

Burros, Reprinted from Newsweek

The Jewish Nazi

When the House Committee on Un-American Activities opened hearings on the Ku Klux Klan, The New York Times mentioned briefly and far down in its story, that one Daniel Burros, an obscure wanderer in the dark world of the fanatical right, had been identified as the Klan's chief organizer for New York.

That might have been the last of the Times' interest in the 28-year-old Bronx-born drifter except for a letter that appeared on the desk of Times metropolitan ex-Nazi paratroopers in Germany. Deeper and deeper he waded into the murky world of sadism and swastikas, floating into such groups as the Odinists, a Nordic supremacy sect that teaches that blue-eyed blonds must dominate their racial inferiors. In 1960 he was fined \$100 for plastering the walls of an elevator in a B'nai B'rith building in Washington with swastikas, and in the summer of 1964 he was jailed for attempting to break up a Negro demonstration outside a White Castle luncheonette in the Bronx.

Torture Machines: Burros buried the secret of his Jewishness carefully beneath a record of fanatical race hatred. In the landscape of his dreams were fantastic torture machines. One of his favorite fantasies, Nazi leader Rockwell

and said: "There's one thing about you that doesn't fit the picture . . . your parents were married by a Jewish wedding performer." Burros, recalls Phillips, immediately replied: "Are you going to print that? I'll have to retaliate, do you understand. If you publish that I'll come and get you and I'll kill you. I don't care what happens. I'll be ruined. This is all I've got to live for." As Phillips scribbled notes, Burros threatened to kill him on the spot with a vial of acid he said he had under his coat.

"I had a couple of pretty bad moments," Phillips said later, afraid not so much of the acid that might or might not have been there as of the knife and fork that were lying within Burros' grasp. "I'm trapped by this coming out in public," Burros said. "You're trapped by what you are," said Phillips, no longer talking as a reporter. Phillips quoted from Saint Paul. "You're trying to con me," Burros said. Phillips stuck out his hand; they shook, and parted. Three times that Friday afternoon Burros phoned Phillips at the Times declaring that he intended to shoot up the Times and "go out in a blaze of glory."

The phone calls stopped just before 4 p.m. and Burros took a bus to Reading, Pa., to the home of Roy Frankhouser, his Klan counterpart in Pennsylvania.

Bar Mitzvah: In New York, the Times

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In conjunction with the approval by the California Public Utilities Commission to serve the California side of Lake Tahoe's north shore, Southwest Gas Corporation has announced it will commence construction of service facilities immediately.

The new natural gas certificate covers the Lake's shoreline communities from the California-Nevada border in the north to the Placer County line in the south. Southwest Gas already is certificated by the Public Service Commission to serve the Nevada side of the Lake. Last year a natural gas transmission line was completed to the South Tahoe area.

A new 8" pipeline is currently under construction from Carson City to the North Shore. This \$3.5-million project will be completed in mid-December.

This vast project, now costing in excess of \$30-million, brought natural gas into the Reno area in 1963 from the Idaho border. In 1964 the system was expanded south to Carson City and Minden-Gardnerville and east to Elko in 1965. Distribution is now in 17 Northern Nevada cities.

According to company spokesmen, advent to the new fuel was well received in all communities. Of total residents contacted to date, 82% have signed for natural gas service.

In the spring of next year, as soon as weather conditions permit, its transmission pipeline will be continued along the Tahoe shoreline to the Placer County line. Communities will be served as the line progresses.

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Rockwell (left) and Burros (center): "This is all I've got"

recalled, was an electric "torture piano . . . with a series of wires inserted into his victim . . . he would play the keyboard and pump the pedals . . . having the guy scream in various keys . . . scream in agony." A normal guy, Rockwell continued, would simply want to have "Communist Jews like the Rosenbergs [Julius and Ethel] killed . . . the way the Constitution provides, but he wanted to torture them." Rockwell recalled that Burros even tried to strangle the party's mascot, a dog named Gas Chamber. That, Rockwell concluded, was the difference between a normal and an abnormal Nazi.

Though the image jars laymen, psychiatrists recognize Burros. He was a self-hater, the archetypical anti-Semitic Jew. The puzzled Phillips sought out a Jewish friend, who suggested "all Jewish boys go through a stage in adolescence when they hate their Jewishness for having marked them as different . . . They go into a tail spin; most pull out, Burros didn't."

Finally Phillips confronted Burros outside a Queens barbershop and said he wanted to ask him a few questions. The tall Phillips and the short, pudgy Burros walked seven blocks to a drab, almost empty luncheonette. Burros answered questions pleasantly enough and smiled from time to time. And then Phillips looked up from the notes he was taking

was collecting one final bit of information to complete Burros' picture. Reporter Irving Spiegel was sent out to check the synagogues in Burros' neighborhood. On Saturday he returned with the record of Burros' bar mitzvah (confirmation). Phillips put the finishing touches on his story and the Times requested a police guard for Phillips. Pictures of Burros were distributed to Times security guards, two detectives escorted Phillips home that night and he stayed out of sight and under police guard.

But the precautions weren't necessary. Sunday morning Burros saw the headline STATE KLAN LEADER HIDES SECRET OF JEWISH ORIGIN. He came back to Frankhouser's house in a rage, demolished a bedstead and banged open bureau doors with a murderous kick he had learned from a karate instructor. "I'm ruined!" he cried as he ransacked the house until he found the silver-plated .32-caliber revolver Frankhouser had taken from his room earlier. His last words, as Frankhouser remembers them, before he pressed the gun to his chest and then his temple: "Long live the white race. I've got nothing to live for."

How did Phillips feel about what had happened? "I believe that this is a genuine tragedy," he said. "This was a man so deeply into the labyrinth that there was no way out."

JERUSALEM (WNS) The recent spate of clashes along the Jordanian and Lebanese frontiers were weighed at this week's Cabinet meeting amidst indications that a serious crisis might be developing over the incidents.

In the Latrun bulge, where a three-hour battle took place, the Israelis were claimed by Jordan to have suffered fifteen casualties. But an Israeli army spokesman denied the claim, declaring that two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded.

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trass is quickly dispersed and forgotten.

But there are exceptions, like Burros, that prove the rule.

You don't have to be a child psychologist to know that it is necessary to discipline children. Parents know, better than anyone, that no two children are alike and therefore the punishment fits the misdeed. It's those of us who are entrusted with care and training or even charge of children in groups or classes, who may incur the fateful enmity of one youngster when addressing an assembly. Tone could be tempered with time and place.

In no manner, shape or form is this writer attempting to tell persons with years of background and lifetimes of experience in handling children, their business. That would be presumptuous. It's just that even if there is a remote possibility of another Burros, let's think about it.

An ounce of prevention could be better than a world of cure, or a suicide.