

Thunderbolt Editor Resigns His Position

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The longtime editor of The Thunderbolt, a white racist newspaper published in Marietta by J.B. Stonor's National States Rights Party, has resigned.

Dr. Edward Fields, grand kliegale or organizer of the New Order Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, resigned as Thunderbolt editor recently "for a number of personal reasons," but said he plans to remain active in KKK activities.

Fields, who is also national secretary of the National States Rights Party, formerly headed by avowed white supremacist Stonor, said he is "seriously considering re-entering the field of chiropractic medicine.

Fields formerly had a chiropractic practice in Charleston, S.C. He has been editor of The Thunderbolt for more than 20 years.

Roger Sanford of Jacksonville, Fla., will now be editor of the newspaper, Fields said. He will be assisted by Jerry Pope.

"I'm going to help Mr. Pope prepare material in spare time, and I will be speaking at rallies," Fields said.

He is scheduled to speak at a Klan rally this Saturday night two miles north of Odessa.

Fields will be as active as I possibly can," Fields said.

Fields would not elaborate, but said his decision to resign as editor was to support his family.

Stonor is serving a 10-year prison sentence in Alabama for the 1968 bombing of an unoccupied black Birmingham church.

Fields said he still plans to be "active politically."

"I'm extremely concerned about the left-wing trend in America," he considers the possibility of former Vice President Walter Mondale's being elected president in 1984 as a "socialist swing to the left."

"Even with President Reagan, conservatives have been unable to stem the tide of the left," Fields said. Fields said Congress' passage of a national holiday in memory of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was "an extreme move to the left."

"I don't think people realize we are becoming a more French-type socialist state," Fields said.

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DR. EDWARD FIELDS HAS GIVEN UP JOB OF THUNDERBOLT EDITOR.
Head Of New Order Knights Of KKK Says He May Return To Chiropractic.

