bristow not only helped found the white racist Heritage Front, he directed a harassment campaign that may have contributed to street clashes between racists and anti-racists."

The Church of the Creator, now promoting race war in the United States, carried out Bristow's harassment instructions and served as the street-thug "Security Legion" of the Heritage Front in the affrays described. Indeed, a classic police provocation of this same variety is planned for Aug. 7, 1999 at the White House.

The *Sun's* Dunphy continued:



This cartoon, from Tom Metzger's *White Aryan Resistance* website, is an "Oklahoma City"-style assassination threat against President Clinton.

"Bristow, intelligence chief and co-director of security for the white racist Heritage Front, has been a paid informant of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service since early 1989. . . .

"Describing the group's dirty tricks, former Front member Ken Barker said: 'Grant brings the wood, he brings the kindling, he brings the match and says, "Light it."'

"Intelligence sources say that during 1993 [alone] Bristow was paid \$50,000 to \$60,000 [by the Canadian government agency].

"Heritage Front members . . . have consistently described him as a 'founding father' of the organization. . . . [Bristow also] paid for organizing and networking trips made by Front leaders.

"As intelligence director, Bristow 'hacked' into voice mailboxes and answering machines to steal names and phone numbers of Front enemies, information he passed out in a fitful campaign in 1993."

On Aug. 19, 1994, the *Toronto Star* published sections of a classified CSIS document, leaked to the newspaper by Brian McInnis, who had been an aide to Canada's former Solicitor General, Douglas Lewis. The secret CSIS document warned of a Canadian newsman's investigation of neo-Nazi activity in the Canadian Airborne elite special forces unit. *Star* reporter David Vienneau wrote, "The document suggests that

if former solicitor-general Doug Lewis were to be questioned in the House of Commons, about CSIS's investigation [sic] of the Heritage Front, he should decline to confirm or deny any operational activities of the spy service."

Royal Canadian Mounted Police promptly arrested the leaker, McInnis, held him for six hours, and threatened prosecution under the Official Secrets Act. McInnis told the news media, "The law was broken twice — once by them [the CSIS] and once by me. Apparently, some good came out of what I did."

Responding to the increasing public uproar, the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) submitted its report, "The Heritage Front Affair," on Dec. 9, 1994. Because Canadian and all Commonwealth intelligence agencies report to the British monarch (Canada's head of state), the SIRC's members are chosen by Queen Elizabeth's Governor General of Canada, and must be members of the Queen's Canadian Privy Council in Canada.

The SIRC report delicately described the controlled movement, and within it, the Church of the Creator, in these somewhat garbled terms:

"The Heritage Front worked closely with other groups such as the Church of the Creator (COTC), which was led by George Burdi. He was said to be the second in command of the Heritage Front. The militant and action-oriented COTC disbanded in 1993 with the leader making racist recordings in the wake of arrests and criminal charges laid against [Canadian Special Forces veteran] Eric Fischer and Burdi. The members remain active, nonetheless. COTC followers have joined the Heritage Front."

The official Canadian government report continues, in regard to the Church of the Creator:

"On May 29, 1993, . . . [500] anti-racist supporters demonstrated outside a Heritage Front recruitment concert in Ottawa. George Burdi's racist band, RaHoWa [an acronym for Racial Holy War], was playing to a crowd of about 60 skin-heads. After a near-riot, four Heritage Front members were charged with assault. . . .

"In June [1993], three members of George Burdi's Church of the Creator (Drew Maynard, Eric and Elkar Fischer) were charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault in an attack on [a] Heritage Front member [who was dropping out]. . . . They believed he had stolen a COTC computer [with lists of Heritage Front members within Canada's Armed Forces]. Eric Fischer [director of security for COTC and for the Heritage Front] was a former corporal in the Canadian Airborne Regiment."

An international project

Let us now square the Canadian government story, and the standard published account of the Church of the Creator, with what is actually known about this terrorist group. A Canadian named Ben Klassen moved to the United States and founded Church of the Creator in 1972. Klassen, author of *The White Man's Bible* and *Nature's Eternal Religion*, surrounded

by mercenaries and government agents and under tremendous police pressure, turned over control of his group to other men in 1992, and committed suicide in August 1993. News accounts now simply say that the group died out in the early 1990s, and was then somehow mysteriously reborn in 1996 when 24-year-old Matt Hale was appointed “Pontifex Maximus” of the Church. Hale is described as the mentor of the recent racist murderer Benjamin Nathaniel Smith.

The intervening years, and the entire Canadian scandal, have been, until the present report, simply omitted from press accounts.

Yet, this is an international, British Commonwealth project. In the July 10, 1999 Johannesburg, South Africa *Star*, reporter Norman Chandler described the “Kerk van die Skepper” (Afrikaans for Church of the Creator) as the 13-year-old South African branch of the same group implicated in the July 4 killings in the United States.

During 1992, members of the South African secret police revealed their use of the Church as a front for political dirty tricks against opponents of the apartheid racial system.

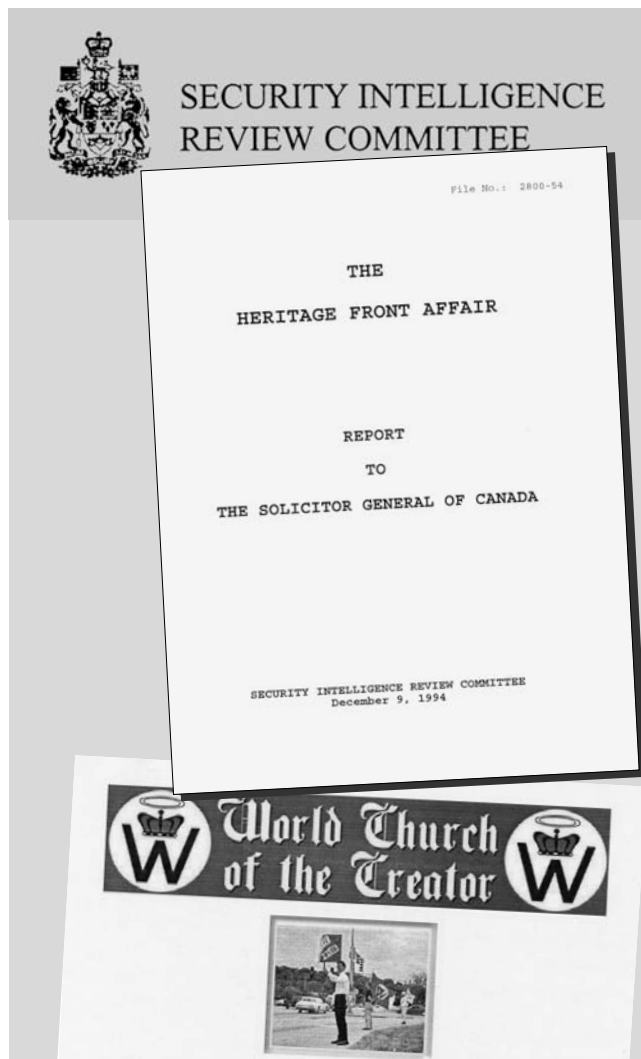
The Church of the Creator in South Africa calls itself the “Israelites.” This is a variety of British Israelism, the 19th-century British Foreign Office and masonic hoax that the tribes of Biblical Israel wandered up to England, giving the British royal family holy blood and making Anglo-Saxons everywhere the chosen people. The Christian Identity and Aryan Nation racist movements take a similar British-origin line.

On June 9, 1993, the Toronto home of most of the members of the Church of the Creator was raided by Canadian police. Three men were arrested on kidnapping and aggravated assault charges. The Canadian government report quoted above mentions this incident.

Not long afterwards, The Nizkor Project, a Jewish anti-racist documentation organization, provided some other crucial details: “The three accused [kidnapping suspects] are now out on bail—\$500 of which was provided by FBI agent ‘Joe Allen,’ the COTC member who later provided evidence leading to the arrest of nine white supremacists. Meanwhile, as a result of these charges, the two Fischer brothers have been suspended from the Queen’s Own Rifles reserve [Canadian military organization] until the resolution of the criminal investigation against them.”

A Canadian source who has closely studied the Heritage Front over the years, confirmed to *EIR* that an agent of the American FBI, going by the name “Joe Allen,” did indeed put up bail money to release Eric Fischer and the other Church of the Creator suspects from Canadian detention. The source said that Fischer was “the real head” of the Church in Canada, while the young skinhead George Burdi was a “front man” to appeal to youth.

As the Canadian government cultivated the group’s rebirth, military/political operative Fischer trained recruits in fighting techniques, and secret service agent Grant Bristow trained them in “counterintelligence.” Bristow reportedly



The Canadian government’s official report on secret-police-agent control of the neo-Nazi movement. Bottom: The logo for the Church of the Creator, which is a crown under a halo.

used his private employment (with the Kuhn & Nagel customs brokerage) as a cover to repeatedly cross the U.S.-Canada border for collaboration with the FBI; he reportedly told his dupes that he was “taking FBI law enforcement courses.”

Parallel to the Canadian operation, a U.S. Green Beret veteran reportedly trained American members, in connection with the Milwaukee headquarters of the Church before its dissolution in the early 1990s.

The nominal leader of the Heritage Front, Wolfgang Droege, immigrated to Canada as a teenager from Germany in 1963. During the 1970s, Droege fell in with Church of the Creator founder Ben Klassen, and with David Duke, the American KKK/Nazi leader. Duke had entered the racist underground through his father’s service as a NATO missile defense expert, U.S. intelligence operative in Laos, and England-based Royal Dutch Shell executive. Duke became Droege’s mentor, for the spook-spy world and the criminal racist underground. Droege went to jail for his part in a 1981

secret-services-backed scheme of Canadian and U.S. racist mercenaries to overthrow the government of the Caribbean island of Dominica. After serving another jail term in the United States for cocaine trafficking, Droege was deported to Canada. CSIS agent Bristow asked him to create the Heritage Front, using Droege's name instead of Bristow's.

In an April 26, 1996 affidavit, Droege describes Bristow's role in funding the penniless ex-convict Droege personally, and funding the creation and development of the Heritage Front, funding its publicity, running the provocations and harassment against leftist anti-racist groups, funding and personally running its outreach to the United States and other countries, and running its legal protection from the Canadian authorities. On the legal front, observers were astonished by the 30-day sentence offered by Canadian prosecutors as a punishment for Church of the Creator security director Eric Fischer in the Bristow-instigated kidnapping.

Since the July 1999 Midwest shootings, press coverage has described the Church of the Creator as somehow mysteriously reemerging under its current leadership after its early-1990s demise. Matt Hale, currently "Pontifex Maximus" of Church of the Creator, was appointed to this exalted post on his 24th birthday, July 27, 1996, by a Nebraska cattleman who did not even know him. The cattleman, Rudy "Butch" Stanko, told this reporter that the mysterious Hale "submitted an application" and Stanko "chose him" for the post. The unfortunate Stanko was only a fringe player in this movement, but was a former colleague of COTC founder Ben Klassen. A small but inconvenient meat-packing rival of Armand Hammer's giant Iowa Beef Processors, Stanko got six years in prison for violations of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and was subject to continual police harassment and surveillance.

The leverage or police blackmail which may have been used to provide legitimacy for hiring Hale, America's current media-celebrated terrorist leader, should be a subject of Congressional and Parliamentary investigations.

Oklahoma links

Eight months after the Canadian government was caught managing neo-Nazi terrorist activities, a terrorist bomb blew up the Federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 persons. While Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols have been convicted in the bombing, Dennis Mahon, an Oklahoma-based neo-Nazi who was a Canadian guest of CSIS agent Bristow, has been suspected of involvement in masterminding the bombing.

The Feb. 4, 1996 London *Sunday Times* reported that a leading American neo-Nazi travelled to Britain three months before the bombing, possibly to organize the bomb plot. McVeigh's attorneys said that they had evidence that McVeigh "and his associates" had a 40-minute phone conversation with the man just hours before the April 19, 1995 bombing. The *Sunday Times* reported that FBI officials interviewed Ameri-

can neo-Nazi Dennis Mahon.

This reporter had interviewed Dennis Mahon on Jan. 18, 1993. Mahon specializes in recruiting and training "skin-heads," a racist gutter movement born and bred in Britain for export to other countries. Mahon told *EIR* about his own training by military intelligence, his travels as a neo-Nazi agitator throughout then-West Germany, and his use of false passports. Mahon claimed he was protected from West German authorities not by Western secret services, but by members of the East German Communist secret police (the Stasi).

Mahon is closely allied to California neo-Nazi activist Tom Metzger. The two agitators have been brought to Canada by CSIS agent Bistow and his Heritage Front. Metzger has testified that Bristow helped finance his U.S.A.-based "White Aryan Resistance." On the Metzger group's website there is currently displayed a cartoon, crudely threatening to assassinate President Bill Clinton through an Oklahoma City-style truck bombing.

Nazi provocation aimed at White House

The Knights of Freedom Nationalist Party, an Internet outreach initiative allied to the Church of the Creator, plans to engage in rioting on Aug. 7, 1999. District of Columbia Police have granted them a permit for a march through downtown Washington, ending in a Lafayette Park rally facing the White House.

A letter to the group's leader, posted on their website, closes with the sentence, spelled exactly as given here: "and for Cliton I wish some on would Kill him!" followed by an anti-Semitic epithet.

The promotional release for the march specifically invites those with the "Creator" ideology to take part. The group's literature otherwise carries the Church's slogan "RaHoWa."

The leader of the Knights of Freedom is Davis Wolfgang Hawke, who legally changed his name from the original Andrew Britt Greenbaum. Responding to jibes at his Jewish name, Hawke/Greenbaum tells a pathetic story of his mother's "race treason" in marrying a part-Jew after his own illegitimate birth by a "real Aryan father." In a press release, Hawke/Greenbaum profusely thanks Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, for providing him with so much publicity, resulting in a stream of inquiries from potential recruits to his Nazi group.

The website of Church of the Creator is maintained by Thomas Chittum, formerly a professional mercenary fighting for the British empire in Rhodesia. Chittum is the author of *Civil War Two: The Coming Breakup of America*, a book that promotes the destruction of the United States by racial and ethnic conflict along the lines of Yugoslavia.

Surely, the spectacle of such a blatant international provocation against American peace and security merits an energetic investigation by alert authorities on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.