

THE WINROD LEGACY OF HATE

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GORDON WINROD ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING

On Wednesday, May 17, 2000, long-time anti-Jewish propagandist and Identity Minister Gordon Winrod and two of his grown children were arrested by Ozark County, MO sheriff's deputies on child abduction charges. Ozark County prosecutor Tom Cline says the charges stem from the alleged kidnapping of six of Winrod's grandchildren from their fathers in 1994 and 1995 in North Dakota.

On Friday, May 19th, six children, ranging in age from nine to sixteen, remained inside Winrod's home. Police officers were attempting to coax the children out of the house, where a small number of hunting guns was allegedly located. By Sunday, May 21st, the children finally came out of the house when law enforcement officials brought the elder Winrod, who was still in custody, to the farm.

According to Cline, eight children were abducted in 1994 and 1995, but two were returned to their fathers in North Dakota. The fathers, brothers Joel and Tim Leppert, were married to two of Winrod's daughters, Quinta and Sharon, who are both serving prison terms. The convictions of the two women are related to the abductions.

Gordon Winrod, 73, is the pastor of Our Savior's Church in Gainesville, MO. His two children who were arrested with him are Stephen Winrod, 33, and Carol Winrod, 27. The elder Winrod is the son of the late Reverend Gerald Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, a pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic preacher active in the 1930's and 1940's.

BACKGROUND OF BIGOTRY

For more than 60 years covering three generations, Gerald, Gordon and David Winrod have produced some of the most vicious and hate filled anti-Semitic propaganda to be found on the American scene.

Gordon Winrod, now in his late 60s, who has declared that "Not Jew-wise, the American citizenry always gets Jewed," is the current patriarch of the Winrod clan. His father was the late Rev. Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, a propagandist so notorious for his pro-Nazism and anti-Semitism in the 1930s and 1940s that he earned himself the sobriquet of the "Jayhawk Nazi," ("Jayhawk" is a nickname for a Kansas native.) Gordon's son, David Winrod, now in his mid-40s, has taken up the cudgels to spread his and his father's hatred of Jews.

Since 1964, Gordon Winrod has been the pastor and prime mover of Our Savior's Church & Latin School in Gainesville, Missouri, an entity of his own creation, where he has conducted a "radio ministry" and published *The Winrod Letter* and other anti-Jewish tracts. Both Gordon and David Winrod have engaged in

widespread mailings of their respective anti-Semitic publications to all postal residents of several small communities.

Gordon Winrod is a former Lutheran minister. After graduating from Concordia Seminary in Illinois, he served in several Lutheran churches in Texas and Arkansas. Winrod's hate-mongering activities became apparent with the first issue of his anti-Semitic monthly, *The Winrod Letter*, in the summer of 1960. Winrod was then ousted from his Arkansas position and suspended from ministerial functions by the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church. Subsequently, Winrod was named National Chaplain of the racist and anti-Semitic National States Rights Party (NSRP), led by J. B. Stoner. Although in this position only for six months, Winrod preached his anti-Jewish gospel coast-to-coast during an extensive speaking tour made under the auspices of the Georgia-based NSRP.

After leaving the NSRP in 1962, Winrod began devoting his full time to tirades against Jews through his radio broadcasts and publications. Winrod attacked Jews as the cause of America's social and economic problems. Though "The Winrod Hour" was banned by several radio stations, Winrod managed to maintain his program on some stations by using code words, such as "anti-Christ" and "Pharisees" for Jews and Judaism. Through his publications, however, Winrod made his attitude towards Jews perfectly clear. Blaming Jews for a conglomeration of world problems, he has written; "Jews are murderers and children of the devil" [and] "Jews control all politics by the power of money."

OBSESSION WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

The Winrod Letter and Our Savior's church have offered for sale a number of virulently anti-Semitic books including *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*, *The Talmud Unmasked*, *Jewish Ritual Murder*, and *The International Jew*. Also offered are books by Winrod's late father, Gerald B. Winrod, such as *The Jewish Assault on Christianity* published in 1935. Moreover, Winrod's Our Savior's Church has been the source of anti-Semitic tracts such as "Freemasonry: Jewish Front" and "Wake-up America." The latter tract alleged that Jews "started Communism," "control the money," "publish and distribute all pornography" "make the money off all liquor, dope and wars," and "control all politics by the power of money."

Issue after issue of Winrod's monthly, *The Winrod Letter*, which has proclaimed itself as "the world's foremost militant Christian publication," has promoted anti-Semitism. The October 1990 issue, for example, stated: "The Jews, the conspiratorial international Sect of the Pharisees, are the workers of the world system of anti-Christ. They are the creators and workers of Communism. As they work through their fronts, from behind the scenes, the great lie of the Jews is that they are God's people of the Book, and that those Christians who kept the Jews down and out of power for a thousand years... are the kingdom of anti-Christ!"

The November 1993 issue of *The Winrod Letter* was entitled "The International Jew." It stated in part: "The Jewish secret world government of anti-Christ is MYSTERY BABYLON, controlling the money, media and governments of the world from behind the scenes, with the goal of death-dealing, terroristic world dictatorship, soon to be revealed openly, with every 'Jew a King,' and every 'goy a slave,' as they say."

Winrod began a 1993 tract headed "'Anti-Semitic'" with the following diatribe: "The Jews murdered Jesus, the Prophets, and the Apostles. Socialism and Communism are Jewish. The Jews have butchered, burned and bled Christians down through the centuries. Jewish drinking of warm Christian blood, in their Jewish Ritual Murder of Christians, was crowning cause of expulsion of Jews from nation after nation. Jews make

all wars. Jews deprave society, deriving financial gain from their crime, movies, pornography, dope, liquor, and tobacco: Jews control the money, media, and thus, all politics and all governments. Americans have yet to learn about the Jews."

In the July 1994 issue of *The Winrod Letter*, Winrod charged that "The Deicidal Jews know that Jesus, God of Life, has foreordained them to eternal death, damnation; therefore, in resulting hatred for Him, unable to kill Him again, their first lust is MURDER to destroy all mankind and all life." He added: "Nothing else, only this Scriptural truth, explains the cause and purpose of the Secret Jewish World Government, and life's hidden mysteries. Due to ignorance of this truth all nations are being obliterated." He went on to say: "We are now in the concluding years of the transitional democratic calendar. Secret will disappear from Secret World Government. Democracy will suddenly vanish; Jewish Dictatorship will survive."

Writing in the August 1995 issue of the newsletter, Winrod charged: "To the Jew there is a class war between two classes of people, the Jew class and the all-others class. This war will continue, and there will be no peace for the Jew, until there is only one remaining class, the Jew class." He added: "All Jews, regardless of external political brand, aim at the same final goal, i.e., the annihilation and extinction, the bloody depopulation of all non-Jews!"

LIKE FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

In 1991, Gordon Winrod's son, David, established Our Savior's Church of the Wilderness on 20 acres of land in remote Cordova Bay, Alaska, near the town of Hydaburg. Gordon Winrod told the former owner of the property that he was buying it for his son and that "We hope to build a church building in that remote place." There, David Winrod published a newsletter called *Our Savior's Cross*, which the *Ketchikan Daily News* described as "an anti-Jew manifesto." The initial issue of the newsletter, dated May 1991, contained statements such as "The Jews are Satan's Mystery Babylon World Government of these last days" and "The Term Anti-Semitism is a Lie."

The next issue of David Winrod's *Our Savior's Cross* was dated September 1991 and entitled "The Synagogue Of Satan." It proclaimed: "Relentless world revolution murders and enslaves whole nations. This ongoing slaughter is the work of the anti-Christ Jews, whose chief purpose is to exterminate Christianity." In November 1991, David Winrod issued a tract titled, "Do Penance, Not War." Echoing the anti-Jewish sentiments of his father, he stated in part: "Judaism is the ultimate heresy. Only by energetic resistance against the Jews can Christianity (and thus, civilization) survive, for the Jews are the source of all heresies."

In October 1992, Gordon Winrod, writing in *The Winrod Letter*, reported that his son had been acquitted by a court in Alaska on charges of timber theft. The elder Winrod declared of the incident: "Jewish persecution of Winrods for testifying to Jesus's fight against the Jews is not some new thing."

In March 1996, David Winrod's Our Savior's Church of the Wilderness sent a bulk-rate mailing to postal customers in the southeast Alaska town of Ward Cove. The mailing consisted of the June 1994 issue of his publication, *Our Savior's Cross*, on "The International Jew," and a reprint from his father's *The Winrod Letter* of July 1994 entitled "The Spearhead Of Secret World Government."

For his part, Gordon Winrod sent a mass mailing to residents of Marshall, Minnesota, in January 1994 and Mountain View, Missouri, in June 1996. The latter included the June issue of *The Winrod Letter*, entitled

"The Princes of Sodom." The anti-Jewish diatribe contained statements such as "Hypocritical Jewdicials' 'Courts' are snake's dens, where Jew synagogue and Jew magistrate are joined" and "The U.S., bewitched, is Jewish Sodom, ruled by Sodom's Princes and Jewdicials."

Unsuspecting recipients of the Winrods' anti-Jewish mailings have expressed surprise, shock and revulsion. That has not stopped this father-and-son team of bigots from trying to convert new audiences to anti-Semitism. Their lifelong and continuing activities remain a cause of concern for all decent people who eschew bigotry and hatred.

GORDON WINROD: IN HIS OWN WORDS

- "Every Jew is a pervert by religion...Reports in Jew dailies about child molesters, are stories about Jews; for Jews are the child molesters. With the Jews' religious law, Jewish Jewdicials shelter the Jewish child molesters from public wrath, by protective short-term imprisonments. Jew news reports are to make the Jewish Jewdiciaries falsely appear moral; for the Gentile public loathes child molesters' perversions. Without these sexual perversions, Judaism would perish! Jews entice Gentiles to sin by attacks of immorality. Then by ill-use of God's Law, Jews turn these poor Gentiles, through guilt and despair, to hatred for God.
Flier, February 2000
- "Jews learn to hate God, and want to slay him. They murdered Him once, but not again; so they lust to kill and destroy His Christians, and all humanity, and all His creation. Judaism is the devil's religion based on hatred for God, and perpetuated by the dark secret Talmudic doctrine of incest and sodomy of infants. Then all Jews are devoted secret missionaries of sexual perversion to all children whom they can molest, not for natural personal sensual pleasure, but out of hatred for Jesus in worship of Satan. Jews daringly and selflessly risk their lives in dedication to this missionary effort of child molesting in Satanism, as offense for an infant's moral detriment. It is impossible for them to avoid their Talmudic duty of sex-degeneracy. It is impossible for them not to carry out perversions and offenses also against a Christian child."
Flier, February 2000
- "The Jews' Talmud is Satanism, the religion of hate. Jews murder Gentiles and Christians with epidemics, wars, and Jewish Ritual Murder. Jews' first lust is murder. The lust of their father, Satan, they will do; he was a murderer from the beginning. All the Jew thinks and does always reaches toward murder!"
Flier, February, 2000
- "The media is wholly controlled by Jews with lies, to promote Jews and Jew programs, and to cover up the Jewish Jewdiciaries' crimes, and all other Jews' crimes."
Flier, February 2000
- "The deicidal Jews know that Jesus, God of Life, has foreordained them to eternal death, damnation; therefore, in resulting hatred for Him, unable to kill Him again, their first lust is MURDER to destroy all mankind and all life...Nothing else, only this Scriptural truth, explains the cause and purpose of the Secret Jewish World Government, and life's hidden mysteries. Due to ignorance of this truth all nations are being obliterated...We are now in the concluding years of the transitional

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Anti-Semitic Tract, 1993