ILONA STALLER, a Radical Party the Southern Libertarian Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, is a porn-star known as "CICCIOLINA", or Little Fleshy One. She recently was arrested for being in the altogether on a bronze statue of a horse in St. Mark's Square in Venice. She was given a suspended five months sentence. She has been hanned in Israel, arrested 1 n Brussels and denied a visa to visit April, 1989 the United States. (WR>

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### Drivers to Distraction pressing 55 and worrying laxes are senseless about getting stonned is

by Doyle Henry

One has to wonder by what authority the legislature acts if it is neither on democratic principles or majority rule. I have no doubt, however, that Sen. Dan Sullivan would cite democracy as his authority and, if called to prove up his claim, set forth to tabulate the

Would it phase him to learn that nothing so demonstrates the democratic principle at work than the election by each citizen-motorist to buckle up on entering his vehicle. Supposing he shrugs off such a natural principle, could this mean he still has in mind the protection of others? Is he unaware the people in a police state tend to priortize the penalties? With one more reason to be stopped, watching out for patrol cars becomes more important than avoiding major proportion automobile deaths. accident.

It is reported the AAA concial support from the Automobile Manufacturers Association. Two years ago that organization allocated \$15 million for the purpose of "lob-bying" state legislatures for mandatory seat belt laws. More collisions means more fender and grill and bumper sales. And Sullivan merely acts from the interest every member of the bar has in tangling the feet, hands and bellies of other humans? If either is the case, his legislation is danger not safety.

Some facts: In 1974 I sent telegrams to then President Nixon and Governor Hathaway explaining why the distractive element at work in Wyoming's largely rural motoring public would cause increase in rate of fatalities per vehicle mile. Nationally, highway fatalities had been reduced from 7.6 per 100 million vehicle miles in 1950 to 4.5 by 1972. The first year of the imposed and patroled "55" saw the death rate shoot up to 7.6 again in Wyoming!

To understand why Wyoming experienced an increase in fatalities while nationally the total accidental deaths declined from about 55,000 to approximately 46,000 the first year of the 55, it is necessary to point out some important factors. Due to the then so-called energy shortage, there was about a 30 percent decline in urban traffic nationwide. A shift to mass transit and less weekend driving also contributed to the reduction in vehicular traffic. Since historically the majority of fatal accidents occurred inside city limits and at speeds lower than 50 mph, reduction of total fatalities must be credited to reduction in numbers of moving vehicles on collision courses rather than the imposed limit. In other words, the 55 didn't apply to area, condition or momentum relating to the

Meanwhile, in Wyoming, ducted a survey last fall and where are no large urban confound that two thirds of centrations of traffic, the 55 Wyoming citizens were in applied in a purer sense and favor of a mandatory seat belt results than to any other law. One should keep in mind state's traffic volume - which, the AAA outfit receives finan-importantly, remained about the same due to the state's then energy-related activities and with the horrid increase in deaths.

> Before getting into the whys, here are some figures which the Wyoming legistlators and socalled experts callously refused to look at in 1974 (and they are at it again): In 1950, the average speed for all vehicles was 47.6 mph. Death rate was 7.6 per 100 million miles. By 1972 the average speed had climbed to 60.6 mph — but the death rate — due to death rate machine/road improvement -

had dropped to 4.5! I have no doubt that being buckled up might save in some accidents. But there have been accidents where they caused deaths - in burning cars and in those sinking in water. Two elements, however, make mandatory seat belt usage more hazard than safety: 1) the tendency, like a tortoise in its safety shell waltzes up to the bank's edge and topples over without fear, in some drivers will be to feel unduly secure

and to drive heedless of others; City, county sales and, 2) as with the driver, about getting stopped, is distracted in the watching for (Letters, Jan. 29) that property bile insurance connected to the patrol cars instead of devoting owners in South Carolina need reseat belt law, we will give up a lot attention to the safety of lief from ever-increasing property more than just the choice of himself and others, so will taxes. South Carolina has one of whether to hash to we Accelled motorists now worry about the the highest total tax burdens of whether to buckle up. As snly as motorists now worry about the the highest total tax burdens of that is, the costs in losses will ticket they'll have to pay to any state in the South Figures will those seeking again to pirate published in U.S. News & World the earnings of other people Report state that Atlanta is the when we have an accident while under the banner of safety. Ap- only city in the Southeast that has not buckled up! element will know its lethal Columbia.

policemen are not to stop motorists to check on seat. belts: Suppose the patrolman stops a car and excuses it with the explanation that his backwheels were turning forward? - if he has a "revenue quota to meet.'

seat belt laws were enacted in pay more in federal income taxes. Texas, Florida and Kansas, according to a report released Carolina and more money in last August by the Highway Washington Does anyone seriously Loss Data Institute, injury believe that this would help South claims increases ranged from Carolina? two percent to six percent. The report noted that while eight states had experienced a reduction in highway fatalities, "it found no clear-cut evidence of comparable reductions in overall injuries as reflected by tried, and it is time for South Caroaccident claims. These results lina to jump onto the bandwagon. are disappointing," the report concluded. It should also be remembered that highway speed limits had been raised presumably removing some of the adverse influences relating to stringent limit enforcement.

Such minds as Sullivan's have long since sullied the morale between policemen and the public and are now creating a state of siege for which they should be held responsible. If seat belts, cinched in place by governors, resemble "red tape that is only half true until after the accident: they start out only as white bands of imposed ignorance.

end up increasing the total tax pregnancy or other medical condi-burden, since any property tax relief will be only temporary. Has cuse from our doctors. Who pays anyone ever heard of a govern-the doctor? Who pays for time ment lowering taxes without later missed from work seeing the docraising them much higher?

on federal income tax returns, but release? quota to meet."

sales taxes are not. Therefore, if the lawbreakers need to go after any property tax revenues are returned beginning to come in. After South Carolinians will be forced to slaves of the system.

Our lawmakers need to go after the lawbreakers we have now and not make law-abiding citizens into slaves of the system. This will leave less money in South

Instead of raising taxes, governments should reduce spending by The Libertarian Party has pointed out that privatization can result in better services and lower taxes. tried, and it is time for South Caro-

Drivers would pay for seat belt law

I agree with Marion Campbell we get even a small cut in automo-

Also, what about problems ag-However, it makes no sense to gravated by wearing a seat belt, let cities and counties impose sales such as those related to abdomitates on their citizens. This will nal, breast, lung or back surgery, tor? What happens if the doctor Property taxes are deductible disagrees with our need for the

Our lawmakers need to go after

RUTH B. KING

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TAHIRIH GELARDI BONES IN SKULL ?

Not only his college frat with a true notorious reputation, but also Bush as a member of Council on Foreign Relations and of the Tri-lateral Commission, leads to predictions of disaster. Meanwhile, obscene comments on Bush deal with slarg terms based on pubic hair. Verry interesting! DON T BLAME ME, I VOTED LIBERTARIAN are \$2 Ill. Libertarians, 1111 Church St. #405, Evanston, IL 60201. SCLP phone #, unlisted, is 803/755-2405. The phone book left it out. In speculating on LP presidential candidates for 1992, omit Alicia Clark, as ineligible as born citizen of Mexico. (I was born a Confederate citizen...) -jh

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### Minnesota Seeks to Close Church **Preschool Education Program**

MARSHALL, Minn. (RNS)—The state of Minnesota is seeking to close the preschool education program of a 100-year-old Lutheran congregation here because it is not licensed as a day-care center.

Church representatives say the suit by the state against Christ Lutheran Church represents an unconstitutional attack on religious freedom that could result in the state licensing Sunday schools.

But state authorities say it's a matter of ensuring that all such non-residential programs are licensed as required by law and that they meet standards of staff, health, safety and education.

Cecil Naatz, a lawyer who is president of Christ Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, said the state law contains no exemption for religious instruction. "It's excessive entanglement of government and religion," he said.

Mr. Naatz said the program, operated in conjunction with the church's Samuel Lutheran School, runs only one morning a week for 3-year-olds and two mornings for 4-year-olds and "by no stretch of the imagination is day care."

#### Graffiti Leads to Jail

Adam Keller, editor of The Other Israel (newsletter of the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace) was arrested April 15 while on reserve duty in Israel. According to the May-June issue of the newsletter, he is accused of painting slogans opposing military service in the occupied territories on 117 military vehicles -tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks- and of posting "Stop the Occupation" stickers and distributing leaflets in the military base. On May 11 Keller was found guilty of "insubordination and of publication and distribution of written propaganda liable to undermine army discipline." He was sentenced to 9 months imprisonment, fined, and demoted from corporal to pri-

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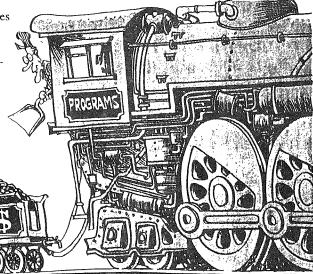
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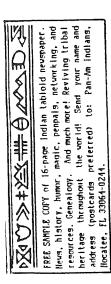
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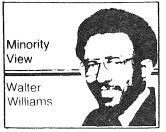
"O.K., Williams," you ask, "what is it this time?"

The Bush / Dukakis campaign is warming up. Both candidates are promising Americans this or that if elected. Both are doing a good job of living up to H.L. Mencken's definition of an election: "... government is a broker in pillage, every election is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods.

We get promises of government-sponsored child care programs, more federal funding of education, and job retraining programs. Neither candidate dares mention cutting any har dout programs such as: agricultural subsidies, business sub-sidies, and other social programs like foodstamps, Social Security, and welfare.

In my opinion the average American is decent, moral, and law-abiding. I may be wrong, but if you went up to him and said, "I have some money I got through threats and intimidation, would you like to have it?" I believe the average American would try to have you arrested. On the other hand, that same lawabiding American becomes a willing accessory and receiver of stolen goods when it comes to legalized threats, intimidation, and coercion.

"Hey, Williams, that's a se-



rious charge; could you take us through that?

O.K., you tell me if I'm wrong. When Congress approves a subsidy, the legislators aren't doling out their own money.

There's no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy who gives them the money. Here's the bitter truth that may be hard to swallow: In order for Congress to give one American one dollar, it must, through intimidation, threats, and coercion, confiscate that dollar from another tax-paying

Here's the essence of the process: A group of farmers, welfare recipients or businessmen tells Congress, "We need a

through its tax code (enforced national debt; the loss of control of our by IRS agents), "You know that national borders; the threat of more \$300 you made last week, we wars all around the world, and many want \$75 of it. And when the others. Sorry to say, it seems that the pot's big enough, we'll dole it out to handout recipients.

Suppose you say, "No, it's my earnings, and I'm going to keep

Then Congress says, "Fine. We'll send IRS agents around to take your house and car.

Then you reply, "No you won't; when your agents come, I'll defend what I worked for. It's rightfully mine.

Congress will merely say, "Go ahead; we outnumber you. Dead or alive, we'll get your money and give it to a handout recipient.'

I can't understand how any moral person can accept money he knows was obtained through a process of threats, intimidation, and coercion. Taking money obtained that way makes him no less than an accessory to theft and a receiver of stolen

Government is necessary. It must perform its constitutional functions providing for national defense, enforcing contracts, and adjudicating disputes. And financing these func-

that there are very serious problems

Most people realize

tions requires taxes. I'm not arguing against taxes as such. However, there is no moral case to be made for the government taking one person's earnings and giving them to another. Nor is there constitutional authority for most of what Congress does

That, by the way, is why congressmen, and others with a redistribution agenda, do not like Supreme Court justices who support strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

Frederic Bastiat, a great French philosopher, said, "Government is the great fiction South Carolina through which everybody en- Association of deavors to live at the expense of Taxpayers everybody else." But unless decent Americans reject that kind "the voice of the of immorality, we're heading to-wards the fulfillment of Ben-jamin Franklin's prediction, Carolina ..." When the people find they can vote themselves money, that Post Office Box 50799 will herald the end of the re-Columbia, S. C. 29250

Doesn't anybody care?

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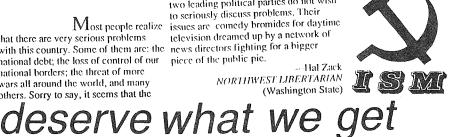
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two leading political parties do not wish to seriously discuss problems. Their issues are comedy bromides for daytime television dreamed up by a network of In turn Congress tells you, with this country. Some of them are: the news directors fighting for a bigger piece of the public pie.

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#### **RADIO WSPY?**

A former Navy cryptologist, who goes by the pseudonym Havana Moon, has a new hobby suggestion. Get yourself a shortwave radio and you can enjoy endless hours of pleasure listening to mysterious coded messages fluff. that, because of their professionalism. Moon labels "spy transmissions.

Usually in English or Spanish, and utilizing scores of different frequencies that Moon conveniently lists in a new book, Uno, Dos, Cuatro. the transmissions have had radio amateurs guessing for years. Invariably, a female voice drones four- or five digit groups of numbers, sometimes interspersed with Morse signals or letters.

Moon dismisses theories that the broadcasts are a crude message system set up by drug smugglers or money launderers. He suspects they're the work of U.S. and foreign intelligence and defense agencies and, possibly, anti-Častro rebels and other guerrilla groups. " the casual listener, these broadcasts may sound like something out of an old Bogart movie," the former intelligence technician says, "and it might not seem to make sense for intelligence agencies to use broadcast codes when sophisticated satellite technology is avail-

The 1988 elections registered one of our lowest-ever voter turnouts. Political pundits blame it on voter apathy and alienation with candidate inattention to issues and political

And here's what Williams says to his countrymen: We deserve what we get

American shortsightedness, ignorance, and immorality make it impossible for people with statesmen-like qualities to hold high political office. American character that produced presidents like John Adams, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson is all but dead. If any one of these men had competed in the 1988 presidential campaign, he'd have been defeated.

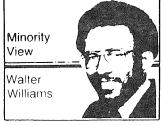
Since many of Jefferson's values are mine, let's pretend it's 1992 and Williams is his stand-in for the presidency, and it's press conference time.

Dan Rather: "Tell us why you constantly distrust government.

Williams: "The natural progress of things is for government to gain ground and for liberty to

Dan Rather: "That's no answer. Obviously we need government. What do you think is good government?

Williams: "A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own



pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.

Peter Jennings: "You say you object to Congress' using the IRS to confiscate the 'bread labor has earned' to give to others. Isn't that promoting selfishness?

Williams: "John Adams, our second president said 'Property is surely a right of mankind as really as liberty.' The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and there is no force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence.

Leslie Stahl: "Your opponent has come out in support of federal child care programs. Why are you against them?

Williams: "The Constitution's framers set several specific jobs for the federal government, and nowhere among them do I see a mandate for the provision of

baby-sitting services."
Leslie Stahl: "But the Supreme Court has interpreted the passage in the Constitution's Preamble 'provide for the general welfare' as meaning that Congress should give the citizens paid baby-sitters.

Williams: "It's a very dangerous doctrine to consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions. It is one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy. I might add that history has proved Alexander Hamilton dead wrong when he said the judiciary was the least dangerous branch of govern-

Sam Donaldson: "During your campaign you've called for repeal of government regulations that violate the Tenth Amendment. Are you for states' rights?"

Williams: "Yes, a single con-

solidated government would become the most corrupt government on earth. Our government is taking so steady a course as to show it will pass to destruction, to wit: consolidation first, and then corruption, its necessary consequence."

George Will: "What must Americans do to preserve liberty?

Williams: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.

Most of candidate Williams' responses are direct quotations from statements by Thomas Jefferson. You tell me how many American votes these truly liberal values would fetch. And, by the way, how many people who wear the "L" label bear any resemblance to Adams, Jefferson or Madison?

### News quips...by Ed Scott

The Palestine Liberation Organization's Parliament-in-exile has declared an independent state. The capital is Jerusalem, but there are no declared boundaries and I'm nervous. A correspondent recently overheard Yasser Arafat singing, "We Are the World."

World leaders are coming to Washington to say a farewell to Ronald Reagan and to become better acquainted with George Bush. It's a ritual Europeans grasp more readily than Americans --The king is dead: Long live the king.



City tried fast one in annexation

I am disappointed. Just as I was beginning to believe that we had a good city government, they pull a fast one. I am referring to the attempt to annex selected neighborhoods. Don't get me wrong. I am not against annexation. I think we all would benefit from it in the long run. The issue is in how annexation was attempted and the real objectives behind this attempt.

outlying neighborhoods, it should do it are regardless of how much their dein the right manner. Draw a semi- cisions keep our community from circle on the east side of the river reaching its potential. I wonder what with city hall as its center and a radi- the hidden agendas are? us of about eight miles; all the unincorporated areas within it would vote on this issue at the same time and the other townships would be invited to participate. Better yet, the whole hostage by Arab terrorists isn't bad county could be incorporated. The reason why this course of action is not taken is because it would bring about the redrawing of all the districts and all the petty fieldoms would be up for grabs. Staying in power is more important to those in office than doing something good for the community. (And they call themselves public servants!)

Annexation was attempted because the city needs more revenues to pay for the fiscal irresponsibility of the elected officials. The areas picked for annexation were selected because they met certain criteria; heavily industrial, which would bring lots of revenues and populated primarily by poor and inadequate people who

many thought could be easily cajoled by prominent figures. But the people were not fooled.

If the city needs to improve its balance sheet, let it do it through other means: streamline the bureaueracy, stop spending money on outlandish projects outside its realm of responsibility and rewrite city codes, such as zoning laws, so as to bring development back into the area.

But all of these would be too easy If the city is going to try to annex They are happy with things as they

GONZALO LEON

If being held enough, Alann Steen now has the Internal Revenue Service after him. Steen, an American college professor, has been held hostage by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine in Lebanon for the last two years. This month, his wife received a letter from the IRS warning that Steen would be prosecuted if he did not settle his 1984 taxes within 30 days. Not to worry, the American Embassy in Beirut told Mrs Steen: "Let the IRS come and get your husband out" if they want to prosecute him. (Reported by United Press International)





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### Police arrest sign-toting woman at basketball game

Clash not first between USC student, authorities

By MARGARET N. O'SHEA

A University of South Carolina student who has clashed before with campus authorities over signs she carries at sports events spent Saturday night in jail after an arrest on disorderly conduct charges at the USC-Clemson basketball game.

Janice Kraft, president of Students for America, said she was handcuffed and dragged out of the Carolina Coliseum Saturday for displaying a banner supporting free speech for conservative gadflies of USC.

USC spokesman Ann Hill said the arrest was unrelated to the message on Ms. Kraft's banner but came after she refused to lower the sign so sports fans could see the game.

"She rather vehemently objected to being asked to cease and desist," Ms. Hill said.

Another student also was arrested after apparently trying to stop campus police from taking Ms. Kraft into custody. Frank Peloquin, a senior of 1535 Cool Brook Drive in Pine Ridge, was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and simple assault. He could not be reached for comment.

Both are free on bond, pending a

Richland County Magistrate Harry M. Tokunaga freed Ms. Kraft on personal recognizance. Tokunaga set Peloquin's bond at \$950.

The incident that led to the arrests was the latest in a series for Ms. Kraft, a senior from Boca Raton, Fla. She was ejected from Williams-Brice Stadium Nov. 5 after holding up a sign promoting the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate during a football game.

She was removed from another football game Nov. 18 after displaying a sign that said "USC supports communist slavery — divest from the

On both occasions, Ms. Kraft said USC authorities didn't like her politically conservative messages and thus restricted her rights to free speech.

Carl Stokes, senior vice president for law enforcement and safety, said his officers ejected Ms. Kraft from the football games because she defied a stadium policy that requires signs and banners to be sponsored by student groups and relate to the sports event at hand.

that facility's only policy about signs stand, ignored freedom is that they can't be mounted on sticks for safety reasons.

safety test, but she was asked to get rid of them after fans complained their view was blocked.

Police were called after Ms. Kraft refused to obey requests that she lower her sign and sit down, USC officials said. They said campus police were summoned only after ushers and security personnel were rebuffed.

Ms. Kraft said she was walking in mascot, and did not believe she blocked anyone's view. She said she was returning to her seat with her

sign when she was arrested.
She said Peloquin was arrested when he tried to stop police from being rough with her. Arrest records allege Peloquin struck two officers.

After the earlier incidents, Ms. Kraft demianded a public apology

from USC officials. The university corresponded with Ms. Kraft late last month, Stokes said. "The university cannot release the letter because of rules regarding confidentiality of communications with students. However, the university made it clear the actions were taken to protect patrons' rights to view the game and for safety considerations including the need to keep aisles open at all times.

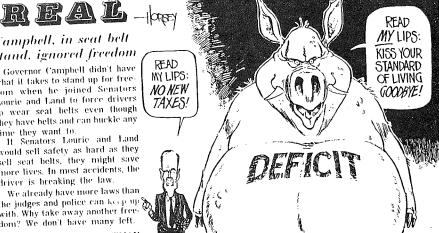
### Coliseum Director John Bolin said Campbell, in scat belt

Governor Campbell didn't have what it takes to stand up for freeshe had three with her — passed the dom when he joined Senators to wear seat belts even though they have belts and can buckle any time they want to.

Senators Lourie and Land would sell safety as hard as they sell seat belts, they might save more lives. In most accidents, the driver is breaking the law.

We already have more laws than Ms. Kraft said she was walking in the same area as "Cocky." USC's with. Why take away another free with. dom? We don't have many left.

RICHARD BOWMAN



### Judge gets reprimand for threat

AUSTIN, Texas

A judge allowed her child to run around her courtroom during proceedings, called litigants and others "pure trash" and threatened to shoot a lawyer, says a state panel that publicly reprimanded her.

The reprimand issued Friday against District Judge Marsha Anthony of Houston is the most severe action the State Commission on Judicial Conduct can take short of removing a judge from

the bench, officials said.

The commission's findings said Ms. Anthony had, among other things, called people in her courtroom "pure trash," left the bench crying

and shouting threats at attorneys, and told one lawyer that she had a gun and could shoot two holes in his back before he could leave the

The comments of Judge Anthony are not consistent with the temperament required of a member of the judiciary," said the commission's report, adding that she "brought discredit to the judiciary.

Ms. Anthony was elected to the district court in 1984, and her term expires Dec. 31. However, the commission said, "it is not to the benefit of the judiciary or the public to allow improper conduct to go unsanctioned solely because of an approaching expiration of a term.

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difficulties, but hasn't printed a word about the unfair ballot-

effectively denied ballot status to new parties and independent candidates.

During the past year, petitioners have collected nearly

a million signatures to get ballot

candidate Ron Paul. The effort

### TAX, SPEND, AND ELECT

Nearly twenty-five years ago, then-Senator Barry Goldwater posed this question in his book, The Conscience of A Conservative: "How did our national government grow from a servant with sharply limited powers into a master with virtually unlimited power?"

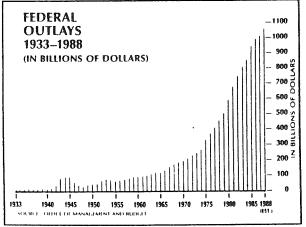
This was his candid answer:

...let us be honest with ourselves. Broken promises are not the major causes of our trouble. Kept promises are. All too often we have put men in office who have suggested spending a little more on this, a little more on that, who have proposed a new welfare program, who have thought of another variety of "security."

This conversion of our system of constitutionally limited government into a Big Brother Welfare State is not an accident of history. It has been based on a basic strategy for forcing socialism on the American people that was perhaps best articulated by Harry Hopkins, a top assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. "Tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect" is the way Hopkins reportedly summarized this blueprint.

According to this simple though brilliant formula, the United States is being led to socialist destruction because of a Welfare State mentality, in which the people have come to perceive the Federal Government as Santa Claus. Under this delusion, Americans have been induced to favor those candidates for public office who promise the greatest "benefits" and "security." Meanwhile, the Federal Government continues to supply in ever-increasing amounts the other ingredients of the formula — "tax and tax" and "spend and spend." In the process, the American people are becoming impoverished slaves.

The disastrous consequences of our adoption of this tax-spend-elect strategy are already becoming apparent. The seemingly uncontrollable and skyrocketing growth of government spending in recent years (see chart) and other key indicators (see inside pages) reveal that, unless a proper solution is discovered and implemented, the socialist destruction of the greatest nation the world has ever known is inevitable.



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### Third-party funds

MT. PROSPECT-I'm disappointed with the poor coverage that The Chicago ribune has given to the Libertarian presidential campaign of Dr. Ron Paul. The Tribune so far has mentioned Paul's campaign just once, when he spoke to the City Club of Chicago last spring. While the role of the press in a free society is supposedly to educate the voter, the lack of coverage of Ron Paul's campaign seems to point to a concerted media plan to dupe the American voter.

Why hasn't Ron Paul been covered by the media? The major reason is money: Ron Paul's party isn't ripping off millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to pay for his election campaign. For example, a generous bipartisan Congress "gave" the Democratic and Republican conventions \$9.2 million each, courtesy of the Great American Taxpayer. As if that weren't enough, both Bush and Dukakis are getting another \$46.1 million each of taxpayers'

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this, by the way, is before they get matching funds—again, at taxpayer expense.

So far in this presidential election, media coverage of the candidates has been roughly in proportion to the "free taxpayer handouts their parties have received: The Democratic and Republican candidates have gotten roughly 50 percent each, and the Libertarian candidate Ron Paul has gotten roughly 0 percent. The media's typical response to a third party's request for coverage is: "We'll give you more coverage if you show us you're raising substantial amounts of money." I didn't realize until now that they meant taxpayers' money. Taxpayer funding is truly the mother's milk of politics.

Well, maybe we taxpayers should demand that Ron Paul be given the same \$55 million of free media coverage that both Bush and Dukakis have received. That way, at least we'd get voters educated about which candidates are running. After all, it's our money that Bush and Dukakis are spending. George A. Clowes

ST. CHARLES-I find it money before November. And ironic that The Tribune devoted 30 column-inches to Meir



was successful in 47 states and the District of Columbia (now 46, after a disqualification on an obscure technicality in Missouri). Fair ballot-access laws would help widen the American political stage and, in so doing, give voters a chance to consider philosophies, ideas and proposals that are routinely ignored by the "mainstream" political establishment and

media. When new parties have to spend most of their time and money gaining a place on the ballot, they are effectively denied a real opportunity to compete in the marketplace of ideas. It's no wonder so many

Americans choose not to participate in the political process. They correctly perceive a lack of real choices between the established political parties. Fair ballot access laws and media coverage of new parties might be the best way to increase political participation among currently disaffected

Mark Smith

### Officials ambiguous on belt requirement

Will state officials really come out in "full force" in support of a mandatory seat belt law? Or will they talk one way and do just the opposite?

For example, private cars are required now to restrain 4- and 55 year-olds, but school buses are not? Until the state department that owns and operates school buses says that every 4-and 5-year-old child going to kindergarten on a school bus must be tied down, it is admitting that seat belts are not really needed for kids this age.

Likewise, as long as officials run buses with no seat belts, they are saying to the public, "We want to force you to obey a mandatory seat belt law, but we will be able to break it every time we start a school bus. You see, we don't have to obey any law."

JOHN T. HARLLEE

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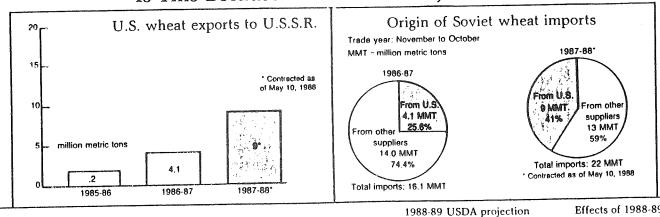
The Potomac Rambling Bares donated a truckload of clothes to help with earthquake relief in Soviet Armenia. The group charged a grocery bag full of clothing as admission to its annual Christmas-Hanukkah party and collected an overflowing pickup truck load.

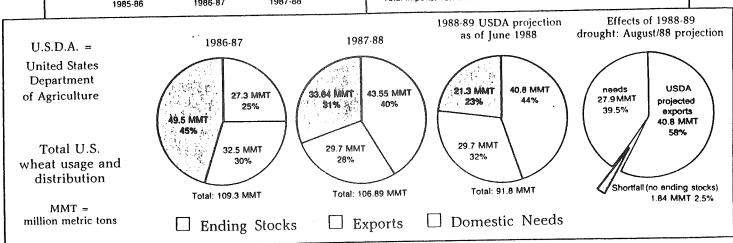
"Our problems stem from our acceptance of this filthy, rotten system."

— Dorothy Day



### INCREASED WHEAT EXPORT TO THE SOVIETS Is This Because We Have Already Surrendered?





By Otto Scott

Persons of a literal cast of mind find the entire subject of art - in all its variations - difficult to understand and exasperating to endure. That art moves millions is one of the cliches of observation; that it approaches this task in oblique and mysterious ways is something that the logical-minded never quite accept.

ART AND ANTI-COMMUNISM

That is one important reason why anti-Communism has so signally failed to enlist the youth and mind want Communism, but it is to say that anti-Communism has signally failed to attract the majority of the young.

arts in our time. The shrewd propagandists of the career. That is art. Russian Revolution created awards and prizes, subsidies and publicity, sent their agents abroad and capjournalists, sculptors and cognoscenti of Germany by the early Twenties.

These agents then poured across Western Europe. They captured intellectual citadels in Paris, promoted world of art, including theater, music and literature, after the revolution succeeds. became a Leftist bastion. "The inevitable victory of ists outside Russia.

by 1924 Lenin had allowed a sort of low-level, minim- artists to be subsidized by its enemies. al Capitalism to reappear. Food became available, the In one film, We the Living makes the human and commissars and their friends and mistresses were in emotional cost of Communism reach the heart, and power, and the nature of the regime was naked for all makes one aware that it is the heart of humanity that to see.

One who looked - and saw - was the youthful Russia that year and emigrate to the United States, of outrage that moved Ayn Rand's observation of the America held the world transfixed.

It was in Hollywood, while working at humble tory, that she wrote her novel We the Living.

ter of its heroine. But unlike most early novels by moved by the Fascists. They discovered one only Communism enthroned, We the Living conveyed the it across the nation. truth about Russia more convincingly than all the essence of the mid-Twenties in Moscow: a time not of idealism, but of corrosive corruption.

In keeping with her unusual and remarkable destiny, Ayn Rand's novel did not appear here until 1936. That was a Depression year, and a pro-Communist year in fashionable artistic quarters. Her book was popular but ignored by the critics: it was not intellectually fashionable. In 1943 she produced The Fountainhead, whose acid portrait of liberal fashion challenged by an iconoclastic hero thrilled millions, sold in the millions and was ignored — then and now — by the critics.

Meanwhile, someone told her in 1942 that We the corner in the hot sun late last May, Living had been made into a movie in Italy. The United States and Italy were at war that year, and copyrights could be ignored by enemies. I am not

sure that Ayn Rand ever saw the movie verison of We Rosenbaum the Living, but I hope she did, because it is, like the in Czarist novel, a work of art.

Made in wartime, its opening scenes are unmistakenly Italian. One has the impression that an Italian family - warm and close, mingling youth and age has unaccountably wandered into Moscow. But that first impression also mysteriously conveys a sense of menace: one expects the OGPU (later the KGB) to appear at any moment. From then on, one is drawn into cant contribudoomed love affair. There is no sense in spoiling the tions to of the West. That is not to say that our young people picture for you the way TV now spoils all programs philosophy, by advance peeks: let it suffice to say that what political ultimately emerges is a portrait of the hero's deterioration under the temptations of corrupt Com-To a considerable extent this phenomenon can be munism - and the surprising emergence of a secret and traced to the Marxist-Socialist-Liberal conquest of the policeman who holds onto his honor at the cost of his

It is art because it shows the inner meaning of honor and its price. It is art because it shows the tured most of the painters, playwrights, novelists, spiritual surrender demanded by an intrusive society. And it is art because it shows rather than tells. Like that asserts human knowledge as having objective reality. Author is subordinate to human nature.

The Italian movie-makers knew exactly what they the Socialist tide in Britain, and applauded the Left were about when they made this movie, because they everywhere. By 1924 the Socialist journalist were living in Mussolini's society. They knew, first-Mussolini led his "Blackshirts" to the rule of Italy; hand, the difference between an honest cop and a Social Democrats governed Germany, and the global fraud and what happens to a revolutionary idealist

As a result, they produced a movie that does more Socialism" was a vision accepted by virtually all art- to reveal the nature of totalitarianism than mounds of heavy-breathing documentaries and pedantic tomes. But inside the USSR the cracks in the new edifice Seeing this movie makes one aware of why our youth were too ominous to ignore. Starvation in the civil have not been converted to spirited anti-Communism war had been forgiven in the chaos of the period, but - and how much the West has lost by allowing its

directs its mind.

Wooden anti-Communist arguments have fallen to Ayn Rand, who was lucky enough to get out of earth among us, because they do not evoke the spirit As with so many at that time, she was irresistably corruptions of totalitarianism. We the Living, therefore drawn to Hollywood, whose images of an abundant = now playing in art houses across the land - is a film you should see, with your family.

And as usual when something extraordinary aptasks inside various corridors of the great dream fac-pears, there is an extraordinary story behind the film. Erika and Mark Holzer, New York lawyers who have It was highly flavored with observations from her succeeded in balking the huge, monstrous Soviet youth, as in all first novels. As in all first novels, it Union on more than one occasion, learned of the exoverstated youthful romance, and — as in virutally all istence of this Italian film and spent years tracking female writing — the beauty, intelligence and charac- down a copy after it had been condemned and reaspiring writers, its perception of the world and its after many efforts, reviewed and edited it, translated values was sharp and clear. And because the world its dialogue into American, and are now — against that Ayn Rand knew best as a young woman was the usual resistance of the Liberal/Left - distributing

Space does not now permit me to discuss the tomes of the times. What she conveyed was the Holzers in the detail they deserve, but I plan to do so soon. Meanwhile, for the first time in my literary efforts, I recommend a movie to you - and for all those anxious to rally our nation against totalitarianism tides - I recommend that you begin to actively support anti-Communist art, and that you look at We the Living as an example of how art can move hearts and minds toward the truth.

Woman's hair burst into flames on hot Columbia day

By JEFF MILLER Staff Writer

Edna Evon Sims was standing on a valting for a bus, when her hair suddenly burst into flames:

That's what Ms. Sims is claiming in her federal lawsuit against the

makers of two hair-care products.

who was a housekeeper at the University of South Carolina, to suffer "serious personal injuries and permanent disfigurement to her head and face," the lawsuit says

tion of The State, the high temperature in Columbia on May 31 was 96 degrees

A Columbia officer on foot patrol near the Assembly Street bus stop saw the flames and moved quickly to put out the fire.

AYN RAND. born Alice Russia, came early to despise Communism and America. thought. literature. epistemology. Libertarian and rigorouslu anti-

religious, she

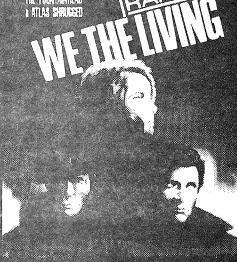


was a critic of altruism and an architect of Objectivism, the theory life, the movie seems to move at random, but its plot of We the Living, Atlas Shrugged, The Fountainhead, Anthem, and scores of other works

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### Israel's war against capitalism

Jews are successful all over the world, except Israel. Israel is a basket case receiving nearly 15 percent of her gross national product (GNP) in handouts from the United States and other countries. Professors Alvin Rabushka and Steve Hanke, of the Hoover Institution and Johns Hopkins respectively, tell us why in a new book, "Toward Growth: A Blueprint for Economic Rebirth in Israel," published by the Israel-based Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies

During the 1950s and '60s, Israel's prospects for economic growth were far brighter than those of the four "Asian tigers"
— Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, and Taiwan. She was turning in a 9.2 percent real annual growth, attracting talented immigrants, becoming industrialized — making the desert bloom. Since the 1970s, Israel has been a stagnant economy growing at 0.4 percent a year. Living standards haven't increased for more than a decade. The Rabushka/Hanke book shows that the four Asian tigers have averaged a phenomenal growth rate of 6 percent or better since 1970. Between 1986 and 1988 alone, Hong Kong grew at 12 percent, Korea 12 percent, Taiwan 10 percent,

### More Than Two Political

The Aug. 30 article, "Democratic contenders represent new policy era," was preceded by an editor's note that referred to "the two political parties." I am concerned over the editor's apparent ignorance of current American politics.

Ours is a nation of many political parties, some limited in activity to a single state (e.g., Conservative Party of New York), some old and worn-out in their ideas (e.g., Democrats and Republicans). There is one party, however, that is nationwide in its scope, steadfast in its principles and has members holding public office in nearly every state of the union. I am referring, of course, to the Libertarian Party, which in the 1980 presidential election garnered nearly 1 million votes, which initiated the repeal of the Alaska state income tax and which continues to fight for lower taxes and less government throughout this nation.

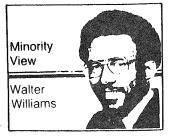
That an editor of Virginia's "state newspaper" ignores the country's third-largest and fastest-growing political party is bad enough, but that he should ignore the only party which resolutely embraces the ideals of one of Virginia's greatest statesmen, Thomas Jefferson, is intolerable. ERIC JAY DEL GIACCO.

### HENRICO COUNTY LINE

### High prices hurt poor more than the lottery

It disturbs me to hear people say they're against the lottery because it would hurt the poor the

Opponents have banded together and got people in the State House working against a state lottery because, they say, "the poor will be hurt the most.



and Singapore 10 percent.

The authors convincingly argue that Israel's problems are not her hostile neighbors; rather, they're a direct result of the marriage between Zionism and socialism. Israel's "economy is socialist from top to bottom, and private property, free markets and prices are viewed with great suspicion." Taking a cue from the Asian tigers and Britain, even Russia, China, and some African states, are beginning to recognize some of the failures of socialism and are taking small steps to permit a greater role for free markets. Israel has remained virtually blind to the recognition that socialistic management of the economy is a losing game.

Israel's government spends about 72 percent of the nation's GNP each year. Businesses pay an effective tax rate of 55 per-

### Letters to the editor

The federal deficit may seem like a remote problem to many South Carolinians, but its effects will be felt by all in our everyday lives if it continues to grow. One proposal being bantered about is to raise the federal tax on gaso 🕔 line. Figures of 15, 30 or even 50 cents per gallon have been rumored. If a large federal gas tax for budget balancing is passed by Congress, it could well have a negative impact on South Carolina's economy.

Let's consider this scenario. Higher gasoline taxes would raise pump prices, thus reducing consumers' disposable income and increasing many businesses' operat-

ing costs.

It is also felt that raising the system could be compromised. Well-built highways accessing all parts of South Carolina are essen. opment of our No. 2 industry tial ingredients in future economic tourism. development.

If they're so concerned with the poor, why don't they spend some of their energy working against increases in food prices, gasoline taxes, electric rates and medical costs? These increases are what hurt the poor.

A state lottery would never hurt the poor the way alcohol and rising prices have. You have to choose to buy a lottery ticket.

WELDON HOOK

cent. The individual tax rate starts at 20 percent on a \$7,000 income, and rises to 48 percent on incomes of \$27,000 and over. In addition, there are wage, social security, and value added taxes. Depending on a particular individual's circumstances, his effective tax rate can be as high as 70 percent.

The government imposes high import tariffs, and grants monopolies, special favors through tax write-offs and subsidies. and monopoly powers to labor unions. It manipulates its capital markets and regulates most other areas of economic life. What's worse is: There's no significant opposition to counter government control. While Israel's major political parties differ on international policy, they're in solid agreement on government control and welfarism.

For emigrating Jews, Israel used to be the country of choice. Now Jews, including those fleeing Russia, are beginning to

#### SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET?

Anyone interested in receiving the complete "Top 10 Strangest Events" list may do so free of charge by sending a legalsized self-addressed stamped envelope to: Top Ten List, Strange Magazine, P.O. Box 2246, Rockville, Md. 20852.

(1) Lizard Man

Few would have suspected that during the summer of 1988 the sleepy town of Bishopville, S.C., would be the scene of the most highly publicized creature flap of all time. Whether fact, fiction or a combination of both, the Lizard Man will go down as one of the most controversial and well publicized American monsters of the 1980's, if not in the history of monster lore.

bypass Israel. During 1985 and "A dog stops at a 1986, more Jews emigrated from fire hydrant to than immigrated to Israel. If express an opinion this trend continues, particular- of city government." ly among highly talented Jews, we should not be surprised to BUDGET PRINT CENTER see Israel eventually adopt a

Rabushka and Hanke may not share my conclusion, but so far as economic tyranny, I see little American Defense In that distinguishes Israel from the Third Reich. That's a tragedy for at least two reasons. Having had a unique history of persecution. Jews have benefit ted the most from capitalism. and more than any other people, Jews should have learned the bitter lesson that personal freedom cannot long survive with out economic freedon.

We who care about Israel's fu ture will find that Rabushka and Hanke have made a thoughtful study and offer uses ful prescriptions. Can Israel take her medicine, and can we stop the handouts?

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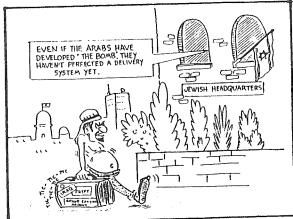
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Additionally, South Carolina in many respects is a "bridge state." The I-95 corridor between the federal gas tax may well cut down Northeast and Florida is heavily on consumption. With consumption traveled, as is I-85 connecting Atdown and thus less money coming lanta and many Northern states. If the motor fuel excise tax is inimprovements, our transportation creased substantially, it could damage traffic flow in South Carolina and thereby impede the devel-

It is my inescapable conclusion that South Carolinians do not need the federal budget balanced by an increased gas tax. The negative effects of such a tax would far outweigh the small reduction in the federal deficit which would result from this unfair and misguided approach. Everyone should bear a fair share of the cost of the solution, not just highway users.

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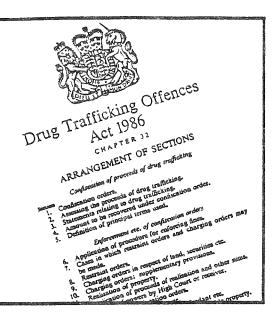
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# THE DRUG TRAFFICKING ACT VERSUS NATURAL JUSTICE

J. ENOCH POWELL



#### INTRODUCTION

It was one of those ironies of contemporary politics that the group of "anarchists" who violently prevented Mr. Powell from delivering the following speech to Bristol University Conservative Association on Friday October 17th 1986 silenced a major libertarian statement. The Drug Traffic Act is a major reversal of one of the most vital elements of English Common Law, the presumption of innocence. And Mr. Powell is the only politician who, in a climate of moral panic over drugs, has spoken out against this ominous infringement of civil liberties. While there are, to say the least, considerable differences between the respective ideological perspectives of Mr. Powell and the Libertarian Alliance, we are pleased to publish his principled statement on this issue.

Chris R. Tame Secretary

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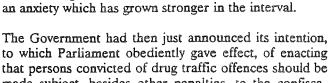
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FOR LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY



A little less than a year ago, addressing the University of Cambridge Conservative Association, I gave vent to

that persons convicted of drug traffic offences should be made subject, besides other penalties, to the confiscation of the whole of their property unless they could show that it did not represent the proceeds of that criminal activity in general as opposed to the particular offence of which they had been duly found guilty.

I protested against the enactment of so manifestly unjust a law, which shifted the onus of proof from the accuser to the accused, which revived a penalty not known since the Middle Ages, and which inflicted it for offences of which those punished had not been convicted. I predicted that if such legislation went through, the rot would not stop there. Once made, the breach in natural justice would rapidly be extended beyond the context of drug trafficking.

#### A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

My protest was not heeded. I was told there was something so peculiarly evil and uniquely dangerous about the drug traffic that no precedent for other branches of the criminal law would be created. A very high legal luminary indeed wrote to me: "I agree that it is a dangerous innovation: I agree that it must be strictly confined to its purpose and not extended"; but he continued: "However, the drug situation is so horrifying that I believe these measures - or something like them - are really necessary". The eminent authority was promptly proved wrong and I, alas, proved right. Within four months the Home Secretary announced that the Government was considering for the coming session "legislation to confiscate the assets of those convicted of organising prostitution and fraud". Not only have I seen no repudiation of that proposal but, at least in the context of fraud, it has been given a general welcome. I read

last week one of those inspired reports to the effect that "Ministers are now considering to what extent similar penalties [to those enacted in the context of drug trafficking] should be extended to other crimes" and that their first instinct was "to take advantage of the widespread public revulsion at the activities of the drug barons by launching a blanket crack-down on the profits of organised crime".

### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOCIAL PANIC

That expression "take advantage of public revulsion" is highly instructive. Nothing is more dangerous to the maintenance of our liberties under the law than panic producing "public revulsion" of which politicians then "take advantage". Not only, though especially, in the season of the party conferences are politicians exposed to the outpourings of anger and panic and find themselves looking for votes by giving way to ill-considered invasion of long cherished and preserved legal rights and constitutional principles. Believe me; it is not only the "barons" but the politicians who are capable of cashing in on drugs, and they do it by trading away those things which it is their duty to defend.

### THE ROLE OF SPECIAL INTERESTS

Senior Scotland Yard officials were heard last May "calling for proposed legislation on the seizure of assets from drug traffickers to be widened to other major offenders and the confiscated cash ploughed back into policing". The motive of self-interest which that report disclosed may be venial in policemen, whose business is with enforcement of the law and not with its integrity. It is unforgivable in governments and ministers. Nor was I reassured when I learnt that there is already an American precedent and that "in the United States the channelling of confiscated assets back into law enforcement has meant that the Drug Enforcement Agency has become practically self-sufficient" - a chilling and admonitory piece of information.

### THE POLICE AND NATURAL JUSTICE

Nevertheless there is a police interest in the protection of natural justice in legal code. Anxiety for the future about the relationship between the public and the police is widespread. Ill-considered changes in the penal law, spawned by panic or buy financial considerations, could easily increase the justification for that anxiety. The Government has just made use through subordinate legislation of a power for which authority was provided in a provision of the Road Traffic Act that attracted culpably little notice or debate at the time. I refer to what are loosely called "on-the-spot" of fines. More accurately expressed, the police have been given the power to convict and punish a citizen of any of a whole range of motoring offences, unless he exercises the option to take the case to court under threat of a higher penalty and of liability to pay the costs of both parties. Whether or not the way for this was paved by

system of traffic wardens and parking fines, it represents a breach of he general principle that the citizen is innocent of an alleged crime unless and until he is duly convicted of it by a court of law. The fact that so much concern and anxiety attaches to road casualties helps to explain, but does not help to justify, that breach, any more than the panic about drugs justifies the introduction into our law of the confiscation of assets unconnected with an offence duly proven.

There is another way in which the innovation of "on-the-spot" fines closely touches the relations between police and public. It is this. The reasonable exercise of discretion by the police is an indispensable ingredient in their public relations. It is underpinned by the policeman's awareness that the citizen has an open redress through the courts if he is charged by the police in trivial or doubtful or even unreasonable circumstances. Armed with the power to fine "on the spot", the policeman is positively deterred, if not prevented, from exercising that all-important duty of judgment. His identity as a member of the community like any other person is diminished. He moves a perceptible step closer to being the arm of an impersonal and oppressive state.

### THE ALARMING LACK OF PUBLIC OPPOSITION

It is to me alarming not that such proposals as I have been discussing are aired or that they emanate from government and its agencies but that they encounter so little public remonstrance and that the House of Commons, on which in the last resort the responsibility rests for safeguarding the citizen's rights, has proved to be so prone to take the easy course of short-term popularity and panic-pandering. That is a default for which heavy payment falls to be made in the long term - and not always by any means by those who were guilty of it.

### THE BREECH OF PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY: ANOTHER OMINOUS PRECEDENT

There is still another cause for anxiety which I do not want to pass over. the same panic about drug traffic has been the occasion for a breach of the duty of confidentiality between professionals and their clients, whereby the professionals have been given protection by statute for disclosure of their clients' affairs when they choose to make it upon a suspicion that drug offences are involved. We are already being told that this proposal is to be extended to cover suspicion "of all other serious crime, where large profits are reaped". that illustrates how a breach of principle once made is almost instantly widened. The journey is well under way towards a society where everybody is encouraged to spy on everybody else, under cover of the general detestation in which certain offences are held. Even if politicians join in this stampede, ought not the legal profession and those other professions whose independence rests on the principle of confidential duty to clients to be heared raising their voices in protest and opposition?

ne Pee Dee Partizans of South Carolina Libertarian