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Dear Russ:

We were happy to meet you and your lovely wife June at Las Vegas. We had a wonderful time at the reunion as, apparently did everyone else.

Mat Radnofsky wrote me that he had sent you a tape cassette in which he narrated from memory his being shot down November 21, 1944 in Casa de Umbriago. If you still have that tape, would you mind loaning it to me for a week? I'll make a copy and send it back to you.

And I hope that you have the picture of the Oct. 22, 1944 collision over Thurleigh (you used it on page 207 of your book "First Over Germany") or if you have a negative, in either case, if you would also loan it to me so that I could have a negative made and return it to you, I would greatly appreciate it. If it is convenient for you to have a good quality negative made, I would gladly reimburse you.

Radnofsky bunked right across from me & his bombardier Doug McKnight, was my best friend there at Thurleigh. I also flew a mission to Frankfort with the Schoenbachler crew one time when McKnight was sick.

I am doing a story on our crew, our ship, Lili Marlene, the Eighth Air Force, and war in general. Again I want to commend you and congratulate you for the fine work you did on your "First Over Germany".

Sincerely,

Marcel McCartney
M. A. McCartney

5 December 1989

Dear Marcel:

There is no excuse for being as dilatory as I have been regarding this picture.

I am happy to loan you a copy of it, and hope that you can return it much more promptly than I have been in getting it to you.

It really is a classic picture, and from my spot looking out a window on this scene, I thought it was pretty classic then!

All the best,



DEAR ROSS,

THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE MID-AIR
CRASH PICTURE. I WILL HAVE A NEG
MADE OF IT & GET IT RIGHT BACK TO
YOU.

I HAD MANAGED TO GET A NEG
OF THE PICTURE LAST SUMMER THROUGH
THE AIR FORCE. I'LL COMPARE THEM
AND SEE WHICH ONE I LIKE BEST.

- Marcel

10-12-92

DEAR JUNE AND RUSS,

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN THIS; SO I AM SENDING A COPY OF 'THE ENTERPRISE' AND SOME OF MY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WAYNE LEE, PUBLISHER OF 'THE ENTERPRISE', GOT INTERESTED IN ME THROUGH MY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONCERNING THIS NAZI BARRETT FROM MISSISSIPPI. HE SENT A REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER OUT TO DO AN ARTICLE ON ME. THE RESULT YOU SEE IN SATURDAY'S PAPER.

WE HOPE THAT THIS FINDS YOU BOTH IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND GETTING ALONG FINE.

SINCERELY,

-Marcel

SIMI VALLEY
"ENTERPRISE"

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Foreign invaders

To the editor:

During 300 combat hours over Nazi Germany in WWII, manning four .50 caliber machine guns and dropping bombs on major Nazi targets, my view from the Plexiglas nose cone of a B-17 Flying Fortress made me a witness as thousands of young, patriotic Americans in the air and on the ground gave their lives for a cause: to put an end once and for all to the murderous hatred practiced by the super-racist Nazis and Fascists.

Today, on the anniversary of D-day and the Normandy landings (June 6, 1944) in contrast to the sacrifices of those young men in battles to preserve our flag and the intent of our forefathers in fashioning our Constitution, I find it abysmally disgusting to witness the complete impotence of the Simi Valley civil and law enforcement authorities to make a stand against the seeds of Nazism in America. Quite to the contrary, the appearance is of a royal welcome for a few VIP Nazis (the White Supremacists' statement that they come in support of the police would be laughable if this situation were not so tragic) with the protection of hundreds of armed police officers, all of this under the dubious guise of protecting the constitutional rights of a few Nazis and all the cost of thousands of dollars being paid for by the patriotic citizens of Simi Valley and Ventura County.

While the Nazis are protected at our expense, we patriotic citizens have a K-9 police dog at our heels and police bull horns blaring in our ears: "You are guilty of unlawful assembly and will be arrested if you don't disperse. Go home!"

The Nazis have police protection although they were denied a permit to assemble by our mayor. We, the patriotic citizens of the area, stand by in disbelief of what is happening and are told that we have "illegally assembled."

Our forefathers came to America to escape racial and religious hatreds. They designed a constitution for a new country free of such hatreds. They could not have foreseen our present problems. If the Constitution is being abused in this manner by the purveyors of hatred then only stupidity is keeping us from making a needed change to our Constitution so that those who died for its intent and principles need not have died in vain.

If only plain common sense could prevail, a charge of "disturbing the peace of Simi Valley" should land the White Supremacists in jail once they enter the city limits of Simi Valley. Then and then only would the constitutional rights of the patriotic citizens of Simi Valley be protected against "foreign invaders."

Marcel A. McCartney
Simi Valley

"ENTERPRISE" 9-10-92 Learn from history

To the editor:

Thank God for The Enterprise: The only means by which we Simi Valley residents can realize our First Amendment rights of freedom of speech.

One is led to believe, according to statements issuing from the mayor's office and from some letters to the editor, that Simi Valley is inhabited entirely by history dropouts and ostriches.

How many times have we heard these old proverbs?:

"Those who ignore history will live to suffer for their ignorance."

"History teaches us the mistakes we are going to make."

And George Bernard Shaw contributes his:

"We learn from history that we never learn from history."

A penniless little ragamuffin who could scarcely scrape up a living selling his very crude, artless paintings in Vienna, Austria, came to Munich, Germany, and quickly discovered that he could make considerable money by selling hatred.

Hitler's vitriolic anti-Semitism won him approval by many in positions of wealth and power. At that time, Germany's economy was in a terrible condition, there were millions of unemployed; quite similar to our economy today. Such conditions provide a splendid breeding ground for selling hatred and creating scapegoats.

Hitler founded National Socialism by starting out with just seven steady members. Enterprise readers will recall that the founder of the Nationalist Movement in America, Richard Barrett, came to Simi Valley on June 6 — the anniversary date of the start of our great onslaught against Nazism with D-day and the Normandy landings — with just seven members who were intent on selling hatred and recruiting new members.

Hitler figured that the German masses could be suckered into his Nazi party by adding a little pagantry, color and symbols — this to be followed by acts of violence and fear which would attract many on the lower fringes of society who were like-minded, then terrorizing the others into remaining hidden in their homes during his Nazi marches, just as Simi residents have been asked to do this coming Saturday by Mayor Greg Stratton.

In 1920, Hitler designed a flag with red background and in the middle a white disk with a black swastika. Those Simi Valley citizens who saw the White Nationalist's flag, noticed a striking similarity to Hitler's flag in that the Nationalists' flag had a red background with a large white cross centered on it (the cross being the symbol of Christianity which Hitler also used as a cover for his operations).

Also in 1920, Hitler's aides thought he was crazy when he reserved a huge beer hall in Munich and offered free beer to all who would attend a meeting of his Nazi party. The free beer combined with Hitler's screaming fanaticism swayed public opinion in his favor.

What Hitler had recruited were rowdies spoiling for any kind of a fight. He put them in uniforms and called them Storm Troopers. Up until that time, Hitler had been treated by the German populace as a harmless little clown with a mustache and a bad temper. There exists in Simi Valley today a similar appraisal of White Nationalist Richard Barrett who is referred to as a "naughty spoiled child begging for attention" and who will go away when ignored.

Barrett learned from Hitler that the only way he could get needed funds to carry on his dastardly work was through recruiting, public meetings, and public appearances such as we Simi Valley citizens are again financing for him here in Simi Valley. Barrett has also learned on his own that the conservative courts today favor his type of right-wing extremism, and have awarded him considerable sums of money in the 12 suits which he has brought against government agencies.

There are in our area, as police records will attest, many potential recruits for the White Nationalists, and these characters by our failure to make our opinions well-known through counterdemonstrations, will assume that we approve of this Nationalist Movement and will feel encouraged to join us with them to organize and set up a base here in Simi Valley.

By 1921, Hitler with his Storm Troopers had become a terrorist force in Germany. His Storm Troopers, often with Hitler leading them, routinely attacked the meetings of opposition groups and beat their speakers senseless. Hitler proclaimed: "The National Socialist Movement will in the future ruthlessly prevent — if necessary by force — all meetings or

lectures that are likely to distract the minds of our fellow countrymen."

By 1933, although the Nazis were still only a small minority, Hitler had gained control of all of Germany through terrorism and treachery.

The ostrich is not our national bird nor our symbol; it is the eagle symbolically who is willing to fight for what is right. Nevertheless the ostrich syndrome (sticking one's head in a hole in the ground when danger approaches and believing that he is hiding and cannot be seen and that eventually the danger will go away) seems to have overtaken Simi Valley when one reads that the mayor's office virtually threatens arrest for any patriotic citizen found on the streets in the area in and around our own Civic Center over which the White Nationalists plan to assume complete control while carrying out their invasion operations and are parading in our streets waving their red Nationalist flag right alongside our American flag and acting like the conquering heroes of Simi Valley, which they will be — and this travesty will be recorded by TV cameras to be sent out across the nation not only to our U.S. TV viewers but to the World's TV viewers so that they too can watch the rape of Simi Valley.

Just as Hitler planned his launching in Munich, so Barrett has planned his launching in Simi Valley and Mayor Greg Stratton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Davis have obligingly given him the keys to the city.

As I wrote in a previous letter, I fought the Nazis in the skies over Germany for a total of 300 combat hours and during that time I saw thousands of fine young Americans die in the air and on the ground. Four of them were like brothers to me; I had gone through the grades and high school with them, and now I get mad as hell to see that what they gave their lives for — an end to injustice and racism, and the hatreds connected with each of them — is being allowed to return, in fact, practically welcomed on a red velvet mat. And those who have the constitutional right and the courage to protest are accused of "unlawful assembly" and are ordered by the mayor with a veiled threat to stay off the public streets. The threat is really not so "veiled" as I witnessed during Barrett's June 6 visit. I photographed a young black man

who was standing talking with a group of whites on the library parking lot. They were not interfering with the police, carried no placards, and were not paying any attention to the White Nationalists. The police approached this young man and evidently told him to move out of the area. I could hear his response, "Why are you picking on me? Why don't you tell these white people to move out too?"

The police announced that he was under arrest and he did not physically resist, but he was verbally objecting and repeated over and over in disbelief. "This is crazy. I can't believe that you are doing this to me. This is ridiculous." The police then slammed him down over the hood of a parked car and applied handcuffs. He still did not resist.

Pictures of this man being handcuffed were featured in several newspapers. I saw no pictures of the arrests of the other five arrested that day. The impression was given that blacks were arrested as the main troublemakers. There were very few blacks in attendance that day and all were well-behaved. The charge against this young man was a flimsy "suspicion of failure to disperse during an unlawful assembly" and "resisting arrest." He was then pushed into a black police paddywagon and rushed away.

Now, over two months later, nothing has appeared in the newspapers regarding the outcome of these arrests. None of the White Nationalists was arrested. Investigative reporters find that there appears to be some mystery surrounding these six arrests for

there appears to be no records and the reporters are severely handicapped in trying to gain any information.

Mayor Greg Stratton denigrates the good citizens who had every constitutional and democratic right to express their outrage against a philosophy which is most certainly anti-American when he condescendingly treats them like very immature adolescents with his, "You did your thing last time, you don't need to come back."

To Greg Stratton and Bill Davis: When we were flying our missions over Germany, we used to talk in the barracks about the possibility

of not coming back, but we all agreed that whatever happened we did it for the kids back home so that they would have a better life and we knew that our fallen torch would be in good hands. I know that the thousands of young men who gave their lives fighting Nazism and symbolically handed you the torch to carry on the good fight would shudder in disgust, just as I do, to see you drop the torch like a hot potato.

Barrett has three goals in mind in coming to Simi Valley: to gain followers, to find wealthy contributors, and to use Simi Valley as a base for launching his Nationalist Movement. On our bombing missions into Nazi Germany, we used radar countermeasures to confuse the German radar. Barrett learned about deceitful propaganda from the Nazis and today he uses his propaganda just as we used radar countermeasures to confuse the Nazis, he uses his propaganda to confuse the good residents of Simi Valley. He claims that he is coming here in support of the police, the jury, and the U.S.A. This is, for lack of a better descriptive word, just plain unadulterated bs. I am sure that neither the police, the jury, or the U.S.A. has any desire for support from an anti-American group such as his.

Barrett's Nationalist Movement by suggesting the deportation of good U.S. citizens is in reality a recommendation for genocide — the killing off of anyone they would classify as undesirable. What Barrett proposes is the physical displacement of those branded as undesirable by the Nationalist Movement; uprooting doctors, lawyers, scientists — just as Hitler

did with the Jews. The Nationalist Movement would confiscate their property and money under the faked pretense of a "fair compensation" just as Hitler did with the Jews. Then Barrett would send them on to concentration camps in filthy railroad cars just as Hitler did with the Jews. Without doubt very few would survive long enough to be resettled which would be in line with an efficient, cost-effective operation. Those who survived to be shipped out could wave goodbye to the Statue of Liberty as they passed it on the outward passage and they could recite with agonized cynicism

from the statue's inscription:

"Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore."

Marcel McCartney
Simi Valley

A day to remember

To the editor:
Write it down and remember it well, this date of Sept. 12, 1992, as a day of infamy that will go down in the history of Simi Valley.

An experience much the same as the alcoholic's proverbial "lost weekend" befell most of the residents of Simi Valley when they woke up on the morning of Monday, Sept. 14 not even aware that during that weekend they had been raped as well as robbed of \$200,000 and that their city had been awarded the title of "The White Supremacy Headquarters of the United States."

The "lost weekend" was experienced by those who heeded the grand strategy of Mayor Greg Stratton and his obedient City Council that everyone forget their civic and national responsibilities and ignore the four-hour Nazi dictatorship of Simi Valley with its command post at the courthouse, which was strategically and symbolically so important to Nationalist Movement leader Richard Barrett's hoax of coming here in support of the Rodney King jury and support of the police. Any self-respecting jurist or policeman would not think of accepting the support of someone of his caliber.

Mayor Stratton had cordoned off Barrett's courthouse with a mile of 8-foot high chain link fence topped with barbed wire; 450 police and sheriff's deputies on foot and horseback; armed police and their cameramen on all rooftops at the courthouse and civic center; the library closed so that anti-Nazi demonstrators could not assemble in the police-guarded parking lot; and two large helicopters from the Sheriff's Department circling the area constantly for four hours as airborne command posts.

Of course the mayor and his council did not want the good citi-

zens of Simi Valley to be there to witness how their money was being squandered in sponsoring a four-hour publicity recording session for right-wing extremist Barrett using their courthouse as a backdrop for his exhortations to overthrow our present form of government along with our Constitution and to follow in the path of the chief master race exponent — Hitler. Barrett has many closet followers in this country who need only a little urging to come out of the closet.

The crowd in the street at the west side of the courthouse was outside a low fence and about 200 feet from Barrett who stood at the entrance to the courthouse. Facing this crowd eye-to-eye at a distance of about 10 feet was a most intimidating array of two tiers of tan-uniformed sheriff's riot squads in full battle gear: white crash helmets with visors lowered and protective shields positioned for any sudden attack by the crowd of Simi Valley citizens whom they had originally been hired to protect and who were now paying their salaries.

This crowd consisted of perhaps 200 onlookers along the west side fencing plus 300 peaceful, well-disciplined demonstrators who had been carefully schooled in peaceful counterdemonstrations and who were constantly monitored by their own security personnel wearing orange vests.

I want to tell The Enterprise editor, Wayne Lee, that I am proud of him for showing concern and the true American spirit by being present in this crowd, but Mr. Lee I hope you were not too seriously offended by the egotistical, insulting remark made at the last council meeting when councilman Michael Piper classified you as stupid by this statement: "Anyone who was present for the demonstration didn't have an ounce of brains!" Piper said that it was the "strategy" of the City

Council, but mainly Mayor Stratton, for everyone in Simi Valley to ignore the Nazi. Well, we now see what a miserable complete failure that "strategy" has turned out to be: \$200,000 more in debt and Simi Valley has become the white supremacist capital of the nation.

Refusing to learn from history, Piper spoke with the voice of immaturity (for his age) — someone who has never had to face up to reality as did the courageous young women who organized "Neighbors Against Nazis." The City Council should declare by proclamation a vote of gratitude for their taking upon themselves a task that the entire city should have been assiduously involved in, — and probably would have been had it not been for the semi-official warning by their mayor and City Council to completely ignore this very serious and growing problem.

The crowd was treated like cattle being herded into a corral. Behind them to the west was a line of combat-ready sheriff's mounted police carrying 3-foot batons and supported by more deputies on foot. The demonstrators marched in a small circle in this "pen" with the sheriff's horses breathing down their necks on the west side. Barrett was 200 feet away. Certainly he was so far away that he could not read their placards nor could he hear the occasional colorful words of endearment which were meant for him.

When Barrett held his news conference two days before this day of infamy, he held it outside the mayor's office and under the American flag with Mayor Stratton's permission. Only two Simi Valley police officers (without crash helmets or batons) were assigned to protect him. While eight or 10 TV news crews questioned him perhaps 30 to 40 onlookers stood by. No one attacked him. For about an hour, Barrett got his free TV and newspaper

publicity as he proclaimed his uncivilized views and did not answer any one question directly. He fully exercised his freedom of speech rights and passed out his squalid pamphlets; that should have ended it right then and there. With that done, he should have been sent packing.

Why was Barrett alone on this trip to Simi Valley? What happened to the seven neo-Nazis he had brought with him from Mississippi last June? The answer is that they all had the hell scared out of them the last time by American citizens right here in Simi Valley; citizens who believe in the Constitution and recognize the abuse of the Constitution when they see it. They also knew their history as well as the current events taking place in Germany, and they held a deep respect for the young men before them who gave their lives fighting Nazis in World War II. They could not tolerate the thought of Nazis marching in the streets of Simi Valley and so they struck them with their frail little 1- by 2-inch sticks which supported their posters or flags; such sticks could hardly hurt anyone, but in the newspapers they were referred to as "flag poles." One or two full cans of soda were thrown and unfortunately missed their Nazi targets. These were promptly dubbed as "lethal weapons" by

the police and the newspapers. Those seven Nazis and the dozens of others that Barrett probably begged to come with him to Simi Valley all refused; they had learned a lesson the way John Wayne would have taught it. Nazis recognize nothing but strength; they saw it on the first trip, but on his second trip Barrett saw nothing but a royal welcome.

There really was no excuse for a mile of 8-foot high, barbed-wire topped fencing; the mounted police and attack dogs trained to deal with murderers, criminals, and machine-gun toting drug

dealers — all this to protect one lone Nazi who really believes himself to be Hitler reincarnate by the glory of God. This situation was contrived to intimidate any opposition to this right-wing extremist. There was a foregone conclusion in the talk of the crowd that a show of strength would be made by the police to provide an excuse for their being there. "Be prepared — stay out of harm's way" was the word passed amongst the crowd.

Many refuse to recognize it, but Barrett does have sympathizers in Simi Valley; there were several amongst the crowd outside the fence. There were skinheads with white supremacy signs and two young girls attached their homemade 4- by 5-foot banner to the chain link fence. On it they had scrawled words of support for Barrett. Had it not been for the show of strength made by the Neighbors Against Nazis, these people would have joined Barrett behind the fence as fresh recruits.

But Barrett didn't need to sign up any recruits on the spot, for under the sponsorship of Simi Valley he was reaching into homes all across the nation where he would find thousands ready to listen to his message. Under the additional stresses of the current economic situation, they would be ready to join his Nazi forces. Dozens of TV cameras and reporters were permitted behind Barrett's fence to provide him with the publicity he wanted. For hours he delivered his message into the TV cameras, which then spread it across the land like the fertilizer it is.

I would hate to think that the real estate lobby in Simi Valley had a hand in this sponsorship of white supremacy, but during the period that I held a real estate license in Los Angeles, I witnessed some very ugly undercover racist strategies being employed by Realtors.

After about two hours, the TV crews had used up all of their footage and left Barrett alone behind his barbed wire. But this did not deter Barrett, who was at the height of his glory. He set up his own TV camera with the aid of his lone assistant who was dressed in battle fatigues and crash helmet. Barrett then stood before his camera continuing his lone-some harangue, slashing the air with his fists and pointing a finger up to God occasionally as he gave an exemplary characterization of Hitler in his finest hour of glory at the Berlin Sportpalast. The Simi crowd 200 feet away could not hear his words as he could not hear theirs. After another two hours, he had built up a supply of venomous words to be used in the future against whomever he chooses to dislike. He had amassed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of present and future television and radio publicity in those four hours before the Simi Valley courthouse while the citizens of Simi Valley had their pockets drained of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I admired how well-organized the Neighbors Against Nazis groups were and how peacefully they demonstrated, but Mayor Stratton and his council had very effectively nullified all their efforts by keeping them practically out of Barrett's sight and hearing.

As the Neighbors Against Nazis completed their demonstration and marched peacefully out of the area, I photographed the crowd remaining in the area, including a young man talking peacefully with a group. This young man within the next few minutes would be dragged down by a police attack dog sinking its teeth deep into the flesh of his leg.

Before the attack dog incident, I wondered why the Simi police were blocking off the street south of the crowd; so I snapped a pic-

ture of them. Then I noticed that Simi police had also been ordered to block off the street north of the crowd. I took a picture of that blockage too. The remaining crowd was now completely hemmed in by police and there was no warning about what was happening. I remembered that when Barrett was here June 6, everyone there except Barrett was accused by bullhorn of "unlawful assembly" and threatened with arrest if we did not clear the area.

Then I heard women screaming and saw the people running in panic. The line of sheriff's mounted police was advancing into the crowd with their 3-foot batons swinging and bashing at heads or whatever was within striking distance and they did not stop until they had gone completely through the crowd and were up against the low fence just 10 feet from the rigid line of the sheriff's riot squads. People had been bludgeoned and knocked down by horses with no warning.

For young men who had encouraged some neo-Nazis in the crowd to either get on the other side of the fence with Barrett or

leave the area saw the mounted police pushing into the crowd; so they locked arms in a futile attempt to stop the mounted police from crushing and beating the crowd. We all remember how, as we watched TV, we admired the courage of the young Chinese man who stood his ground for democracy directly in the path of the advancing Communist tanks in Tiananmen Square. This was the Simi Valley version, but there were no TV cameras to record the event for posterity — they were all behind the fence with Barrett.

Because these young men were very angry with the police, as was everyone else who witnessed such

unprovoked brutality, they shouted obscenities at the police just as everyone else was doing, but they were singled out as prime troublemakers. Three of the young men were arrested; the fourth managed to slip away for a few minutes. Then while he was leaving the area with his mother and sister, he glanced back and saw the police attack dog coming after him. He didn't want his mother and sister to get involved with an attack dog, so he left them and broke into a run. He passed within 3 feet of me as did the snarling attack dog, pulling his trainer behind him.

Then a gut-wrenching thing happened. I saw the trainer drop the leash to allow the dog to maim the young man. My blood went to the boiling point immediately when that leash was dropped; the same thing happened to a hundred other people who witnessed it. Most of us had always been strong supporters of the police, but after two such incidents in a row, we suddenly became furious with the police. This young man was not a murderer, a gangster, a drug-pusher with a gun, or even a robber as Barrett was — this was senseless!

I took a picture before the attack dog dragged the young man down and ripped his leg open — the police reported a "minor" wound, but it took 15 stitches to close the wound. A very angry crowd soon surrounded the police and reinforcements, including the mounted troops were soon on the scene to hold the crowd at bay. It appeared that two or three paper cups of cold soda had been thrown at the police. I saw one policeman grab a youth and throw him to the ground with a bone-breaking crunch.

I was the only one to get a picture of the victorious Barrett (from outside the barbed wire fence and 300 feet away) as he sneaked out the east side as the crowd waited for him at the west side. He climbed into an armored police vehicle to be escorted safely away from successful four-hour reign over Simi Valley. He later claimed a full-scale victory in his Sept. 12 conquest of Simi Valley: "I felt it was a dramatic success (for white supremacy and a further blemish for the police)." Though Barrett has never been known to respond with a direct answer, he did strongly imply that he would return for he felt assured that he had set up a base in Simi Valley and would return again and again: "My heart will always be in Simi Valley. I left my heart there, it will always be there." Thank you, Mayor Stratton, and council, you've made a deadly friend through your sponsorship.

Marcel A. McCartney
Simi Valley

Fallout from rally escalates

Public wants separate probe; police refuse

By Terry Kanakri
Daily News Staff Writer

SIMI VALLEY — Barbara Barton says that she still doesn't know why Simi Valley police ordered a police dog to attack her 17-year-old son, Jason, during a counterdemonstration against a white nationalist rally.

"We didn't hear anybody say halt. I heard this officer after he bumped into me say, 'Out of my way,' then everything happened so quickly," Barton said. "They had a lot of officers there. Why did they have to wait until we were leaving to all of the sudden bombard us? Why?"

Simi Valley officials say their police acted properly to keep about 400 angry demonstrators from clashing with Richard Barrett, a white separatist who staged a rally at the Civic Center on Sept. 12.

"I think the police used remarkable restraint," Mayor Greg Stratton said. "Any large crowd can get ugly very quickly and I think the question with the Police Department was, at what point do we allow a few people who want to break the law to jeopardize the entire crowd."

The City Council has ordered the Police Department to investigate charges of police brutality leveled by angry residents who participated in the counterdemonstration, and examine the findings during a public hearing for the first time ever.

But critics say they doubt whether a department looking into the actions of its own officers will be impartial, and call for an independent investigation.

"It's the same thing as letting a criminal decide if he or she is guilty or not," said Paige Moser, spokeswoman of Neighbors Against Na-

Citizens want independent probe of police response to protest rally

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zis, a Simi Valley-based coalition that organized the protest against Barrett and has called for an independent scrutiny.

Police Chief Lindsey Paul Miller dismissed any need for an independent investigation.

"We're going to be very even handed," he said. "The investigation will be unbiased."

While not agreeing to calls for an independent review, Councilwoman Sandi Webb said the city may have sent the wrong message to critics by not appointing a civilian member to the police committee that will investigate the charges.

The city's investigation into charges of excessive use of force will be headed by Chief Miller, along with Capt. Jerry Boyce and Capt. Dick Wright.

"I think some independent person sitting in there looking at the evidence with the rest of the city staff would hopefully satisfy their concerns and certainly can help make sure that everything is brought to light," Webb said. "It would help defuse the situation."

About 400 angry, sign-waving protesters marched to the Civic Center from a nearby park to shout down Barrett, leader of the Nationalist Movement, who came to support the not-guilty verdicts of four

LAPD officers in the Rodney King beating trial.

Though most of the four-hour event was peaceful, at one point a group of angry youths joined the counterdemonstration and began shouting obscenities, mostly at police.

Sheriff's deputies on horseback and officers on foot — including one with a police dog — moved in to break up the crowd. Several people were knocked to the ground, and one youth, Jason, was bitten by a police dog, police said.

Joseph Woodrow Jordan, 20, and Frederick Damien Thomas, 18, were arrested on suspicion of assault. Jason Barton, who was bitten by the police dog, was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and interfering with a police horse, police records show.

A second 17-year-old was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer and with interfering with a police horse, records show.

The investigation will encompass scrutiny of videotapes, photographs, police reports and analyses of the Sept. 12 event. In their report, police officials also will look into the conduct of Ventura County sheriff's deputies amid allegations that deputies on horses charged into the crowd during the rally.

"That report will be submitted or reviewed by the city manager and the city attorney, and a report of

recommendations will then be presented to the City Council in a public session for a public discussion," said Mike Sedell, assistant city manager.

The City Council is scheduled to review the findings during an Oct. 19 public meeting.

Stratton said that if the outcome of the investigation creates a public outcry, the City Council will consider an independent investigation.

Internal investigations of police are common in other agencies, officials said.

In Los Angeles, the Police Department's internal affairs unit investigates excessive use of force complaints, said city spokesman Ted Goldstein.

"We don't have an independent review body," he said. "There has been criticism of this system."

Ventura County Under-sheriff Larry Carpenter said the Sheriff's Department also looks into police brutality allegations through internal investigations without independent agencies being involved.

Carpenter said that the last time an independent body investigated the Ventura County Sheriff's Department was in the early '70s when the federal Department of Justice looked into charges of police brutality during anti-Vietnam War demonstrations.

Economy blamed as hate crimes rise 22% in L.A.

By Tom Chorneau
Daily News Staff Writer

Tough economic conditions and an increasingly diverse population were blamed Thursday for a 22 percent increase in hate crimes in Los Angeles County last year, the seventh straight year in which the number of hate crimes has risen.

In its 12th annual report, the county Human Relations Commission reported a record 672 hate crimes — including the first racially motivated homicide and the first two gender-based hate crimes against women recorded by the commission.

"The number is very high, it's very disturbing," said Eugene Morne, commission director. "But it's

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Simi group seeks probe of police

By Terry Kanakri
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SIMI VALLEY — A Simi Valley-based coalition that claims police used excessive force during a recent counterdemonstration against a white nationalist has asked the U.S. Attorney's Office to investigate.

However, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles has referred the request by Neighbors Against Nazis to the FBI, officials said Tuesday.

"The FBI is the appropriate agency to make the initial inquiry into the allegations in the letter," U.S. Attorney Terree Bowers said. "A joint decision will be made as to any further proceeding."

Paige Moser, spokeswoman of the coalition that organized a rally against Richard Barrett, the leader of the Nationalist Movement, said her group asked for a federal investigation because the city refused to have an independent investigation of the incident.

The City Council ordered the Police Department earlier this month to investigate charges of police brutality leveled by angry citizens who participated in the counterdemonstration.

Council members decided to

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U.S. attorney

discuss the findings in public during an Oct. 19 meeting, but that was not enough to calm critics who questioned the objectivity of such a review.

Simi Valley police Capt. Dick Wright, who is leading the Police Department's investigation, said there is no need for an independent inquiry.

"We certainly have a management staff here that's capable of investigating situations and drawing accurate conclusions and taking appropriate action," he said.

Barrett held a controversial rally Sept. 12 outside the East County Courthouse to support the not-guilty verdicts of four Los Angeles Police Department officers in the Rodney King beating trial.

About 400 angry, sign-waving protesters held a loud counterdemonstration. Coalition members, who organized the protest, charge that Ventura County sheriff's deputies on horseback and Simi Valley police officers with batons used excessive force to break up the crowd at one point.

Several people were knocked to the ground and one 17-year-old boy was bitten by a police dog.

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Residents rally behind store owner

By Meda Freeman
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WESTLAKE VILLAGE — About 200 people attended a rally Sunday to pledge both their emotional and financial support for the Jewish owner of a Thousand Oaks comic book store that was gutted by fire and defaced with anti-Semitic slogans.

Myron Cohen-Ross and his wife, Judith, tearfully thanked residents for the showing of solidarity at the event sponsored by Shalom International and pledged to reopen their store as soon as they can.

"This is unbelievable," said Judith Cohen-Ross as she was surrounded by well-wishers after the rally. "I've run out of words. I am so touched."

The Heroes and Legends comic book store, in the 1100 block of Thousand Oaks Boulevard, was destroyed by an arson fire early Sept. 18. Swastikas and anti-Semitic slurs were painted on the building.

Content and structural losses were estimated at more than \$250,000. Cohen-Ross, of Agoura, had operated the store for eight years.

The couple and their 8-year-old daughter, Morgan, entered Sunday's rally at Calvary Community Church to applause and sat on a stage, holding hands and hugging as people spoke.

About a dozen residents and community and religious leaders stood up and denounced the act against the family as a vicious hate crime that cannot be ignored or tolerated. Many expressed disbelief that such an act could occur in today's society.

"Sometimes evil can overplay its hand," said Frank Eiklor, president of Shalom International, a Christian group that promotes fellowship between Jews and Christians. "They came to burn you down, but we're here to build you up."

Rene Rodriguez of Thousand Oaks told the audience how he was instantly drawn to Cohen-Ross when he met him for the first time in his store about one month ago. He said Cohen-Ross sometimes gave children prized comic books they could not afford at nominal prices.

"This is a very caring man," Rodriguez said.

Randy Senzig, a member of Shalom International and an organizer of the rally, said community help is vital not only for the Cohen-Rosses but also for the other businesses affected by the fire in the small shopping center.

"Our kids need to grow up without this type of hate in their lives," Senzig said. "We're going to do whatever we need to do to support the community."

When the speakers finished, donations for the rebuilding effort were solicited. The crowd then formed a huge circle, held hands and sang a song.

Many in attendance waited in line to give the Cohen-Rosses hugs and messages of support. Some

people told the couple they did not know them but had read about their loss in local newspapers.

Others said they had known Cohen-Ross for years and had greatly enjoyed visiting his store of collectors' items. Some children gave Cohen-Ross comic books and baseball cards.

Cohen-Ross said he was overwhelmed and moved by the rally.

"This is the best," he said, wiping tears from his eyes.

Hate acts thrive in shadows

Crimes' secrecy foils efforts to solve them

By Carol Bidwell
Daily News Staff Writer

VENTURA — Hate crimes, like imagined monsters under a child's bed, are born out of darkness and fear, authorities say.

And like imaginary monsters under the bed, they are often as hard to put to rest.

"You can't tell a Related story bigot by looking at one," said Ventura County Chief Deputy District Attorney Kevin McGee. "Hate crimes are a lot like child molesting. Both of them are done in secrecy, generally with no witnesses. They're hard to prove."

Lack of eyewitnesses has thwarted authorities' efforts to solve more than a dozen crimes — cross burnings, threatening phone calls, cases of arson, graffiti and more — directed toward racial, religious and other minorities countywide in the past two years, officials say.

Most recently, on Sept. 18, a Thousand Oaks comic book store owned by a Jewish entrepreneur was burned and defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti.

"In most cases, we don't have a lot of evidence to go on," said Lt. Dante Honorico, chief of detectives at the county's East Valley sheriff's station.

"First, you look at the fringe groups and you look at people who have a reason to do this stuff. But it's not a sure solution," he said. "Any number of people can do it."

25 February 1993

Dear Marcel:

You wrote about a month ago concerning Battle Stars.

I have looked but can find no reference to them in any of my reference works. My recollection is, though, that Battle Stars are each tagged with inclusive dates as to their applicability. You had to be in a theatre during a given period to be eligible for one.

Anyway, I have attached a sheet, copied out of Echoes in 1992 that will give you some direction to head in. I am sure that you can come up with the answers you are looking for.

All the best,

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1-31-93

Dear Russ,

It's kind of late in the game to be thinking about medals, but I started wondering about the medals we were awarded at Thurleigh and now I have a couple of questions about the Air Medal and the Bronze Battle Stars.

When I finished my missions, I received a little slip of paper stating that besides the Distinguished Flying Cross I could wear the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the ETO ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars. I believe that it was Major Grending told me at the time that they were working on an additional Battle Star. I don't remember whether he meant for me or for the group. I never heard any more about it and never checked into it.

Since we did not receive the actual additional three Air Medals or the Battle Stars at Thurleigh, is there someplace we can still contact to have these medals issued officially?

I am not sure how all of the Bronze Stars awarded in our group actually tie in with the missions flown. Someplace I found the following list of six Battle Stars awarded to the 306th:

Air Offensive Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Ardennes
Rhineland
Central Europe

Naturally, "to my eyes" it looks to me like I could wear all six Bronze Battle Stars.

I have enclosed a list of my missions in the hope that you have a better understanding of what the various Battle Stars represent than I do and can judge the number of Battle Stars I would be entitled to wear.

<u>1944</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Target</u>
July 7	1	Leipzig (actually pilot Neddo had to abort with burned-out supercharger as we tried to climb up with the group in the Zuider Zee area. Neddo and his crew were on their 35th mission while I was on my first. If the mission were completed, Neddo and his crew could go back to the states. As we headed back toward England and were still in the Zuider Zee area, there were bandits in the area. Neddo was having difficulty holding altitude and asked me to find a target of opportunity to dump our bombs on. I had no bombsight. I picked out a bridge near the village of Sneek and from 20,000 ft., guiding Neddo left and right, I dropped the bombs across the west end of the bridge at the approach. We didn't know it then, but this was the area being used by SS General Kammler, Deputy Special Commissioner for A4 (V2) matters, for launching V2 rockets at London. The first V2 was launched in Sept. G-2 sent a recon. plane over the area and the next day Neddo's crew was credited with a good mission and they packed to go home. This is why I would really like to have that missing mission report for July 7th to see how our individual bombing was recorded.
July 8	2	Amiens. (Actually pilot Broz tagged onto the 398th Group and we bombed an airfield at Humieres)
July 11	3	Munich. (Central Europe?)
July 12	4	Munich.
July 18	5	Peenemunde. (Central Europe?)
July 21	6	Ebelsbach-ball bearings (Central Europe?)
July 24	7	St. Lo tactical (Normandy?)
July 25	8	St. Lo

<u>1944</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Target</u>
July 28	9	Merseberg
Aug 7	10	Montbartier oil storage, invasion S.France(Aug 15)
Aug 8	11	Caen (Caen is part of Normandy)
Aug 9	12	Ulm (central Europe?)
Aug 12	13	Chaumont (N. France?)
Aug 13	14	Rouen (Rouen is part of Normandy)
Aug 14	15	Stuttgart/Chievres Alternate target Chievres (N. France?)
Aug 15	16	Frankfurt
Aug 16	17	Leipzig/Bohlen
Aug 25	18	Peenemunde
Aug 26	19	Gelsenkirchen
Aug 30	20	Kiel
Sept 3	21	Ludwigshaven
Sept 11	22	Lutzkendorf
Sept 13	23	Merseberg
Sept 19	24	Unna
Sept 25	25	Frankfurt
Sept 27	26	Cologne
Oct 3	27	Nurnburg
Oct 6	28	Stralsund
Oct 9	29	Schweinfurt
Oct 14	30	Cologne (Rhineland?)
Oct 17	31	Cologne
Oct 19	32	Mannheim (Rhineland?)
Oct 30	33	Munster
Nov 6	34	Hamburg
Nov 16	35	Eschweiler/Aachen-Tactical support for ground forces for big push (Ardennes/Bulge?)

Sincerely,

Marcel

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2-16-94

DEAR RUSS,

REGARDING OUR TELECON TODAY, PLEASE INCLUDE MY
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CARROLLTON, TEXAS
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THANKS AGAIN, RUSS.

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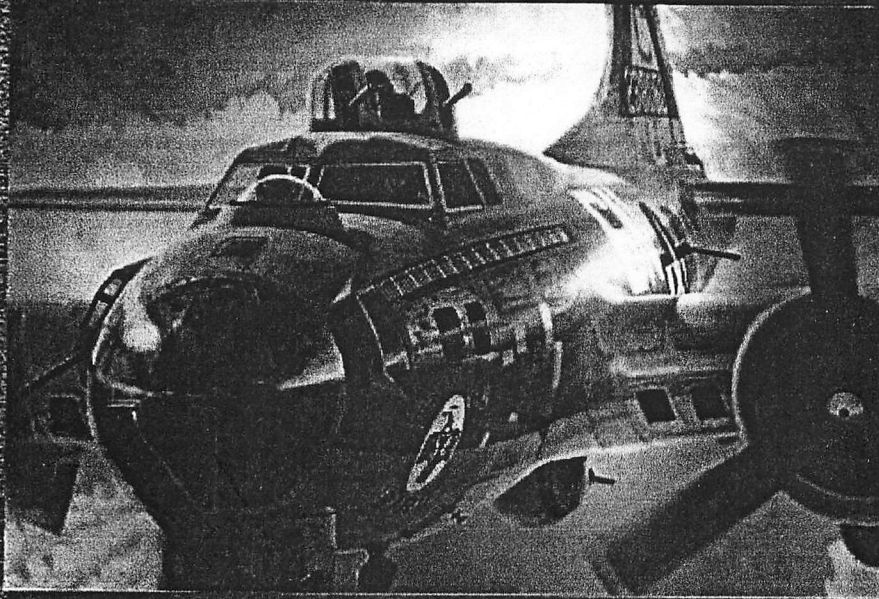
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TWENTIETH
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MAJOR M. A. MCCARTNEY



LILI MARLENE

TWENTIETH CENTURY MILITARY AND POLITICAL BATTLES

Dear 306th Bomb Group Members:

Lili Marlene was the name given our 8th Air Force Flying Fortress by my crew, and we all loved her. She withstood hundreds of flak holes throughout her body, and had to have her "shot-up" wings replaced seven times before going down into the English Channel after a midair crash while being flown by another crew.

Through the eyes of a Bombardier in the tip of the ship's plastic nose, I had the perfect "Window into Hell" during the 300 combat hours at the height of the greatest air battles in history. We survived only because our pilots in the 306th Bomb Group had nerves of steel, and could maintain tight formations through cannon fire and the heaviest fields of flak. Many times General Adolf Galland's top fighters looked at our tight formations and decided to pass us up to strike at a less compact group.

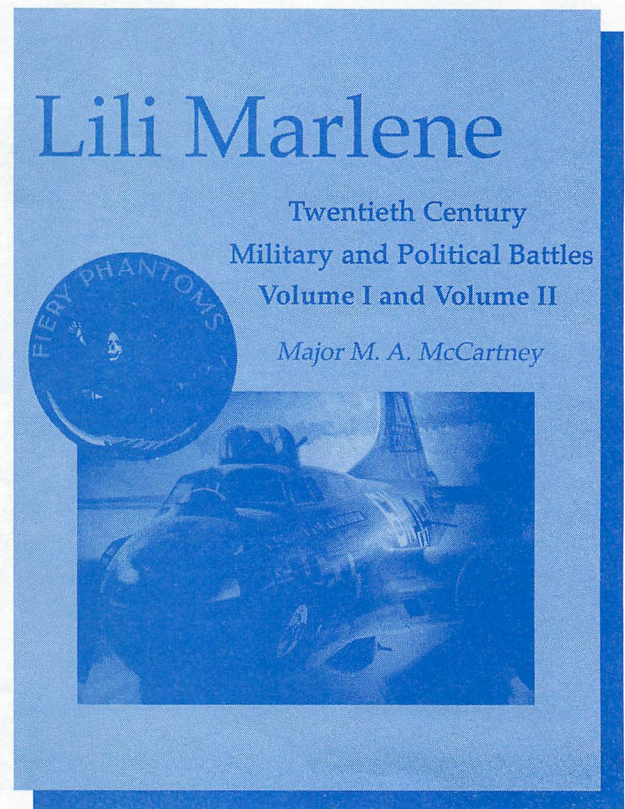
To present the Army's view of the war, I used the letters from my very best friend, Lt. Frederick Burton who was in the invasion of Italy, as well as the invasion of Southern France. Lt. Burton was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

General Adolf Galland assisted me in the writing of *Lili Marlene* with his unique knowledge of the jet aircraft Me-262 and the rocket Me-163 both of which left staccato vapor trails across the blue European skies, and left us bewildered as to the reason for the broken trails.

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11 June 2001

Dear Marcel:

Got your message today, got out a copy of the directory and put it on my desk preparatory to mailing it. As I was working on some address corrections that I got in the mail today, and thought through yourhsitaation, I concluded that was no way to treat a friend.

So I put in the correctinns, and then ran a "fresh" copy of the directory just for you. There are so many changes coming in every month that last September's version would make a mess for you.

Here it is. Enjoy it, and if you haven't mailed a check yet, keep it. If it is mailed I'll return it.

This list will work much better than one that is nine or ten months old.

All the best,