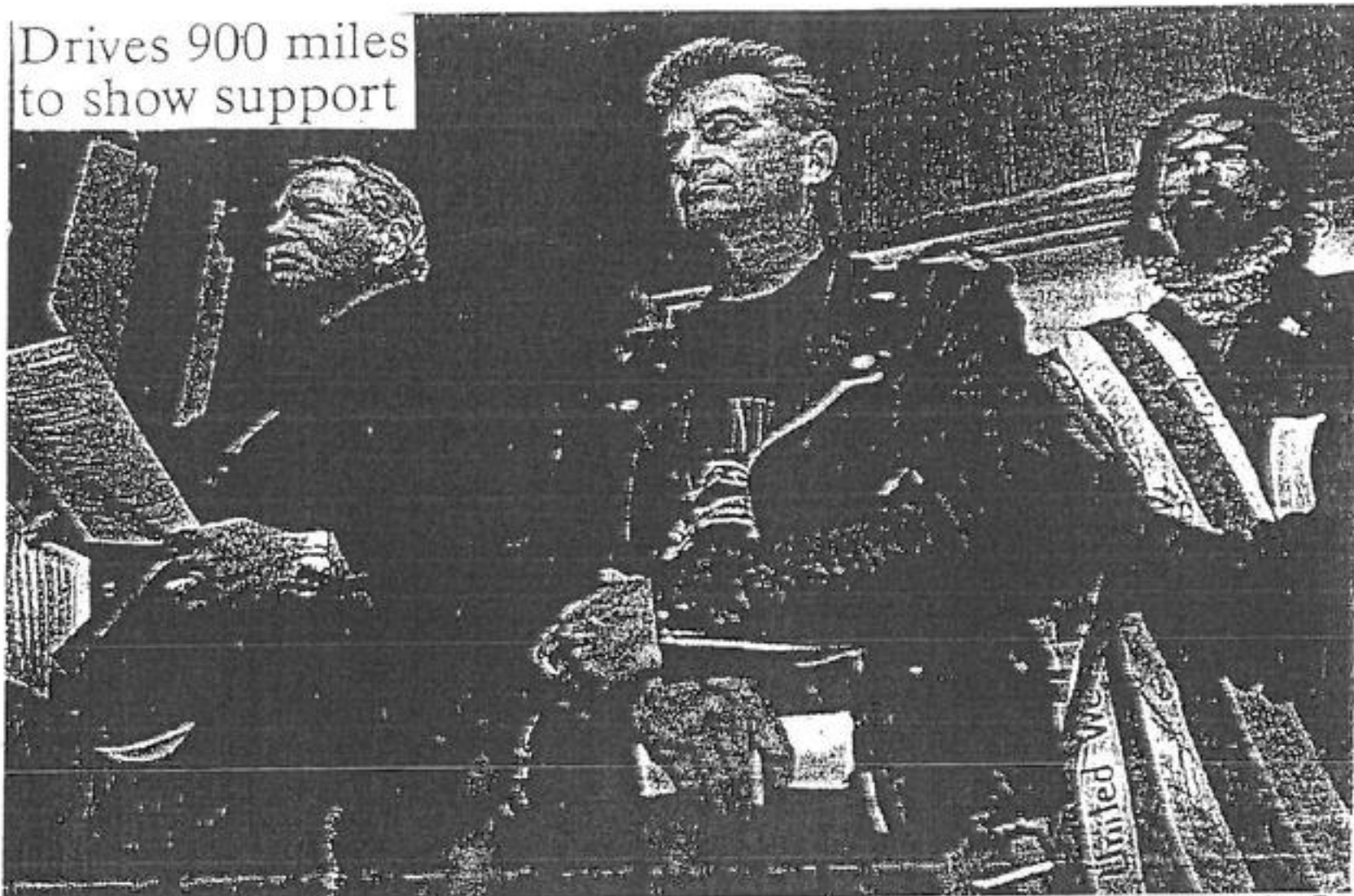


Drives 900 miles to show support

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William Goehler traveled to Montana last year to show support for the Freemen. He established his pulpit atop Carbon Hill in Miles City for a short time but was forced to



Olivehurst resident Bill Goehler, right, a Freemen supporter, stands with white separatist Ra Weaver, center, and former Green Beret Col. James "Bo" Gritz during a gathering Friday in Jordan, Mont. The three were listening as a Montana group announced an anti-extremist drive.



Freemen backer continues protests



Wearing an iron collar in protest, Bill Goehler says the United States government overstepped its constitutional authority in the Freemen standoff in Montana and Goehler says he wants to set an example for his son Yashua, left, as well as his other children.

Explosion hurts Freemen sympathizer

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — The FBI will assist the investigation of an explosion near the home of a man who supported the Freemen during their standoff, authorities said. William Goehler, an anti-government sympathizer, was injured and his home heavily damaged in Sunday's blast. The blast came from explosives kept in a tree on the side of the driveway. He ran from his home and collapsed in the driveway. He was hospitalized in fair condition after surgery for a neck laceration. Goehler's 2-year-old child was treated for a cut to the forehead. Nevada County Undersheriff Gary Finch said wire used for detonations hung from the house. The type of explosives and why they were in the tree was under investigation by sheriff's deputies. "But as the investigation continues, if it is explosives, I imagine there will be arrests," Finch said. The explosion shattered windows in three houses across the street from Goehler's home and could be felt a mile away. Goehler, 34, supported the anti-government Freemen during their month-long standoff with federal agents last year in Jordan, Mont. He made several trips to the road just outside the Freemen compound and stayed in Miles City for a time. While in Miles City he displayed an American flag upside down in a traditional signal of distress on Carbon Hill on April 23, 1996. He was arrested for trespassing but

Freemen backer, others arrested for explosives

Total of six in custody for materials stolen from Montana

Olivehurst man says government is too powerful



Bill Goehler
Protests government actions