

Ex-Nazi's Hate Group Is Tax Exempt

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Under President Nixon, public interest groups have found it increasingly difficult to obtain tax exemptions from the Internal Revenue Service.

Yet a former Nazi, who once promised there would be "a Jew hanging from every lamppost in the country," had no trouble breezing through the bureaucratic morass at the IRS and getting his hate organization declared "exempt from federal income tax."

He is William L. Pierce, who runs the anti-Semitic, right-wing National Youth Alliance in Arlington, Va. Pierce, who has a Ph.D. in physics and prefers to be called "doctor," was a self-admitted "personal friend" of George Lincoln Rockwell, the late fuhrer of the American Nazi Party. After Rockwell's death, Pierce became the Nazis' "assistant executive officer" and "ideological officer."

It was in this capacity that Pierce recorded a "dial-a-hate" message declaring "there is only one effective way to deal with rampaging blacks on our campuses — and in our cities — and that is to kill them."

In 1968, Pierce was found selling "Negro control equipment" out of his Virginia home. His "equipment" ranged from riot guns to chemical mace.

For the past three years,

Pierce has headed the National Youth Alliance, an offshoot of the arch-conservative Liberty Lobby. The original NYA, which was based in Washington, went out of business and, in 1970, was reincorporated in Virginia by Pierce.

The "new" NYA is largely a paper organization which does little more than publish hate literature and send out appeals for funds.

Its main publication is a tabloid called "Attack," which is frequently festooned with ghoulish pictures of maimed and disfigured bodies. They are described in rabid language as Arabs who fell victim to Israeli attacks.

A recent fund-raising letter asserted that "only a well-aimed bullet could have stopped the confirmation of Henry Kissinger . . ."

This scurrilous literature is now produced tax free. For as of October, 1973, Pierce's organization is no longer required to pay federal taxes.

A letter to Pierce from IRS District Director William D. Waters proclaims that the NYA is "not liable for Social Security (FICA) taxes" or for "the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA)." All "bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts" to the NYA are also "deductible for federal estate gift tax purposes . . ."

What's more, Pierce took his tax-exempt credentials to the Postal Service and wangled the privilege of mailing his literature at the reduced rates reserved for non-profit organizations.

Now, courtesy of the U.S. government, Pierce saves \$310 for every 10,000 pieces of hate mail he sends out.

Pierce's most recent issue of "Attack," which he mailed at non-profit rates, contains a picture of Kissinger in the crosshairs of a rifle telescope. The same issue advertises Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and several "how-to" books on the construction of booby-traps, explosives and demolitions.

Footnote: An IRS spokesman told us that tax exempt status is usually granted on the presumption that "the organization has acted in good faith and has told us the "truth" about its operations. There are over 600,000 tax-exempt groups on record, the spokesman said, explaining it is impossible to investigate them all. Nevertheless, the IRS found plenty of time to investigate the Center on Corporate Responsibility, a public interest group that struggled three years for a tax exemption and won it only after a federal judge detected "political" influence against it.

Washington Whirl—White House aides, who rejoiced over

the departure of the domineering H. R. Haldeman, are now complaining about his replacement. The new staff chief, Gen. Alexander Haig, has been trying to bring military efficiency to the White House. Some aides find his military methods, however, even more offensive than Haldeman's.

Small Business Administrator Tom Kleppe is using paddleball politics to counteract a House investigation of his agency. He has been slipping up to Capitol Hill to play paddleball with his former colleagues in the House gym. He has also dispatched his aides to Capitol Hill to wine and dine congressional friends . . . Intelligence reports claim a dozen Soviet warships, complete with support ships, are now operating in the Persian Gulf. Apparently, they are guarding the approaches to the rich Arabian oil fields . . . A shoe-string citizens group is using a technicality in the new environmental laws to block a deer hunt, which the Interior Department had permitted in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. The group claimed that the hunters' indiscriminate killing would weaken the herd by taking the strongest animals and thus would alter the balance of nature.