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Nazi Skinheads Active in San Francisco

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A May 1st "white power" rally by Haight-Ashbury-based skinheads led to violence recently.

Fifty shaved-head racists gathered on May Day in Buena Vista Park, under a banner proclaiming White Workers' Day. The pro-Nazi skinheads marched seven blocks up Haight Street chanting: "No matter what the commies say, May 1st is white workers day."

A lone anti-racist, who heckled the march from across the street, had his nose broken the following day by five of the bald Nazis. They warned him to "stay away from Skinhead Hill," the area of Buena Vista Park the skinheads claim as their turf.

The May Day rally was the most visible, organized appearance of the growing cult of white power skinheads who have been linked to racist murders, arson, beatings and threats nationwide and in the Bay Area. The Nazi Skinheads distributed flyers at their rally which called for "white power" and urged followers to oppose Black people, abortion rights, gay rights and integration. Anti-racist punks have confirmed rumors of skinhead gay-bashing in the Haight Street area.

The large turnout indicated an increasing confidence and strength among the racist skinhead gangs. Most frightening is the link between skinheads and traditional Klan and Nazi groups. These groups, such as Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance (WAR), applaud the skinheads, many of whom sport swastika tattoos, badges, and patches as "soldiers" in a white supremacist race war. In October, 1987, 14 members of the Bay Area Skinheads (BASH) joined the Ku Klux Klan at a cross-burning ceremony in Modesto, CA while others have joined the Klan-led Aryan Youth Movement (AYM). Metzger's youth organization, the White Student Movement/Aryan Youth Movement is organizing the racist skinheads in California and around the country. Tom Metzger's cable-TV show, *Race & Reason*, featured the skinheads for the past several weeks. The Nazi Skinhead May Day rally appears to have been coordinated with a TV appearance by head-Nazi Tom Metzger. The next day Metzger praised the rally while he was a guest on the network morning show *People Are Talking*.

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Nazi Skinheads Continued

Now active in many cities across the country, the tonsured terrorists emulate Nazi storm troopers not only in their regalia but also in their penchant for violence against Blacks, Jews and gays. WAR leader and Klan-TV host Tom Metzger, has said the skinheads of Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco are, "shaved for battle" and represent the "front line troops for the white race."

Vicious and arrogant, these Nazis are also active in Fremont and San Jose, CA, where they threatened to lynch a Black woman last summer, evoking community outrage. In March, 1988, 21-year-old rock musician, Scott Vollmer was stabbed to death by a skinhead as he tried to stop him from attacking a Black man. The Bay Area punk and rock community held a 12-hour marathon concert to commemorate Vollmer's life.

The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee, joined by anti-racist punks and community activists is beginning a campaign to alert the community to this growing cancer in our midst and help organize people to stop these Nazi terrorists. The campaign features media and educational work to expose the links to organized white supremacist violence while supporting community action in opposition to racism.

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For more information about Nazi Skinheads and their Klan/Nazi connections, please contact the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee 415/431-8339.

This packet includes this article, several news stories from the major print media, several articles from our newspaper, **No KKK — No Fascist USA!**, and some samples of Nazi Skinhead flyers collected at the May Day rally.

A Chilling Wave of Racism

From L.A. to Boston, the skinheads are on the march

In San Jose they threatened to hang a black woman who was attempting to enter a public park. In another Bay Area community, a teenage boy was thrown through a plate-glass window when he tried to stop a group of them from pasting up an anti-Semitic poster. In Chicago one of their leaders was indicted after a spree of anti-Semitic vandalism. The bizarre force behind the wave of racist incidents: skinheads, loosely organized groups of violent youths who may be emerging as the kiddie corps of the neo-Nazi movement. Declares Los Angeles Detective Michael Brandt bluntly: "They are a threat to the moral fiber of our society."

The rampage of young toughs is the latest manifestation of racial violence that has resurfaced during the Reagan years. In 1984 members of the right-wing terrorist group the Order assassinated Denver Talk Show Host Alan Berg, then went on a yearlong spree of robbery and destruction. In 1982 in Cleveland, a member of the racist group Aryan Nations murdered two blacks and a white man he mistakenly thought was Jewish. Last week the National Council of Churches warned that such violence had reached "epidemic proportions" in the U.S. The brutal tally between 1980 and 1986: 121 murders, 302 assaults and 301 cross burnings. Concluded the council report: "Bigoted violence has become the critical criminal-justice issue of the late 1980s."

The skinheads appear to be the spiritual heirs of old-line racist groups. Membership nationally is estimated at a thousand, and growing. While some of the youngsters are obviously disturbed, others are simply left-over punk rockers, eager to shock the adult world. Jerome Kirk, professor of sociology at the University of California at Irvine, believes that many skinheads just want to "get a rise out of straight grownups. Some of this has the same significance as the swastikas favored by bikers; it's a symbol. But what's behind it is much shallower than something like Nazism."

Still, members have been arrested for distinctly unsymbolic criminal vandalism and assault in California, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Michigan, Florida and Massachusetts. Their makeshift uniform makes them recognizable everywhere: shaved heads and garish tattoos, flight jackets, black English work boots—and a California touch. Fred Perry tennis shirts. Skinhead culture seems to spread through racist rock music.



Loony tunes: affecting menace in California

Tapes and records by white-power rock groups feature songs such as *Nigger, Nigger* and *Prisoner of Peace*, the musical saga of Rudolf Hess. One group is called the Final Solution.

The movement's ideology seems to be equal parts fear, envy and self-contempt. Many skinheads talk vaguely about dark-

skinned muggers and immigrants' challenging patriotic white Americans for their jobs. Garth Edborg, 18, a skinhead from Huntington Beach, Calif., denies hotly that his group is racist or white supremacist, but rambles on about minority gangs and the "poison ideas on the streets" that come from other countries. Says he: "We mean to set things right with or without violence." William Gibson, a sociologist at Southern Methodist University, believes the "element of warrior fantasy" is strong among hate groups. Reason: they feel so abandoned by a changing America that they want to take matters into their own hands.

Clark Reid Martell, 28, of the Chicago Area Skin Heads, is a longtime racist recycled as a skinhead. He describes himself as a "born-again Nazi" converted by reading Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. He has a history of mental problems and scrapes with the law. Nine years ago, Martell joined the National Socialist People's Party but quit "because they didn't have any women members, and women are vital for ensuring survival of the white race." Many Chicago skinheads, however, despise Martell's neo-Nazi group. "They're a bunch of loonies who give the rest of us skinheads a bad name," says Jerry Bishop, 18. "Your normal skinhead is into a certain kind of music and clothes, but we don't go around beating up on people because we don't like their religion or race."

Even so, in the Chicago area skinheads have been linked to the defacing of a new Holocaust memorial and drawing swastikas in public places. Law enforcement officials are "taking this threat very seriously," says Terry Levin of the Cook County state attorney's office. B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League sounded the same theme.

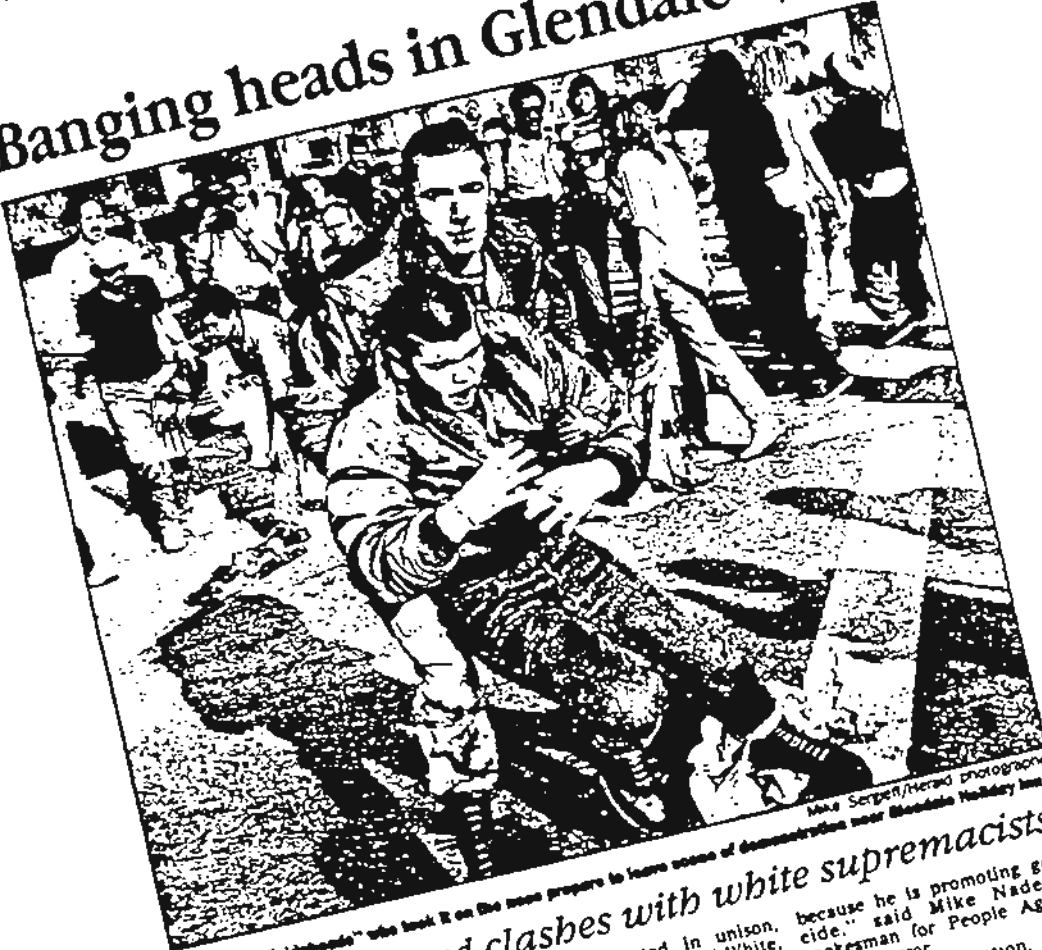
In *Shaved for Battle*, a report on skinhead activities, the A.D.L. called for "careful monitoring" of the movement because of its "disturbing possibilities."

Some officials are concerned that neo-Nazi types could take over the movement. In California there is little question that skinheads have ties with established racist groups. Tom Metzger, a former Klan leader who now heads the White Aryan Resistance, tries to recruit among skinheads. His son John Metzger teaches skinheads how to organize. Says the younger Metzger: "It's not a fad. It's a movement and a reaction against what's going on." Maybe. But more than anything else, the skinheads are a frightening, pathetic reminder that the U.S. has not solved its racial problems—and that it is time the subject once more take a prominent place on the national agenda. —By John Leo. Reported by Pat Kurlak/Chicago and Elaine Lafferty/Los Angeles



Born again: enthusiasts practice slog hells in Chicago hangout
"Your normal skinhead is into certain music and clothes."

Banging heads in Glendale *Her. Exam front page*



Mike Serpen/Herald photographer
A sample of "alcoholics" who took it on the nose during a demonstration near Glendale Holiday Inn.

Outraged crowd clashes with white supremacists

By Christopher Tricircle
Herald staff writer

Hundreds of angry protesters clashed with followers of white supremacist leader J.B. Stoner yesterday outside a Glendale hotel where he spoke to a handful of local supporters inside.

From the Los Angeles Herald Examiner
December, 1987

Crowds chanted in unison, "Asian, Latin, Black and White, to smash the Klan we must unite," and "No War, No KKK, No Fascist USA," as they moved up and down the sidewalk in front of the Holiday Inn on Pacific Avenue.

"We felt it was important to have public outcry against these groups, particularly Stoner's," because he is promoting genocide," said Mike Nadel, a spokesman for People Against Racist Terror.

Nadel's organization, along with members of the Jewish Defense League, the Inter-national League Against Racism, and other groups, were present.



From a Chicago Demonstration
Spring, 1988

NO KKK - NO Fascist USA.

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Nazi Skins Routed in Los Angeles

In a scene reminiscent of 60s civil rights protests in the South, Glendale, CA police called out attack dogs and a water cannon to disperse several hundred anti-Klan activists who had gathered to protest a speech by Georgia-based white racist J. B. Stoner on November 22, 1987. Stoner, imprisoned in 1980 for bombing a Black Birmingham church in 1958, was released earlier this year, in time to lead the KKK attack on Martin Luther King Day Brotherhood marchers in all-white Forsythe County, GA. Police cordoned off the streets, and closed a nearby freeway, sealing off the area and preventing many additional protesters from reaching the Holiday Inn which was the scene of the demonstration. As a helicopter cricled overhead, the anti-Klan marchers left before the water cannon could be used against them.



Nazi Skinheads are confronted by anti-Klan demonstrators in Glendale, CA.

From No KKK - No
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New Violence From Neo-Nazi Skins

by Michael Novick

Michael Casey Martin, the 18 year old head of a gang of some 50 neo-Nazi skinheads in the west San Fernando Valley called the "Reich Skins," was arrested by LA police in a raid on his home in suburban Chatsworth on Oct. 23. The high school dropout was held on \$100,000 bond on felony charges of making terrorist threats and criminal syndicalism. Police also confiscated two guns and ammunition, along with neo-Nazi, KKK and White Aryan Resistance (WAR) propaganda. Six other juvenile members of the Reich Skins have been arrested on weapons, battery and vandalism charges, and one is a fugitive for his involvement in a racist break-in.

Witnesses have identified Martin as carrying an automatic weapon at the scene of the crimes. Police declined to give specifics before trial, to protect reluctant and fearful victims, but reported that "these are crimes perpetrated against ethnic or religious groups, including, 'vandalism, painting swastikas, posting anti-semitic and white power stickers' in the Chatsworth and Northridge area. Martin also faces attempted burglary charges from an incident in which he and another skinhead kicked in the door of a Latino home in Granada Hills, shouting "white power" and racial slurs, and brandishing a hand-gun.

According to the DA's office, Martin has recruited most of his members from Chatsworth, Granada Hills and Kennedy High Schools. Skinheads have proven a fertile field for neo-Nazi organizing, but this has also provoked a split among local skins. Several groups, including the Two Tone Skins and the West Coast Front Gang, have denounced Martin and his group. Preaching racial harmony, they include Black and Latino members in their ranks. The arrests and disclosures of organized white supremacist activity have provoked a lot of media attention in L.A., although it generally dismisses the skins and so-called "white power rock" as an aberration.

In his newspaper and on his TV show,

Race and Reason, Metzger is promoting a racist rock group called *Radio Werewolf*, named for the Nazis' last radio broadcast. WAR's local telephone hate-line in Canoga Park, commenting on the arrests, made it clear that the racist skins were part of its nexus. A youthful voice (the local line has not been using Metzger's tapes) says, "When white people try to carve out our turf and do a little bullshit, they're on us like flies on shit. Why don't they get on the n---rs and the sp--- Government? It's the ZOG ("Zionist Occupation Government") and the Jews ... What are you going to do when they're in your neighborhood?"

Police attribute a six-month reign of racist and anti-semitic terror to Martin and his cohorts. They posted swastikas on every lamppost along a three-block stretch in Chatsworth. They painted swastikas at Grenada Hill High School and distributed white supremacist literature. A Tarzana Park sign was painted with the slogan "Welcome to the New Reich." They are affiliated with Skinheads of America, a national association of racist skins, whose slogan is "Shaved for battle."



Nazi Skinheads

White Student Union Winning Recruits

"Our ideas are not vague, we believe in patriotism, white supremacy, the working class and unity."

In August, 1987 the White Student Union Aryan Youth Movement (WSU/AYM) made headlines when members crucified their former leader, Greg Withrow. Withrow survived, but declined to name his assailants, stating simply that there were "more where these guys came from."

The WSU, started by Withrow in 1979 on the American River College campus in Sacramento, CA, initially defined itself as a group for discussion, debate and "European festivals." Withrow quickly allied his group with Tom Metzger, a national leader of the white supremacist movement and the founder of California's White Aryan Resistance (WAR). (See California article, this issue.)

Though it claimed a contact list of hundreds and addresses in 14 cities, WSU confined itself to literature distribution at a few high schools and college campuses in California, Florida and Montana. Over the years its literature became more overtly racist. The group produced a series of comic books that are vicious in their stereotypes of Black, Latino, Jewish and gay people.

To broaden their base and cash in on the growing ties between traditional Klan-type racists and the neo-Nazis, the WSU added "Aryan Youth Movement" (AYM) to its name. Withrow began attending national white supremacist conferences. According to their newspaper, they define their goals as "creating a gang-like mentality among young students and non-students alike ... towards Racial Separatism and Aryan Revolution ... We'll use knives, chains, num-chucks and even guns."

A stepped-up national recruitment drive is targeting right-wing skinheads in Chicago, Los Angeles and the Bay Area, who already lean towards the white supremacist ideology of the British National Front.

Their increased organizing seems to be paying off. Last August a group of teen-aged skinheads attacked a Black woman in a public park in San Jose, CA. Kenneth Allen, the only one arrested, proudly proclaimed his membership in the WSU/AYM. This was quickly confirmed by the groups' spokesman.

WSU/AYM is actively recruiting skinheads in California. BASH (Bay Area Skin Heads) are explicitly defining themselves as white supremacists. Said one man in San Francisco, "Definitely, we're white



Kenneth Allen, arrested for attacking a Black woman in San Jose, is proud of his membership in the White Student Union.



WSU flyer distributed at various campuses.

supremacist. We believe this country was founded by and for white people, and we want to keep it that way. We'll do whatever we have to do." His jacket sports an American flag below an Adolph Hitler patch with a swastika and a quote from *Mein Kampf*, Hitler's manifesto.

A leaflet posted on Haigh Street in San Francisco reads: "Attention Punks, Communists, Anarchists, Hippies and Homosexuals: You are the enemies of America and the American Way of life. We the SKINHEADS will not tolerate your spreading of unwanted diseases both physical and mental ... We use every method at our disposal to protect the decent people of this country from your unAmerican, subversive, left wing mind poison. So beware enemies of the flag—your days are numbered." Similar leaflets are signed by WAR (White Aryan Resistance). In December 1987 neo-nazis spraypainted slogans like "White revolution is the only solution," "White Power," and "Free white POW's - Butler, Lane and Miles," (all leaders of the Aryan Nations and its military wing, The Order) at various sites around San Francisco.

In December, 1987 50 anti-racist activists white-washed and painted over racist graffiti at three downtown sites in San Francisco. This zap action was coordinated by the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee which has promised to paint out all the racist graffiti around town.

A Marin County skinhead told The Chronicle in an interview: "We have different philosophies, but basically we are national socialists. We believe in America the country, not America the government. We believe in white power. I'm white and I'm proud and if that makes me a racist, so be it."

Before the incident in San Jose put skinheads in the local news, San Anselmo, CA, fought its own battle with a white power youth gang. Nazi-skins began organizing in San Anselmo in early 1986. In the summer of 1987 problems arose for the first time. In one incident a teenage boy was knocked through a plate glass shop window when he tried to prevent skinheads from putting up an anti-Semitic poster.

In another violent episode, a disabled man was punched in the face while walking in the town's creekside park. These events were accompanied by racist and Nazi graffiti scrawled on buildings. A recurring theme in the graffiti was "Skins NBF" (North Bay Firm), a sign that the Marin skinheads consider themselves part of a larger movement. As recently as October 1987, 13 Nazi-skins attended a cross-burning in Modesto, California and were inducted into the Ku Klux Klan.

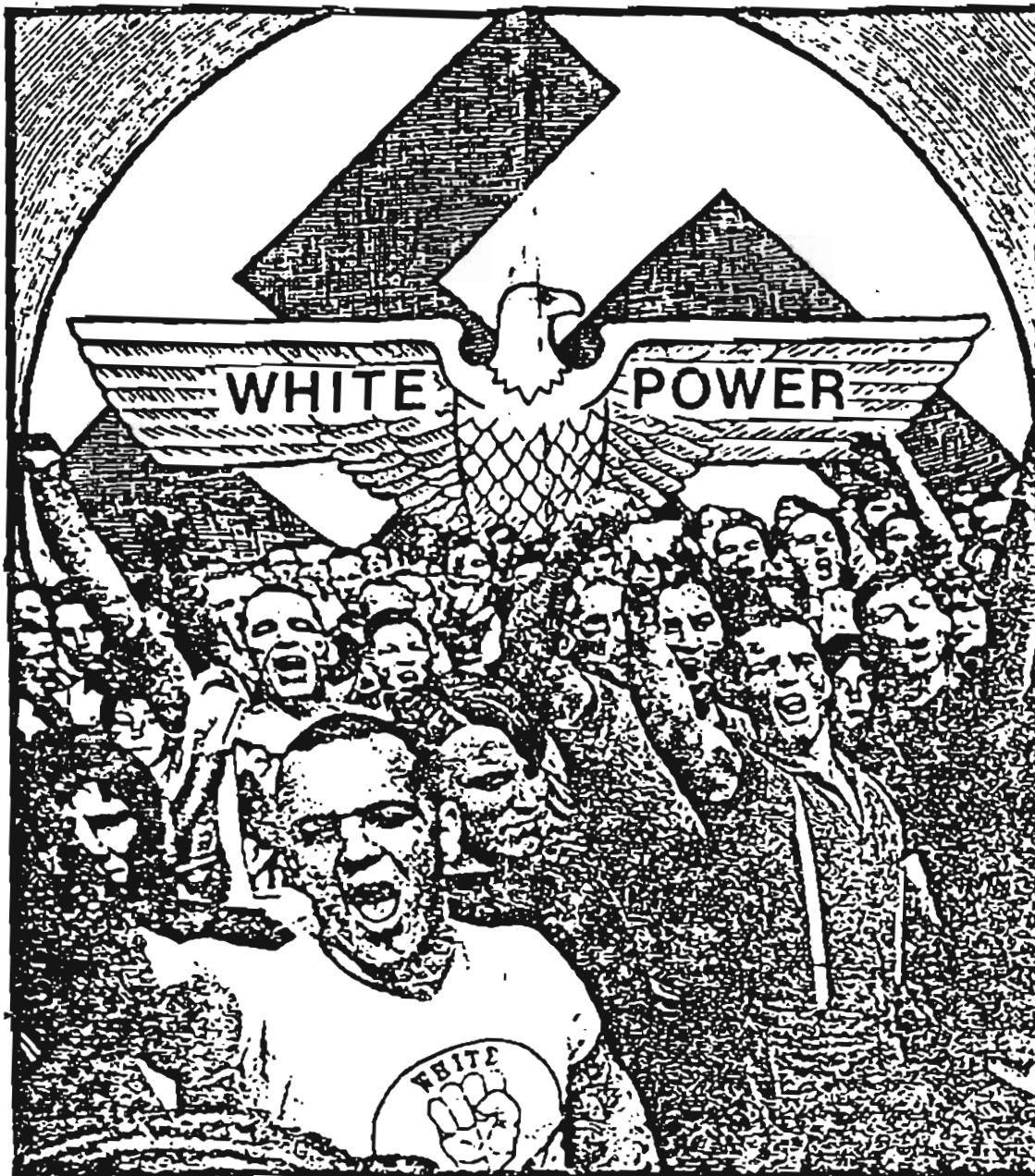


In an ironic twist, Greg Withrow himself was the target of two violent attacks in July and August 1987, by some of the very WSU members he had recruited. Withrow quit the WSU/AYM in June, 1987 claiming that he renounced white supremacy and hate in favor of love. In early July he was beaten-up and his jaw broken. He refused to name his attackers. Then on August 9th Withrow was found in a Sacramento parking lot with his outspread arms nailed to an eight-foot board, crucifixion style. Again refusing to name his assailants, Withrow admitted that the attacks were in retaliation for his leaving the WSU and his plan to write a book about the white supremacist movement. The FBI stated that if Withrow wouldn't bring charges, they wouldn't investigate.

While still relatively small in numbers, the WSU/AYM should not be dismissed as some irrelevant fringe group. They are successfully organizing racist skinheads in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities around the country.

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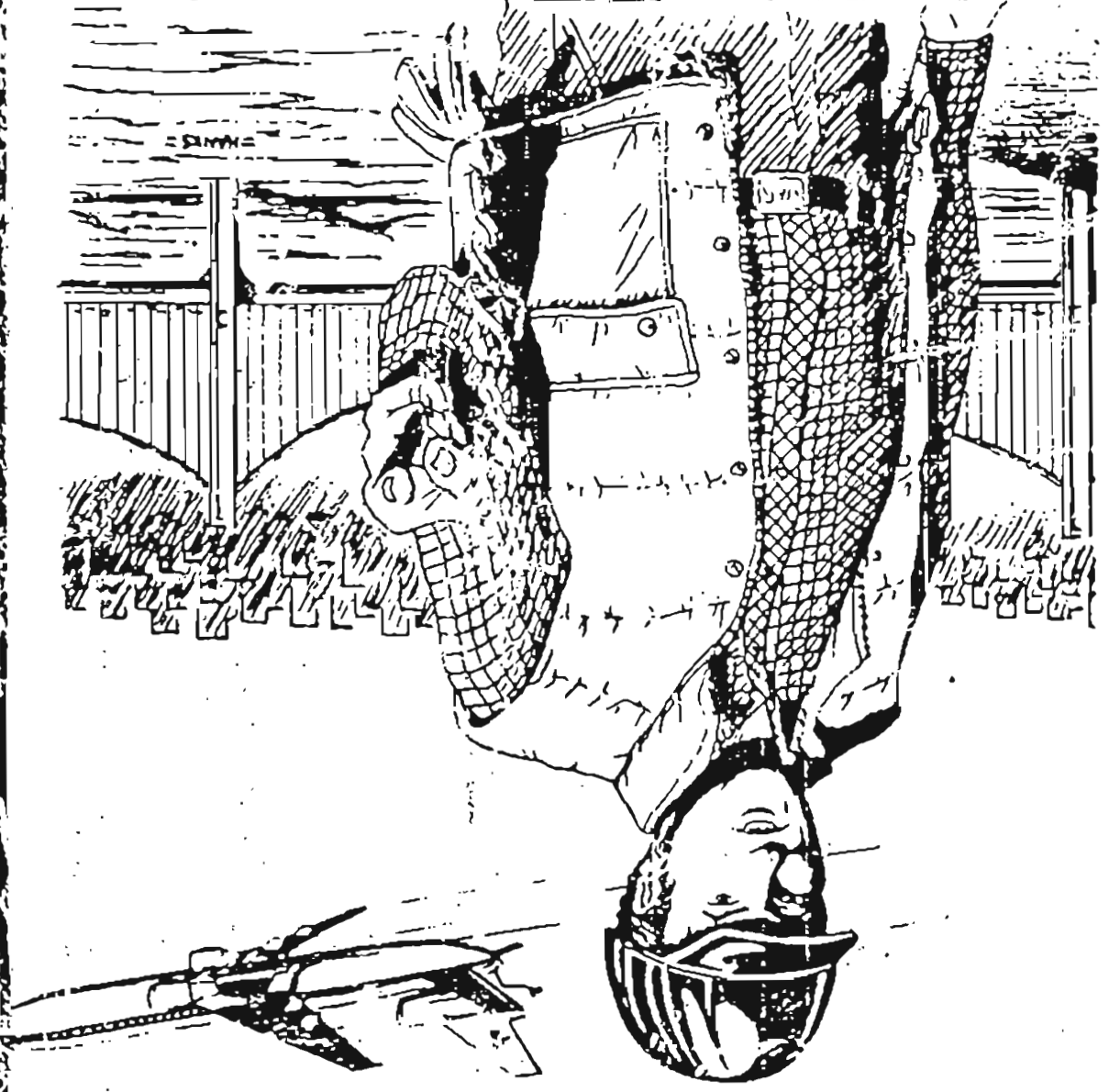
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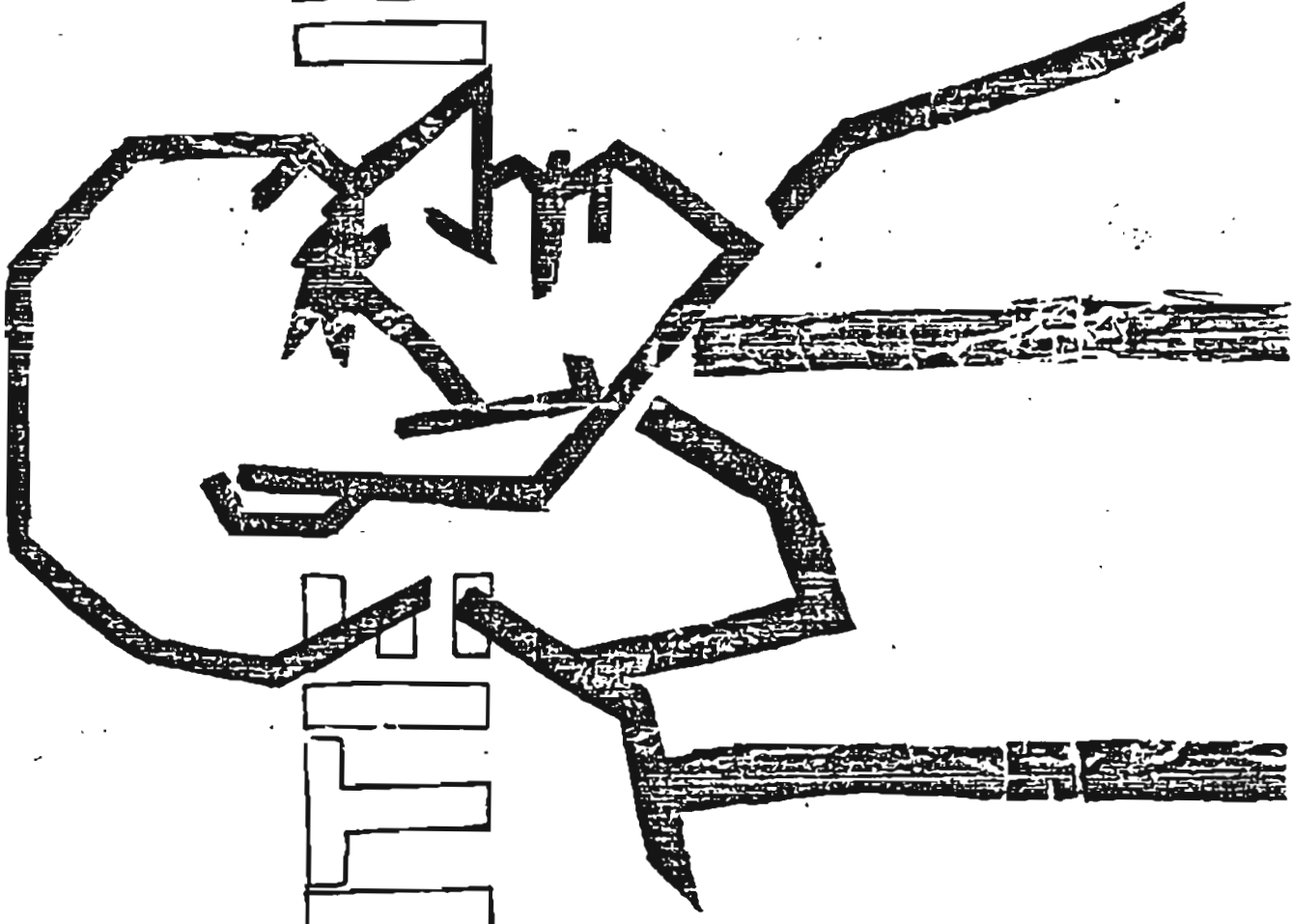
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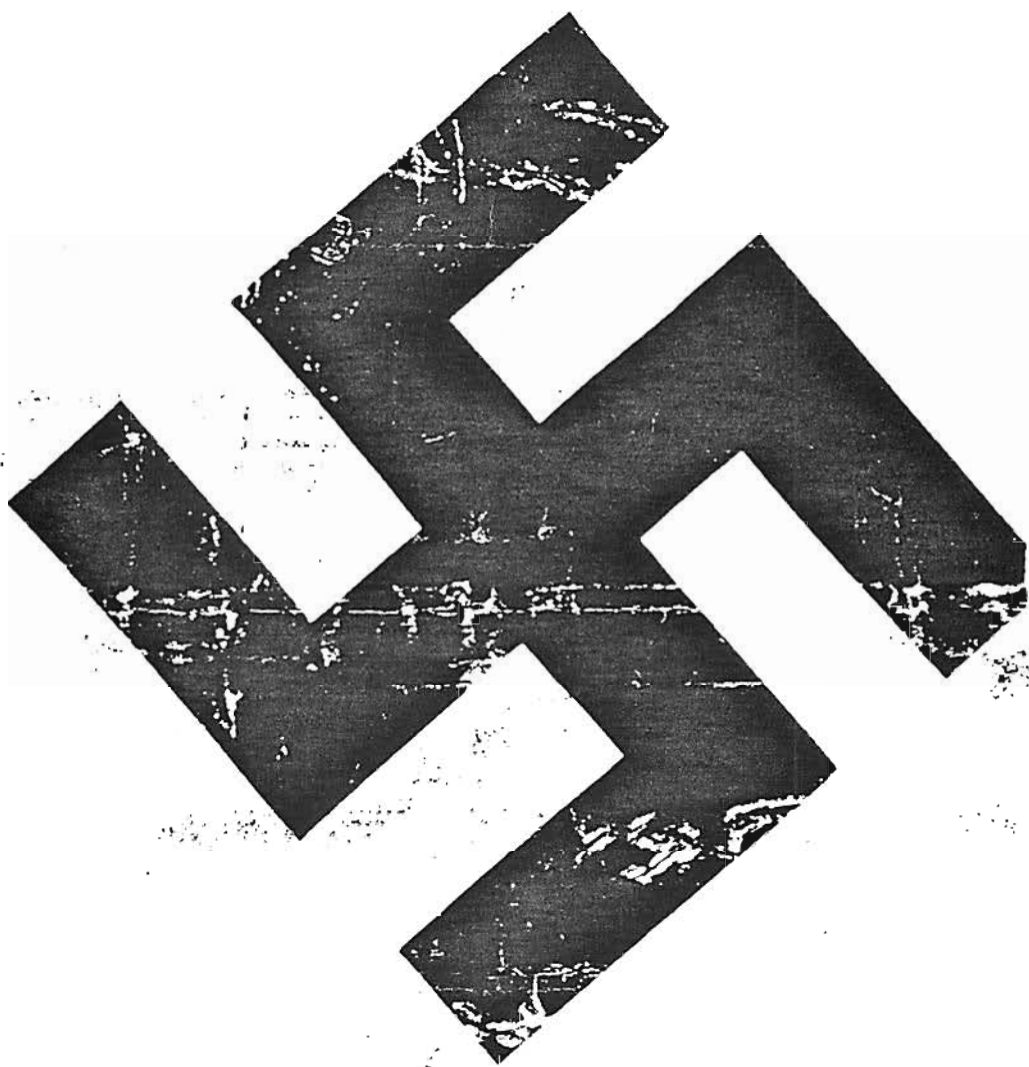
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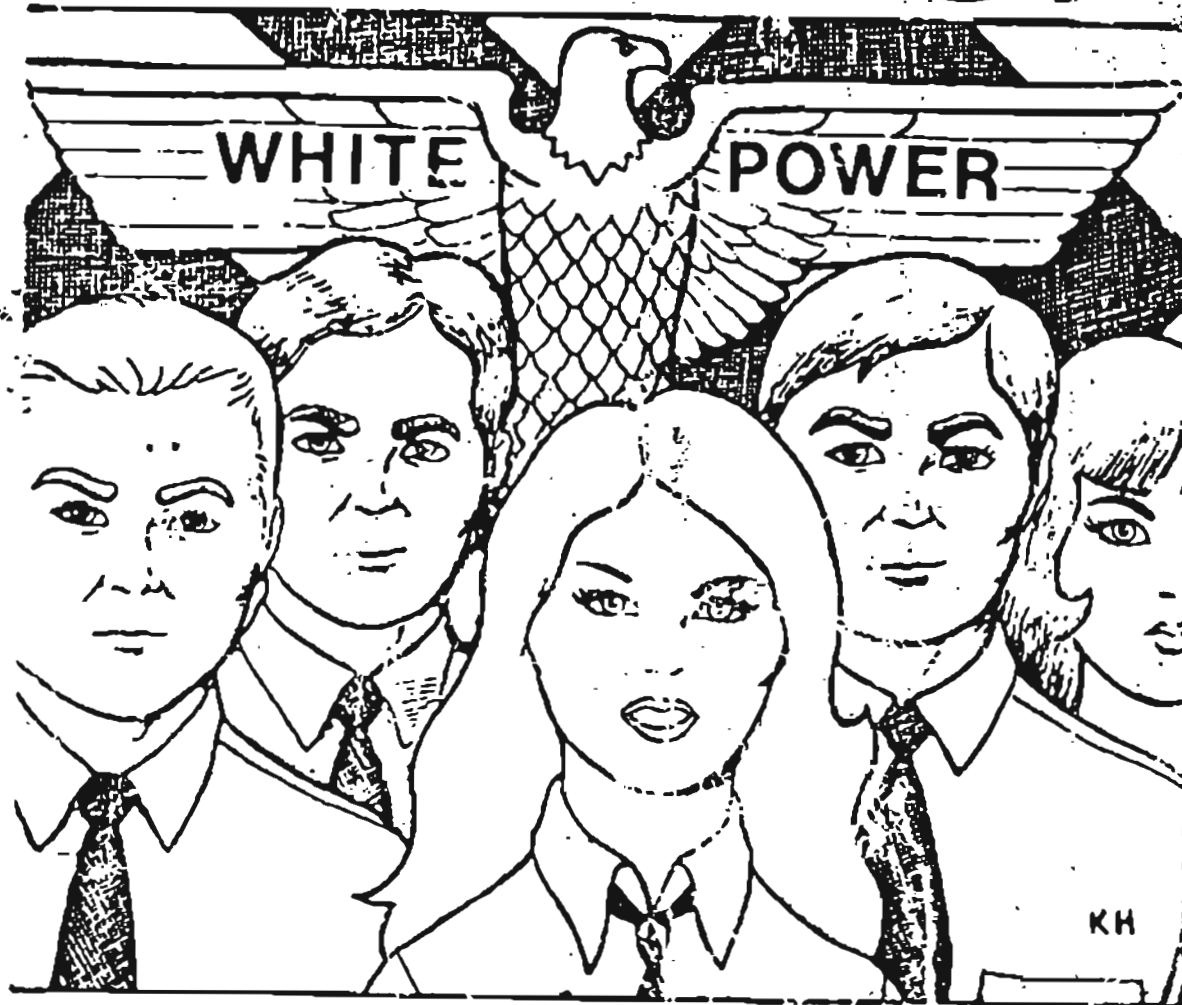
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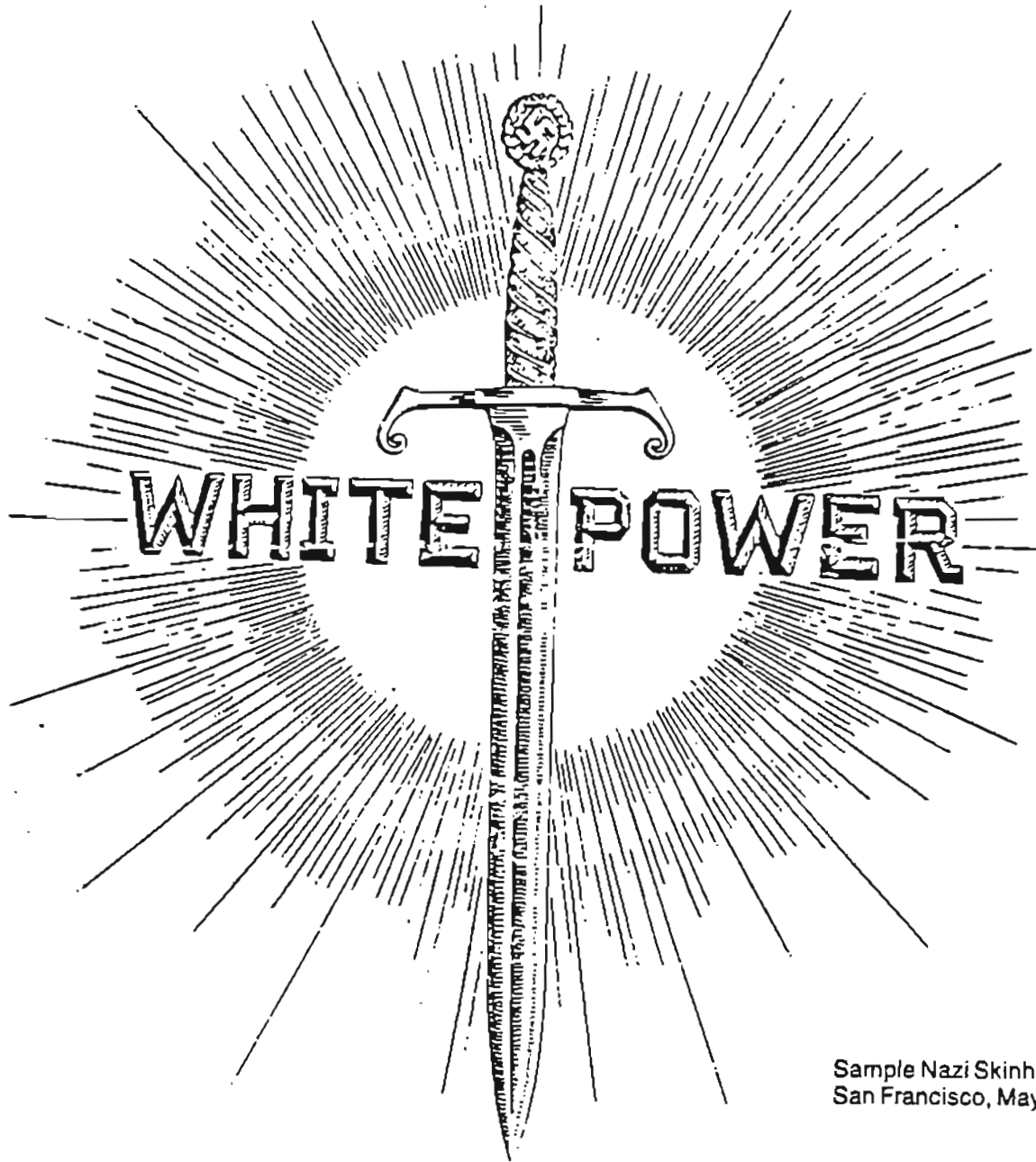


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