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**Protester, News Editor Cross-Examined by White Supremacist at Aryan Inquiry****Long Says Jewish People Are Not White, Denies Holocaust**

Two local residents were among several others called to testify at the Aryan Nations inquiry underway in Edmonton.

The inquiry was ordered after the Alberta Human Rights Commission received formal complaints from individuals following a meeting of Aryan members held on the Ray Bradley property west of Provost on September 8, 1990. Canadian leader of the Aryan Nations church, Terry Long and Bradley have been named as respondents in the provincial board of inquiry.

Joan Paquette of Hayter, who organized a protest of local citizens against a gathering of members of the Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nations a year ago was called to testify on Tuesday afternoon, August 27.

Provost News editor Richard Holmes gave testimony on Wednesday morning about the activities of the members of the Aryans, including Ku Klux Klan members. Holmes published the events of the weekend and took photographs of it.

Both people were questioned in the witness box for about 40 minutes.

Other witnesses including complainants were called by the lawyer for the Alberta Human Rights Commission, John Hustwick.

Witnesses were cross-examined by white supremacist Long, of Caroline who was present at the September 1990 event. He is representing himself at the inquiry.

A three member panel will decide if the Aryan Nations church, Long or Bradley (a welder), formerly of Provost and now of Robson, B.C., broke Alberta's Individual Rights Protection Act by publicly displaying signs or symbols that could promote discrimination.

Paquette, a pre-school teacher, when questioned by Hustwick said that she saw a swastika flag at the Bradley residence on September 8 and that it "bothered me because it promotes hatred." She said that it made her think of people dying. Paquette also

testified that the Ku Klux Klan means that they have something against people of a different colour of skin as them. "I don't want my kids to grow up surrounded by that, she said. Paquette also stated that a person in a movie she once viewed said "It's not the bad man who says something wrong, but the good man who says nothing that makes it wrong" that made her decide to protest the event. Under further questioning regarding comments made at the time, Paquette said "Mr. Nerland was standing on the very end — I can't remember his name, the man who was in the striped suit (Auschwitz death camp survivor Sigmund Sobolewski), that they made a suitcase out of his aunt, and they could make one out of him too." Paquette added that Nerland also said that his gun was a form of Jewish birth control.

Under cross examination from Long, Paquette said that she had watched a movie called *Mississippi Burning* and agreed that it negatively portrayed the Ku Klux Klan, but under further questioning added that she probably had a negative impression of the KKK before viewing the movie. Long asked if



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**Joan Paquette: It's not the bad man who says something wrong, but the good man who says nothing that makes it wrong.**

the woman believed in the Holocaust and she stated that she did. Long then asked if he was correct in assuming that Paquette believed that those who attended the rally were promoting hatred by attending. "I believe that, yes" she answered. Long asked if she

could "name any of our beliefs or official beliefs that would indicate to you that we promote hatred?" "No, I can't sir, because no one, as far as I know, in your organization has ever sent me any of your stuff telling me your beliefs or displaying them. Long then asked "And they have never printed our beliefs in the press, have they, Mrs. Paquette?" "Have you ever asked them to?" asked Paquette. "Yes, ma'am, many times, many times . . ." replied Long.

Holmes was called Wednesday morning by Hustwick. Under questioning Holmes said that he saw men dressed in army type Nazi uniforms when he was near the Bradley residence on September 8. He recalled seeing a red flag with a swastika on it as well as a sign that read KKK White Power 1990 and BHORP Welcomes Aryans Nations. When asked what his mental reaction was when he saw the swastika, the Provost resident replied that he thought of death and destruction and that the KKK

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**Harvest Underway**

The 1991 grain harvest across the M.D. and the rest of the Prairies is underway with ideal weather conditions at press time.

One report of yield for wheat was 45 bushels per acre near Bodo while another farmer reported 55 bushels per acre in the Provost area.

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**Grain Car Message Urges Visit to Provost**

The tourism message "Take an Alberta Break— visit Provost" is rolling across North America on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund grain hopper cars.

Ken Kowalski, Minister of Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, and Robert Fischer, MLA of Wainwright made the announcement recently.

The car is one of 994 used exclusively to transport western grown grain to markets throughout North America. The Alberta government has agreed to maintain the cars' exterior finish, which includes repainting every eight to 10 years to extend their useful life of about 40 years. Each car travels an average of 220,000-240,000 kilometers each year.

"Within the next two years, the name of each municipality in Wainwright constituency should be painted on one of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund

A contract of \$4,706,420 for repainting was awarded in 1989 to Procor Ltd. of Edmonton by Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services. The repainting began in January 1990 and is scheduled for completion in December 1992.

"The name of every city, town, village, county, municipal district and summer village in Alberta will appear on at least one of the hopper cars," said Kowalski. "Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services is also developing, in consultation with Alberta Tourism, a list of tourist destinations in Alberta which will be incorporated into the "Take an Alberta Break" message."

"Making this message part of the regular maintenance program for these cars is a very economical way to promote the many wonderful tourist facilities we have in Alberta. And knowing that these gold-and-blue billboards are rolling across the continent will make us all proud to be Albertans," Fischer said.



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MLA Robert Fischer and councillor Dr. Barry Nesbitt with picture of grain hopper car. Provost and other villages will be promoted throughout

**Charles Rampling, 96 Passed Away**

Charles Gifford Rampling passed away at Edmonton on Monday, August 26 at the age of 96.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 30 at Provost United Church. Interment followed at Provost cemetery.

Gregory's Funeral Homes of Provost were in charge of arrangements.

**Jane Brown, 95 Passed Away**

Jane (Jean) Crawford Brown passed away at Provost August 29 at the age of 95.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 2 at Senlac Community Church. Interment followed

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