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### The Progressive

Replacing human robots.

### quote of the week

"It's touching to hear the Catholic hierarchy reacting angrily to allegations, contained in John Cooney's forthcoming book about the man, that Francis Cardinal Spellman was gay. I had always thought that the homosexuality of Spellman was one of the few facts in the long history of the Roman Catholic Church that is truly beyond dispute — far more soundly based than the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, which was promulgated in 1950, just about the time that Spellman, known as Fanny by Eleanor Roosevelt, was at the peak of his rampages...."

"There's one story about Cardinal Spellman that I always particularly liked. At the height of the Vietnam War he once announced that the harshness of the times rendered it unseemly for each bishop at a major upcoming service at St. Patrick's to be attended by more than two altar boys. The great day came and the bishops dutifully heeded Spellman's decree, with the Spartan accouterment of only two altar boys per bishop, one fore and one aft, each swinging his censer. At the last came Spellman, magnificently attended by scores of altar boys and clouds of incense swirling about them. At last one bishop broke the stunned and furious silence of his colleagues, hissing, "Francis, you bitch."

—Alexander Cockburn, *The Nation*, September 1, 1984.

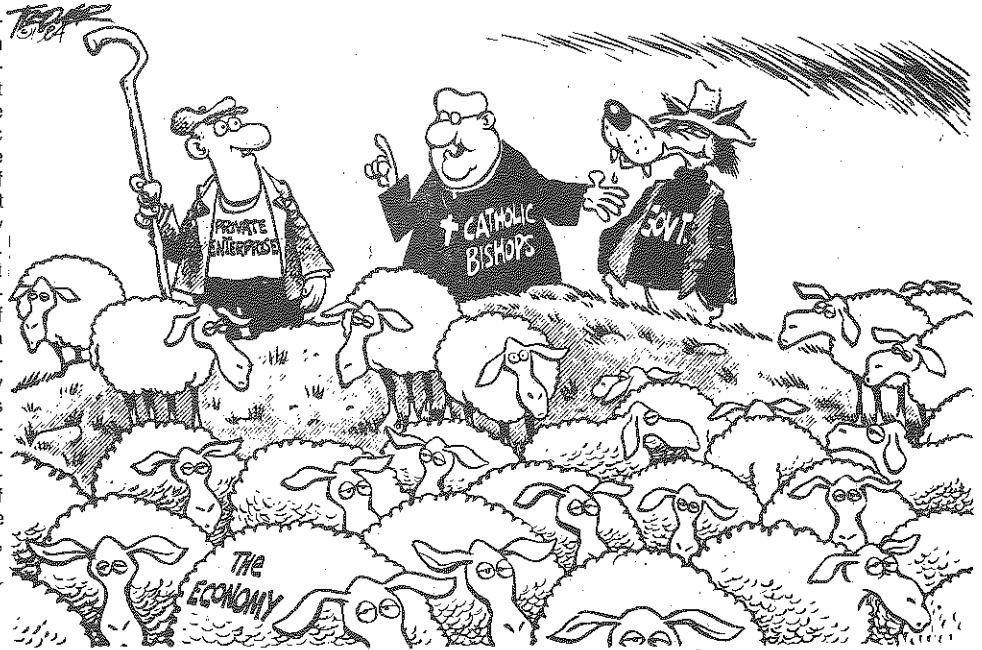
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## Live and let live

IF THE PRESS WILL LET YOU...

By PAMELA PORTER  
United Press International

### WASHINGTON

Libertarian presidential candidate David Bergland believes Americans are moving closer to the party with the "live and let live" platform and the party this year may even win its first seat in Congress.

"The party has grown in strength and numbers since it was started 12 years ago... People know we're here to stay. We're not going away," said Bergland, presidential nominee of the Libertarian Party, the largest of the country's small third parties.

"America now has a two party system — the Democrats and Republicans are one, and we're the other," he said in an interview with United Press International.

Bergland conceded his candidacy is a long shot but said he wants to "do some grass-roots party building," and at the same time challenge the status quo in his campaign.

And if he happens to be elected? "I'd do more than get the government off the backs of the people," said Bergland of Costa Mesa, Calif.

The Libertarian platform calls for abolishing all laws that infringe on individual liberties. That includes legalizing marijuana, heroin and prostitution, ending rent control, taxes and the military draft, and closing down public schools, parks and welfare pro-

grams — basically, abolishing government as it is known today.

"Our position is that government has the one legitimate function — protecting our rights," he said, explaining that Libertarians think government's role is simply to "enforce contracts which are entered into voluntarily and to keep people from doing violence to each other."

"As far back as I can remember thinking about politics, I kept coming to conclusions which I recognize now as Libertarian — a very 'live and let live' kind of philosophy," said Bergland, 49.

A firefighter before he earned a law degree at the University of Southern California, Bergland said he stumped for Libertarians running for Congress and the Senate in many states. "There are some prospects" for winners among them, he said.

He pointed to Jim Willis, a black steelworker and decorated Vietnam veteran running for Congress in Gary Ind. "He could be the first Libertarian elected to Congress," Bergland said.

Political observers in the state say, however, that Willis has no chance of winning.

Bergland said he thinks Americans have started to "reject traditional politics," and are moving toward the Libertarian party because it represents the "American consensus."

"SOME OF THE FLOCK ISN'T GETTING ENOUGH PASTURE—SO I'VE BROUGHT YOU A REDISTRIBUTION EXPERT..."

## Whole Town Goes Deaf

Due to a computer error more than forty Pennsylvania counties recently received official warning that a nuclear attack was imminent. Only one county verified the warning and sounded their sirens. Nobody in the community responded. Local officials were to conduct an investigation as to why the warning given to the county and the sirens alerting the community were ignored. Maybe everyone was too busy watching "The Day After" to respond. A more likely explanation though, is that people don't believe a word of official warnings and assurances when it comes to nuclear war.

—Fifth Estate

Alberta has a new political party, Confederation of Regions, its 9th. Wants to secede from eastern Canada. (Speak up)

Andrew Melchinsky of CT has an interesting hobby: he pickets law schools carrying a sign, "This is a den of criminals". (Spot.)

## Army Needs Book to Learn Kids Game

Senator William Proxmire regularly bestows his "Golden Fleece Award" on federal offices which have spent tax dollars foolishly. One of his latest awards was given to the U.S. Army, which spent \$20,000 to publish the rules of a child's game, "King of the Hill", for soldiers. The rules of the game can be stated in one sentence: climb to the top of a hill and fend off players who try to replace you. The Army, however, felt it necessary to print 30,000 copies of a pamphlet with a preface, four pages of rules, and a full color drawing of a mound to explain the game.

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## THE SEARCH FOR THE DOC

by Bob Brakeman

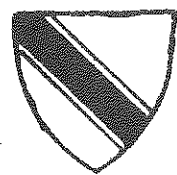
Events would move toward a big, and dramatic finish — there was no doubt of that. I've often, in the course of telling these true tales of the Doing of (Good) Deeds, spoken disdainfully of James Bondish heroics and dramatics and melodrama and finishes; I've used that term scornfully because in the real lives of Doers of the Deed, such hyperdramatic finishes rarely come to pass. Still, in this instance it appeared that that's just the kind of ending the story would have.....

The kind of beginning the story had had set the tone for the presumably-exciting ending. It began with Your Basic High Speed Chase, one in which the person being chased had managed to elude pursuit and make it to the airport — the airport of a city in a country whose name is not important. What matters is what the Pursued had done to gain all that attention. As the police told it (they were the ones doing the chasing), they were after a physician who was a "known" friend and accomplice of certain "enemies of the State". This no-name country was somewhere between a mild police state and a vicious police state, and "enemies" of the state included anyone who had even the shakiest hold on morality and reality — and that surely included this doctor, who'd spent years aiding people trying to flee the country, and treating the wounds of those trying to overthrow (or at least inconvenience) the regime, and trying to save the lives of victims of police torture or shootouts.

The Physician had spent a good deal of time out in the wilds with anti-government forces and had in fact almost been captured on several recent occasions. The government's problem in trying to make that capture was an absolute lack of information on what their quarry looked like. That might sound like an insuperable problem, but someone Up There (or Down There) apparently looks after the interests of small children and the United States of America and totalitarians (to improve just a bit upon the old phrase), for in a fire-fight with rebels the physician had almost been captured and had been trailed to the airport. Before one of the rebels killed in that fight had died, he'd confirmed that it was the doctor speeding away in that vehicle.....

The airport was sealed off, and a systematic search of it was begun. The secret police intended to identify the Doc through a combination of a partial fingerprint they had, and a polygraph test, and the administration of sodium pentathol (the so-called "truth serum"). They were also prepared to use that old favorite, torture, if they needed it — but it was thought they wouldn't, in view of the other tools available to them. Also, torture had the troublesome tendency to elicit confessions from everyone, whether or not they'd done anything and whether or not they were the people the police were looking for (have enough electricity sent through your testicles and you will be whoever the terrorists want you to be...).

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The doctor was alone in that car, but wasn't alone at the airport for long. Several members of the rebel forces had gotten word of the shootout, and four of them who weren't known to be part of the underground made it to the airport before the police had it entirely sealed off. (Only three cops were in the original chase car, and it was Your Standard Gigantic International Airport.) The fourth the doctor quickly, in the middle of the central waiting room — a location picked because the cops had started at both ends of the building and were working their way toward the middle. The doc was in the last place they would reach. As the police moved along, they would pick up first one man and then the next, whisk them into adjacent offices, and do whatever it was they were doing with them. (The public out in that waiting room didn't know what that was, but the rebels, including the rebel-doc, had reason to assume it was the three things named above — with maybe just a little torture thrown in; it may have been unproductive, but it was, for some people, fun...).

The five people (the doc and four friends) were adept at not looking suspicious while doing suspicious things, so their hushed conversations in the middle of the waiting area went unnoticed — they looked like just another group of people whispering fearfully among themselves, waiting until the gendarmes made it to their location. That is half of what they really were: they were waiting, but not fearfully. They'd been through too much (together and individually) to fear the secret police; they had a certain reluctant "respect" for their prowess as professional killers — but fear wasn't among the emotions they felt (and of course I'm omitting the big emotion: Hate).

I was about to say they had a plan, but that would have been inaccurate. What they had was a whole catalogue of plans — plans for what they should do when the cops reached their location and took the Doc away for (presumably-fatal) testing — and what they were whispering about was which one to choose. One of the Doc's associates thought the only possible chance of escape was to try Maximum Violence — to shoot their way out, using surprise as the key; another thought surprise should be used all right, but surprise as part of bluffing/faking their way out — the cops were looking for the Doc alone, and there was always the chance a group of five friends could bluff their way out where one person couldn't; another suggester thought a wonderful move would be to have one of the Doc's 4 associates have a convenient heart attack or apoplectic stroke — thereby creating enough chaos and confusion to allow the physician to slip away; and the fourth associate thought the path of Ultimate Wisdom led in the direction of grabbing hostages and backing out of that place using them as shields.

## THE SEARCH FOR THE DOC, continued

All of those Wonderful Ideas had chances of working, it's true, but all of them were also not likely to succeed. The Doctor saw that and explained why, taking them in reverse order:

These were terrorists-posing-as-"police", people who killed astounding numbers of people and wouldn't be at all disconcerted if they had to slaughter a few innocent hostages to get at the Doc.

A "heart attack" would cause a commotion, but almost certainly not enough of one to get the cops-at-the-doors to leave their posts; as I hope I'm making clear, these were not people who were respectful of human life (besides, that was probably too standard a trick to fool anyone).

If the Doc and the 4 associates could get out just because they were five people instead of one — any group of people could have gotten out through the same means, and the cops surely weren't foolish enough to let any group of more-than-one-person leave unmolested.

Finally, there was the doubly-inadequate possibility of shooting their way out. The most obvious (although not most compelling) difficulty with it was that — it probably wouldn't work; they were heavily outgunned, both as to number of shooters (five versus dozens) and nature of weapons (secreted automatic pistols versus submachine guns). That was a sobering-in-the-direction-of-not-doing-it thought, but this one was more so: in that kind of a gunfight at the OK Airport, all kinds of innocent bystanders (bysitters in this instance; the police were making everyone stay seated) would surely be hit, and probably many would be killed. These 5 proliberty activists were the farthest thing from pacifists, and if it had been a simple them-or-us choice, it wouldn't have been them — but the presence of innocent people made it a different choice entirely. Entirely.

The Doc, too, had a plan. It was a surprisingly modest plan. It was also a plan that worked. This liberty-loving physician took a psychologically-based, carefully-calculated risk and simply got up and walked right past the police out into the darkness, smiling sweetly as she did so. It had never occurred to the zombies-in-charge that this physician — this physician who'd been taking such risks for liberty over the years, might be a woman. The Doc had read them correctly, and escaped into the night (she's now in the US). Male chauvinist pigletism has its uses.

## Libertarian's view

Alternative Poland, Box 129, Richford, VT 05476, requests donations of publications on urban food production, alternative energy, home clothing production, etc.

US has a lower rate of political participation than any democratic country except Botswana. — Richard Cornuelle, *Healing America*

"People have lost patience with the state's incompetence, with no prospect of controlling government's excesses. There is mounting evidence around the world that individuals, to meet their social and economic needs, are working in-between the cracks of the government-managed economy." — William Johnson

China has a new hero, Bu Kinsheng, who directed the Double Swallow shirt factory to increase its production to a million shirts a year by such radical innovations as market research, quality control, productivity. (LeMonde/WPR)

Israeli army has a new problem; since the invasion of Lebanon, soldiers there have taken to hash, which is one of Lebanon's major exports. (Excelsior)

## PATRIOTISM: A Menace To Liberty

Emma Goldman was born in Russia in 1869 and immigrated to the United States when she was seventeen. By the time she was deported in 1919 she had made a name for herself as the "Most Dangerous Woman in the World." A staunch anarchist she fought for causes ranging from free speech to women's emancipation. In the selection below she discusses the arms race of her time and connects patriotism with militarism.

Patriotism is a superstition artificially created and maintained through a network of lies and falsehoods; a superstition that robs man of his self-respect and dignity, and increases his arrogance and conceit.

Indeed, conceit, arrogance, and egotism are the essentials of patriotism. Let me illustrate. Patriotism assumes that our globe is divided into little spots, each one surrounded by an iron gate. Those who have had the fortune of being born on some particular spot, consider themselves better, nobler, grander, more intelligent than the living beings inhabiting any other spot. It is, therefore, the duty of everyone living on that chosen spot to fight, kill, and die in the attempt to impose his superiority upon all the others.

The inhabitants of the other spots reason in a like manner, of course, with the result that, from early infancy, the mind of the child is poisoned with blood-curdling stories about the Germans, the French, the Italians, Russians, etc. When the child has reached manhood, he is thoroughly saturated with the belief that he is chosen by the Lord himself to defend his country against the attack or invasion of any foreigner. It is for that purpose that we are clamoring for a greater army and navy, more battleships, and ammunition. It is for that purpose that America has within a short time spent four hundred million dollars. Just think of it — four hundred million dollars taken from the produce of the people...

We Americans claim to be a peace-loving people. We hate bloodshed; we are opposed to violence. Yet we go into spasms of joy over the possibility of projecting dynamite bombs from flying machines upon helpless citizens. We are ready to hang, electrocute, or lynch anyone, who, from economic necessity, will risk his own life in the attempt upon that of some industrial magnate. Yet our hearts swell with pride at the thought that America is becoming the most powerful nation on earth, and that it will eventually plant her iron foot on the necks of all other nations.

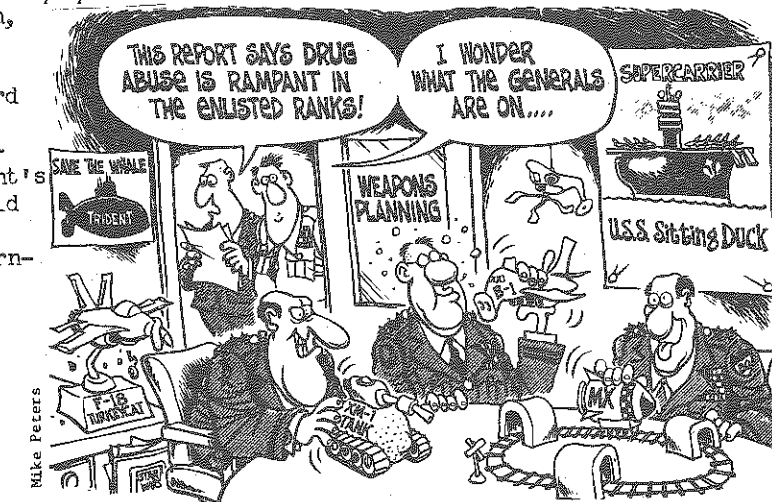
Such is the logic of patriotism...

The spirit of militarism has already permeated all walks of life. Indeed, I am convinced that militarism is growing a greater danger here than anywhere else, because of the many bribes capitalism holds out to those whom it wishes to destroy.

The beginning has already been made in the schools. Evidently the government holds to the Jesuitical conception, "Give me the child's mind, and I will mold the man." Children are trained in military tactics, the glory of military achievements extolled in the curriculum, and the youthful minds perverted to suit the government. Further, the youth of the country is appealed to in glaring posters to join the army and the navy. "A fine chance to see the world!" cries the governmental huckster. Thus innocent young boys are morally shanghaied into patriotism, and the military Moloch reason in a like manner, of course, with the result that, from early infancy, the mind of the child is poisoned with blood-curdling stories about the Germans, the French, the Italians, Russians, etc. When the child has reached manhood, he is thoroughly saturated with the belief that he is chosen by the Lord himself to defend his country against the attack or invasion of any foreigner. It is for that purpose that we are clamoring for a greater army and navy, more battleships, and ammunition. It is for that purpose that America has within a short time spent four hundred million dollars. Just think of it — four hundred million dollars taken from the produce of the people...

What we need is a propaganda of education for the soldier: anti-patriotic literature that will enlighten him as to the real horrors of his trade, and that will awaken his consciousness to his true relation to the man to whose labor he owes his very existence. When we have undermined the patriotic lie, we shall have cleared the path for that great structure wherein all nationalities shall be united into a universal brotherhood, — a truly FREE SOCIETY.

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# humor

"Seventy-four thousand dollars is too much to pay for an aluminum ladder. You could buy a U.S. senator for that."

The above quotation grabs the attention of most folks.

So does this one: "The actual total debt of the United States is well over 12 trillion dollars. To give you an idea of how big 12 trillion is, there haven't been that many seconds of time since cave men walked this earth."

Both quotes are from Stephen A. Davis, defeated Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. Senate. Davis and some other Libertarians such as Hugh Thompson, a Florence physician who ran for Congress, didn't expect to win.

They did, however, aspire to focus attention on their political beliefs. In accomplishing that task, the Libertarians also brought some bright and entertaining moments to the electioneering spectrum with their cleverly worded speeches and press releases.

It was not necessary to agree with their platform to chuckle over the ways they often made their points. Their verbiage was earthy, poignant and a

refreshing reprieve from the usual political flack. Even their opponents might agree they were excellent wordsmiths.

Their antics also were sometimes out of the mainstream. Thompson, for instance, posed with a human skeleton from which a sign proclaimed "The I.R.S. Took Everything."

The anesthesiologist said, "I had never before run across a case in which tax collectors had been so thorough, but apparently in this case they really did get the taxpayer's hide."

Here are some more Thompson quotes:

"Big city liberals don't realize that out here we need protection from such things as rattlesnakes, and that every farm has to keep some sort of hunting weapons. Only the Libertarian Party supports your right to own firearms."

"Perhaps an 'All Disposable Item Act' would be more to the point. Should we include oil cans, diapers and fried chicken tubs as well? I can envision a new, vast, expensive and corrupt federal bureaucracy arising out of such a law."

"If Florence Nightingale had had to get permission from

the Health Systems Agency, the Russians might have won the Crimean War."

"Every year we witness the Rites of Autumn: the leaves fall and the federal debt rises."

Thompson also had a knack for using quotable quotes. He once quoted Will Rogers as saying, "We aren't getting any better government than we had 10 years ago when it only cost half as much."

He used this phrase from George Bernard Shaw in discussing a debate between his two 6th district opponents: "a battle of wits between unarmed combatants."

Here are a couple more by Davis:

"The average American pays more to defend the country of Japan than the average Japanese."

"It seems that there are a few inhabitants of another world called 'Washington, D.C.' who would make slaves of us all."

John Harlee, secretary of the state Libertarian Party, was not without wit in bringing what could be called "historic perspective" to the cause.

This is how Harlee explained a special day celebrated by the Libertarians:

"On Nov. 5, 1605, Guy Fawkes tried to do something about the British government's denial of religious freedom by blowing up the House of Parliament, with Parliament in it. He failed because the gunpowder was discovered a few hours before it was to go off, but his attempt is celebrated all over the British Commonwealth every year.

"...We try a less violent method of getting rid of unsatisfactory politicians: the general election..."

"Guy Fawkes is jokingly referred to in England as the only man to enter Parliament with honest intentions..."

The approach was sometimes light and novel, but the campaign was serious.

Thompson said after the election: "We have built a solid foundation and a permanent organization here in the Sixth District, that the Libertarian candidate in 1986 and 1988 and subsequent years - whether I run again or not - can build on. We are a serious political movement, even though we tell jokes sometimes, and we will keep coming back.

## Preppie Genes

Amherst College has added its name to the list of establishments making presumptions about genetic influences on behavior. According to a piece published in *The Nation*, Amherst's "Interim Report on Campus Life," states that in addition to their other virtues, Amherst boasts: "a student population of the most genetically gifted...young people in America."

We at *Science for the People* would like to add our name to the list of establishments asking for more precise information about such inherited characteristics—or preppie genes, as it were. In the words of *The Nation*, "No doubt the students came from genetically gifted boarding schools and, upon graduation from Amherst, find genetically gifted jobs in ditto professions. It doesn't take much learning to break that code." We couldn't agree more.

—*Science for the People*

## Bill of Rights Couldn't Pass

If the constitution and the bill of rights came up for a vote today, they'd go down in defeat. That's the conclusion of the largest survey ever made of American attitudes toward tolerance of other's rights. University of California political scientist Herbert McClosky says seven out of ten Americans want to restrict the current range of civil liberties set forth in the constitution. McClosky says his survey found the most tolerance among educated people who had more exposure to the media. The least tolerant were police officials.

The Progressive Review & DC Gazette

## a Spade...

Judge James Daner convicted Frederick Luna of having murdered his wife with an axe, but he downgraded the charges from murder to manslaughter. The reason? According to Madison Wisconsin's *Feminist News*, the judge had discovered that Luna killed his wife the day after he learned she was involved with a Black man. What was at stake, the judge explained, was "not only an infidelity—and I do not wish to be called a racist, but we are in a court of law and a spade must be called a spade—but infidelity with a Black man."

—off our backs

## Land of the Free

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service's ban on "frivolous" tax returns, a woman in Billings, Montana, has been fined \$500, has lost her \$140.06 bank account, and has had a lien placed against her home for filing a return on an income of less than \$3,000 and writing on it, "Signed involuntarily under penalty of statutory punishment."

—the Progressive

## Government programs don't help the poor

Responding to Mr. Watterson's perplexity (Letters, Nov. 22) about the meaning of the recent elections, I speak only for myself — a Libertarian.

A. Government programs don't work. No matter how much we spend on "the poor," we are told we have not paid enough, so we now are ready for new approaches. I have heard we spent over \$20,000 per year per "poor" person, but most goes to government employees required to administer the monies.

B. Welfare spending has grown under Reagan. Only the rate of increase has been reduced.

C. Subsidizing anything — especially poverty, illegitimate children and unemployment — produces more of that thing, not less.

D. Taxing anything (such as work) produces less of that thing.

E. No matter who is President, each of us is free to help the poor.

F. Many of the poor are so as a result of choices they make: They choose instant gratification (leisure, having illegitimate children, liquor, drugs, inattention to health care, gambling, eating out, travel, clothing, the big car ...) rather

than going to work, or school, or studying, or saving and investing, or learning to spend wisely and learning to take care of themselves.

G. We have less freedom as we have more government, so except for defense, I always vote for lower government and less spending.

H. You should be free to help the poor, but each should help with his own resources.

RICHARD WINCHELL

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(FFA) Thomas Moore, 36, of Durham NC, was found guilty of biting off Josephine Webb's nose. Moore is a traveling salesman.

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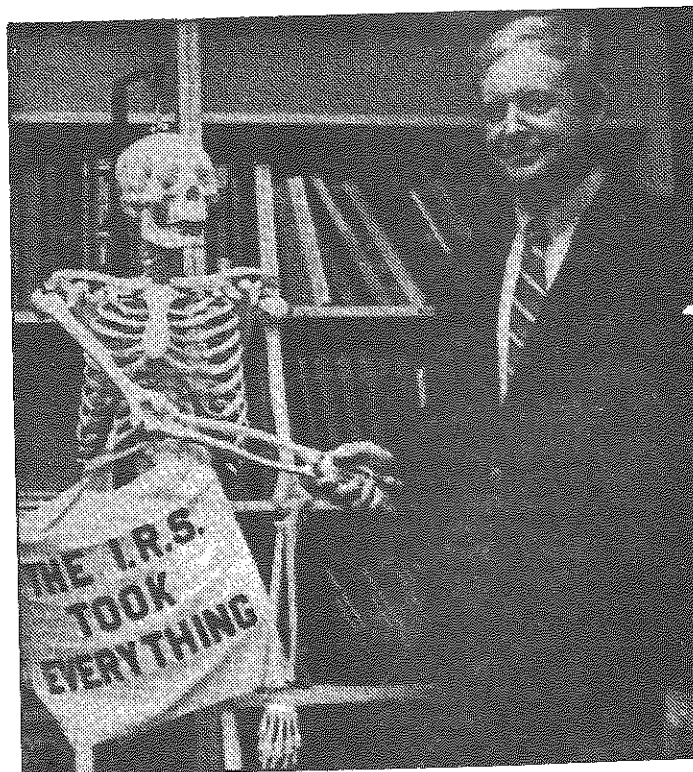
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## Building Cat Furniture

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — "Building Furniture for Your Cat" was one of 3,000 booklets, newsletters and reports that the state of Wisconsin published in 1981 at a total cost of \$6.3 million.

"I'm going to order that brochure. I'd like to see what kind of furniture you could build for your cat," Rep. Joseph Czarnecki, a Milwaukee Democrat, said after an auditor's report released Wednesday. "It certainly will raise some eyebrows, I think."

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## Blackmail

**PEOPLE facing prosecution in Kent are to be given this choice:**

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The plan is designed to improve efficiency. That is a worthwhile aim, but not at the expense of justice.

## Tax dodge

**SCHOOLBOY** Peter Jones, five, of Northwick, Worcester, has received a letter from the Inland Revenue, asking him why he has not filled in an income tax form.

## Army pulls rank in sport

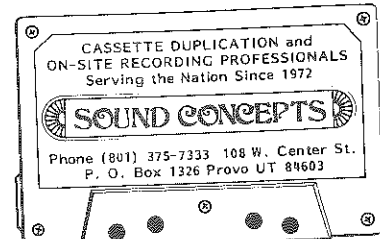
**THE Army top brass have ordered privates to . . . wait for it . . . stop calling officers by their first names on the soccer pitch.**

The sporting squaddies were told that familiarity on the field is bad for discipline.

Now instead of shouting: "Over here, Jim" strikers will have to say: "Pass the ball this way please, Lieutenant Arbutnot."

And "Man on Smithy" will become: "There's a chap about to

THE SUN.



tackle you, Major Blenkinsop-Smith."

The Ministry of Defence called a halt to the games names in a directive from Major General John Boyne, chairman of the Army Sports Council. It covers all sports and adventure training in which mixed ranks compete.

And it is not only officers being called by nicknames that has given the brass hats the pip. NCO's are included in the new order.

One soldier who plays soccer for his regiment at Aldershot said: "It's ridiculous. No one wears pips and stripes on the field."

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From 1933 to 1982, the population of the United States didn't quite double, but the total number of employees of the federal government alone multiplied almost fivefold. In addition, hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of persons who are not listed as civilian employees of the federal government are employed by the federal government as consultants, advisers on contract, and the like. The words of the Declaration of Independence express the reaction of many citizens to this development: "He [King George] has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance."

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## COME JOIN IN

I. M.: Inquiry. The usual.

In the Philippines, the new Federal Party seeks to be annexed to U. S. as a state. (Nwflam)

Meanwhile, the New Iceland Forum has an idea for ending the troubles in Ireland; annex both parts to Iceland.

Rep. Daniel Crane, who recently confessed to sex with a female page, was given a 100% rating on "moral & family issues" by Christian Voice, a conservative group. (Am Forum)

Populist Party reports that about 1/2 of a first class mailing to potential contributors has disappeared in the P. O., and they have suspicions. (Wait till they start dealing with state election commissions.)

ACLU is suing Kathy McDonald (widow of 007 Larry McD.) for revealing connections of Far Left with terrorist groups. (West Monetary Con/N-W A)

Census bureau study showing women earn 59% as much as men ignores such factors as hours worked. More women work part-time, and more men put in overtime. (N-W Alert)

Jean-Francois Revel has a new stunner out in France, How Democracies Perish; his conclusion is incompetent leadership. (Wash Inq/N-W A)

Association for Humanistic Psychology, a classical atheist group, is promoting for schools yoga, astrology, ESP, astral projection, collective consciousness, & other trappings of Eastern religions. (Capsule)

Natl. Gay Task Force has surveyed major corporations & finds that most of the Fortune 500 employees work for corporations that have a policy of not discriminating against gays in employment. (LGLC Newsletter) Now compare that to government agencies.

## Now these IRS workers know the feeling on the other side

AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — Internal Revenue Service employees are simmering over an order to pull the plug on the 120 coffee pots in their office.

Director William Grabo has ordered the coffee pots removed from the work area by next Tuesday, prompting nearly half of the 2,200 employees to sign a protest petition.

Irate workers described Grabo, who became director in January, as "a petty tyrant" and have been joined by the local chapter of the National

Treasury Employees Union in fighting the order.

"Mr. Grabo said he didn't like the country club atmosphere," Darla J. Pittman, president of the local union chapter, said Wednesday.

IRS officials said the pots were ordered removed because of government regulations against electrical appliances plugged into non-grounded wall sockets. However, coffee pots have been allowed at the center for 17 years.

More cars are stolen in Massachusetts than any other state. New York is 2nd. (FFW) And the ones who can't make it as car thieves go into politics.

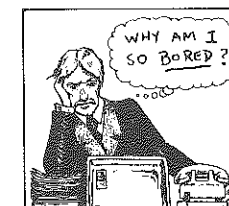
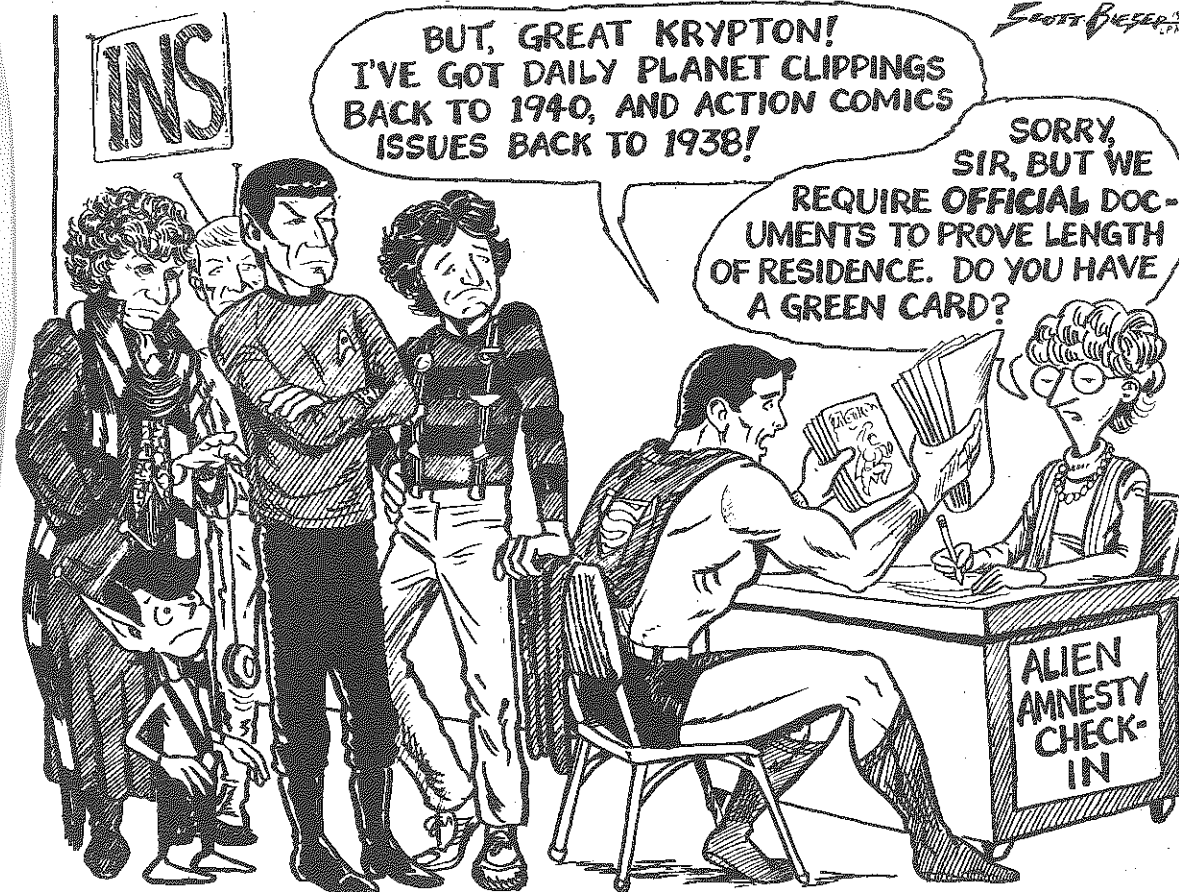
Gas station attendant Farid Neroles bit off the left thumb of a hold up man in L. A., and police are trying to trace it through the fingerprint files. (LATimes/FFWorld)

Venezuelan Post Office delivered 200,000 pieces of mail that had spent 2 years in a warehouse. (El Tiempo/World Press Rev.)

In Nebraska, North Platte Christian School has been fined \$20,000 for operating without a license. (MMReport) In Mt. Pleasant, IA parents of students at Blue Bird Christian Academy have been sentenced for truancy for the same.

California court ruled that a lesbian who had a child by artificial insemination must give visiting rights to the sperm donor. (GCNews) I don't make these things up!

Patriots in Connecticut are suing to have all attorneys employed by federal govt. discharged for conflict of interest. (EPIA)



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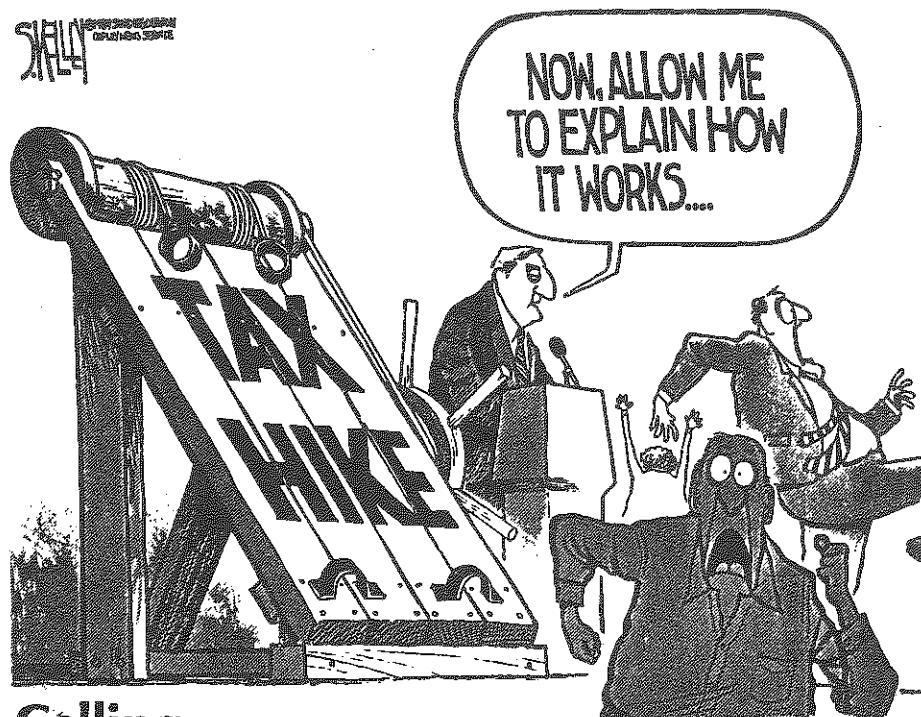
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**CHAIRMAN** of the Sports Council **DICKIE JEEPS**, who has been leading a campaign against drug abuse in sport, has what he thinks is the answer. Says Jeeps, a former England rugby captain: "In Singapore they have already hung 25 people for drug offences this year."

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## Calling

"Govern the people by regulations, keep order among them by chastisements, and they will flee from you, and lose all self-respect. Govern them by moral force, keep order among them by ritual and they will keep their self-respect and come to you of their own accord." - Confucius (Analects, II:3)

In London, a man arrested for hunting vampires in Highgate Cemetery was released when the judge declared that it is not illegal to hunt vampires. (AP)

"Illiterate? Write Today for Free Help. EOC, Washington, DC" declares a poster in San Francisco buses. (If you can read this poster, you can read.)

"No sane person in the country likes the war in Vietnam, and neither does President Johnson," declared the late V-P H. H. Humphrey on national TV in 1968, proving what we had all suspected....

"Because of the increased sexuality of the Anglo-Saxons," announced Expres Poznanski of Warsaw, "it has been possible to exceed our planned export of mistletoe." Increased sexuality of the British?

In Wayne Twp., N J, not only did an ordinance to license cats fail to pass, but the North Jersey Times added insult by referring to it as the "anti-pussy ordinance".

In San Francisco, 2 gunmen attacked The Friendly Grocery Store, and were repulsed by a large German shepherd dog, the owner's wife with broom, 4 husky customers, and the owner, who broke a chair on the head of one of the bandits. (Playboy) Way to go!

Sign in Greensboro, NC: "M. C. Johnson - Justice of the Peace - Marriages Consummated - Room 3".

A judge in San Antonio reproved a prosecutor, "If you wouldn't refer to genitals as gentiles, I would appreciate it," in a pornography case. (Playboy)

National Construction, published in China, took great pains to squash comparisons between A. Hitler and Chm. Mao, "Adolph Hitler was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 143 pounds. He was renowned for his spellbinding oratory, relations with women and annihilation of a minority people. In his last years he suffered from insanity and delusions of grandeur. Chairman Mao is taller and heavier."

In Joliet, IL the fire chief's car caught on fire and burned, inside the fire station. (Playboy)

## Licit Lasciviousness

I don't really mind  
People on my party line  
Chuckling over  
My latest disasters,  
But what gives the FBI  
The right to spy  
On my simplest activities -  
A perfidy  
The existence of which  
Used to be confined  
To the Soviet Union?  
Shades of 1984 and more!  
If the President  
Wants to present  
Me with a TV set  
To monitor my behavior,  
Open my mail  
To check for details  
From Beyond the Pale,  
And invade  
My hole in the wall  
Without calling,  
Let the sneak thief beware -  
I go bare!

Susan Packie

Many people, confronted with a civil service questionnaire that asks, "Do you advocate overthrow of the government by subversion or violence?" have started answering "violence", according to a reliable, but confidential source.

"Warning. Under Title 18 U. S. Code It Is A Federal Offense To Assault A Postal Employee" declare signs in post offices. Look at the very bottom and read, in fine print, the rest: "While On Duty".

Miami Herald reports that the Ft. Lauderdale ordinance on pornography is too obscene to print.

In Wellington, England, a businessman received a letter with the notation: "Stamp eaten by snails." (UPI) They actually admitted it.

"There seems to be no hope of rehabilitating you," A Vancouver, B. C. magistrate declared, sentencing a 73-year-old woman for prostitution. (Playboy)

In Charleston, SC prisoners used to be charged \$1. for the ride to the jail in the paddy wagon.

In California you are required to have a hunting license to trap any wildlife. Including mice.

In Wyoming you need a license to hunt rabbit - with a camera - in January through April.

An Indian tribe in Nevada has announced its plan to go into the brothel business, legal there. (FFW) Free enterprise strikes again.

A firm of attorneys in St. George, UT discovered that their phone line was grounded to a water pipe, so that flushing the toilet caused the phone to ring. (FFWorld)

In San Francisco a man attempted to commit suicide by jumping of the Golden Gate Bridge, but was mugged and hospitalized instead. (SFChr/FFW)

Wonders of automation: it took P. O. 1.5 days to deliver the average 1st class letter in 1969; now it takes 1.68. (FFW) And costs more.

Sgt. York missile, designed for use against copter, was tested, and the computerized mechanism located an exhaust fan in a latrine, instead. (S pot) Doesn't say if anyone was using the latrine at the time. You wonder.

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