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"I was deeply shocked to hear of the firebomb attack on your premises.... The inaction of the Torrance police department since then is also disturbing."

--David Irving

"When I learned of the torching of the office-warehouse of the Institute for Historical Review I was shocked. And when I heard no condemnation of this act of terrorism on television and read no protests in the editorial pages of our leading newspapers or from the halls of Academe I was dismayed and incensed. Where are those defenders of democracy who over the years have so vigorously protested the burning of books by Hitler? Are they only summer soldiers of democracy, selective in their outrage? Apparently they have forgotten the great battle cry of liberalism attributed to Voltaire: 'I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'"

I call on all true believers in democracy to join me in public denunciation of the recent burning of books in Torrance, California."

--John Toland

Since the 4 July arson attack on the IHR's headquarters that wiped out 90% of the physical assets of the institute, many hundreds of letters of support and encouragement have been received here from all over the world. The response from subscribers, historians, professional educators and booksellers has been one of anger and outrage that such violence would be unleashed to answer the questions we have been raising these past years--but in virtually all these letters came the plea that the IHR must not let this stop revisionism; that this vital work must go on.

Nobody but a brainless hypocrite unable to defend his position with facts would carry out or condone acts of terrorism and destruction in answer to an opposing point of view. And no one with an ounce of honest concern for the hard-won freedoms of our American fathers would support the suppression of historical inquiry and the murder of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Yet where were all the shrill editorials from these self-appointed guardians of freedom and "human rights"? Where was that orchestrated, booming voice of printed protest one sees if a welfare mother receives her "entitlement" a day late? Where was the clarion call to put an end to terrorism in our own backyard? Even to this end the suppression continues. (Tom Valentine, a well-known and -respected journalist living in Southern California, mailed to more than 50 journalists, columnists and media mainstays in the area a personally-penned, fact-filled danger letter giving the background of events leading to the "Final Solution" against the IHR. Not only did he receive no responses or even a question, there was absolutely no follow-up on the skimpy reports which appeared in only two of the dozens of Los Angeles metro media outlets. What came over the AP wire was evidently more important than what the victims themselves had to say about the incident! Irv Rubin's comments on the attack (which he praised) turned out to be more "newsworthy" than those of the IHR's director! See page 5.)

But we have spent the last two months receiving and handling an almost overwhelming amount of correspondence from our friends out there who do give a damn. There is a vast undercurrent of appreciation and support for our work, our survival, and we sincerely thank everyone who took the time to let us know how they felt about this atrocity and who made a renewed pledge to guarantee a future for the IHR.

The "mystery speaker" scheduled to lecture at the IHR's Sixth International Revisionist Conference was none other than perhaps the most well-respected and widely-read American historian of our time, the author of Infamy: Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath, Mr.

John Toland. Regrettably, as it turns out, Mr. Toland cannot be present at the rescheduled conference (16-18 February) as he has long-standing plans to be in the Orient at that time hard at work on a new book. It is extremely unfortunate that the conference had to be postponed, and we'll miss Mr. Toland as we're sure you will, too. Perhaps at some future conference ...

Nevertheless, we still have an exciting roster of speakers lined-up for the February date: Prof. David Hoggan, Walter Sanning, John Bennett and Joseph Leib are no strangers to revisionists--and these are just a few of the speakers scheduled. As these conferences are a highly personally rewarding way to support the work of the IHR, you can talk to anyone who has attended one and you'll hear comments like these: "One of the most exciting experiences ... the history that propels events and acts ... highly stimulating." --M.K. "The quality was without par ... the wealth of information which was presented by the speakers." --I.B. "I can only talk about the conference in superlatives." --J.T. "Wonderful conference ... looking forward to next year!" --L.H. "A tremendously exhilarating experience for me." --R.J.H. "Well organized. Presentations were excellent ... enjoyed everything." --H.T. And the IHR's February event will be no exception!

We anticipate a heavy, early registration, so let us know right away if you plan to attend. This next IHR conference promises to have an impact that will go far beyond the usual, for it will be a strong, glorious signal that even the complete destruction of our physical facilities cannot stop us; that violence cannot and will not be permitted to drive away the truth and the free expression of it; and that we are all still every bit as determined to see that justice is done to the historical record. An application to attend the milestone February conference is enclosed. Why not add your name to the growing list of attendees now, before time runs out and the event becomes completely booked up.

DECISION MADE

You've probably ascertained by now that the IHR is going to carry on. Making the decision to continue was both easy and difficult. It was very difficult because everything was lost; because it is not pleasant to resign oneself to continuing to live the life of a fugitive; not to know if this office will be here each morning or if it will be a pile of charred rubble when you arrive for work. It is not easy to leave for work wondering if you will return to a home of smoking ruins, or if your tires will be slashed again sometime during the day or night. It is not particularly pleasant to know that you must always be looking over your shoulder or in your rear-view mirror for signs of an assassin.

But it was, in balance, an easy and inevitable decision. How could we do anything else? To shut down would give the victory to the enemy, and this would be unthinkable. It would be a betrayal of the most wonderful, most vital and generous people in the world --you and thousands like you--who have sacrificed and who will continue to sacrifice to make certain that this indispensable work moves forward, work which we sincerely believe is the most important and significant of our day.

So come what may, we will continue. We will rebuild and will be much stronger for it. And thank you again for your support without which none of it would be possible.

THE MAIN PROBLEM

Now that we have decided to continue, the problem shifts to the very practical ones of "where" and "in what form." Should we stay in Southern California or look toward some other area of the country? Both possibilities have virtues and drawbacks. Should we find one large building or operate in a permanently decentralized mode? These are the unsettled questions we must determine now that the basic decision is positive.

Our financial situation, counting available cash and pledges, is good enough to move today, if we could find the perfect setup. As you know, we still have the Building Fund safely in trust. Add to that the contributions we have received plus pledges and the insurance settlement (unfortunately less than a fourth of our actual loss) and we have enough to make a sizeable down-payment on the right property and building, to move and to seriously begin the process of putting titles destroyed by the arson back in print. (It would be unwise, here, to publish any figures. However, any meaningful contributor is

free to inspect our records and accounts at any time, as should be the practice of any honest organization.) Of course, it will take some two years to regain the momentum we lost as we publish The Journal and the IHR Newsletter once again on schedule.

Fortunately (and to give you an idea of the fortitude you have here), we did not lose a single staff member! Each of us has reaffirmed his or her commitment to the future success of the IHR. Those of you who sent \$1,000 or more helped guarantee that we would be here working on your behalf. Likewise, the hundreds of you who sent \$250, \$500, or even \$25, have made it possible for the IHR to be rebuilt, to survive and to prosper.

We can still use your continuing contributions and pledges, however, as there is a long way to go. The more money we can raise, the faster we can rebuild and the more effectively we can get revisionism out there. The pace of our recovery is up to you--you are the heart of our success. After this violent act of naked aggression against a law-abiding historical institution, and given the current world political scene with all the censorship, enforced historical quackery, hypocrisy and suppression of the fundamental right of freedom of expression, there has never been a more pressing need--or a more challenging opportunity--for an educational institute like the IHR to be here on the alert and willing and able to fight back. We have only been temporarily slowed down. They ain't seen nothin' yet! Don't you agree? We hope you do--wholeheartedly--and will continue to support us in this good fight!

TRIAL DATE SET

Subscribers who have been with us for a few years will recall that back in 1981 the IHR was sued by one Mel Mermelstein, in conjunction with a reward offer, for \$17 million for breach of contract, injurious denial of established fact and so forth. Well, the thing just dragged on. Depositions were taken by both sides; the suit was expanded to include other defendants; the damages sought were reduced to \$1 million; Mermelstein travelled the countryside giving "survivor" speeches and playing up his supposedly one-man assault against his nemesis, "the revisionists." He even found the time and money, we understand, to take a couple of trips back to Poland to map out strategies with his comrades at the Polish-communist Auschwitz Study Foundation.

Well, the trial date has finally been set. The date is 21 February 1985 at 9:00 a.m. in department 1 of the California Superior Court in Los Angeles. Without going into the details and legal aspects of this proceeding, suffice it to say that given modern day legal pressures and political realities, the IHR could be faced with an adverse "damages" judgement (which is of course what has been happening in one form or another all over the world during the past few years: Dr. Wilhelm Staeglich in Germany, Ditlieb Felderer in Sweden, James Keegstra and Ernst Zundel in Canada and Dr. Robert Faurisson in France--those whose views stepped "insensitively" on the toes of survivors and professional survivor organizations have been dragged into the courts to face massive fines, media opprobrium and even prison terms).

In our case, Mermelstein is claiming that we reneged on our offer to pay him the \$50,000 reward money after he submitted his "proof" of a Jewish extermination program, when in reality he submitted no such proof and didn't otherwise meet the terms and conditions to collect it. But the point is that he is suing for \$1 million, not just \$50,000 plus expenses. His aim, simply, is not merely to collect the reward or to punish the IHR, but to completely wipe it out--and that's the nature of the game we have to be prepared to face.

If Mermelstein wins--although there is always the possibility of appeal--it could bankrupt the IHR. An adverse judgement would put Mermelstein's lawyers (Gloria Allred & Co.) in control of IHR assets (which, on the other hand, are now next to nothing thanks to the arsonists who "appreciated" the IHR as much as Mermelstein does), and while such a judgement would not touch the funds contributed to the foundation, as that is a separate entity not named in the lawsuit, it could still wreak havoc with our efforts to rebuild.

But not to worry. This would not stop the forward momentum of historical revisionism. There is no way (short of amending the Bill of Rights) they could prohibit the actual work of the IHR or prevent the publication of The Journal and revisionist books. Frankly, we're surprised that Mermelstein carried the suit this far, as legally weak as his case is (e.g. there is no precedent for "injurious denial of established fact"). But we have to be ready for the possibility that the judge and jury, under tremendous pressure to bring in a ver-

The IHR may draw some ironic satisfaction from the fact that they considered that organization sufficiently damaging to their interests to take the drastic step of destroying its offices with all the valuable materials which they contained. We all hope you can get back on your feet and resume the good work.

Tyler Kent

It seems to me that we **MUST NOT LET THIS MOVEMENT DIE**. What you outline in your letter is exactly what has been in my mind ever since the news of your devastation arrived. The world must be made aware of the kind of people who are out to destroy us.

Dr. Martin A. Larson

I am with all my heart on your side. Your work is surely overwhelming. I hope that with your courage and your energy which are quite American, you will be able to rebuild our IHR.

Dr. Robert Faurisson

I presume the Wiesenthal crowd thought it was funny, and perhaps the right wingers, kosher conservatives and some libertarians will turn their head when next they bawl about the sanctity of private property and the like. One must assume if the job was done by Israeli Mossad monsters that they would have no reservations about destroying someone else's private property; they have been doing it to the Arabs for 50 years or so. I suppose if Simon's Center had been torched, there would be a thousand federal police scouring the entire globe looking for the perpetrators.

Dr. James J. Martin

Tom, whatever you do—don't quit! Try to keep everything in perspective. As bad as this fire was, there was a much worse fire in Dresden.

There is a piece by Bach entitled "Ein feste burg ist unsere Gott." (A mighty fortress is our God.) When the new headquarters is finally completed, it should somewhere bear the words: "Ein feste burg ist unsere Wahrheit." (A mighty fortress is our truth.)

J.K., Flushing, N.Y.

It was a real shock to read of the arson attack on your head office. I... and your many friends in Britain extend their sympathy and support to you all.

Michael McLaughlin, Great Britain

How enraging and contemptible that our "esteemed opponents" should dare to take action like this against our right to free speech and inquiry. I agree that the job smacks of Israeli intelligence; certainly I have not previously heard of the ADL or even the JDL being able to act so "expeditiously."

M.K., California, MD.

First of all let me express my sympathy that more than six years of your life's work perished in flames. It was your great merit to gather historians of the revisionist school, in order to increase the importance of the case at stake for the nation. Materially it may appear as a failure, a great loss, spiritually it was, I dare say, a success! Your adversaries could not beat you with arguments, they had to employ bombs. Their reaction proves convincingly their weakness.

Dr. Karl Otto Braun, West Germany

Perhaps this vicious crime will help call the attention of Americans to the utterly repulsive nature of those who have been duping American leaders for so many decades with their cynically lying propaganda, which has been put out to attain objectives that have been so costly to the American people as a whole.

Let us hope that the Institute for Historical Review will rise like an even stronger phoenix from the ashes of the vicious crime and will be able to resume its work, which is so important to our nation. Let us hope, too, that the criminals responsible will be appropriately punished after a trial that receives a great deal of attention.

Dr. Charles E. Weber

First one has that sinking feeling before the rebound of anger—and then my face must have broken loose in a smile from ear to ear as I wanted to jump up and down with a feeling of good cheer that you must be on the right track!!! What is a pile of books? What is in the mind—in the heart—can not be destroyed—one knows—you would be surprised as to how many know.

W.M., Portland, OR.

This cowardly and reprobable attack performed by the international Zionists should result in a sense of unity among patriots and in increasing enthusiasm and willingness to fight. Your organization is an example for us to follow as it has succeeded in dealing strong blows to the enemy. We are proud to have friends like you.

Alvaro & Juan, Guadalajara, Mexico

I DO appreciate IHR, as a front-line battalion in the ongoing war of ideas. This terrorist attack on IHR has gotten me more interested in exposing Zionism and supporting IHR.

M.P., Los Angeles, CA.

Since freedom of speech is so closely tied in with freedom of religion, we are happy to make a contribution and only wish it could be more.

Dr. H.E.S., Pastor, Yarnell, AZ.

It was via the IHR that I was first introduced to the writings of Harry Elmer Barnes, Paul Rassinier, and James Martin all of whom capably sought to refute many of the "facts" I and many other young Americans have been inculcated with over the last 30 to 40 years. It has been through reading and study of IHR published books and periodicals that I have gained the perspective and knowledge to question what is served at the "public trough." The work that you, your staff, and all contributors to the IHR, have accomplished over six years has had and will continue to have an important impact on this nation. The work must continue.

H.N., Westlake, OH.

More power to you in your effort to continue the great work you are doing.

A.H.K., Romney, W.V.

I was utterly shattered to learn of the firebombing.

I truly hope you can start up again after such a diabolical setback—you were bringing out such incredibly important and fascinating material.

Frank Morton, South Africa

I have read about the persecution and fire bombing of the Institute for Historical Review's offices and even though I am not entirely in sympathy with your work, I find it tragic.

J.B., Bowling Green, OH.

Thank God no one was hurt.

Obviously the IHR has become too effective and potent. If the IHR can rise phoenix-like from this mini-holocaust, there will be no stopping us.

Michael Hoffman II, Ithaca, N.Y.

There is no doubt that the work being done by the IHR is what the enemy fears most of all, and their vile behaviour is a tribute (one with which you could do without!) to your work.

Joan & Ivor Benson, South Africa

There is no doubt in my mind that the attackers were terrorists of the Talmudic and Bolshevik variety. Who else would have done this dirty work? And they seem to be concentrated in that populous part of California. The 1981 photograph of the angry looking demonstrators can be interpreted as an ominous sign of future disturbances by this kind of people. It's frustrating that such militant groups are tolerated and often protected by our society.

But, of course, a lot of it has to do with the press which, as you say, is "unwilling to investigate... (and) report matters as if the IHR deserved to be burned to the ground." You know better than I who exercise control over most of our news media, TV, the publishers and the motion picture industry. These are the organs that for decades have supported the Guardians of the Great Myth and distorted or lied about the historical facts and causes of two tragic World Wars and their aftermath.

I.M.P., San Antonio, TX.

I would also like to express my sympathy and admiration for your work. I find the vast majority of your publications thoughtful and scholarly. I hope that the act of terrorism which you have suffered will not discourage you from future efforts.

A.E.A., Attorney, Belvedere, CA.

I want anti-Semites to believe Jews eat anti-Semites for breakfast.

Don't think all we do is toss bombs.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, Founder, Jewish Defense League

The Jewish Defense League wholeheartedly applauds the recent devastation of the offices of the Institute for Historical Review.

Irv Rubin, Director, Jewish Defense League

I was shocked to read in The Spotlight about the burning of IHR headquarters. It reminded me of the title of Veale's book, "Advance to Barbarism." You must have published something critical of a group of barbarians. Eh? I can never forget the remark of the person who said, "Of course I believe in freedom of speech, but anyone who denies the Holocaust should be shot." Humm.

J.R., New Haven, IN.

I heard by chance about the terrible crime committed to your Institute. I find no words to express my anger and disgust. I have read many publications of yours, and I had always high respect for your authors, these courageous men, who had the guts to defend the truth, no matter of what cost. Please, receive my deepest sympathy.

W.B., Oceano, CA.

Speaking on behalf of all supporters of the INSTITUTE here in Germany, in Belgium (our Flemish and Wallonian friends), in Holland and in France (Les amis de Paul Rassinier et Robert Faurisson), I would like to extend to you and your unique team our heart-felt sympathy for the severe set-back the revisionists have suffered on 4 July and at the same time our violent protest and deep abhorrence of the miserable scoundrels who committed the arson on America's national holiday. In fact, this fire incident will wake up a lot of people who have been sympathetic to our cause, but who hitherto refused to believe how dangerous our enemies really are.

H.H., West Germany

Despite the magnitude of the loss, I sincerely believe Revisionists have the capacity, as well as a duty, to rebound from this calamity.

W.C.G., Metairie, LA.

Had it not been for the fire (at the IHR) there would have been no article in The Spotlight and therefore I would not have wanted the book that fell victim to JDL extermination. It was better than a mere ad placed in your paper since I would have more than likely ignored it. But when something like this becomes an object of fanatical attack, that grabs my attention, if the JDL was trying to give me a message, it was, Please buy this book.

N.M.R., Washington, D.C.

The lack of interest shown by public officials and press in the firebombing of the IHR is similar to their non-reaction of seventeen years ago when the USS Liberty was strafed and torpedoed.

In a true Orwellian stretch of "understanding, forgiveness" and the First Amendment, the propaganda press might, in this year of 1984, classify firebombing under "freedom of expression"—depending, of course, on who sets the fire.

I hope the IHR will continue, as it is one of a kind doing a most important work. An island of truth in a world of lies.

B.M.C., Stafford, TX.

So that arson job is proof of the importance of your efforts in trying to clear the waters of history that have been so muddied and garbled by those who want to turn history to their own financial advantages.

W.K.F., Blaine, WA.

I wasn't at all surprised when I read about the PHYSICAL destruction of IHR. It seemed miraculous you existed as long as you did.

I want you to pull a "Phoenix," but be prepared to pay double. The extra cost? Day and Night Security. In sufficient magnitude to prevent the inevitable vandalism of the location, and harassment of construction employees and material suppliers in "their" move to prevent any more emanations of truth.

W.L.L., Seattle, WA.

Officials of the Torrance, California fire department estimate that this reprehensible attack caused \$400,000 in damages.

I agree that the fire-bombing of the Institute is deplorable and unjustified.

Edward F. Feighan, Congress of the United States, House of Representatives

While I am not aware of all the facts in this case, I do not advocate arson as an acceptable way to disagree with the contentions of the Institute, but I also want to make it clear that I do not agree with the Institute's claim that six million Jews did not die in Nazi gas chambers during World War II.

Rod Chandler, Congress of the United States, House of Representatives

Thank you for your correspondence to Governor Deukmejian regarding the terrorist attack against the Institute for Historical Review.

Let me assure you that the Governor does not support terrorist acts of any kind. Upon reading your letter, he was deeply concerned with the course of events you have identified. For this reason, he is requesting that the Attorney General of the State of California investigate this situation.

Vance W. Raye, Legal Affairs Secretary
Governor's Office, State of California

The Institute for Historical Review office/warehouse was housed in a building owned and leased from Don Wilson, a well-known area building contractor and was one of nine units within the building complex located in a commercial area. Two additional units were also damaged as the result of the fire that caused an estimated \$500,000 in total damages.

Special agents from this Bureau have reviewed the facts of the incident with the local authorities in Torrance, California, and have determined that Federal statutes within our jurisdiction may have been violated. We have offered our assistance to the Torrance Police and Fire Departments and a joint investigation has been initiated with those departments.

Stephen E. Haggins, Director
Department of the Treasury, BATF, Washington, D.C.

IT'S TIME TO WISE UP!

To: Journalists, columnists, media mainstays

From: Tom Valentine, fed-up freelancer

Re: The worst act of political terrorism in the history of the United States. The arson destruction of the Institute for Historical Review in Torrance, California.

In the early 1950's a common phrase used by nearly every youth in taunting others for not being especially alert was: "wise up!"

That's apropos today. Fellow journalists, it's time for you to wise up. Terrifying things are afoot and you seem to be asleep at the wheel.

On July 4, 1984—a date no doubt selected for its irony by the criminal terrorists—the Institute for Historical Review in Torrance, California was destroyed by fire. It was a deliberate, criminal act of political terrorism. An act unparalleled in American history; an act more devastating than the Weathermen's bombing of the University of Wisconsin laboratory as a protest against the Viet Nam conflict.

Instead of being publicized in every medium as an act of terrorism without precedent, the savage attempt to stop a group of academics and laymen from exercising their First Amendment right to freedom of speech was treated gingerly, with virtual silence.

To understand why the IHR was targeted for terror, you must become aware of the literal war being waged right under your noses. It is also a propaganda war, which is always the kind of warfare waged in order to generate the emotionalism needed to stimulate shooting warfare.

You may be aware of part of what I'm leading up to, but since I have walked in your shoes and shared your educated views, I realize you do not take this subject matter seriously. After all, it isn't "chic" to consider "conspiracy."

As journalists, or public servants, or everyday citizens, your tendency is to trust your institutions. Why not? Aren't our institutions trustworthy? What's to fear?

People who suspect evil from our institutions are paranoid kooks, right? I used to think pretty much the same way, and I would have refused to succumb to "kookiness" at any cost. Peer pressure, you know.

However, if you continue to believe that our institutions are on your side, or the side of the everyday working citizen as is generally promoted, then you are asleep at the wheel. The Kennedy assassination's leftover bad taste, Watergate, the Pentagon Papers and countless CIA scams stonewalled all should have aroused you.

Isn't it the least bit "curious" that "they" won't open certain archives for 75 years or some other distant time in the future. Why not?

Okay, so I'm starting to ramble, but the point should be clear to you. There's something rotten in more places than Denmark, and perhaps we should become a little paranoid and start to wise up. There are meaningless words and phrases circulating as social balm. These are for the masses, not for you members of the media—liberty, freedom, democracy, police protection, and Constitutional guarantees are a few examples.

Wise up! Act like a real newsperson. You might as well buy that bridge in

Brooklyn as hang your future on the ways of our "American Democracy and the manipulated Fourth Estate" as it exists today. You are simply not doing your job for the citizens who need bellringers and truth tellers among the media.

America is being sold out. The perpetrators of the sell-out have worked long and hard to bring the entire world under the aegis of One World, One Bank and One Clique of rulers. It's an ancient game and will never stop being played, forget any false notions about people evolving and becoming "better."

The IHR, whose sole purpose was to review history and make its findings available to the public, was destroyed by thugs representing these same One World perpetrators, who cannot tolerate, nor stand the light of open discussion.

The special reprint enclosed that you are asked to read carefully is taken from *The Spotlight*, a national newsweekly based in Washington D.C. *The Spotlight* was formerly published by Liberty Lobby, the only lobby among all the special interest groups pressuring our government that tries to represent the everyday working citizen and the sovereign United States.

Liberty Lobby and *The Spotlight* have been threatened by the same perpetrators who finally managed to demolish the IHR. **After they are blown away, who will be next? Someone you know?**

The right of freedom of speech and press includes not only the right to utter or print, but the right to distribute, the right to receive, the right to read . . . and freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, and freedom to teach . . .

United States Supreme Court
(Griswold vs. Connecticut)

Is there a right to free dissent? If the IHR literature, now mostly ashes, consisted entirely of fabrication, then what need to terrorize the employees and burn the facility to the ground? Is it possible, to paraphrase Shakespeare, that the "Lady doth protest too much," by these savage reactions to mere dissent?

I don't suggest you believe everything I say, or everything you read—heaven forbid! Just ask yourself a sincere "why" a few times and be a good journalist. Why cannot the "holocaust" be debated openly? Who coined that word for alleged genocide by Nazi Germany, anyway? How much political and emotional "clout" does a tiny foreign nation wield? What is the value of the "holocaust" propaganda in relation to that clout? If the IHR writers and historians are wrong, won't the truth bury them, and set us free?

Forget the labels; character assassination is easy, and labels seldom reflect all the facts. Don't dismiss the IHR and its supporters as "bigots," which I did early in the game. My dictionary says that a bigot is one whose mind is made up and who doesn't want to be confused by the facts. From my observation, I'd say that the IHR people recognize both sides of controversial historical questions, whereas their opponents recognize only one side. Who are the bigots?

I'm not asking you to take either side. All I'm saying is that Americans who take a position which is controversial have as much right to do so as any Communist or subversive agent of a foreign government.

The honor and integrity of America's press is at stake. A groundswell of dissatisfaction is emerging and it's time to wise up.

dict against those wicked "revisionists," could, conceivably, do just that. It is an undeniable fact that Holocaust-revisionism does disturb certain people. It is also a fact that wherever one finds a trial like this going on "survivors" from all over the world are called in to "testify" and the courtrooms are packed with pro-plaintiff bodies, voices, glaring eyes and spitters. Which is to say that Mermelstein, despite the lack of merits of his case, could still obtain a judgement. The possibility that this could occur, however, should not cause you to withdraw your support; for if you withdraw your support to the IHR now, that would be a more certain death for the Institute than anything Mermelstein, his lawyers and an uninformed jury could do. We'll keep you posted. You keep the faith.

SUIT FILED AGAINST CITY

Reacting to the gutting of our offices on 4 July, the previous three firebombings, the constant harassment, tire-slashings and relative incompetence of city officials in exercising their authority in protecting law-abiding citizens and businesses, the IHR has formally filed a lawsuit against the City of Torrance. The complaint asks for \$500,000 in actual damages and \$1,000,000 in punitive damages. Named in the suit are the City of Torrance, the Torrance Police and Fire Departments and Mayor James Armstrong. The suit points out that the city, under direction of Mayor Armstrong, "fostered and implemented a policy designed to coerce the claimants (the IHR) into moving out of the City of Torrance" and that "these entities and persons have disapproved of and criticized the lawful activities of the Claimants within the City of Torrance and utterly failed to make any efforts to provide for their safety, security or general welfare." The claim also alleges that the city authorities failed to take proper measures to investigate any of the threats, fires, vandalism and harassment sustained by the IHR and its staff within the last four years. What we are going to show here is that "as a proximate result of the aforementioned acts, omissions and policies, these criminal activities occurred ..." culminating in the complete destruction of the Institute's headquarters on 4 July. Central to the suit are remarks made by Mayor Armstrong at a B'nai B'rith award ceremony wherein he criticized the IHR publicly for its lawful activities, and did so in his official capacity as mayor.

EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please check your mailing label located on the back side of the enclosed return envelope. If the letters EXP are present, this means that your subscription to The Journal of Historical Review and the IHR Newsletter has EXPIRED. You should renew right away to avoid missing our upcoming special double issue of The Journal (Summer/Fall 1984) which we've nicknamed the "Phoenix" issue--proof that although we may be a little down because of the destruction of our premises and contents, we are by no means out. The Journal will resume its normal schedule as soon as possible. Renewal rates remain the same: 1 year \$30 / 2 years \$50 / 3 years \$70. You save \$20 by renewing for three years. Please add \$5 per year for foreign subscriptions, \$10 per year for domestic first class delivery, and \$15 per year for foreign air mail. Use the order blank on the last page of this newsletter.

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Bradley R. Smith, whom some of you may recognize from Smith's Journal (B. Reed Smith) of a few years back, is now publishing a monthly newsletter called Prima Facie (preema faysha, a Latin term meaning: based on first impression, or, evidence that is immediately apparent). What makes this publication so unique (aside from Smith's inimitable, personalized writing style) is that it's put together with professional news journalists foremost in mind and is mailed directly to them where they work. Smith just recently mailed out the first 3,300 copies to reporters, newscasters and interviewers across the country. Introducing himself and his new publication, he states in the cover letter:

I have been told by friends and by complete strangers as well, with no apparent animosity, that I could "get myself killed" for what I am going to write here. I don't suppose I am going to be killed in fact, but I think it is interesting that others believe I might be.

This is the crux of the matter. About five years ago I discovered that the Nazi

"gas chamber" tales are not everything they have been cracked up to be. To be plain about it, the stories that Germans used "gas chambers" to exterminate about six million Jews appear to be rubbish.

... This letter then is intended to introduce journalists and others to a new monthly newsletter, Prima Facie, in which I will expose a scandal of such immense proportions, one with so many political and cultural ramifications, that I don't think we will see and end to it in our lifetimes.

... Prima Facie will inform you about fraudulent documents, and the dishonest manipulation of authentic documents ... describe to you the impossible claims, the crazy (literally) stories, the psychotic flights of medieval imagination that are used as "evidence" ... the acts of suppression and censorship used to prevent critical examination of the "gas chamber" thesis ... the threats and intimidation used to prevent (revisionist books) from being advertised, distributed or reviewed.

With Prima Facie, we believe Smith is focusing on a potentially fruitful area that has long needed more attention, explanation and emphasis--and he is doing it with style, in direct language, and with a flair for comic relief that should make this dandy, informative publication a topic of conversation everywhere from the basement research department to the newsroom. We wish him the best of success with it, and urge you to get his first issue yourself by sending a self-addressed, full-sized letter envelope with 37¢ postage on it to : Prima Facie, 1765 N. Highland Ave. #736, Hollywood, CA 90028. While the newsletter is primarily intended for news journalists, many revisionists will find that it considerably augments one's understanding of Holocaustamania, and the forces, farces and Freudian fragments propelling it daily to the fore.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

New facts about the career of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill continue to come to light. Based on information from Deutschland in Geschichte und Gegenwart (Number 1, 1984), the respected Stockholm daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet published a detailed article on 24 November 1983 about a new Churchill biography which documents Churchill's September 1939 plan for a British naval attack in the Baltic Sea and military occupation of Norway and Sweden. A British naval base was to be established in Stockholm and the Swedish port of Lulea would be destroyed, if necessary. Churchill rudely rejected an appeal for a peace conference by "the despicable Swedish king" as a repugnant idea. Churchill had only contemptuous words for Sweden's neutrality. The ambitious plan was called off only because of strong objections by British military and government officials. If the standards proclaimed by the victorious Allies at Nuremberg had been applied to Britain, this plan alone would have been sufficient to send Churchill to the gallows.

BOOK NOTES

An updated (post-arson) IHR booklist is now available for the asking. The following titles have been added to stock in recent weeks and are ready to ship post-paid:

CLAUDE KITCHIN AND THE WILSON WAR POLICIES by Alex Matthews Arnett. Scholarly, sympathetic study of the Majority House leader who was the Congressional figure most influential in opposing the militant, unneutral and finally belligerent Wilson administration. Hb, 341pp, \$18.

WORDS THAT WON THE WAR by James R. Mock and Cedric Larson. Classic 1939 dissection of Allied war propaganda and the mass hysteria it was formulated to create. Shows how WWI techniques were simply refined and recycled to revive war fever in the late 30s. Pb, 372pp, \$18 (Rare and valuable book. Special limited quantity printing for Journal subscribers).

WHO STARTED THE FIRST WORLD WAR? by Harry Elmer Barnes. A masterful revisionist overview of "the Great War" with a glossary of major participating political figures compiled for the volume by Dr. Peter H. Peel. Pb, 66pp, \$4 (excellent also for high school students).

A TRIAL ON TRIAL: THE GREAT SEDITION TRIAL OF 1944 by Lawrence Dennis and Maximillian St. George. First-rate, first-hand compendium of facts and running commentary on FDR's domestic "legal" war against those who most strongly opposed his global interventionism.

Co-author Dennis was one of the defendants... St. George was a counsel for the defense. Pb, 503pp, \$11.

THE WILCOX REPORT by Laird Wilcox. Specially prepared, expanded version of a report focusing on ADL and JDL tactics in suppressing and terrorizing political and historical opponents. Includes a blistering review of a U.S. taxpayer-funded ADL "study" on "hate groups" in the U.S. Pb, 76pp (8½ x 11), \$5.

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DER ERZWUNGENE KRIEG (THE FORCED WAR) by David L. Hoggan. German-language edition of Prof. Hoggan's brilliant revisionist study of the origins of the 1939 European war (to be published later in English by the IHR). Hb, 93lpp, \$20.

FEUERZEICHEN DIE 'REICHKRISTALLNACHT' by Ingrid Weckert. Revisionist account of the "Crystal Night" and its aftermath (German language). Hb, 30lpp, \$15.

REVISIONISTS VICTIMS OF BOOK-BURNING TERROR reprinted from The Spotlight. 4-page illustrated tabloid reporting on the 5-year campaign of terror directed at the IHR, culminating in the complete destruction of IHR headquarters on 4 July 1984. 5 for \$2 / 50 for \$10. (Help wake folks up to modern social-political realities.)

AND OTHER ENEMIES ...

Those who wield crowbars and explosives in the dead of night in the effort to dispose of the IHR once and for all are not the only enemies we have. The campaign against historical review and truth is coordinated on many levels and involves many people and approaches. On the propaganda level we must contend with virtual total press silence as to our works while facing an undercover campaign of smear and vicious lies to try and discredit us.

As you know, our mailing list was stolen some years ago by a cowardly employee who was fired because he refused to help guard the premises to forestall exactly the sort of thing that finally happened on 4 July 1984. This list is often used to send out unsolicited alarming and specious smears against the IHR and its personnel to try and disaffect our supporters. If you have been the unfortunate recipient of this rubbish and would like a dossier--newly prepared--on the jackal who mailed it to you--please send \$3 and it will be sent to you. If you wish any specific question answered regarding any of the subjects addressed by his hate sheets, please do not hesitate to ask.

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