

A Truce ?

Some problems can most easily be understood by analogy. Many libertarians are, like myself, distressed -- but not surprised -- by the infighting in the LP Natcom. Those who know any medieval history, as opposed to the popular view of the Middle Ages, will recognize at once what is going on.

King Edward has gone off on crusade, and taken a part of the nobility with him; this includes many persons of importance, who do not figure in this little fable. Queen Alicia has been left as regent, to deal with the domestic affairs, such as raising the necessary money for the crusade, and keeping peace among the boisterous nobility who are not off fighting. She has, like most queens, the additional disadvantage of having been born and educated abroad, and thus considered an outsider by some of the more jealous.

She has, of course a council of regency, which includes most of the greater nobility left behind, and a few of the lesser. The nobility are by no means equal among themselves; some are persons of consequence, and some are not. On the council of regency there are, as usual 2 factions, the supporters and opponents of the central administration.

But the central administration, which she inherited, is another problem; it consists of several permanent officials, some of them with ties to some of the great nobles, and all of them with an axe of their own.

The Queen, very frustrated with Sir Eric, the Chancellor, deposes him, and appoints one of her ladies-in-waiting in his place. This causes great stir in the Great Council, which divides along the usual lines, 17-11, in her favor, but without going so far as to set a precedent that could be used by future monarchs.

The partisans of Sir Eric are outraged, and appeal to the country to rise up in arms!

At this point, I will be foolish enough to make a sensible suggestion. There is a precedent, the Truce of God, limiting the times & seasons for waging war among believers. In even-numbered years, when the bulk of the army is out fighting the unbelievers from Easter to All Souls, let us have a truce at home. It is most distressing to those of us who are off on crusade to receive such news from the home front, and not know whether our next supply ship will arrive. It is more alarming to hear that those who are supposed to be in charge of dispatching the supply ships are instead riding up and down the countryside, raising levies for, or against, the Queen, rather than sending reinforcements to the crusade.

When, and if, we survive this crusade, we are going to be very angry about this.

It costs \$4,600 more a year to hire a smoker: \$31,820 for time lost on smoking breaks, \$765 for extra sick leave, etc., including higher fire insurance rates, says Boardroom Reports.

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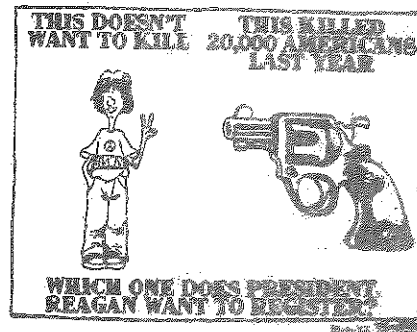


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WAR & PEACE

Every once in a while I come on a piece of nonsense so arrogant and pretentious that I cannot withhold reply. I came across a review of a pro-freedom book (economic) in Freedom at Issue (20 W 40th St, NYC 10018), a liberal publication.

Says the reviewer, "The most basic economic freedom is our ability to alter fundamental economic relationships as the needs and preferences of society change."

I won't go into how other societies have done just that, from Mao to Mussolini.

So I set a trap; I asked a question. (They've had a month to reply, and have not.) Suppose a state in the US, faced with massive unemployment and great suffering among the poor, with a freely elected legislature, enacted laws to change fundamental economic relationships: to end unemployment by re-establishing chattel slavery. The poor, now slaves, would certainly no longer be unemployed.

The stinger is that, of course, it happened. A number of states in the late 1860s passed "Black Codes" that would have legally established peonage, if not total slavery. These laws did alter fundamental economic relationships to follow the needs and preferences of society.

And that is, more or less, what was being advocated behind the fine words: an argument for legalized theft.

In Peru the local chief gangster offered to pay off the national debt -- if they let him grow, unmolested, a free hand to produce and export narcotics to the U. S. All \$10 billion. (Spotlight)

HUNGER, FOOD, & JUSTICE

Dr. Charles Weider at Appalachian State U. has done a study of the effects of coercion on learning; finds. They don't help much. \$2.50, Gray, 304 Appalachia Dr, Boone, NC 28607.

Two auditors-general have told Canadians that "the country is close to being on its economic knees", and "we're going down the bloody drain if we don't do something about it." (The Looking Glass, 85 Kensington St., Guelph, Ont. N1E 3P8, Canada)

Reuters reports that the FBI was investigating gays until 1976, and reported to J. Edgar that there were 53 known homosexuals in the San Francisco area. (Nation of God) To learn this, they had to infiltrate gay organizations, and are not seeking to legalize it -- the surveillance, not the gayness. (Nation of God is published by Holy Southern Church, Box 8262, Van Nuys, CA 91409).

In Frankfurt-on-Main, W. Germany, authorities forbade a local neo-Nazi gang to hold parties with less than 1000 people at home; so they started beating up gays and foreigners instead. (GC News)

"There is no device to which a man will not resort to avoid the labor of thinking." -- Sir Joshua Reynolds

No free lunch, but a free newsletter: F.R.E.E., Box 1776, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 from Rep. Ron Paul.

Another freebie: "Why America's Schools Can't Teach Children to Read", Public Policy Education Fund, 161 Pine St., Grove City, PA 16127.

In Texas a man claimed that he had killed his mother-in-law in his garage when he had mistaken her for a large raccoon, and hacked her to death. (Funny Funny World)

The army of India has a problem: wild elephants who break into stores, steal rum, drink it, and go on a binge. No one loves a drunken elephant. (FFW)

The Ito-Yokado Co. in Tokyo is selling gold in supermarkets. (FFW)

Toronto Globe & Mail is collecting horror stories about Canadian P.O. They mailed 30 letters to a town 15 miles away, and only 27 arrived. Another story reported by The Economist concerns the ashes of a cremated man that were lost in the mail for 6 years, as was the funeral director's letter of complaint. (FFWorld)

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Will Fewer Students Have to Go to School in the Future?



Paul Harvey Going to School While Staying Home

With many public schools in disrepute and disfavor, new private schools are being created at the rate of one every seven hours.

And another option—education of children at home—is catching on.

Soon, with a multiplicity of television channels, specific educational programming will augment and inevitably stimulate this practice of "schooling without going to school."

Much of the recent escalation of home instruction derives from the efforts of the National Association of Home Educators.

THIRTEEN years ago a Gallatin, Mo., mother, Mary Bergman, educating her own children at home, began to relate her experience in a newsletter to friends.

Her daughter, Cathy, a product of that at-home education, has expanded that newsletter to a circulation of 5,000 in 50 states.

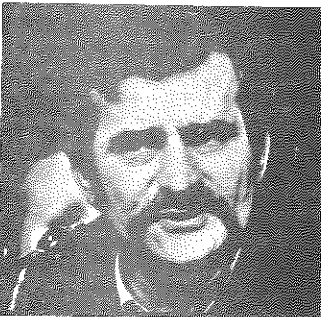
Further, the association prepared legal advice for challenged parents and advice on curriculum and teaching methods for each subject.

The NAHE processes some 250 inquiries each week from parents asking how or asking help, and has become a catalyst for home education organizations in 37 states.

Dr. Raymond Moore of Hewitt Research Foundation estimates that 500,000 children are now tutored at home.

In Grand Junction, Colo., 200 families have elected to augment home instruction with closed circuit television tutoring in mathematics and woodworking.

The adaptation of educational tele-



"Poland needs help. I mean political help. They use tanks and batons while we rely on the force of argument...."

—Lech Walesa

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Saturday Review magazine suspended publication yesterday after losing \$3 million in a two-year effort to reinvent itself as a monthly journal of cultural news.

Norman Cousins, former editor of the SR said, "The post office has done more to kill quality magazines in this country than anything I can think of." (New York Times, August 17, 1982)

vision to home tutoring is already demonstrating a potential so exciting that proponents envision eventual abandonment of school buildings. Two-way "talk back" TV will permit student interaction.

Don Bell writes, "Taxpayers have been spending \$200 billion a year to support a public education system that is not working."

Even Benjamin Bloom of the University of Chicago, one of the god-fathers of the pre-school movement and Head Start, now suggests that the home, with reasonably good parenting, is the best educational nest for young children.

ARE WE ROBBING WIDOWS?

by Rev. R. J. Rushdoony

When is your property not your property? The answer to that question is that, any time the federal and state governments choose to claim, tie up, or regulation your property, they feel free to do so.

The *Farm Journal* (April, 1982, p. 10) cited the case of a Missouri farm wife whose husband died. It was harvest-time, but she could not use the farm machinery to proceed with harvesting. For her to have done so was held to be illegal, since they were in her husband's name, and tied up in the estate. With all her grief and the cares of widowhood, there was now added another. She had to hire men and machines for the harvest.

Now I know that lawyers can give me long reasons why this was so, citing laws, cases, and precedents. The fact remains that the whole thing stinks. Our lawmakers seem to feel that widows are chickens to be plucked, not human beings. I wonder how state and federal legislators can look at the estate, death, and inheritance taxes and regulations they have passed and still look in the mirror without throwing up.

A woman can work alongside her husband to develop a farm or a business. She can be as much a part of it as her husband, and sometimes more so. However, unless they have seen a lawyer or accountant and prepared for death, she is likely to see the tax man rob her of much that she spent years working for. Even seeing a lawyer or accountant is not enough. The laws are changed almost every year, so that a good legal provision of last year may be no safeguard this year.

Isn't anyone ashamed or angry about all this? Are we living in a society where the state and federal governments are so much at war with us that we must retain a lawyer to protect ourselves?

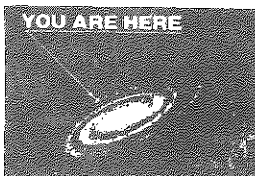
Our Washington politicians scream, every time there is talk of a tax-cut, about the harm it will do to the poor. Has it never occurred to them that maybe taxes are making us all poor? Does it never bother them that they pass laws aimed at robbing widows?

We have several organizations of senior citizens in this country. Why are they not doing more to protect widows and survivors? Death is a sufficiently sad time without being made more so by acts of Congress.

It is high time we told our state and federal representatives to show more consideration for widows and orphans. We have many ugly taxes on the books, but perhaps none of them half so bad as those which tax death. Something is seriously wrong with a society which tolerates such a tax.

Our Lord says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation" (Matt. 23:14).

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The January dateline on this issue is when it should have been published.

In order to get back on schedule, we are printing a special pamphlet in place of our regular February issue.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES ON AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?

A recent AP article reported on an elementary school that provided "time-out" for students by placing them in a cardboard box too small for them to stand up or lay down, for up to 30 minutes at a time. Only a small hole was provided for ventilation and light. The principal was quoted as saying that this was "not punishment", but was "used to get the children calmed down."

By any precise definition, Washington is a city of advanced depravity. There one meets and dines with the truly great killers of the age, but only the quirkily fastidious are offended, for the killers are urbane and learned gentlemen who discuss their work with wit and charm and know which tool to use on escargots.

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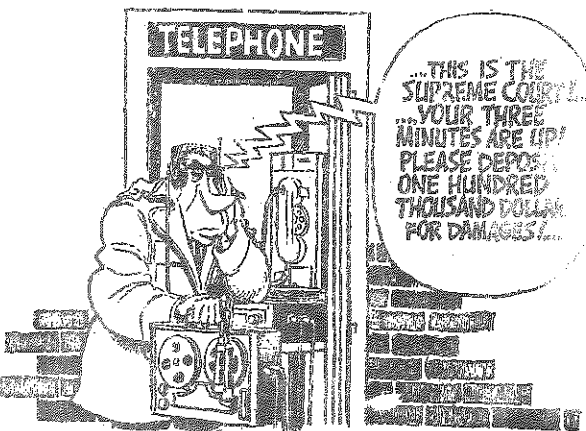
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Liberty: The Southern Heritage

I spent the summer of '69 in the Catskills, on a computer installation project, having located the job through the Atlantis project; I was teaching at the time, and needed a summer job. Atlantis is another story. Anyhow, this is the only time I've been outside the South for more than a few days; it was an interesting experience. It's a great place to visit, but

There were half a dozen objectivists at the place I was working; I spent a certain amount of my spare time, such as it was, talking to them at the boarding house or wherever.

One of them was a bit confused - they don't teach history in the government schools any more, because if they did no one would have any use for the Yankee government - about why Southern reactionaries (the way all of us are thought of up there it sometimes seems) would be interested in such "liberal" issues as the right of privacy.

"This," I told him, "is the Southern tradition. Surely you have heard of Thomas Jefferson? Of Virginia?"

There is a Southern tradition, of liberty, that goes back much further than Thomas Jefferson, and was once predominant in the South, at least. I don't want to try to trace the whole course of it; I am writing an essay, not a book. Let me just mention some of the names, and some of the high spots.

The tradition is this: that the government exists by a social contract, between the government and the governed, for certain strictly limited purposes: to organize the defense of the realm against invasion, to maintain courts for settlement of disputes and redress of grievances, and very little else. It is not a new idea: I can trace it back in English constitutional history as far as Alfred, where the documentary record runs out; it was not a new idea then.

It is a great tradition; Magna Charta is part of it, and the Declaration of Independence. And most of the great names of Southern history: George Mason, Patrick Henry, John Randolph of Roanoke, and on, and on.

It is in this tradition that Virginia (not Massachusetts, certainly) petitioned George III to end the African slave trade. It is in this tradition that the early anti-slavery societies were formed in the South - they don't tell you about them in the established history books much, and the abolitionists deliberately put them out of business for their own selfish reasons - and enough slaves were freed to found a colony in Africa: Liberia, whose capital bears the name of the head of the African Colonization Society, James Monroe of Virginia.

It is the tradition of the Nullifiers; they took the stand that if the government broke its contract by enacting obviously unconstitutional laws, no one was required to obey them. Now it was at this point that the ever-logical John Calhoun made the first big mistake that come back to haunt the pro-freedom movement for more than a century; he stated the argument in terms of States Rights, instead of in terms of individual rights. States do not have rights, just as corporations do not have souls, and that has made the difference.

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Then there is the question of secession. If there is a social contract, and one party breaks it, does not the other party cease to be bound by the contract? So says all law, morals, etc. I am not going into the question of The War; let me simply say that many, such as Horace Greeley, who did not favor slavery believed that a state had the right to secede.

Since The War, the cause of liberty has been mostly an uphill fight. First there was Reconstruction, based on the concept of government-as-looter. Much of the evil results remain with us. Then the various anti-liberty movements of the late 19th and early 20th century that passed as progress; let's just take one, Prohibition. By the time the whole country had become sick of it, "Let's Strike a Blow for Freedom!" had come to be a code way of saying, "Let's have a drink."

Actually, ending Prohibition was one of the few blows for freedom the Roosevelt administrations ever struck. It struck many against. We had, for the first time, a consciously paternalistic government that told the farmer what to plant, and tried to direct the lives of everyone else, to the extent of involving us in a war that could have been avoided and conscripting millions for involuntary service and often death therein.

By this time, the Southern tradition of liberty was at one of its lowest points. The postwar period brought little improvement: the segregation issue was fought over the question of states rights, not on the individual right to discriminate if the individual wanted to. All people discriminate; they have to make choices. They may make them on racial premises or on prejudice or whatever: the point, almost forgotten, is that they must be allowed to make them for themselves, or they are not free.

Mind you, I never said it wasn't a badly battered-and-bruised tradition, but Liberty is the great Southern tradition. And it has never needed defenders more than now, when it is attacked more by its own "elected" leaders and the interests of wealth and power in the South itself.

And it is most unfortunate, that the South, so long the bastion of individual liberty, in law and in custom, finds itself beset with the enemies of liberty on every side. Now this is a paradox, and we have been here before. I had a history prof in college who could not understand why the antebellum labor movements of the North were so fond of John C. Calhoun; there was far more to it than having a common enemy, the Northern manufacturer. The answer was that Calhoun opposed such perversions of the law as the fellow-servant doctrine, which allowed the rich manufacturer or whatever to escape the cost of injuries done to his employees as a result of operating his machinery, and to throw the cost upon someone else. There is the paradox that the South has been seen as the enemy of freedom in the race question, both in this century and the 19th.

And this brings us to a fundamental point in the argument; the Southerner tends to think in the concrete, not the abstract. He sees the individual tree, and not just as a part of the forest. He is interested in justice in a particular case, not in a class action.

And it is this attention to the individual, and his rights as a human being, that the struggle for Liberty is all about. - jh

Among the hypocrites who become horrified at the thought of tax relief or govt. aid for those who send their children to non-govt. schools, one of the choice arguments is that this is a Subsidy to the Parents, many of whom are Wealthy.

They have not considered the subsidy in the tax laws taken by those who send their children to govt. schools. Not just the fact that they may deduct their school taxes; but the question of being able to deduct the children as dependents, even if they do not meet the other tests for supporting them.

Essentially, the support test is: who provides more than 50% of essential expenses (food, shelter, clothes, education & medical aid); this is what is used to determine which of 2 divorced parents may claim the child as a dependent, for example. And it means 50% of everything, including the income of the dependent, if any.

Many poorer parents provide all other essentials for less than the inefficient/expensive govt. schools spend for schooling. Yet they still can claim the dependent, though they pay less than 50%. Even middle-class parents of teenagers, who have jobs and incomes of their own, often spend less on food & shelter than the teenager spends on clothes + what the school spends on babysitting, so they aren't really entitled to call them dependents.

So the next time you hear this nonsense about subsidies to parents, just ask, "Isn't it terrible that parents are allowed to claim children as dependents when they let the government pay for their schooling?"

Try not to call it Education.
It almost never is.

CHURCH LAND

Every once in a while someone makes a statement so ridiculous that I am amazed that they are not laughed out of town; of course it may always be a misprint. This one, from the American Atheists, was quoted in a state libertarian journal, "On property alone, churches own 25% of private land in the U. S."

Before the French Revolution, the Church owned about 20% of France, and it had taken 15 centuries of mortmain to accumulate that.

Let's look at that decimal point again. 2.5%? Maybe; that's a little high. Doesn't sound so sinister, does it? Especially when you consider that a lot of it is such things as cemeteries.

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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

— Mark Twain

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"Socialism is the fantastic younger brother of almost decrepit despotism... For it desires such an amount of State power as only despotism has possessed. ... It is therefore silently preparing itself for reigns of terror, ..." — Friedrich Nietzsche, 1887.

Building surveyor Alec Halstead tripped and fell, breaking his jaw in 3 places, leaving a Devon County Council Safety & Work meeting. (Yorkshire Post/FFWorld)

Longshoremen's union is representing 30 cats that a drydock wants to fire and replace with human rat-catchers. (Manchester News/Funny Funny World)

Lysi HF of Reykjavik, Iceland has converted 4 of its trucks to run on cod liver oil, which it produces a surplus of. (FFWorld) At last, they've found another use for the stuff.

"I'd rather lose in a cause that will someday win than win in a cause that will someday lose." — Woodrow Wilson

Tehama County, Calif. has approved by referendum a "Land Owners Bill of Rights" forbidding zoning, etc. (var.)

Federal govt. has given Bill Douglas of the Socialist Party & Frank Cordaro of Catholic Workers 6 months for graffiti: changing sign at Strategic Air Command to read: "War Is Our Profession". (MVS)

Trajan Dors, of the "Army of God" has been jailed again in Romania for distributing Bibles. He has 17 years previous imprisonment. (Open Doors)

In Dovesville, SC it is illegal for a physician to attend any woman who comes into his office immodestly dressed. He must tell her, "Go home and put on more clothes, and then come back here and take off everything so I can examine you." (Physicians Management)

How Socialism works: Cuba is now importing sugar. New York City employs 102 chaplains, and they voted 43-32 to join AFL-CIO. (Fundamentalist Journal)

"Production planes are nothing but bureaucratic junk," says Leonard Eaves of the Experimental Aircraft Association. "They can only build them the way the bureaucrats say they can build them, not the way they should be." (Better Living)

"The less government interferes with private pursuits, the better for the general prosperity." — Martin van Buren

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first obscene phone call when he spilled battery acid on his lap and shouted, "Watson, Come here!" His remarks were later edited for publication.

Pudding Magazine, 2384 Hardesty Dr So, Columbus, OH 43204 is seeking poems on disasters, natural or man-made. The progressive income tax? The budget? On January 1, 1934 Fiorello LaGuardia became mayor of New York and announced, "E finita la cuccagna!" ("No more free lunch!"), then proceeded to fire more than 1,000 Tammany leeches and cut the salaries of all high-paid city employees. (R Dig)

"The Greater Depression has already begun," says Douglas R Casey.

Iris Somerville, 62, died in London when her bra's metal wiring was struck by lightning. (AP) Obviously, we need stricter standards and more inspections to prevent this hazard.

"Unless one loves the truth, one is not a man. And to love the truth is to love it above everything, because we know that Truth is God Himself." — Jacques Maritain, *The Peasant of the Garonne*

Confederate Memorial Association, 1322 Vermont Av NW, Washington, DC 20005 is seeking funds to save the building, which contains its collections of memorabilia, from the Great Attempt to Overthrow the Government by Force and Violence.

Zoya Krakhmalnikova, editor of *Nadezhda* (Hope) since 1977, is in Lefortovo prison, Moscow (built in the 18th century by Catherine the Great) for publishing a religious samizdat journal. (Freedom at Issue)

Committee to Rename Obscene American Cities, Box 5743, Montecito, CA 93108, asks help in changing the names of French Lick, IN, Intercourse, PA, Weed, CA, etc.

Leonard Reed's latest book, *THE PATH OF DUTY*, is \$7.50 from FEE, Irvington, NY 10533.

Universal Life Church Town Creek Chapel, Rt. 1 Box 87C, Winnabow, NC 28479 is seeking donations to aid victims of house fires: cash, clothes, food....

For the person who has everything.... San Francisco Dept. of Public Health is offering gift certificates to the city VD clinic, tastefully imprinted, "This is in return for the present you gave me." (Herb Caen/Funny Funny World)

Poetry quarterly, *Freedom's Child*, has ceased publication. The usual. (Exegesis) Back issues available: Box 971, Grover City, CA 93433.

At Kenai, AK, borough meeting, a proposal to ban firecrackers was countered with a proposal to ban matches & cigarette lighters. (NL Glimmer)

Pending: HR 5313, the Church Regulation Bill. Ostensibly, it would deny tax exemption to churches that operate racially discriminatory schools. Of course, as Thomas a Beckett pointed out, the govt. has no right to regulate churches. (Voice of Lib)

General Accounting Office discovered that IRS makes about twice as many errors in arithmetic as taxpayers. (Up Ostrich) Roughly 10 million/year.

At 20.5% of GNP, taxes are higher now than in 1975 (18.9%) or 1980 (20.1%); so much for supply-side economics, says Wall Street Journal.

"It is middle class welfare that is politically untouchable," says Wall Street Journal, citing such boondoggles as the \$2 billion dairy price supports.

Dutch Army now allows earrings for all. (N-W Alert) Pirates used to believe that pierced ears improved eyesight, as do acupuncturists.

In Medford, OR, a church has received a summons for parking church buses in its parking lot. (")

In 1914 a Frenchman had 1 million francs, and bought 50,000 gold Napoleons. He sold 1 a day to pay for his rent, food, clothes, etc. He still has a little more than half left, after 68 years, and they are worth more than 15 million francs. (Gold Newsletter) For comparison, in 1914 a gold Napoleon was about the size and value of a \$5. gold piece.

Pending: HR 3008 to forbid importation of gold coins from South Africa, but not from USSR where gold is mined by slave labor. (JTTCW)

To escape from China, Maj. Wu Jung-Ken of the air force flew his MIG19 to Seoul, Korea, using a map from a geography book, as Chinese pilots are not given maps of other countries or trained to fly over water. (Wash. Inquirer/N-W Alert)

Magazine Samples

Disgusted with the play of the Maple Leafs, the *Montreal Gazette* called them "fourth-rates about on the same level as our House of Commons." They really know how to hurt a guy.

"Not far below the surface of Americans' consciousness there lingers the conviction that today's inflation and other economic ills can be traced to the nation's moral looseness." Pollster Daniel Yankelevich (Psychology Today)

In Berger, Mo. they gave an election and no one ran; the town, pop. 217, elected 5 office-holders by write-ins. (Moneysworth)

Canadian auditor general reports that foreign aid had sent snowplows to the Sahara. (Nat. Report) They'll be useful for moving sand, I suppose.

Church of the Holy Word (Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Clarkson, presiding bishop, 515 Concord Av, Anderson, SC 29621) has some interesting "Tenants of Faith", including, "No single day is set as a day of worship, as every day granted to us by our Creator is hallowed," and "The Presiding Bishop with consent with the executive committee can grant depositions." (Sic)



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Canadian pennies, which weighed about 50 grains up to 1979, were reduced to 42 grains in 1980-1 and 38 grains in 1982. (Ont LP Bulletin) Pennies!

22% of high school teaching posts in math are vacant nationwide. Iowa graduated 49 certified to teach math in 1980, and needs 200/year to fill vacancies. 3/4 of all math positions are filled by teachers uncertified to teach math. (US News & WR)

Total taxes on major corporations average 164% of net earnings for 1981, up from 153% in 1979. In the survey high was General Motors (\$2.4 billion/\$333 million = 745%). Ford paid \$1.14 billion while losing \$1.06 billion. (SAGB)

National convention of English teachers awarded its doublespeak award to Republican Natl. Comm. for commercial on Reagan's stand on Social Security and then saying, "Since when is a commercial supposed to be accurate? Do women really smile when they clean ovens?" Also notable, 3rd place winner, Lawrence Kudlow of OMB, for coining "revenue enhancement" and "receipts strengthening". (GC News)

GAO reports that cost overruns on federal projects were nearly \$318 billion last year, or about triple the deficit, outside the Defense Dept. Appalachian Regional Comm. spent \$9½ billion on roads that had been estimated to cost \$805 million. TVA had 457% cost overruns on 10 projects. Corps of Engineers 276% on 130 projects, etc. (Am Business)

"If people decide not to have children, they should be forced to sign a piece of paper saying that they will forfeit Social Security benefits. Even if they have worked all their lives. If they are not willing to have children to add to the work force of the next generation, then they shouldn't be entitled to Social Security." - Phyllis Schlafly

Minority businesses are 3.8% of US firms, with 0.5% of receipts and 0.6% of workforce, reports Dept. of Commerce commissioned study, which declares efforts by federal govt. to stimulate have been useless, and species is endangered. (Am Business)

"To us America is a deteriorating society. It's a land of wide open spaces and fascinating possibilities. But it's also a land where people have traded individual security for personal freedom." Prof. Hiroshi Wagatsuma (TV Guide) There is yet hope.

Columbia Journalism Review notes that IRS has been monitoring editorial content of non-profit publications; IRS rules forbid comment on legislation. Problem is severe where a commercial organization has a non-profit counterpart, which must be kept totally separate. (Org Notes)

The testimony in Dec. 1978 on IRS controls over private/religious schools is available for \$25 from Piedmont Press, Box 3605, Washington, DC 20007.

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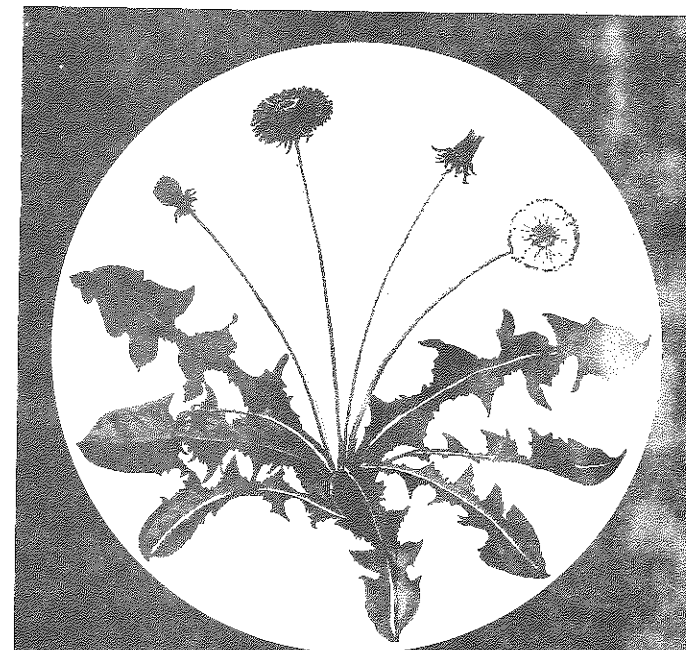
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The volunteer Army is getting too many recruits with high intelligence, and does not have enough jobs that are challenging enough for them. (Wash. Post) Another problem of the recession; kids are going in to the service to get any job, and recruiters can pick on trivial grounds, such as traffic tickets.

A sign FREE DIRT in Salt Lake City prompted several motorists to stop and ask why Mr. Dirt is in jail. (Funny Funny World)

Alabama has exempted church schools from compulsory attendance, form reporting, and curriculum and teacher certification rules. (N-W Alert)

Foreign havens are out, because if US falls, there is nowhere else to retreat to, says Dawn Schlutz, Xebex Report.



I want to die a natural death like the dandelion seedling in the fall, followed by growing in the spring. I want to be on. I want to simply be gone. —Marie Callender

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Pennsylvania LP is considering changing its name to Independent Party. (Vanguard) Of course, in many other states there's already an Independent Party, affiliated with the American Independents.

Defense Dept. is spending \$6 million to study ESP, such as "whether psychic powers could cause an atomic bomb to explode in the past and whether burning a photograph of a Soviet missile could destroy the weapon." (Skeptical Inquirer/Ergo) They don't even understand ESP, let alone its potential military applications, such as espionage.

Justice Dept. made the most expensive phone call on record, \$30,000 for a conference call to U S attorneys in 6 Southern states; it would have been far cheaper to fly them all to Washington. (various)

While govt. is planning to give surplus grain back to farmers, Sen. Charles Percy (R-IL) & Alan Dixon (D-IL) want it to turn surplus grain into alcohol, & use it to run federal vehicles. (Spot) Such a suggestion will get nowhere; it makes sense.

N. C. has licensed a privateer, "Capt. Sinbad" of Beaufort, NC, who runs a pirate school to teach the arts of pillage & plunder. (Spot) What ever became of rapine?

Sandy Cohen suggest that libertarians fill out the consumer service cards available free at your local postal monopoly, which require no stamp, and complain of the lack of postal competition. (ATWall)

Jonathan Simon of Freehold, NJ has been forced to move his newspaper, Fluke Press, from his home for zoning reasons. He is 11. (Against the Wall) Zoning authorities received complaints about the content of the paper, circulation 60. Specifically about the sports news (coaches drinking, cursing)!

Latest oddity from DC is Rep. Udall's "youth exchange program" proposal, to trade of 2,000 youth between USA & USSR, ½ to come "from families of prominent civic, educational, cultural & political leaders..." (Clarion) First, they'd be worthless as hostages; Stalin let his son die in a German POW camp; Khrushchev's first wife died in the Gulag, etc. Second, it's obviously a boodoggle for the offspring of the elite, like the Peace Corps was once.

American Health suggests taking food to sick friends in the hospital instead of flowers; many become malnourished between a lack of appetite and the hospital food.

Chris Marshall learned that the U S had offered Hamilton AFB to Marin County, CA for \$1., and been turned down. She sent them \$1.01, marked payment in full for Hamilton AFB, and they cashed it. (Moneysworth) Interesting developments follow.

Nevada Museum for Historical Documents, having acquired a \$30,000 note issued to Haym Solomon by Robert Morris, treasurer of the Continental Congress, in March, 1782, and never paid. (Solomon loaned the government large sums, never repaid.) It is demanding payment, plus interest @ 7%. (Moneysworth)

The Peaceful Revolutionist, 11911 Gurd Rd, Delton, MI 49046 is collecting anarchist jokes. E. g.: What do you get when you cross a yellow bird with an anarchist? (Emma Goldfinch).

"Here we are in the beginning of a full scale depression, and the masses simply don't seem to give a damn...." declares Bob White (Duck Club), "Most folks, it appears, care far more for their pocket-book than their freedom..."

"We have continuously to repeat, although it is a voice crying in the desert: No to violence. Yes to peace." Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador.

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DE'TENTE

Do peaceniks believe that they are living in the Millenium? I had never considered the possibility until a reader from Florida suggested it. There was an announcement of the Second Coming in the papers a few months back, but it turned out that the group announcing it had never met the Messiah; just thought he might be around. He didn't call them.

But if the peaceniks believe the lion is ready to lie down with the lamb and become a vegetarian, they don't read the same newspapers I do.

Now there is a lot more to the Peace movement than the advocates of unilateral disarmament. For example, many advocates of a nuclear freeze do not necessarily advocate giving up nuclear weapons; on the contrary they think we have quite enough already to last us for the foreseeable future.

Now as for appeasement, it's rather hard to define where this begins. Unfortunately it's a subjective matter, and it isn't always possible to tell it from a strategic retreat or a stall for time; it is a matter of intent. It's not always distinguishable from compromise, either. While all of these others have their uses, appeasement has only one: if the matter is so trivial that it's not worth the struggle.

The delusion that many in the Peace Movement seem to have is that Socialism & its various statist replicas are what they claim to be: that the USSR really has free elections where almost everyone votes (the latter is true), that North Vietnam has good social services, such as daycare for working mothers (it has few), that everyone in Cuba is as happy as they claim to be, and so on.

But what is most annoying is the tendency of well-meaning people who support Peace to be blind to a war that is actually going on, simply because the war is between a government and its own people. Pol Pot waged war against the people of Cambodia, and killed perhaps a third of them in just a few years. Macias Nguema waged war against the people of Equatorial Guinea, and killed perhaps a fifth of them (you never heard of this war?). Hitler, another socialist, waged war against the non-Germanic minorities of Germany; Stalin against the Tatars, Volga Germans, Balts, etc., Mao Tse Tong against the Tibetans, and all of these against the other peoples under their control as well.

Several of these wars are still going on. Let us hear some proposals for bringing peace to Siberia, Tibet, Afghanistan, and so on.

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SCHOOL DAZE

I was talking to a 6th grade teacher at a party recently, and was surprised to learn that the latest problem in elementary schools is students raping other students. (I am not joking; the case has been decided and the 6th grader is on probation and back in school.)

In the good-old-days, this didn't occur until, at least, junior high.

It must be all the chemical additives in food these days; they seem to be maturing earlier.

"We hang little thieves and take off our hats to great ones."

Amnesty International Report contains sections on 120 countries, concerning torture, execution, & imprisonment of dissidents. 304 W 58th St, NYC 10019.

"Bureaucrats are darn good entrepreneurs in a perverse way; their policies usually benefit a small group at the expense of many." Dr. John Baden of Montana State U. told Coloradans for Free Enterprise.

SPCA has protested use of animals in sex movies as cruel to animals. (N-W Alert)

"Most people lose their liberties because they don't know them, don't know when and where the con artists take them away, and certainly don't understand the law." - Paul Doerr

In Czechoslovakia, Father Radim Hlozanka has been sentenced to 20 years for possession of a duplicator. (Open Doors)

"The Plot to Abolish Marriage" (\$1½, D. Macko, POB 39233, Solon, OH 44139) What will they think of next? If you thought Prohibition was bad....

L-5 Society, 1060 E Elm St, Tucson, AZ 85719, wants to get away from it all. Into space, in fact.

Scientists at Utah State U. are planning an electric plant, solar-powered, using Great Salt Lake as solar collector; water at bottom of lake is near boiling point. (TMEN)

Ingersoll-Rand, industrial tool maker, notes in its ads that US investment in new plants & equipment is last among all industrialized nations. (M Jones/New Indicator) Any wonder there's unemployment?

Freudian slip: "Public review requirements are being loosened for Black Grant, Public Housing, and Education programs, which have also suffered drastic cutbacks." (Atlanta CALC Report) That's block grants.

Executives or other highly paid (\$25,000 up) employees can get private unemployment insurance, covering salary, insurance, relocation, & lawsuit if fired illegally, from a Canadian firm. (AmBus)

Japanese moviemakers have a new way of cleaning up movies; they substitute, frame by frame, photos of furniture, etc. over the explicit nude scenes, leaving only the sound. (Am Bus)

T. Dmitrieva says that Soviet milk production is declining because of rudeness to cows. (Rural Life/Am Bus) The soviet cow hasn't heard a kind word from anyone since it was collectivized.

Marijuana is the 4th leading crop in the US, after corn, wheat & soybeans, and employs 100,000 farmers. (Time) All on the black market.

In Princeton, NJ, the local high school has been cited for a zoning violation for installing playground equipment without saying "May I?" (Town Topics)

"Welts and bruises are a sign a parent is doing a good job of discipline..." - Greg Dixon, Indiana Moral Majority (Reincarnation Report)

TIMELY TRUTHS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

In Alabama, police arrested 3 youths for swimming nude, and took them to the police station without allowing them to dress, to preserve the evidence. (Naturists/LD) Yeah, sure.

Growing marijuana on state or private land is possession, but growing it on federal land is merely a violation of the agricultural laws; consequently it has been found cultivated in all 155 national forests in 42 states. (Am. Bus.) Obviously.

US Polish Freedom Fighters gave this years Solidarity award to J. B. Stoner of GA, of the KKK & so on. Yep, that J. B. Stoner. (Spotlight)

In the last 2 years of the Carter administration federal spending increased 27%. In the first 2 years of the Reagan administration, federal spending increased 27%. (TRIM) The more things change....

Federal court in Wyoming has declared the wind-falls profit tax unconstitutional, because it does not apply to oil from all US sources; it excludes oil from tribal (including the whole North Slope of Alaska) and government lands. (Ergo)

Michael Tym of Michigan City, IN is in the hoosegow in Mexico. Seems he owned some Mexican gold coins and kept them in a safe deposit box in Guadalajara. He went to Mexico to retrieve them to sell to pay off some debts; while he was in Mexico the govt. forbade the export of gold, and he is now awaiting trial and has been denied bail. (WSJ/Ergo) Put not your trust in govt...

"Election day is like Christmas. You wind up with a lot of unexpected fruitcakes." (Funny Funny World) Not to mention the odd turkey.

U S Army is building a factory for \$38½ million to make synthetic bat guano, in Omaha. (Johannesburg Star/FFW) Meanwhile, the other govt. agencies have tons of the real thing in caves in the Southwest. But what does the army need with it? It doesn't have that many golf courses to fertilize!

Recommended response to Hare Krishna beggars at airports, "I gave in a previous lifetime." (FF World)

If you want to know what you're drinking, send \$4.95 to Center for Science in the Public Interest, 1755 S Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 for "Chemical Additives in Booze". Curiously, imported beer & wine often doesn't have additives; medieval German rules, still in force in Bavaria, specify that beer contain only barley, malt, water & hops.

"The situation grows worse annually, and the attacks on Christian Schools for providing an alternative and superior education grows more intense. To criticize the state schools is in many circles the mark of fascism, superstition, religious bigotry, and more! The lovers of death resent the possibility of life and a future for any segment of the republic."

- Rev. R. J. Rushdoory (Chalcedon)

"You may deem it a strange prophecy, but I predict that the time will come in this once free America when the battle for religious liberty will have to be fought over again, and will probably be lost, because the people are already ignorant of its true basis and conditions." - Rev. Robert Dabney, 1897 (Chalcedon)

"If the IRS kept changing baseball rules the way they change their own, we'd have a quarterback at shortstop and a goalie at third." (Funny Funny World)

In Nebraska, employees of places that sell liquor must wear 3 lb. 2 oz. or more of clothes. (FFW)

"Many of them are not aware that military spending produces fewer jobs for the money spent than other government programs." (Atlanta CALC Report) Neither are they aware of how this compares to non-governmental spending!