Sacramento IHR Conference: A Resounding Success

In spite of major logistical difficulties, the hastily organized IHR conference in Sacramento, California, on Saturday, April 24, was a resounding success.

About 130 persons of all ages — from across the country and many foreign lands — attended the event, which was marked by an upbeat and resolute spirit. Among those attending was a university professor, a motion picture producer, and several scholars and authors (including Hans Schmidt, publisher of the Ganpac Brief).

The proceedings can be heard online through the special conference website: www.InternationalRevisionistConference.com Traffic on this site has been “through the roof,” its webmaster reports, with nearly half a million total hits (“requests for pages”). On the day of the conference, the site got 47,214 hits, and a record 56,487 hits the next day, April 25.

The conference began at 12:30 p.m. and concluded at 9:30 in the evening, with a break for dinner and several short breaks throughout the day. The venue was not publicly disclosed beforehand because of threats by the Jewish Defense League, a Zionist group with a well-documented record of violent and criminal activity.

Entertainment was provided by two talented eleven-year-old singers, Lamb and Lynx Gaede. Many attendees showed initiative and teamwork in helping to make this event the success it was, with several National Alliance members providing particularly important assistance.

HARVEY TAYLOR, a veteran revisionist activist who played a key role in organizing this conference, served as Master of Ceremonies. He
is the only person to have attended every IHR Conference, including the first one in 1979, and for more than 20 years has been an involved supporter of the IHR and its work.

In his opening remarks, Taylor spoke against Holocaust deceit and lies. The “real Holocaust” in Europe during World War II, he said, was the Allied bombing campaign that took the lives of more than half a million civilians.

PAUL FROMM, director of the Canadian Association for Free Expression, delivered an informed and well delivered report on the outrageous treatment of Ernst Zundel, the German-born civil rights activist and publicist who is being held as a political prisoner. Fromm was appropriately the first featured speaker, because the conference was dedicated to freedom for Zundel.

Zundel was arrested by US authorities on February 5, 2003, at his home in Tennessee and then deported to Canada, even though he is married to an American citizen, Ingrid Rimland. For more than a year, said Fromm, he has been held in a Canadian prison, without bail, on the empty pretext that he’s a threat to national security.

Fromm, a writer and educator who has been playing an important role in Zundel’s defense, also humorously described his harassment by Canadian authorities during border crossings.

CHUCK CARLSON, director of the “We Hold These Truths” center, began his informative address with a report on his visit to the Zionist-occupied Gaza region of Palestine. He vividly portrayed the grim reality of day-to-day life in the densely-populated region, including a description of murderous raids by Israeli helicopter gun ships.

Carlson strongly criticized the pro-Zionist attitude of many evangelical Christian leaders in the US — a view, he said, that is contrary to traditional Christian teachings. In this regard, he cited his visit to a Baptist church in Gaza, pointing out that by supporting Israel, pro-Zionist Christians contribute to the brutal oppression of fellow Christians in occupied Palestine.

An important factor contributing to the pro-Israel sympathies of evangelical Christians, said Carlson, has been the profound influence of the Scofield Reference Bible, a version of the scriptures with strongly pro-Zionist commentary. In the decades since its first publication in 1908, the Scofield Bible has been widely used in American churches and seminaries.

EDGAR STEELE, an Idaho attorney and writer, stressed the growing threat to the security and freedom of Americans by an increasingly desperate government. He concluded his rousing, passionate and often humorous address by urging listeners to “make a difference.”

MICHELE RENOUF, an actress, professional model and author who lives in London, spoke of the intellectual-spiritual odyssey that brought her to a heightened awareness of the importance of truthful history. Lady Renouf described the campaign to oust her as a member of the Reform Club in London because she had once brought along as her guest the “notorious” historian David Irving. Alluring photos of her appeared in Britain’s sensational tabloid press along with reports about the “scandal.”
BRADLEY SMITH, chairman of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, spoke about his recent visits to college campuses to talk with students about the importance of free speech and free expression on the Holocaust issue. Smith’s idealism is no new thing. When he was a book dealer on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles during the 1960s, he related, he was arrested, jailed, tried and convicted for selling Henry Miller’s Tropic of Cancer, a book that was then banned in the US.

MARK WEBER, in his opening remarks, said that the purpose of this conference is to defend freedom of speech and expression, and uphold the ideal of truth in history.

In that regard, the IHR director cited the unjust imprisonment of Ernst Zundel, who has been held for more than a year in solitary confinement because of his peaceful expression of views about history. Weber also cited the anti-free speech laws in European countries that criminalize dissident opinion on the official Holocaust story. He further noted that reporting about this conference by the local daily paper, the Sacramento Bee, has been deceitful and inaccurate.

Last year, Weber recalled, President Bush denounced as “revisionist historians” those skeptics who questioned official US government claims that Iraq had an arsenal of “weapons of mass destruction” that was so large and dangerous that it justified a US invasion and occupation of the country.

On that occasion, Weber said, Bush was unintentionally telling the truth. Those who question government claims, particularly wartime claims, are indeed “revisionists” — that is, skeptics who question dogma, propaganda and political orthodoxy. Regardless of what President Bush and his friends may snidely suggest, the revisionists are right, and revisionism is an honorable and essential feature of any free society.

In his main address, delivered Saturday evening, Weber told the story of President Harry Truman’s fateful decision in 1948 to recognize the new Zionist state proclaimed in Palestine. In doing so, Truman rejected the stern warnings of his Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, and other high-level US foreign policy experts, who predicted that US backing for Israel would inevitably draw the United States into endless strife in the Middle East. Marshall and other far-sighted Americans warned that by choosing to support the new Jewish state, Truman was putting partisan political interests ahead of the national interest.

Calling President Truman’s decision the “original sin of US Middle East policy,” Weber said that every US president since then has upheld the “special” US-Israel relationship, and for the same reason — corrupt submission to Jewish-Zionist power. This cowardice and corruption has cost American lives and billions of dollars, and has generated worldwide hatred and contempt of the United States.

Secretary of State George Marshall speaks with President Harry Truman

If the US were to hold Israel to the same standards that it has held Iraq and other countries, said Weber, American planes would be bombing Tel Aviv.

Exposing and breaking the grip of Jewish-Zionist power on our cultural and political life is a task of the most pressing importance, Weber concluded, not only for the sake of simple justice,
but for the sake of America’s future — and humanity’s.

This special IHR meeting was hastily organized following the surprise cancellation of a two-day “International Revisionist Conference” that was to be held over the weekend of April 24-25. On April 19, the Sacramento Turnverein, a German-American cultural center, cancelled its contract to host the two-day event. The organizer then issued a statement: “With great outrage do I have to tell you that the conference has been cancelled. The Sacramento Turnverein caved in to the massive pressure of the Jewish community and cancelled our facility.”

The Jewish Defense League quickly issued a statement boasting of its role: “...We had been diligently working behind the scenes to facilitate just such an event [that is, the cancellation]. Today has been a very good day for the Jewish Community of Sacramento... and for the Jewish Defense League who can add another battle star to our banner.”

Media Outreach

IHR media outreach during the first five months of this year has been robust. Here are some highlights:

- Mark Weber was a guest on “The Right Perspective,” an hour-long live show on radio station WGMD in Delaware, on Monday evening, March 7. Host Davis Lurmann asked skeptical questions and responded to Weber’s remarks with challenging comments. The two discussed US Middle East policy, the controversy over Mel Gibson’s “Passion” film, and Jewish-Zionist power.

- On Wednesday evening, March 17, Weber was a guest, once again, on the Jeff Rense radio show. (In 2003 Weber had been a guest on five Rense broadcasts.) Weber provided an update on the Ernst Zundel case, and he and Rense discussed various current topics, including Gibson’s “Passion” film. A recording of this broadcast can be heard through the Rense show archives.

- A lengthy interview with Weber was broadcast in two parts on “American Dissident Voices,” April 3 and April 10. Among the topics covered by Weber and host Kevin Strom were new developments in the Zundel case, a recently published book by Prof. Revilo Oliver, The Jewish Strategy, and implications of Gibson’s “Passion” film. The lively interview can be heard online through the National Alliance website (www. natall.com). Also posted on this site are texts of these broadcasts, along with earlier ADV interviews with Weber.

- Hal Turner, a veteran radio show host, welcomed Weber for two hours as a guest on May 3 on his “relaunched” show, which returned to the air after being off for a time. It can be heard through the “Audio Archive” section of the IHR website.

- For an hour on May 28, Weber was a guest on “From the Grassy Knoll,” a radio program hosted by a veteran free speech activist who calls himself “Vyzygoth.” The Holocaust issue and its political and cultural impact, the importance of a skeptical or revisionist view of “official” history in a free society, and propaganda claims cited to justify the Iraq war, were among the topics tackled during the hour. The lively show was broadcast on radio stations in the Tampa, Florida, area, as well as online (vyzygothsgrassyknoll.org).

- Jeff Rense welcomed the IHR director back on June 10 for another hour-long appearance. During the hour-long session, Weber and Rense spoke about the legacy of World War II, the latest in the Ernst Zundel case, the power of the Zionist lobby in Washington, and the importance of an awareness of history in a free society.

- Weber’s appearance on the June 12 “American Dissident Voices” broadcast generated an exceptional amount of comment, nearly all of it favorable. He spoke with host Kevin
Strom about the legacy and tragedy of Ronald Reagan, criticized the popular but simplistic “good vs. evil” image of World War II, and stressed the importance of historical awareness in planning for the future of any healthy society. The broadcast, distributed under the title “Fading Illusions: D-Day and Reagan,” is archived on the ADV section of the National Alliance website.

- The English-language service of Iran’s IRIB international broadcasting service recorded and broadcast five telephone interviews with Weber during the first half of 2004. In the interviews, which reach hundreds of thousands of listeners, especially in the Middle East, Pakistan and India, the IHR director provided analysis and commentary on current affairs issues.

IHR Ad in Prominent Liberal Weekly Generates Media Attention

An IHR display advertisement for The Founding Myths of Modern Israel, a book published by the IHR, appeared in the May 3 issue of The Nation, a prominent public affairs weekly based in New York.

Abraham Foxman, director of the powerful Zionist “Anti-Defamation League,” and Rafael Medoff, director of the Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, immediately complained to The Nation, voicing the familiar smears against the IHR as a “hate” and “denial” association. The liberal weekly then canceled its contract with the IHR to run the one-eighth-page ad in five subsequent issues. “Accepting advertising from the IHR falls outside the Nation staff’s comfort zone,” the magazine’s ad director explained.

The furor generated media attention, most notably a detailed front-page article, headlined “Leading Liberal Mag Yanks Ad Denying Holocaust,” in the April 30 issue of the Forward, a prominent Jewish community weekly.

In the same issue of The Nation in which the IHR ad appeared was an advertisement offering readers a “scholarly booklet” that claims to provide “ incontrovertible proof” that Jesus is fictional and never existed. “The Nation’s policy of accepting ‘Jesus denial’ advertising while rejecting ‘Holocaust denial’ ads,” Weber commented, “manifests a clear double standard that highlights the real icons and taboos in our society. This double standard also affirms the validity of what the author of The Founding Myths, and others, say about the clout and character of Jewish-Zionist power in America.”

Record IHR Website Traffic

So many people have been visiting the IHR’s redesigned website (www.ihr.org) that viewership recently reached an all-time record high.

In January there were 157,029 hits, a figure that steadily increased through the following months. In May there were 371,029 hits — a record. Traffic peaked in late April and early May, reflecting keen interest in the IHR Sacramento conference. On May 2 the website got 21,679 hits.
A dramatically redesigned IHR website was launched in December. It’s not only more eye-catching and professional-looking, but for the first time the home page has photos and provides a continually updated round-up of current news items. The website is, by far, the Institute’s most important way of reaching people.

— the most ever on a single day. Although traffic has slowed somewhat since then, it has remained at a high level, averaging around 10,000 “requests for pages” per day.

In addition to a continually updated round-up of current news items, the website has a new audio section, where visitors can download and listen to lectures and speeches. Still accessible, of course, is the tremendous IHR archive, which includes hundreds of articles, essays and reviews from back issues of the IHR’s *Journal of Historical Review*.

**Weber Addresses IHR Meeting In Virginia**

A spirited audience packed the meeting room of a popular restaurant in Arlington, Virginia, on February 19, 2004, to hear IHR director Mark Weber speak on the background and impact of the Iraq war. Among the 40 men and women who attended the Thursday evening meeting were writers, political activists, authors and a documentary film producer. Weber was introduced by Peter Gemma, a former *USA Today*
editorial writer.

In his well-received talk, “Behind the Propaganda: The Real Reasons for the Iraq War,” Weber looked at why America’s political leaders sent hundreds of young Americans to their deaths, killed thousands of Iraqis, and expended tens of billions of dollars to violently remove a regime it had once supported.

In the months prior to the bombing, invasion and occupation of Iraq, said Weber, President Bush and other high-level US officials insisted that the Baghdad regime, armed with dangerous “weapons of mass destruction,” posed a grave and imminent threat to America and the world. Those claims, which were the main reasons given for going to war, have proven to be untrue.

Weber drew historical parallels with past US military actions, citing extravagant lies by Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and other American presidents to justify their war policies. This record of deceit should encourage profound skepticism of the official claims now being offered to justify war.

One repeatedly cited justification for the Iraq war, Weber said, has been that it will foster democracy across the Middle East. In this regard, he cited similar promises to promote democracy by earlier American leaders — including by President Wilson in the First World War, by President Johnson during the Vietnam war, and by President Clinton to justify the 1994 dispatch of US troops to Haiti.

The crucial factor in the decision to go to war in Iraq, said Weber, was Jewish-Zionist prodding and pressure. As he explained in detail, a cabal of influential pro-war Zionist “neoconservatives” in the Bush administration — including such high-ranking officials as Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Perle — played a decisive role in pressing the US to attack. In fact, Weber said, Jewish plans to overthrow the Iraqi regime by force were already in place well before George W. Bush became president.

For the US to bomb and invade a country that has never attacked or even threatened the US, and in defiance of world opinion and international law, said Weber, is both arrogant and dangerous. American policy in the Middle East reflects our country’s perverse alliance with Israel, and ultimately serves only Jewish-Zionist interests.

This war, Weber stressed, does not serve the best interests of America or humanity, but is instead a war to further the interests of Israel and organized Jewry. Around the world the Zionist role in pushing for war, and the scope and harmful impact of Jewish-Zionist power, are ever more obvious.

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The Iraq War: Some Pertinent Quotes

‘To Secure Israel’

“With Iraq no threat, why invade a sovereign country? The answer: President Bush’s policy to secure Israel.”


‘Loyalty to Israel’

“My own answer is that the lie [that a massively-armed Iraq posed a grave and imminent threat to the US] was fabricated by neo-conservatives in the administration whose first loyalty is to Israel and its interests and who wanted the United States to smash Iraq because it was the biggest potential threat to Israel in the region. They are known to have been pushing for war with Iraq since at least 1996, but they could not make an effective case for it until after Sept. 11, 2001...
“What has been happening inside the Bush administration is no less a nest of treason than the Soviet spy rings of the New Deal era, and if political reality doesn't demand its exposure, simple loyalty to the United States does.”


‘No Threat to US’

“Those who favor this attack [against Iraq] now will tell you candidly, and privately, that it is probably true that Saddam Hussein is no threat to the United States. But they are afraid at some point he might decide if he had a nuclear weapon to use it against Israel.”

— General Wesley Clark, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, The Guardian (Britain), August 20, 2002.

‘The Israeli Puppeteer’

“What has been happening over the years is a predictable routine of foreign visitation from the head of the Israeli government. The Israeli puppeteer travels to Washington. The Israeli puppeteer meets with the puppet in the White House, and then moves down Pennsylvania Avenue, and meets with the puppets in Congress. And then takes back billions of taxpayer dollars. It is time for the Washington puppet show to be replaced by the Washington peace show.

“It is time for the U.S. government to recognize that this is not just a local conflict anymore. It is not just a regional conflict anymore. It is a conflict that is producing flashpoints throughout much of the world and endangering U.S. citizens in those countries, U.S. businesses in those countries, U.S. workers in those countries, and endangering our own national security here. It is time for the U.S. government to stand up and think for itself.”


‘Jewish Cabal’

“A Jewish cabal have taken over the government in the United States and formed an unholy alliance with fundamentalist Christians... There is far too much Jewish influence in the United States.”


‘Israel, Sharon, Likud’

“We charge that a cabal of polemicists and public officials seek to ensnare our country in a series of wars that are not in America’s interests. We charge them with colluding with Israel to initiate those wars and destroy the Oslo Accords. We charge them with deliberately damaging U.S. relations with every state in the Arab world that defies Israel or supports the Palestinian people’s right to a homeland of their own. We charge that they have alienated friends and allies all over the Islamic and Western world through their arrogance, hubris, and bellicosity...

“Cui Bono? For whose benefit these endless wars in a region that holds nothing vital to America save oil, which the Arabs must sell us to survive? Who would benefit from a war of civilizations between the West and Islam?

“Answer: one nation, one leader, one party. Israel, Sharon, Likud.”


‘Rule by Proxy’

“The Europeans killed six million Jews out of twelve million. But today the Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them.”

— Mahathir Mohammed, Prime Minister of Malaysia, October 16, 2003.