

Ratushinskaya Meets the Press



Irina was told her husband would be shot if she didn't deny her faith.

As reported in the January issue of *News Brief*, Soviet Christian Poet Irina Ratushinskaya was unexpectedly released from prison and granted an exit visa to receive badly-needed medical care in England. On her arrival with her husband Igor, she met with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

At a press conference, the 32-year-old believer recalled the horrors of imprisonment, including being told constantly that her husband would be shot if she didn't deny her faith. He was told the same about her.

"As a rule," she related, "actual physical blows were not used. They refined it down to an extreme cold, extreme filth and extreme hunger."

Irina spent more than four months in punishment cells for defending other Christian woman prisoners. Hair shaved, she was forced to sit in her underwear in a bitterly cold cell. Yet she continued writing poems on bars of soap, memorizing them, then washing away the evidence.

"I went into prison a perfectly healthy woman," she said. "Conditions were not bad enough to kill, but we were barely alive. They were geared so we would die when we left the camp."

Thomas Zeidman was sentenced to seven years in prison for bursting into a Franklin Township, N. J., home and shooting the surprised householder in a wild eruption of gunfire. Zeidman was a state detective who had spent five hours drinking to celebrate a promotion.

In Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Nick Filyk was found guilty of failing to report almost \$67,000 in income and ordered to pay the \$18,100 he owed in taxes or go to jail for two years. Filyk had been working for the Canadian government as an income tax investigator.

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LaRouche avoiding turmoil

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WASHINGTON

Political extremist Lyndon LaRouche has stayed outside the United States during three months of legal and financial turmoil for his followers, and law enforcement sources say they have concluded he does not intend to return voluntarily.

These sources, who spoke only on condition they not be identified, said LaRouche has been in Wiesbaden, West Germany, Rome and Paris. In the meantime, there are signs his organization here has serious money problems.



LaRouche

LaRouche has acknowledged filing no income tax returns in more than 10 years and is himself the object of a federal tax investigation, according to court documents and sources familiar with the investigation. It is being conducted through a federal grand jury in Alexandria, Va., in conjunction with a grand jury in Boston.

LaRouche left the \$1.3 million estate where he lives in rural Leesburg, Va., for Europe in early December and has not returned, law enforcement sources said. "I don't expect him back," one said.

In that time, the Boston grand jury broadened its federal fraud and conspiracy indictments against his followers, and charges stemming from an alleged \$30 million in fraudulent loans were lodged by Virginia and New York grand juries. Thirty-eight followers face charges, and seven remain at large.

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Anti-tax pitch

REPRESENTATIVES of South Carolina business made a telling point that too often escapes legislators and bureaucrats when they plumped Monday for a new method of forecasting state revenues.

The advocates were Frank S. Smith Jr., president of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce, and E.S. McKissick, past president of the South Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association and the American Textile Manufacturers Insti-

Highway department sometimes too efficient

South Carolina auto insurance companies have a license to steal. I have a right to change insurance companies whenever I please. I please every time the insurance company currently leeching off of me has an outrageous rate increase, i.e., every time a new premium is due!

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Unfortunately, my insurance company is not as zealous in processing its paperwork as the highway department. It's been 35 days and counting since I paid my premium, and I have yet to receive a policy.

Perhaps they need another rate increase so that they can operate more efficiently!

JOYCE HALL

tute. They want the state to live within its means without imposing any new taxes.

They point out the impact of new taxes, not only on the business community, but on the consumer. In short, the message is this:

Businesses can't always raise prices to remain profitable. They must look for new markets. And they must streamline their operations. Government should try it too.

force 'unmarried' men to wear condoms

LOS ANGELES — Legislation should be introduced to make it mandatory for unmarried men to wear condoms during intercourse until an effective and safe AIDS vaccine is found and approved, claims a local group here.

"There are some people who have caused more deaths than a terrorist. We call them the AIDS TERRORISTS," states the AIDS Prevention Project, in a February 24 press release. "These people know they have AIDS but still practice unsafe sex. This law would give people the legal right to demand safe sex."



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Economist speaks at Citadel

Associated Press

CHARLESTON

Economist Walter E. Williams said Tuesday at The Citadel that, while one of the jobs of government is to protect people's constitutional rights, the government can't guarantee social justice.

"It's people's desires for such things as social justice and all this other nonsense that is beyond the rule of law," said Williams, an economist from George Mason University in Virginia.

Williams said the government's job is to provide for the national defense, protect the nation from domestic foes, settle disputes and enforce constitutional order.

The civil rights movement developed because "constitutional order was not enforced as far as blacks and other minority groups were concerned. There was discrimination and they did not have full benefits of the Constitution," he said.

But Williams, who is black, added, "I don't consider it a constitutional right for me to live out of your pocket or for me to be admitted to your fraternity or club. I don't think that's a constitutional right."

Williams, who spoke at a news conference, was on campus to address the military school's corps of cadets.

He said that two-thirds of the government's activity involves taking money from one American and giving it to another.

"That's immoral," he said. "In a free society, nobody can make the moral case whereby one person has the right to use power and force to live off the earnings of another person."

He suggested that the nation again call a constitutional convention "to lay out or set limits" for government. "Maybe we'll just have a great Boston Tea Party — today's counterpart," he said.

Williams was the first black to address the college's Greater Issue Series since the program started in the 1950s, said college spokesman Ben Legare, who said that other blacks have spoken on campus.

"I don't have any special feelings about it," Williams said. "Maybe that may bother people, but I look at myself as a human being first and whatever ethnic group is a secondary consideration."

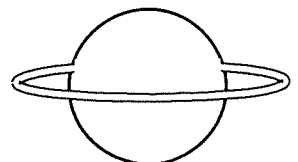
The college has been criticized for having too few black cadets.

"I don't know any of the details of The Citadel," Williams said. "But when somebody asks me that, I say give me a precise number that constitutes enough."

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Sales tax on food called 'barbaric'

Many stirring, controversial events have been addressed by the various media and, in particular, by the Letters to the Editor. However, a little insidious tax item should have received lots of attention but was completely ignored, as far as I know. It is the sales tax on food.

I can appreciate taxes on items that are not essential to life itself. Many people can claim that dishwashers are, in this day and age, considered essential; therefore no sales tax should be imposed. Now, we all know that we could exist without this item. Can we say the same about food?

My question is, how could any state call itself civilized and/or progressive and still impose a tax on essential food?

I propose that we remove the sales tax on food and shift it to raising the penalties on drunken drivers' convictions. We will not only right a tremendous wrong, but we will end up with no lost revenue and, assuredly, a decrease in traffic accidents.

Really, a tax on food is barbaric.

E. PORTNOY

Surrendering choice is source of concern

To mandatory use of seat belts I do object because we already have too many laws which we are possibly breaking everyday and are not aware of it.

I do not argue that in some cases it does save lives or may help prevent serious injury. There are cases where a person has been saved by not wearing seat belts and I believe this should be left up to the discretion of the person.

The thing that really worries me is our willingness to give up our free choice when some people think it may be to our betterment in allowing the government to tell us what to do.

With this type of thinking, how far can it go? For example: We can save millions of man hours and dollars by doing away with our choice of free elections. This causes millions of people to take off from their jobs where they can be productive and causes a tremendous loss in revenue. Therefore, we should do away with elections and let those in power reappoint themselves or select someone to take their jobs when they are tired of doing it. Wouldn't this be beneficial and save millions of dollars?

No, I am still for freedom of election and for freedom of choice of seat belts.

JOHN H. YOUNG JR.

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Thousands of Hungarians marched arm-in-arm through Budapest Sunday, singing, chanting and applauding calls by a dissident for democracy, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press.

"We will not be enslaved any longer!" the crowd chanted, quoting a poem by Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi.

The loudest cheers came when dissident Gyoergy Gado evoked the memory of Imre Nagy, the former prime minister who was executed after Russian tanks crushed the 1956 anti-Soviet revolution in Hungary.

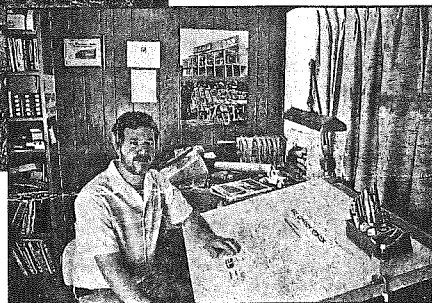
Police photographed and filmed demonstrators, but did not directly interfere with marchers on a national day commemorating the abortive 1848 revolution against Austrian rule.

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Draft is unjust, says resister

By JAY BOHREN
Alligator Writer

Draft registration is a communist and totalitarian idea that violates civil rights and allows the government to plan for unpopular and unjust wars, convicted draft-registration resister Paul Jacob said Monday night.

In a speech at the Reitz Union, sponsored by the UF College Libertarians, Jacob called the draft "unjust, unconstitutional and dangerous," and urged the audience of about 30 people to refuse to register and to write the Selective Service and their congressmen.

"The draft is totalitarianism. It is slavery on a plantation called war," Jacob said. "A free country has no slaves."

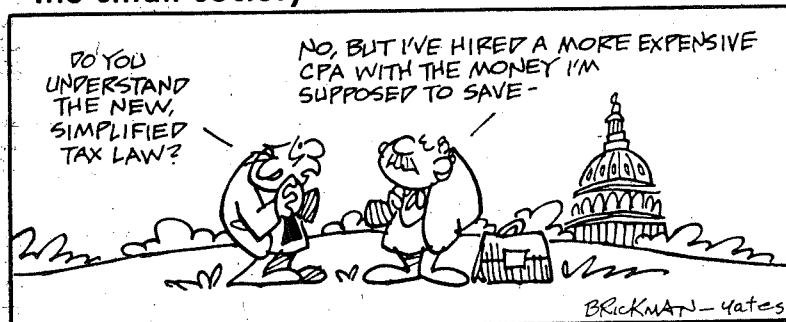
In 1985, Jacob, 26, spent five months in a federal prison in Seagoville, Texas, for refusing to register for the draft. It was the longest jail term of any resister since President Carter resumed Selective Service registration in 1979.

Jacob was an anti-draft activist before his conviction. Now he is president of the anti-draft group Volunteers for America. He is also the southern representative of the U.S. Libertarian Party and sales director for the Cato Institute, a Libertarian think-tank.

Jacob said only 20 registration registers have been indicted, and all were anti-draft activists. "No quiet nonregistrants have been indicted," Jacob said.

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financial aid, 10 percent of draft-age men in this country have refused to register," Jacob said. "They realize registering implies approval. Resistance has thus far stopped the draft."

"They say it's only registration, but we're just a crisis away from the draft," he said. "We've never in our history had registration without the draft following, and we've never had a draft without a war."

Jacob said President Reagan promised twice in his 1980 campaign to end registration if elected. He quoted Reagan as saying the draft "destroys every value our society is committed to preserving" and "is anti-preparedness, because it makes us think we're prepared for war when we're not."

But Jacob said Reagan has done nothing to stop registration, and in recent months both Democrats, such as Gary Hart, and Republicans, such as Jean Kirkpatrick, have urged reinstating the draft.

"Daniel Webster, who stopped the move towards a draft in 1812 and encouraged citizens to resist it if it passed, pointed out the fact that you only need a draft to fight unjust, unpopular wars."

"Our enemy is not the military, but politicians in both parties," Jacob said. "They're preparing for some unjust war like Vietnam, a war people wouldn't volunteer for."

"Young Americans have always volunteered to defend their country," Jacob said. "Enlistment went way up the day after the truck bombing in Lebanon. If 70 percent of those who volunteered the day after Pearl Harbor volunteered tomorrow, the training camps would be too full to admit reservists."



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RON HOLLAND'S REPORT

If You Like Social Security, You'll

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By Ron Holland

Generally in this column I discuss economic and financial issues affecting residents of the southeast. This week I need to address a matter of economic and financial security of a scope that will affect every American working today.

There is a move in Washington which will dramatically affect your investment and retirement planning; it strikes at the core of retirement security. Several presidential hopefuls in both political parties, including former Gov. Pierre duPont of Delaware, Former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, and the National Democratic Party, are testing the waters of public opinion concerning another government sponsored retirement system similar to Social Security.

The proposal, is to be sold to the American people as the "portable pension plan", would tie a worker's pension plan to the worker rather than to the company for whom he or she works. On the surface, this seems like a godsend. Individuals who may lose part of their unvested

pension monies by changing jobs would take their pension with them. The more than half of US wage earners who labor for employers not offering pension programs would have mandatory coverage available through a government sponsored retirement plan with matching employer and employee contributions beginning at possibly two percent of compensation.

Four years ago, in a feature for *Wealth* magazine, I developed a future scenario in which the government "revokes the tax-exempt status of Individual Retirement Accounts and institutes an Emergency National Pension Plan, designed to 'save Social Security' and regulate private pensions 'in the public interest'."

The scenario is coming true. The 1986 Tax Reform Act eliminated fully deductible contributions to IRAs for wage earners with income in excess of \$25,000. Pat Choate, who formulated the mandatory portable pension plan in his book *The High Flex Society*, identified the true nature of the plan with his statement that "The plan would also provide a

major new means of increasing national savings."

What most politicians are not mentioning about the portable pension proposal is that contributions would be *mandatory* for all employers and employees. It would be administered by the Department of the Treasury, the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, or the *Social Security Administration*.

If this proposal becomes law, the new portable pension proposal and mandatory contributions would become another government sponsored retirement system similar to Social Security. Once again we will exchange our current wealth for future government promises.

Listen for the term "Portable Pension Plan" in the 1988 Presidential elections. Recognize the plan for what it is—just another tax to pay.

Remember, the Social Security System originated as a two percent tax; it is now over fourteen percent. We are currently robbing future generations to support our failing system today. don't allow history to repeat itself tomorrow.

LAROCHE EXPOSE STILL AVAILABLE

A new expose of Lyndon LaRouche - whom Dennis King, author of *Nazis Without Swastikas**, has publicly called a "Nazi" - was announced in November's *AREAS OF CONCERN* as being available free (in single copies) to paid subscribers as long as the supply lasts. Additional copies of the expose have been obtained.

The expose was featured in the 29 October (Vol 10, No. 41) issue of the Chicago-based national newspaper *In These Times* (1300 W Belmont, Chicago, IL-60657; 312/472-5700. Weekly; \$1.25 a copy (back issues \$3; "specify volume and number"), \$34.95 a year (institutions \$59, foreign \$47.95)).

The expose - "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Lyndon LaRouche" - fills eight tabloid-newspaper pages with six articles - by Chip Berlet, Diana Johnstone, Daniel Messinger, Linda Ray, Joan Walsh, and Tim Wohlforth. So far as is known, it is the most comprehensive treatment of LaRouche to be published by any American newspaper during the past six months.

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THE COMPELLING STATE FRAUD

by Samuel L. Blumenfeld

It is becoming more and more evident that the American court system no longer bases its decisions on truth, but on political expediency. This is being demonstrated in the many court decisions in favor of state regulation of church and home schools.

Church schools argue that the state is interfering with their free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the Constitution. The state argues that it has a "compelling state interest" to see that "its" children are "educated" and insists that church schools must hire state-certified teachers, provide a curriculum similar to that in the public school, and submit periodical reports to the state. Guaranteeing a "quality education" to "its" children is more important, says the state, than guaranteeing freedom of religion.

In cases involving home schoolers, the parents argue that the state is depriving them of their unalienable right to educate their children at home and also interfering with their religious freedom. The state argues that it has a "compelling state interest" to see that all of "its" children get a "quality" education and therefore requires parents to be state-certified or otherwise qualified, submit their home-study programs to the state for approval, and have their children tested periodically.

The assumption of the court in both church and home school cases is that the state knows what a quality education is, is presently delivering it in its own schools, and knows how to measure it. The court assumes that state certification guarantees the competency of teachers and that a state-approved curriculum guarantees an education superior to what the parents or church schools can provide. Yet our newspapers, which judges also read, are filled with stories of academic decline, functional illiteracy, and moral anarchy in our public schools. No one brings to the court's attention the fact that true education no longer exists in public schools and that the state cannot guarantee that children will even learn to read and write at the state's own schools.

But the courts simply ignore these facts. The state's assertion that teacher certification and an approved curriculum provide quality education is accepted, and no one on the other side challenges these assertions. Why? Because lawyers are case oriented, and Constitutional lawyers who argue in favor of church and home schools base their cases on Constitutional grounds alone.

Their argument is that even if the state provided a quality education, it has no right to impose it on churches and parents who refuse it on religious grounds. But the court comes back with the argument of "compelling state interest" and rules that such interest is more important than religious freedom.

Obviously, then, Christians must begin challenging the entire concept of "compelling state interest." What does such "interest" mean? Does it mean that any education under state auspices, no matter how inferior or destructive, is better than what a church or home school can provide? Does not "compelling state interest" have something to do with the quality of education the state deems "its" children must have?

As long as Christian lawyers accept the concept of "compelling state interest" on face value and do not challenge it on the basis of what really goes on in public education, they will be accepting a lie. Christians will not win many cases if they accept the false premises on which the state bases its arguments.

Officeholders put squeeze on taxpayers

Sometimes I wonder what strange people politicians are. They spend millions to get elected to office, and then complain because the pay is not enough. Once in office, they try to convince us taxpayers that the only way to balance the budget is to spend every tax dollar they get, so they will have an excuse to ask for more.

After watching them work, and listening to their reasons for asking for more taxes, one wonders if they are not professional con-artists. They tell us they are not going to increase our taxes, but instead they are going to add more taxes on business. How dumb do they think we are? Any tax placed on business is passed right on through to the consumer, but only after business has included it in their cost and added a profit markup to it. In this way, by the time it gets to the consumer it has increased two or three times.

Then they come up with this great phrase called "tax reform."

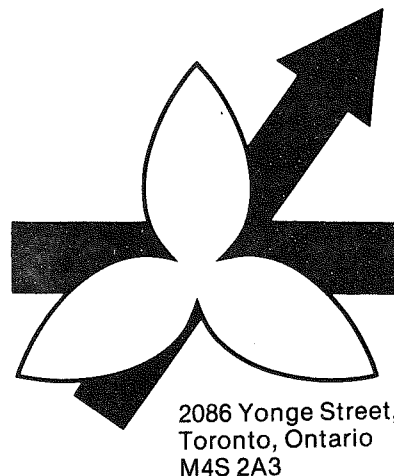
When this phrase is used, it only means on thing. We are going to get a tax increase. It is just another way they use in hopes of fooling us into believing they are going to reduce taxes.

The latest gimmick is the Local Finance Act, which would allow all cities and counties to add on six new taxes. They told the press this bill was designed to lower and/or eliminate property taxes, yet there is not one word in the bill that even mentions property tax. If it is not in the bill, forget it.

Now I read recently that Mr. Sheheen says he will not back the bill if any amendment is added to it. This proves one point very clearly. Mr. Sheheen's only interest is how much more he can squeeze from the taxpayer. If he had the taxpayers' good at heart he would be more than glad to have an amendment to this bill that would lower our property taxes.

We do have a few politicians in office who try to consider the taxpayers' pocketbook, but unfortunately, they are outnumbered two or three to one.

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How Subversive Is The N.E.H.?

By Richard Kostelanetz

In 1983, The West Berlin *Senat* awarded my German partner and me a "low-budget" grant to produce a short documentary film about the Great Jewish Cemetery of Berlin (that was founded in 1880 and has over 110,000 graves). Entitled *Ein Verlorenes Berlin* ("A Berlin Lost"), this film suggests that the cemetery itself is the principal surviving relic of the "lost Berlin," for in its gravestones—in their designs and verbal-numerical details—are evocative images not only of Berlin's Jewish life but Berlin in general in the city's greatest years (1860-1933). The visual track of the film is solely scenes from the cemetery; the soundtrack has the voices of ex-Berliners reminiscing about the cemetery and the world represented there. Twenty minutes long, this German film made its debut at the Berlin Film Festival last February and has since been shown elsewhere in Europe.

Since *Ein Verlorenes Berlin* ought to have an English version, not with subtitles but with a new soundtrack of ex-Berliners talking now in English, we thought of applying to the National Endowment for the Arts, whose Media Arts program has previously supported my work; but in truth, this film is not art or *kunst*, as the Germans would say, but *Wissenschaft* or scholarship. It has a particular historical subject; its theme is that this subject is visually an especially resonant historical symbol. So, instead, we applied in 1983 to the National Endowment for the Humanities, which, however, refused to fund it.

Such refusal is, of course, the privilege of any discretionary agency, but what is curious is its explanation for this negative decision. To the folks at the NEH, the principal deficiency with our application was not the film's unconventional way of evoking history or its European subject but something else. The principal charge against us was that we lacked an advisory board of scholars (only "professors, with Ph.D's" would do, we were told) who should have submitted their "letters of commitment and resumes" along with our application, to quote the opening sentence of the NEH's explanatory letter to me.

It seems that the NEH has a very particular concept of how a documentary film should be made. Once a filmmaker has an idea, he or she should gather around him a group of scholars who advise him from the beginning, who observe him closely through every step of the production, and who approve the final result; for this work, the academic advisors should be paid consultant's wages. The model behind these requirements appears to be that of scholarly popularization. The NEH insists there is no other way to make a film for them.

It never occurred to us to proceed in this way. The first reason is that I know no one else more familiar with the subject, and its significance. This is less an assertion of arrogance on the part of someone who has only a paltry M.A. (Ivy League) in history, than an expression of my sense that no one knows it and, professor of history, has perceived the symbolic importance of the neglected cemetery and then bothered to investigate the place. Indeed, some prominent scholars of German-Jewish history have never been there at all. However, the NEH appears more impressed by credentials than knowledge, perhaps because the former are so much easier for simpletons to measure. Of course, once we finished a rough print of the film, we had the good sense to show it to scholars, who identified errors we gladly corrected. The second reason why we did not form such an advisory board is that he Berlin *Senat* did not require it (and indeed might have judged such consultancy wages an objectionable extravagance).

Indeed, if you live in West Berlin for any length of time, you begin to learn that there is a Western way to do cultural things and an Eastern way. The principal difference is that the Western way favors imaginative freedom and individual authority; the Eastern way favors mental restrictions and the close hierarchical supervision of cultural activity. To do any cultural project in the East, one must get permission from far more authorities than are necessary here; and to get such permission, it helps to flood your project with the names of party hacks and other privileged intermediaries with acceptable political connections, all of whom should be paid off simply for associating their names with yours. That is the Eastern way of doing cultural things; there is no other way there. Now, looking at the National Endowment for the Humanities, especially in contrast to the West Berlin *Senat* (that funded the film, after all), you would think the NEH functioned as a Soviet satellite.

Meanwhile, as *Ein Verlorenes Berlin* is touring European festivals, which are often attended by the curators of other international festivals (New York, Filmex in Los Angeles, Sydney, etc.), we are often asked whether there will be an English version of our film. In reply, we explain that we would prefer not to translate the German film with either voice-over English speakers or subtitles—to cite two conventional methods—but to compose a new soundtrack wholly in English. Good idea, they reply.

Don't you have government organizations in America that support such things? Of course we do. Have you applied to them? Yes, but we were not successful. Why not? The NEH complained that we did not have a board of academic advisors under whose close supervision we would work, who would be paid off for their involvement with us. To an American, this answer indicates only that academics have taken over the Humanities Endowment, writing self-employment, if not featherbedding, into its granting policies. To a European, however, this NEH policy indicates something more, and more ominous—that this Federal cultural agency epitomizes the Communist way of doing such things, and, beyond that, indicates how closely America has come to resemble Russia!

In short, the NEH has politicized our initially nonpolitical film, wholly on its own initiative. As *Ein Verlorenes Berlin* tours Europe, this story of its funding (or lack of it) will be making a decisive contribution to the current debate for the mind of Western Europe. On one side is the American position, which advises Western Europe to side with us, because we "...portray ourselves as different from the Russians and can protect you Europeans from Communism only if you let us put our armaments on your lands." On the other side is the essentially anti-American position, "...Western Europe should remain neutral and forbid American armaments, because the U.S. and S.U. fundamentally resemble each other." Now, it appears that the National Endowment for the Humanities, notwithstanding its militant conservative rhetoric, serves up ammunition for the latter position. We would agree that, in this context, the NEH was subversive, if not "objectively Communist."

At the Endowments recently was circulated an "Administrative Directive" outlining a "Personal Security Program" that requires the Endowments to employ "only those persons whose employment is found to be clearly consistent with national security interests" which it defines as "the protection and preservation of the military, economic, and productive strength of the United States, including the security of the

Socialism

"Socialism is a disease of a state of society in which a true science of society scarcely exists, in which false notions of life, of the relation of the individual to society and the state, are widespread, and in which all ranks are honeycombed by sentimental notions of what ought to be, and can be, in this world. Since Rousseau, a certain set of doctrines has been permeating modern society which have no truth in history or fact at all, but which flatter human nature and are sure to be popular, because they make light of education, culture, capital, breeding, and all the excellencies which, *being very hard to get*, raise him who has them above him that has them not. The same doctrines teach, *per contra*, that the untrained man is the *norm*, and type, and standard, so that men, instead of being urged to seek the excellencies, are encouraged to believe themselves superior, without them, to those who have them. Such is the outcome of the doctrine of equality, and, as it has spread, it has only grown more popular; has propagated more and more fallacies, and shifted more and more distinctly into a thirst and demand for (equal) enjoyment of material luxury. Socialism is an effort to gratify the thirst in some other way than by using it as an incentive to industry and economy. Obviously, there is no other way, unless it consists in taking away the means of material enjoyment from those who have produced and saved them, and giving them to those who have not produced and saved them. Every step in that direction, is a step towards universal impoverishment and barbarism, and every step will have to be won by war. The socialists assume that their victory in that war is certain, but it is certain that they are entirely mistaken."

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government in domestic and foreign affairs, against espionage, sabotage, and subversion and any other illegal acts designated to weaken or destroy the United States." There is no question about it—by these criteria, in order to protect America and the American way, it is time to flush subversion out of the NEH.

Richard Kostelanetz is presently completing a book on literary granting in America. He worked in Berlin initially as a guest of the DAAD Künstlerprogramm.

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by
Richard D. Fuerle

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Privatization concept works well where used

I commend you for your excellent editorial on privatization (*The State*, Nov. 3). I agree that privatization is a concept that is gaining momentum, for it works. Libertarians have been calling for privatization for many years.

An increasing number of books, such as Robert Poole's *Cutting Back City Hall*, give concrete examples of how the private sector can save the taxpayers millions of dollars while providing better services than government monopolies. These are not new ideas. Some communities have been privatizing for many years. Private prisons already exist. Private mail works where it is allowed. Some communities have competing electric companies, and it works fine. Private schools in big city slums give hope to "difficult" children by teaching them how to read and write after the public schools have given up on them. They do this without one cent of the taxpayers' money.

As taxpayers become less willing to pay for wasteful government programs, Libertarian policies will become enacted, no matter who has political power. It's very interesting to watch the news media criticize Libertarian ideas as "radical" and then later advocate those same policies. I could name a few other examples, such as the reform of the Blue Laws, but instead, I'll just wait and see which Libertarian idea becomes fashionable next.

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COLUMNIST DONALD LAMBRO recently publicized the following expenditures of taxpayers' funds by the National Science Foundation:

- \$58,464 to perform a study of the "social impact of television in rural Brazil";
- \$42,832 to analyze private banking institutions in London between 1720 and 1800;
- \$55,000 to study the aggressive behavior of Siamese fighting fish;
- \$46,500 to perform a cultural analysis of "Ghanian ideology";
- \$37,982 to study urban growth, daily life, and biography formation in Stockholm between 1880 and 1910;
- \$49,971 to analyze children's television-viewing behavior;
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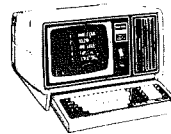
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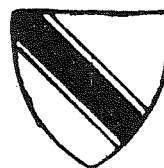
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Petition signatures top 5,000

The S.C. Libertarian Party has collected about 5,000 signatures on petitions against the Local Government Finance Act, a House bill that would allow cities and counties to impose their own sales taxes.

The party had issued a press release saying about 2,000 people had signed petitions against the bill, but after Libertarian officials assembled all the petitions this week, they found the total was about 5,000, said Tom King, the party's Aiken County chairman.

King said the petitions were delivered to Rep. Herbert Kirsh, D-York, chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee that on Tuesday reported the bill out to the full committee. Kirsh, who's against the bill, says it almost certainly won't pass the Legislature this year.

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Mixing up the map was just too much

When the *Morning News* ran the article, "A Wild Kingdom at Home" (March 15), and stated that "Jeffries Creek flows into Black Creek," I dismissed it as a simple error, although everyone knows that Jeffries Creek flows into the Pee Dee River.

When the paper ran the article, "Florence Trivia" (March 8), and stated that Capt. Reuber Clark of the federal Army tried to capture a Confederate train and failed, I gritted my teeth; it was Capt. Reuben Williams, as the official War Department records will reveal. (The actual site has been marked by the Darlington County Historical Commission with a roadside historical marker which is presently in the shop being repainted).

But I can contain myself no longer! When, on last Sunday (April 19), you printed an 1820 map of Darlington District and show Hartsville, Lamar #214 and the Robinson plant in the wrong places, and completely ignored Dovesville—home of Darlington County's most famous citizens, Barney Odom and his dog, Flatnose—I feel I must speak out.

Hartsville is located where you show "Robinson." Robinson should be shown where "K Holliman's Tavern" is shown on the 1820 map. Lamar should be shown between Newmar Swamp and Sparrow Swamp on the road to Newman's Ferry. Dovesville should have been shown just slightly north and east of "Pine Log Bridge," shown on the old map.

Horace Fraser Rudisill, Darlington

Mr. Rudisill is historian-secretary of the Darlington County Historical Commission.—Editor

Typical American must work longer to pay taxes for 1987

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just when you had finished your 1986 return and thought it was safe to forget about taxes for awhile, the Tax Foundation predicted Tuesday that the typical American will have to work another 19 days to pay up for 1987.

Tax Freedom Day 1987 is May 4 — two days later than last year.

Economists at the non-partisan research organization calculate that if every cent a worker earned during the first part of the year were earmarked for federal, state and local taxes, he or she would have to toil for the tax collectors through May 3. Viewed another way, an average person will have to work two hours and 43 minutes of each eight-hour day to pay taxes.

"This year, the American taxpayer has returned to the same point he was at prior to passage" of the 1981 federal tax cut, the foundation said. Those across-the-board reductions were wiped out by subsequent federal tax increases and a growing tax burden at the state and local levels, the analysis said.

The news came a day before the deadline for filing federal tax returns — a chore that perhaps 10 million Americans were putting off until the last hours. Returns must be postmarked by midnight Wednesday.

As the deadline approached, financial institutions were doing a booming business in Individual Retirement Accounts, which — after these returns — will no longer be universally deductible. Professional returns preparers had all the business they could handle and Internal Revenue Service offices were swamped with last-minute pleas for advice.

The IRS expects 6.5 million couples and individuals to avoid the filing deadline by mailing a Form 4868, which will bring a four-month extension. But that form must be accompanied by a check for any estimated tax due.

There's another way to stay the inevitable. Any taxpayer who is out of the United States or Puerto Rico on April 15 gets an automatic two-month extension in the time to file and to pay any tax.

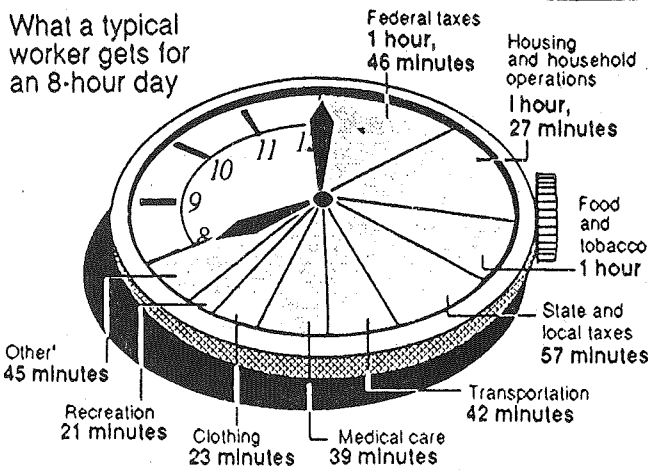
The IRS has been processing returns without any major hitches this year, but the agency says anyone who waits until the last day to file should expect to wait longer for a refund. Although most refunds will be processed in six to eight weeks, IRS spokesman Larry Batdorf said Tuesday, some may require up to 10 weeks.

Through April 3, the IRS had received more than 58 million returns, and 78 percent of them had resulted in refunds totaling just under \$30 billion. For all of 1987, the IRS expects 105.5 million returns.

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Where your work day goes

What a typical worker gets for an 8-hour day



Source: The Tax Foundation

AP/Karl Gude

This year's filing season is the last before the big new tax overhaul takes effect. Accountants report that because of widespread news coverage of passage of the new law last year, many people have mistakenly concluded the provisions affect their 1986 returns.

In fact, virtually nothing in the new tax law will change the way a typical taxpayer files these returns.

The Tax Foundation, which comes up with a Tax Freedom Day every year, said the magic date in 1970 was April 28 and in 1950 was April 3.

The federal tax bill this year is less than it was in 1981 but higher than last year. Calculated on the basis of an eight-hour work day, the foundation estimated the average worker will have to work one hour and 46 minutes to pay the IRS this year, two minutes longer than last year but six minutes less than in 1981.

State and local taxes require another 57 minutes' labor. When all taxes are combined, the cost is two hours and 43 minutes per day, the same as in 1981 and four minutes longer than in 1986.

Housing and household operations take second place, at one hour and 27 minutes; food and tobacco require an hour a day. The average worker puts in 42 minutes a day to pay for transportation and 39 minutes for medical care.

All the foundation's calculations are based on the assumption that all taxes — including those collected from corporations — eventually are paid by individuals.

Meanwhile, a group of President Reagan's supporters called Citizens for America launched a campaign against congressional efforts to cut the budget deficit by raising taxes. The campaign includes television

commercials in the districts of key members of Congress.

"When our budget goes way out of kilter, it's Congress and the poor managers in government who should start sweating, not the family in New Hampshire, Iowa or California trying to feed, clothe and house themselves," Gerald P. Carmen, chairman of the organization, told reporters.

Tax freedom days

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here, according to the Tax Foundation, is how Tax Freedom Day has changed over the years.

Tax Freedom Day is the foundation's way of explaining the tax bite of the federal, state and local governments. In 1987, the date is May 4, meaning that if every dollar earned during the first part of the year were earmarked for taxes, the average worker would be paid up on May 3.

The figures assume individuals pay all taxes, including those collected from corporations.

Year	Freedom Day
1930	Feb. 13
1940	March 8
1950	April 3
1960	April 17
1970	April 28
1975	April 28
1980	May 1
1981	May 4
1982	May 3
1983	April 30
1984	April 28
1985	May 1
1986x	May 2
1987	May 4

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RON PAUL DENOUNCES IRS ABUSES

"This is the time of year when the IRS's slaving tax collectors make a mockery of our Forefathers' ideals," says former Congressman Ron Paul, candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States. "Citizens grind through their own 'Doomsday' ledgers expecting that Big Brother IRS will be ready to punish any oversight.

"A few notes about the IRS:

"1) The IRS, like the Mafia, makes examples of selected victims for enforcement purposes. Recently, a priest in California who had taken a vow of poverty was prosecuted by the IRS. As chaplain of a mental hospital, he always signed over his entire paycheck to his church. So he claimed, plausibly, to have no income. The IRS said he owned \$2,265 for the year: the priest took it to court and lost.

"2) Of course, it is not easy to discover what the laws and regulations say. The GAO in a recent study made 1,280 calls to the IRS for advice and received 17% wrong answers. The government was delighted at the 'great results.' I find the tolerance of this level of errors amazing, given how intolerant the IRS is with us about a 1% error.

"3) Lawrence B. Gibbs, Ronald Reagan's new Commissioner of the IRS, says he can 'raise a bundle' by increasing the number of IRS agents and using harsher collection methods. Gibbs has requested 40,000 additional IRS agents, and the administration has agreed. But this is not enough, says Gibbs. The IRS needs 'more flexibility' in collecting revenues, and the new tax law's vastly increased penalties for minor infractions are only the beginning.

"4) A powerful new portable computer has been added to the IRS's arsenal of terror. Its job: to increase the number of audits IRS agents can perform each year. Next: requirements that we make our records computer-accessible by the IRS.

"5) The IRS is running a trial program in New York requiring that tax payers themselves be present at all audits; you will no be able to be represented by your CPA. CPAs are fighting it, correctly arguing that this is meant for intimidation, implying that every audit is a fraud case.

"Thank goodness that the IRS is just a bureaucracy, albeit a dangerous one, with all the inefficiencies and snafus normal in such an organization. Plus all the lazy, incompetent employees. It's easy to forget this. But if we do, that's exactly what the IRS wants.

"That is why we must abolish--as the Libertarian Party argues--all U.S. government handouts and interventions, foreign and domestic. That especially includes the unconstitutional IRS and its goonsquads."

Ma Bell's 'Privatizing'

When the telephone book came out in three sections--residential, government and business--I thought it amusing how many government offices were listed under the business section. Apparently Southern Bell agrees with me that these should be turned into private businesses as soon as possible.

Taking just the letter F in the business section: Farm Credit Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Land Bank Association (look under P), Fire Department City of Florence (and 6 others), Florence City-County Airport Commission, Florence City of Transit System, Florence Community Housing Resources Board, Florence County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse,

Florence County Community Action Agency, Florence County Council on Aging, Florence County Department of Social Services, Florence County Extension Office, Florence County Farm Bureau, Florence County Health Department, Florence County Library, Florence County Mental Retardation Board, Florence County Recreation Department, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence Memorial Football Stadium, Florence Public Schools District No. 1 (with multiple schools), Florence Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Forest Fire Reporting, Forestry Commission (look under S), Francis Marion College

This is more than before! Isn't it wonderful? The telephone company is trying to do the very best it can to contribute to this modern theory of privatization of government bureaus!

John T. Harlee, Florence

Land of the Free?

The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps have been directed to make detailed recommendations for suitable training sites in the United States and have been told that the sites must be remote to minimize adverse publicity and citizen opposition.

Los Angeles Times

Over 100 prison volunteers from Washington and Oregon were irradiated in the 1960's and 1970's in radiation experiments funded by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. A report titled Effects of Radiation on the Human Testes was released Sept. 22 to the Hanford Health Effects Panel. The volunteers' testes were irradiated with X-rays to study how reproductive functions would be affected.

Columbus Free Press

From a story in the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*: " 'Nobody joins the Marine Corps to do (mess duty) work,' said Colonel K.R. Liston-Wakefield, commanding officer of the Third Marine Regiment... 'They join to crawl through the mud... to jump out of airplanes. Things like that.' "

The Progressive

In the 1951 B-movie *Hong Kong*, Rhonda Fleming pleads with co-star Ronald Reagan that "The homeless, the old, the children--they'll need more help than ever!"

"They've always been kicked around," he shrugs, "they're used to it." Hasn't changed a bit.

Against the Current

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger explained why he believes only men should be sent into combat: "I think women are too valuable."

The Progressive

Children between the ages of ten and fifteen can attend Money Management Camp for Kids this summer at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Activities include courses in Understanding the Stock Market, Bonds and Mutual Funds, and Personal Financial Planning.

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