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Number 126 March, 2005 Michaud Takes Quebec National Assembly Censure to Supreme Court

"A longtime Quebec sovereigntist who made controversial remarks about Jews says he is ready to take his case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. The Quebec legislature censured Yves Michaud in 2000, for saying Jews believe they are the only ones who have suffered in the history of humanity. A Quebec superior court judge has ruled that the National Assembly's reaction falls within its mandate of monitoring government activity. But Michaud says he doesn't think the legislature -- or Parliament -- has the power to condemn a private citizen for expressing an opinion. He calls it a question of freedom of expression. Michaud, who's 74, originally made the comments before a legislature committee on the future of the French language. But he insists he has never made any anti-Semitic statements. (The Gazette Friday, January 14, 2005)

Glenn Bahr Charged With "Hate"

Once again, acting as a political police force, the RCMP and the notorious Edmonton police "hate squad" arrested activist Glenn Bahr January 10 in Vancouver and flew him to Edmonton to face" charges under Sec. 319 of the Canadian Criminal Code — Canada's notorious "hate" law, apparently for postings on the defunct Western Canada for Us website. Glenn Bahr has a heart condition and has refused offers of free flights from friends in the past. He urgently asked the police not to force him to fly. They ignored his pleas. He risks a heart attack at high altitudes. Worried friends arranged to post his bail.

The Edmonton Police "hate squad" has treated Glenn outrageously since he helped found Western Canada for Us (WCFU) early last year. The group had held a number of successful meetings, one at which Melissa Guille of the Canadian Heritage Alliance and Paul Fromm, Director of the Canadian Association for Free Expression, spoke. WCFU held protests for political prisoner Ernst Zundel. Obviously, the prospect of an active patriotic group of young people frightened the political cops and their masters. In a deliberate effort to smash the group, the Edmonton "hate squad", led by Cnst. Stephen Camp, raided the apartment where Glenn was staying with a lady friend. They threatened her child and called social services because Glenn had "hate" on his computer. When the social services representatives, accompanied by an Edmonton policeman in full SWAT battlegear visited two months later, they didn't check either the fridge or the little girl's room -- places any legitimate investigation into a child's welfare would examine. His only chance, they told him was to get out of town, disband WCFU and take down its website. He did all these things and they kept many of his possessions, including clothes and CDs. He moved to B.C. in May.

More recently Glenn, who moved to the Vancouver area, has been a frequent contributor as SS-88 to Stormfront Canada. He's been an enthusiastic supporter of the January 15 weekend's National Flyering Day for immigration reform. Glenn's arrest is an effort by the political police to smash any organized opposition to the immigration invasion and any support for free speech. Glenn was released the next day on \$2,500 bail. His bail conditions read like something out of the Gulag Archipelago. He is not to own a computer or be in any residence where there is a computer and he is not to use the Internet. The "Battling Barrister" Doug Christie of Victoria, Canada's foremost

expert on the pernicious hate law, will be representing Glenn. While Glenn has received legal aid, it covers only Mr. Christie's fees, not his travel or preparation time.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1. Call the **RCMP** in your community and protest the life-threatening treatment they imposed on Glenn by forcing him to fly.
- 2. Send a contribution to help in Glenn's defence. You can send your VISA and expiry date or mail your cheque to CAFÉ (Glenn Bahr Defence), Box 332, Rexdale, ON., M9W 5L3, Canada.

Cancel Those Arabs, Says B'nai Brith

"The University of Toronto says it will not interfere with a series of events, dubbed 'Israeli Apartheid Week' planned for later this month and organized by an independent campus group, the Arab Students' Collective. The week of themed discussions will feature talks on such subjects as Palestinian and migrant labour in Israel. 'There are different forms of apartheid in Israel,' said Ahmad Shokr, an organizer with the collective, explaining the agenda for the week. 'Every day is theme-based — one day is focused on political prisoners; another day is focused on the wall separating Israel from Palestine, another day is focused on refugees,' Shokr said. Banning such discussions, said Professor Dave Farrar, vice-provost for students, would violate the university's responsibility to promote the basic freedoms of speech and association. ... 'The very fact that the Arab Students' Collective and other campus groups exist speaks to a central value of the U of T,' he said. 'As an academic community we have a fundamental commitment to the principles of freedom of inquiry, freedom of speech and freedom of association.' ... The decision was condemned by B'nai Brith Canada's executive vice-president, Frank Dimant, who said the week of events planned for Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 'is nothing but a thinly veiled hate fest that threatens the safety and security of the Jewish students whose well-being the University is charged with protecting. It creates a poisoned atmosphere on campus," Dimant added, "in which Jewish students are made to feel marginalized and isolated." (Toronto Star, Jan. 22, 2004) The nerve -- perhaps, we should call it chutzpah -- of B'nai Brith is breathtaking. Their Quebec branch is currently taking Concordia University to the Quebec Human Rights Commission for having cancelled an invitation to former Israeli Premier Ehud Barak in the face of Arab protests and threats of demonstrations. Just for the record, we believe that free speech should reign and neither event should have been cancelled.

Personal Journal Seized As "Hate" By Customs Snoops

I recently went on a trip to the States and things went okay until I arrived home and was going through Customs in Calgary. I guess I was selected for a random search. The searched my bags and found nothing but my clothes and my journal. The Customs snoop began to read my personal writings and musings. He stated that I had some "strong views" and I was asked to sit off to the side. He went through a door with my journal and I didn't hear from him for half hour. When he returned, he read me my rights and stated that I was being detained on suspicion of "attempting to smuggle hate literature into Canada" and I had the right to an attorney. I had to sit for two hours while they read my personal writings that they viewed as racist. So, they

confiscated my journal and told me, if I wanted it back, I must contact them in 90 days or it would be destroyed. I am not so much upset about losing my doodles but I was shocked at the personal invasion by the government.

Another point I found shocking was that a couple came through arriving from Iran. They didn't have the proper paper work with them but the guards gave them a form to fill out and the were sent on their way without even an attempted search. And here I am, a citizen of this country, and I am being treated as if I'm a threat because I have different views from others? It scares me and I can't help but wonder how long it will be before White people are accosted in the streets by our own police or forced to reject the religious beliefs of our founders. I feel like there is a race war against us and, yet, we are sitting and just letting it happen. -- Ben Hardin (Calgary)

Did Irv Rubin Firebomb Ernst Zundel's House?

It's been nearly 10 years since Ernst Zundel's Toronto house and headquarters was firebombed in the early morning hours of May 7. 1995. Almost certainly the date was chosen deliberately. It was the 50th anniversary of the surrender of Nazi Germany. Ernst Zundel was in Vancouver at the time. A supporter was house sitting. An. incendiary liquid was thrown on the front of the building and ignited. The fire soared through building and did \$600,000 in damage to Zundelhaus and a neighbouring building. Only the cries of neighbours prevented the house sitter from being burned to death on the third floor. A few days later a previously unheard of group - the Jewish Defence Organization (sounds like Jewish Defence League) claimed credit. The afternoon after the fire, then Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall rode by on her bike - how trendy! There were no stern denunciations by authorities of violence or terrorism. In April, 2004, when, as it turned out, a Lebanese immigrant firebombed the library of a Jewish school in Montreal, the politicians turned out in droves. Wearing a dopey donkey look, Prime Minister Paul Martin mourned that this was not "his" Canada. Ultra Zionist Justice Minister Irwin Cotler had the nerve to say that "book burning" was not the Canadian way. Had this been anything but the most shameless nonsense, Cotler could have leaned across the Cabinet table and told Anne McLellan who deals with customs and security matters to instruct her border censors to stop burning seized books. Of course, the Canadian government is all for book burning, just perhaps not the books of a community whose powerful support is important to them. No, there was virtually no official condemnation of the arson and assassination attempt on Ernst Zundel in 1995. A police investigation seemed to go nowhere. The firebombing came after months of violent protests outside Mr. Zundel's house and posters showing his face and calling for violence against him. Now, nearly a decade later, and after hearing rumours for almost a year, we've tracked down a most intriguing story. Irv Rubin openly boasted a week or two after the arson that he had been in Toronto and arranged the torching of the dissident publisher's house. The following is an e-mail from Carolyn Trochmann about the incident which took place during a confrontation with Irv Rubin in May, 1995.

"Dear Paul: Around the early months of 1995 I attended a Preparedness Expo it was either the end of April or sometime in May. I do not recall the month but know that it was 1995. My name is Carolyn Trochmann. I am John Trochmann's wife. I had gone to the expo to represent MOM which stands for Militia of Montana, an educational enterprise to let our fellow man know what was going on in the world. I arrived in Long Beach, Cal. fornia on a Thursday afternoon to check into my hotel and get ready to set up for the show. We arrived at the show site at about 6:00 p.m. and began to set up tables and to arrange our literature. We were to be out of the building

by 8:00 p.m. I had been introduced to a young lady by the name of Karen Gentry whom I planned to have dinner with, along with my friend Eva Vail. Most everyone had left the building when I began to hear a loud obnoxious voice hollering profanity and demanding for John Trochmann to show himself. I finally took off towards where the yelling was coming from and came in contact with a very tall man who was wearing a shirt that was half tucked in. I grabbed the end of his shirt and gave it a yank and demanded to know why the hell he was screaming threats at my husband. I stand 5'3" and I would guess him to be 6'5" or more. He had to look down to see who had just popped the button of his shirt. I told him who I was and then proceeded to tell him that the things he was saying were untrue and that he was being a jerk. He had two men with him that it turned out were his attorneys. As the conversation was taken outside onto the steps of the building we had just exited, he began to brag to me that he had just recently been involved in the fire bombing of a man's home in Canada by the name of Ernst Zundel. At the time I did not know who Mr. Zundel was. I was so shocked I just listened. His attorneys advised him to shut his mouth, but he just kept bragging about what he had done. We parted company and Karen Gentry informed me that he had placed a contract on her head to have her bumped off for \$5,000.00. She filled me in on who and what he was all about. The next day when the show opened, he came back to attend but, because of his behaviour, the show promoter had him removed, along with his attorneys."

I wrote asking for further clarification of certain details, and Carolyn Trochmann replied: "I demanded to know who the hell he was and what he wanted. He introduced himself to me [as Irv Rubin] in his loud obnoxious voice, as though I was supposed to know who he was. I did not know him. He had been making all kinds of threats and profane statements towards John's life and bodily harm. I told him I was John Trochmann's wife and I did not appreciate his lies or his threats that he was spouting off about my husband. I did not know anything about who he was or what he was about until after I left him & his 2 attorneys' presence. I was told that info by Karen Gentry. Karen was afraid for me when I went after him. She could not believe her eyes when I went after him .She later told me how evil & dangerous he was. The show had to have been the 2nd or 3rd weekend in May. As I spoke in Washington, DC in June." Carolyn

I called Carolyn Trochmann to get further details. Rubin "told me he'd been up to Canada and had firebombed Ernst Zundel's house. His attorney told him to 'shut his fucking mouth.' He told me he was Irv Rubin. He was screaming profanities. He was screaming obscenities. 'Where's that fucking Trochmann'? he yelled, "Carolyn Trochmann told me. Rubin, she recalled, "was 6'5" and his shirt was loose and hanging over his belt. He said he never went anywhere without his lawyers." Karen Gentry, she explained, "had a radio show and had criticized Rubin. He threatened that he'd offered \$5,000 to have her killed."

There is no doubt that Rubin was in Toronto at the time and that, like many an arsonist, returned to the scene of the crime. NOW Magazine (May 18-24, 1995) reported: "Ernst Zundel had some unexpected visitors inspect the charred front of his Carlton St. bunker last Friday (May 12). Irv Rubin of the Los Angeles-based Jewish Defence League (JDL) and his JDL Toronto counterpart Meir Halevi, came to review the damage caused by the arson earlier this month. ... On the way back from the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) convention in Montreal this week, an evasive Halevi says: "We just needed some pictures for our files.' Rubin ... was in Toronto ... to 'discuss Jewish armed resistance and applaud the recent arson attack on Zundel."" -- Paul Fromm