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REPORT ON

JAMES VENABLE and

WALLY BUTTERWORTH

heads of the Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress

(information taken from KKK by Ben Haas, Regency Books, RB319)

The revival of the Klan of the 1920s began on Thanksgiving night in 1915. William Joseph Simmons and 15 adherents drove from Atlanta to Stone Mountain and climbed to the top of the mountain. This land, now state property, was then owned by the Vesble family, "one of impeccable Southern lineage as those things are reckoned in the South." There they constructed a rude stone ~~xxxx~~ altar, and placed upon it an American flag, an open Bible, an unsheathed sword, and a canteen of water. They erected and burned a cross and then took the sacred oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. ("Wild Bill")

In 1960, upon the death of Eldon Edwards, Robert Lee/Davidson, of Macon, became Imperial Wizard of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the K.K.K., Inc. Davidson had been The Grand Dragon of Georgia, a post Calvin Craig now filled. At a US Klans meeting late in November 1960 in Atlanta, Davidson yelled, "If it takes buckshot to keep the black race down, Klansmen will use it!"

The book reports: "His sentiments were echoed by James Venable, Klan legal adviser, who, according to newspaper stories, called on Klansmen to burn the schools if necessary to prevent integration.

In Alabama, Robert Shelton, of Tuscaloosa, formed the Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Wally Butterworth helped Shelton formed this Klan group, handled its public relations functions, and edited its newspaper, The Fiery Cross.

One issue--written in Butterworth's style--"justified Eichman's slaughter of

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the Jews, denied in the next breath that any Jews had been killed, and called for the hanging of Sir Anthony Eden, Charles De Gaulle, Golda Meier, David Ben Gurion, and Harry S. Truman for various reasons, describing them as 'criminals'."

Late in 1961, or early in 1962, Davidson, for some reason, resigned as Imperial Wizard of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the K.K.K., Inc. James Venable, Calvin Craig and E. E. George at this point then sent an invitation to Shelton to merge his Klan with theirs. From this was born the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

In the summer of ~~the~~ 1962, NAACP held their national convention in Atlanta. A rallying call went out ~~to~~ to Klan members. "The Klan met in a nearby pasture (nearby to Stone Mountain) owned by attorney James Venable, who had once been mayor of the town of Stone Mountain, and whose family had originally owned the mountain." In attempting to get to the top of the mountain--a formal request to meet there had been denied--the Klan clashed with police before finally getting to the top where hundreds of them held their cross-burning.

James Venable also formed the "Defense Legion of Registered Americans." Venable was listed as its president, Wally Butterworth was listed as its secretary. A subsidiary of this group was formed, called the "Christian Voters' and Buyers' League." Butterworth cut a number of phonograph records for them. The titles include; "Negro Crime and Disease in the United States"; "United Nations 'Unesco' Sex in Our Public Schools"; "How to Deliver the Knock-out Punch to Federal Judges"; "Kosher Food Blackmail of American Housewives" and "James Meredith--Taxpayers' 25 Million Dollar Negro (Forced on Mississippi by New York Jews)".

Ben Haas commented on the latter; "As the disc turned on the record player, Butterworth's smooth, professional, and persuasive voice nimbly traveled the range from indignation to anger to contempt to reassurance. He was explicit about what his organization was fighting. He said they despised what he termed the Communist

United Nations, supposedly a product of world Jewism and bankers intent on mongrelizing America into a one-world government with the object of controlling and strangulating world trade. He proclaimed a fight to the death against what he called tyrant courts and tyrant presidents whom he accused of what he termed mongrelizing their blood with Negroes.

"Whereupon followed a vicious attack upon several persons and organizations. Included were the entire Kennedy family, Federal Marshal James P. McShane, Assistant Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, James Meredith, Hugo Black, Earl Warren, Harry S. Truman, Arthur Schlesinger, Richard Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Newton Minow, and James Hagerly. Also, in addition/^{to}the United Nations, he attacked the 'Jewish' NAACP, the 'Jewish' Americans fir Democratic Action; the 'treasonous' Council on Foreign Relations, and the 'weak-spined, yellow-striped skunks' in Congress. He lumped Rockefeller, Kennedy, and Eisenhower together as 'traitors' and maintained that all the people and organizations he had attacked were tools of Jews and Communism. He gave a rabble-rousing recitation of occurrences at Oxford, promised that the Defensive Legion would organize attorneys all over the country to meet the threat of another Little Rock or Oxford with legal action, got down to the nub of his tirade by imploring his listeners to send a 'big, fat check' to the Christian Voters' and Buyers' League, and then signed off cheerfully until next month's record. It was an amazing performance, reeking of irrationality and paranoia. ~~Instructions--~~

"The flip side of the record was an attack against smutty and pornographic literature. But here again, instead of directing reasoned ire against a perfectly legitimate objective, Butterworth slid completely off the subject, using it merely as a springboard for anti-Semitism."

James Venable is also associated with two men active in the National States Rights Party, whose newspaper once described Adolph Eichmann as a "Christian Patriotic German soldier."

Venable, in 1958, had defended the five men accused of the bombing of a synagogue in Atlanta. All five were members of the NSRP. In January, 1963, one of these five defendants (all five were acquitted), Kenneth Chester Griffin, was living at Venable's home in Stone Mountain.

Quoting Ben Haas:

"Meanwhile, sharing Venable's suite of offices was Jesse B. Stoner, who had been associated with the NSRP's head, Edward Reed Fields, in an organization called the "Christian Anti-Jewish Party," an outgrowth itself of a party organized by Stoner called the "Stoner Anti-Jewish Party."

"Stoner's name was already familiar to me; he had been one of the youngest Kleagles in the Ku Klux Klan. In 1946, according to an Anti-Defamation League press release, Stoner had told a reporter that he thought Hitler was too moderate and that the party he would organize would make being a Jew punishable by death. Recently, Stoner had served, on occasion, as legal advisor to the National States' Rights Party."

Venable had once served as an attorney for the Black Muslims when he defended a group from Louisiana. They were all found guilty.

"The Muslims want the same thing we do. They don't want integration, either," Venable pointed. But at this time, Jan 1963, he hadn't been attorney for them since that time.

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