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New York, NY, Jan. 24,....Hatemongering has entered the computer age with right-wing extremists employing modern technology to spread racial and religious bigotry, the Anti-Defamation of B'nai B'rith revealed today.

According to an ADL report, two "networks of hate" accessed through a home computer and a modem (phone link-up) are currently operating in the United States.

Justin J. Finger, director of ADL's Civil Rights Division, said the more widely publicized of the two is operated by the Aryan Nations, an Idaho-based group that disseminates racist and anti-Semitic propaganda and which seeks to set up a "nationalist racist state." Known as the "Aryan Nation Liberty Net," the computer network was established and is run by Louis Beam, a leader of Aryan Nations and a grand dragon of the Texas state unit of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The ADL report notes that some members of an Aryan Nations splinter group have been implicated in a series of armed robberies and shootouts with law enforcement officials.

The other hate network, "Info International," is operated out of West Virginia by George Dietz, a farm broker who runs Liberty Bell Publications, one of the largest outlets for neo-Nazi literature in the U.S., the ADL report said. Dietz emigrated to this country in 1957 from Germany, where he had earlier been a member of the Hitler Youth Organization. His "Info International" is similar in content to the Aryan Na-

tions' network and also purveys anti-Semitism, including Holocaust revisionism that questions the reality of the Nazi massacre of Jews. The hate messages on both networks include anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

The danger from computerized hatemongering, according to Mr. Finger, "lies not only in facilitating the spread of bigotry and anti-democratic propaganda but in its potential impact on impressionable young people, many of whom today are computer users."

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The ADL report, prepared by the Fact Finding Department of ADL's Civil Rights Division, gave the following account of how the computer network is used.

Access to the Aryan Nation Liberty Net is made by dialing specified phone numbers in Idaho, Texas, or North Carolina. Once the connection is made, the caller follows a few simple commands to receive a variety of hate messages.

Authorized users of the system are encouraged to deposit their own hate messages. For example, a network message left by Midwest Aryan Nations' leader Robert Miles (under his code name of "Fafnir") predicts that the violent tactics of the Irish Republican Army "will be seen across this land" and goes on to state that the younger members of hate groups such as his "have no time for pamphlets, for speeches, for gatherings, they know their role...They are the armed party."

The ADL report said that in addition to hate propaganda, the Aryan Nations' network supplies under the heading of "enemies" a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of the Anti-Defamation League's national and

regional offices. In the same category are listed what the Aryan Nations refers to as "informers" for the "Zionist Occupational Government," its name for the United States government. Another group of "enemies" is labeled "race traitors" and is accessible, the network claims, only to callers with special clearance.

Also provided are the names and addresses of so-called patriotic organizations, including a variety of neo-Nazi, Klan and armed racist groups such as the Christian Patriots Defense League and the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord. The computer supplies dates and locations of their meetings.

One of the figures involved in promoting the Aryan Nations' Liberty Net is Glenn Miller, leader of the most active and militant Klan organization in North Carolina. Some of the members of the group, which sponsors paramilitary training, were involved in a shootout in Greensboro, NC in 1979 that left five persons dead.

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Mr. Finger said that "although purveyors of hate material are seeking to adapt to the computer age, we see little evidence to suggest a great leap forward in the spread of anti-Semitic and racist propaganda." He added, however, that "given the objectives and ideology of those who are most prominent in this network, it is a development which merits continued monitoring."

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Hate on 'Level Seven'

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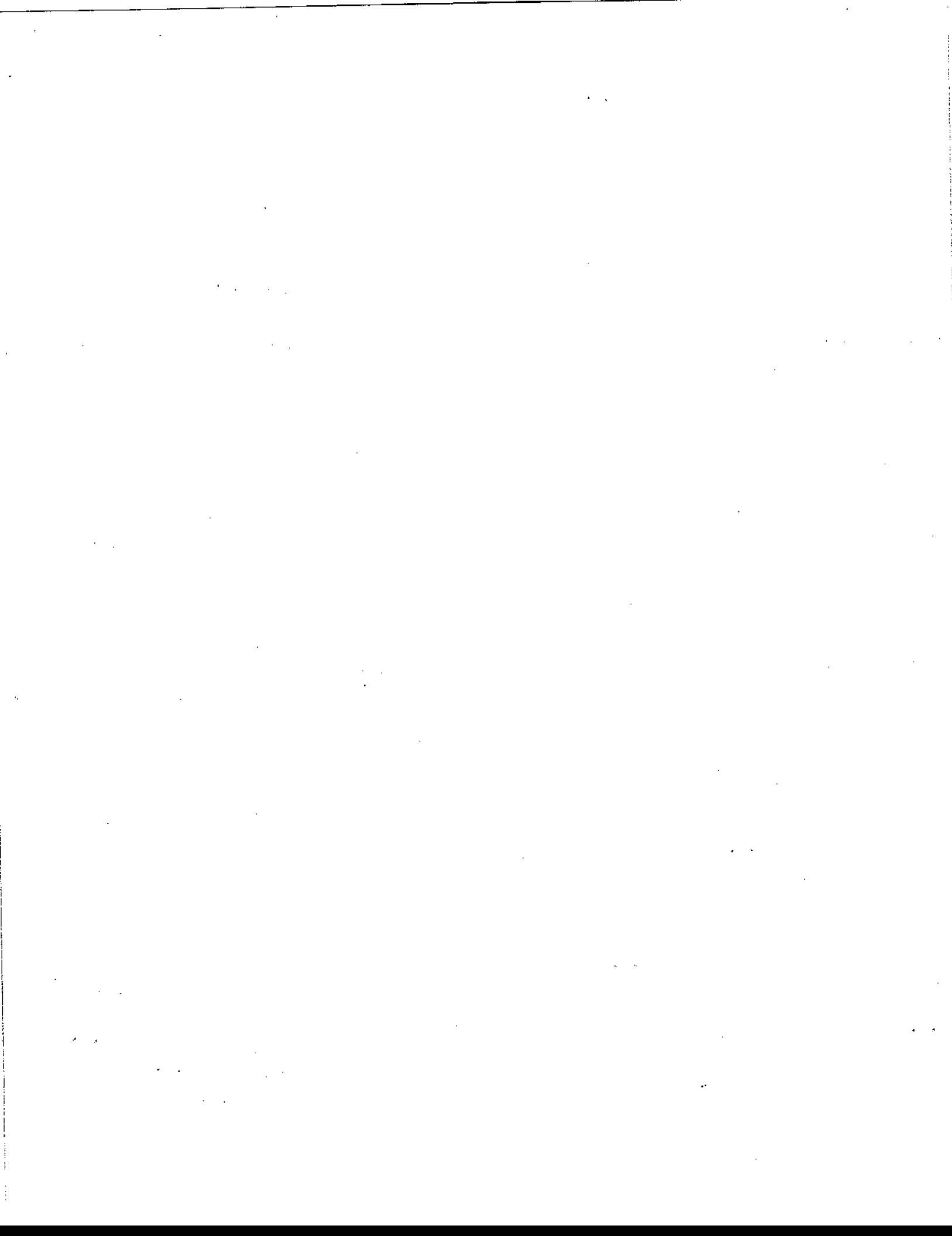
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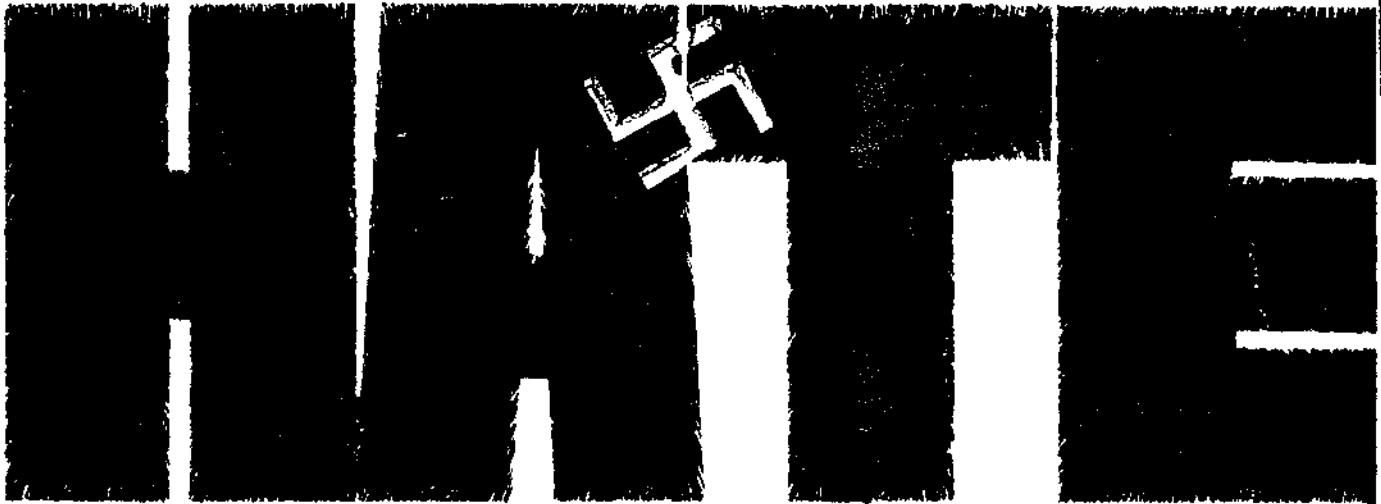
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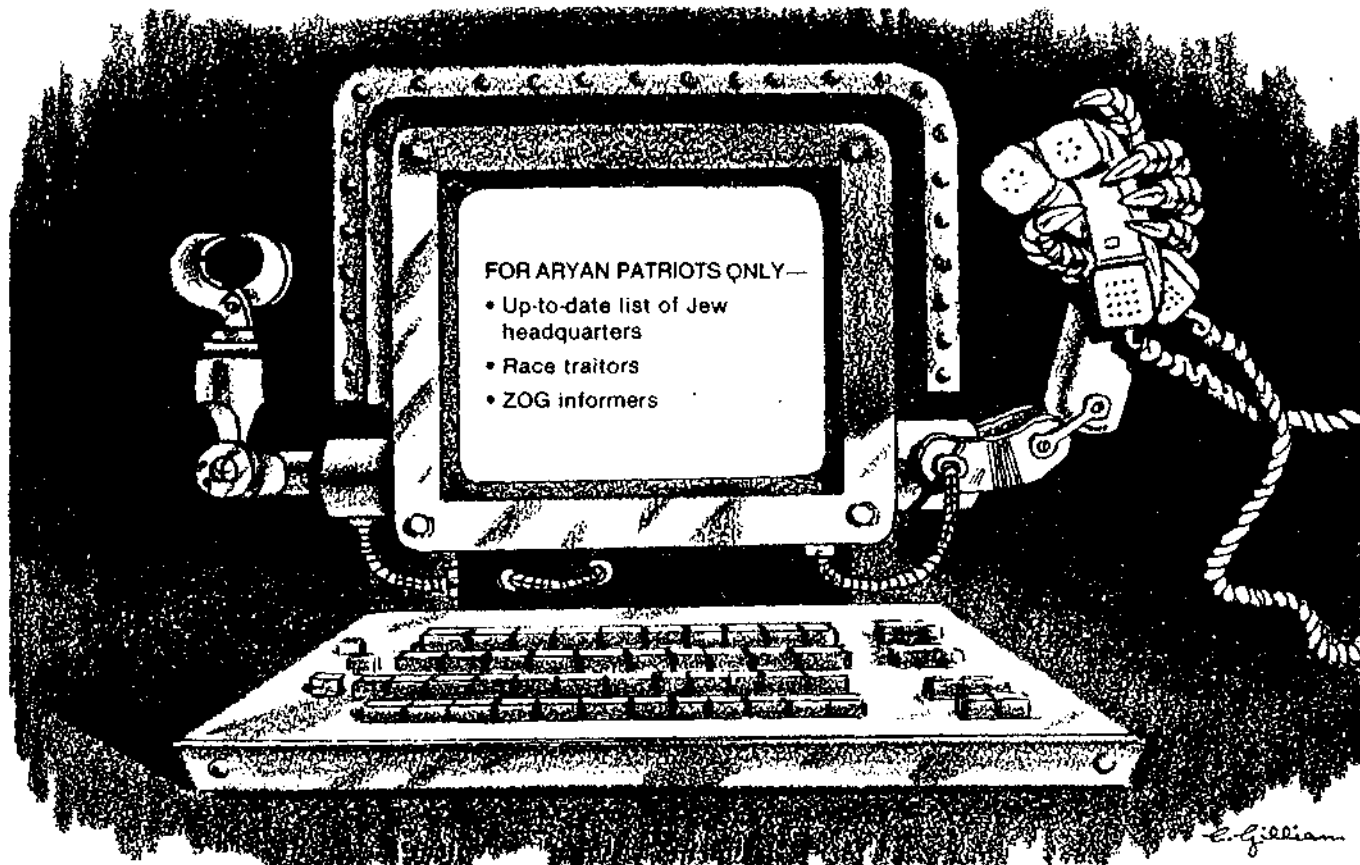
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Although the purveyors of this hate material have clearly adapted to the "computer age," there is little to suggest that it represents a great leap forward in the spread of anti-Semitic and racist propaganda. Nevertheless, complacency about this new development would be unwise to the extent that many users of computerized data banks are impressionable young people vulnerable to propaganda, these new developments are a cause for some concern.

More troubling, the use of new technology to link together hate group activists coincides with an escalation of serious talk among some of them about the necessity of committing acts of terrorism. Indeed, certain Aryan Nations members have already begun to translate such talk into action. At the time of this writing, law enforcement officials are still tracking down members of an Aryan Nations "splinter group" implicated in a series of West Coast crimes, including armed robberies, shootouts with authorities, and the stockpiling of illegal weapons. Butler has described one of them, Robert Mathews, who died in a shootout with FBI officials, as a man of the "highest idealism and moral character." These acts come on the heels of an Aryan Nations conference in the summer of 1984, when seminars were offered in urban guerrilla warfare.

If there is a single theme characteristic of the computerized hate messages, it is that "enemies" should be placed on notice that the days of simply talking about committing acts of violence may be ending. In a message left by Midwest Aryan Nations leader Robert Miles (under his code name "Fafnir"), the impending campaign is compared with the cycle of violence experienced over the years by the people of Ireland:

> Soon, our own version of the "troubles" will be widespread. The pattern of operations of the IRA will be seen across this land.
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> We, the older and less active spokesmen for the folk and faith are being replaced by the young lions. These dragons of God have no time for pamphlets, for speeches, for gatherings, they know their role. They know their duty. They are the armed party which is being born out of the inability of white male youths to be heard. They are the products of the failure of this Satanic, anti-white federal monstrosity to listen to more peaceful voices, such as our own.
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> We called for the dog federals to let our people go! We called for the government in La Cesspool Grande to let us be apart from their social experiments in their mongrelism. But to no avail. And now, as we had warned, now come the Icemen! Out of the North, out of the frozen lands, once again the giants gather. Soon, America becomes Ireland recreated.

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