

PAUL JACOB
Is No Longer Free



LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas: Paul Jacob, after 2 years of eluding federal agents, was arrested by the FBI last week for his refusal to register for the military draft.

To quote Paul: "I refuse to register... the draft is absolute state control over the individual... it is slavery and I will not assist the government in its attempt to take away my freedom."

Paul and 600,000 other men have refused to register, thus devastating the "legitimacy" of the government's registration program.

Those interested in helping Paul fight the system are invited to contribute to:

The Paul Jacob Defense Fund,
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Mason Williams

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION RETURNS ! !

Since these did not appear in the December issue of the SCLP newsletter, and were not easy to find in the conventional media. Bill Griffin is planning to conduct a survey in Lexington Co., because the number of people who told him they voted for him was so many more than the number of votes he got.

Statewide, Bergland & Lewis: 4,359 for 0.5%; Clark got 9,800 for 1.1% in 1980. 3rd of 5.

Senate: Davis 13,333 for 1.4%, 3rd of 3.

Congress: (2nd) Cynthia Sullivan 2,010, 1.2%; (3rd) Bob Madden 1,510, 1.0%; (4th) Ray Pike 1,431, 0.9%; (5th) Linda Blevins 4,185, 4.1%; (6th) Hugh Thompson 2,050, 1.3%. All finished 3rd, but in the 5th C. D. the second place went to the American Party.

State Senate: (4) Howard Johnson 762, 4.8%; (10) Wayne Grews 71, 0.4%; (21) Steve Vandervelde 183, 1.3%; (23) Jan Chapman 298, 1.2%; (25) John Heaton 246, 1.1%; (29) Mich Olinger 845, 6.7%. Howard Johnson was on the ballot in Anderson Co., but was left off in Abbeville Co.; the obligatory protests have been filed. Wayne Grews was put off the ballot in Greenwood Co. & ran as a write-in, but was on the ballot in McCormick. There were sore-loser write-in candidates in 21 & 23 who came in 3rd. 4, 10 & 29 had no Rep. candidate.

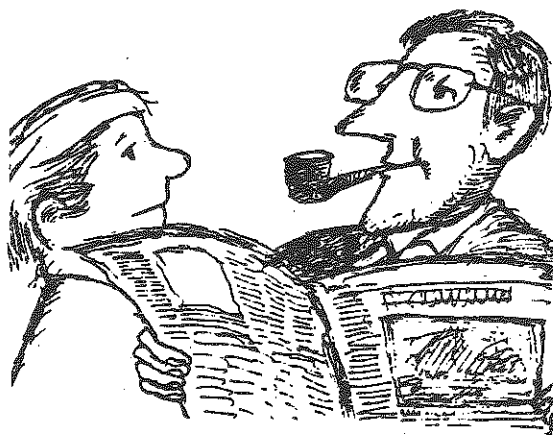
State House: (13) John Compton 427, 7.2% (no Rep.); (88) Bill Griffin 148, 2.0%.

Florence Co. Treasurer: Tony Thomas 1,250, 5%. No report on Mary Seymour in Aiken Co.

BULK RATE

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What did you learn in school today?
Our teacher said our national priorities are all wrong.

Really?

She said that with the \$15 million we pay for one F-16 fighter plane, we could build and fully equip 20 day-care centers.

I have a question for your teacher.

What question?

Ever try to shoot down a Soviet Bear bomber with 20 fully equipped day-care centers?

Alternatives preferred to licensing of homes

Recent reports of possible beatings at a church-run boys' home near Walterboro are disturbing, but the government's response is also disturbing. At issue is an apparent clash between freedom of religion and the rights of children.

The S.C. Department of Social Services wants to "solve" this problem by licensing church-run children's homes, but an examination of the proposed licensing requirements shows that many are not related to the protection of the children. It seems that DSS is trying to extend its bureaucratic claws so that it can tell more and more people how to run their affairs.

Libertarians recognize that beating a child is a form of assault and battery and is therefore a crime. There are two ways to prevent crimes: (1) the bureaucratic, regulatory approach and (2) the voluntary approach backed up by criminal justice. Libertarians recognize that the latter approach is far better. When government bureaucracies impose regulations on any group, individual freedom always gets restricted far out of proportion to any beneficial or protective effect of the regulation.

A better approach would be to encourage voluntary efforts and enforce existing laws against kidnapping and assault. Voluntary groups could inspect and certify church-run homes, thus giving parents some guidelines for judging the suitability of particular homes.

Existing laws against assault, battery, and kidnapping could be enforced much better if law enforcement officials weren't wasting much of their time chasing after persons who commit victimless crimes.

If someone claims that his religion calls for beating a child, then that child's natural rights must supercede religious "freedom."

DAVID MORRIS, M.D.

INDIALANTIC, Fla. (AP) — The first ticket written under Indialantic's strict new parking regulations went to the man who wrote them — City Manager Blake Proctor.

Proctor received a ticket for parking April 9 in a space for the handicapped. It was the first day new parking enforcement officers were on duty.

anything's possible

How many parties have a state vice-chair who is 20, unemployed, & has only a high school education, asks David Bozeman of the NCLP. (Young Libertarian)

Alan Gottlieb of Citizens Comm. to Keep & Bear Arms, etc. has been sentenced to 1 year for tax evasion in Seattle, & fined large amounts.

"We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to, and we seem to do it every 10 minutes." - Sen. William Fullbright

In 1981, federal deficit was 2.6% of GNP; in 1983 it was 6.9%, and interest on federal debt is now 3.5% of GNP. (Investors Notebook)

Alberta Chamber of Commerce has come out for Complete privatization of the royal mail. (Halt)

"Every regulation is a restriction, and as such contrary to that freedom which I have held to be the first principle of the well-being of commerce." - Alexander Baring, 1st Baron Ashburton, 1774-1848.

"The 'normally' alienated person, by reason of the fact that he acts more or less like everyone else, is taken to be sane." - R. D. Laing, *The Politics of Experience*.

In 1965, US let a contract to build an ambassadors residence in Cairo; so far \$3½ million has been spent and the end is not in sight; much of what has been built will have to be torn down & replaced. (var)

Several groups are promoting a communications era concept. Unfortunately; they do not communicate: they write in Near English, and they refuse to answer their mail. Anyone who hears from them, and can tell what they really mean, please communicate. (In plain English, preferably.)

California Dept. of Food & Ag has told employees to travel by elevators only in buildings having such. This is today's safety tip. (Funny Funny World)

In Kansas City, MO children may not buy cap guns. They may, however, legally buy shotguns. So.... (FFW)

In Stanfield, OR, it is illegal for animals to have sex in public, & Mrs. Donald Orr asks, "What are you supposed to do, rent them a motel room?" (FFW)

M. Zubchenko reports that he is unable to find scissors for sale anywhere in Moscow. (Pravda, FFW) Maybe they're considered dangerous weapons?

Sgt. Robert Brantley has been charged with practicing dentistry without a license after he pulled 4 teeth from a 10-year-old boy on the streets in Colorado Springs, CO. (C S Sun/FFW) The NEW army.

Analysis of the new Chinese census reports, the first Chinese census in centuries, concludes that 27 million died of famine in the Great Leap Forward, says Prof. Ansley Coate of Natl. Academy of Sciences. Natl. Academy of Sciences also calls gas appliances the leading cause of indoor air pollution. (var.)

Cambridge U. Press is offering FREE BANKING IN BRITAIN by Lawrence White of NYU for \$29.95. 32 E 57 St, NYC 10022. Scottish banks of 1800-1845.

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Tennessee State U. students protested a desegregation settlement that would require the number of white students be increased to 50%. (Spotlight)

Meanwhile, Job Corps is operating a segregated job training center (for native Indians) in Ronan, MT - which even excludes Indians from east of Mississippi. (SN Newsletter) Great White Father speak with forked tongue, as usual.

Paul Doerr, 225 E Utah, Fairfield, CA 94533 is selling assorted booklets, back issues of *Pioneer*. Pocket Survival, Box 2010, Dallas, TX also has large collection of survival books for sale.

On Oct. 13, 500 protesters picketed Letterman Army Institute of Research in San Francisco, calling for an end to cruel animal experiments. (Peacemaker) Meanwhile, USDA is investigating Univ. of California for neglect & mistreatment of lab animals.

Milton Friedman predicts 7%-9% inflation, based on unwillingness of Congress to cut waste & balance federal budget. (Market Alert)

United Federation of Trekkers, Box 11603, Columbia, SC 29211 is reorganizing & will begin to hold meetings, etc. \$5 membership + \$6 newsletter.

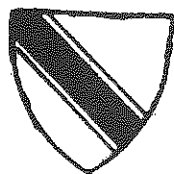
"I have seen - up close - the IRS's sinister powers, and why Republicans and Democrats are eager to increase them...." - Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX, lame duck) Are you trying to tell us something, Ron?

Ron Paul Investment Letter, \$99, 9001 Airport Blvd., #302, Houston, TX 77061; bonuses to subscribe.

Kephart Seminars, 7535 Little River Tpke, #320, Annandale, VA 22003 is offering offshore seminars on how to protect your assets.

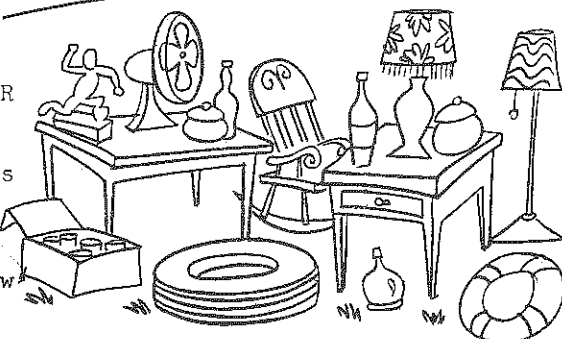
Spooner Press, Box 393, Murrysville, PA is offering "Poems on Liberty" by Richard Fuerle, \$1½ ppd.

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Certain Kinds of Food Aid Hurt Poor, Say Authors of *Against the Grain*

Tony Jackson and Deborah Eade from OXFAM in England recently completed the book *Against the Grain*, a critical analysis of project food aid.

OA News: Tony, *Against the Grain* is a very strong indictment of project food aid from both the United States and Europe. I wonder if we could start off with a brief description of the different types of food aid.

Tony: Most food aid goes as bulk food from the United States, Canada, and Europe to recipient governments in the Third World. American food aid programs fall under PL 480, the Food for Peace program which gave about \$1.5 billion worth of food last year. About 50-60 percent of PL 480 food is given to governments who then sell it on the local market and keep the money. It is intended as budgetary support rather than a tool for development, and it doesn't go to poor people.

Then there is another large section of food aid called project food aid. This aid, which is administered principally by CARE, Catholic Relief Services and the World Food Program of the United Nations, is intended to help hungry people. It is targetted through food-for-work, mother-child health, and school feeding programs. We have focused on this type of food aid—project food aid—because we think that these programs, which are supposed to help the needy, often do more harm than good.

The problem is that people are not asking the right question. The question is not "Why are people hungry?" but rather "Why are people poor?" This is a question of power. Food aid doesn't address the issue of power. It can only work within the system which exists. Food aid tends to reinforce the existing power structure and may even exacerbate inequalities between the rich and poor. In effect, then, the poor get poorer and find it harder to meet their own food needs.

OA News: You have been talking primarily about the effect food aid has on the consumer. Food aid has also been criticized in the past because it hurts subsistence-level producers in the Third World. Did you come up with any evidence on this?

Tony: That's a very controversial issue which is more relevant to big government-to-government food aid programs than to project food aid. Governments have no incentive to encourage local agriculture if they know that they can get large amounts of virtually free food from the West or North. Many governments actually discourage local production with high taxes on peasant farmers and low agricultural pricing policies which inevitably result in low production and the smuggling of food.

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Deborah: In the case of project food aid, it is very difficult to prove that such aid acts as a disincentive to production at the local level. Project food aid is not supposed to be sold on the market but very often it is. Bags of PL 480 food aid can be found in local markets all over the Third World. A 1978 study of project food aid in Haiti for example found that 50-80 percent of the food was being sold. It seems fairly obvious that if you've got one person selling a bag of PL 480 corn sitting next to a farmer who is trying to sell the small surplus that he or she has managed to produce, they're in direct competition for sales. The point is that food aid provides

OA News: Are you saying that all food aid is bad?

Deborah: In most cases food aid is not a good tool for development. However, there are occasions—principally when food stocks have been destroyed in a disaster—when food aid is needed to help people on a short-term basis. Another time when food aid can be used successfully is when there is a large influx of refugees who cannot be fed from local production. Even in these situations food aid should be seen as only a short-term solution.

Tony: To summarize, we believe that project food aid does more harm than good in most cases. If it does harm abroad, it also distorts our perception of the real problem facing the poorest in the world. Too many people in the United States and Europe have the impression that the "Third World" is like a vast refugee camp, full of hungry people, circling the globe with their hands held out for food. In fact, it is not like that at all. It's full of peasant farmers and farm laborers trying to grow food for themselves. We should have programs that support their energies and their local production rather than just handing them out our agricultural surpluses. We think that food aid is just the wrong approach to a very serious problem. □

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In the olden days when charity was a virtue instead of a government racket, Herbert Hoover spent less on everything than we spend for interest on the federal debt.

- Tom Anderson

For Some

PEACE TAKES A BACK SEAT

Across American society there is a growing and ever more vocal constituency for peace.

One can see it on a Sunday morning, as mothers and fathers parade with their children calling for Peace in the World, No Nuclear War, Cuts in Defense Spending and an End to the United States' World Policeman role.

One can see it in afternoon Peace Fairs and at nighttime vigils, as tens of thousands hope and pray for peace on earth, a world free of the threat of nuclear destruction. Those who care know that the worldwide stockpile of weapons can destroy all sides of World War Three many times over. Those who hope for peace know that bloated Pentagon budgets, U.S. military adventurism, and the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction all pull the world ever so closer to annihilation. Those who think, know that the greatest likelihood of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union lies in the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" commitment to defend Europe and the accompanying ICBM land-based missiles in the U.S. itself.

Each year this constituency grows larger and louder and more accurate in its skepticism about the chances of mankind's survival. Yet, each election year this same constituency remains politically naive--or, worse, politically cowed--in its involvement with the two-party system.

One would think that those who demanded massive cuts in the U.S. nuclear arsenal would insist that the candidates it decided to support were also asking for huge cuts.

One would think that the movement for Peace would support candidates who called for great slashes in Pentagon budgets.

One would think that people who placed peace at the top of their agenda would only vote for candidates who supported withdrawal from NATO and an end to the U.S. presence around the world.

But, No. The peace movement, which is founded upon the most noble of dreams--a world without war--chooses instead to wed itself to the folly of short-sighted political pragmatism. The peace movement climbs aboard the political bandwagon of the political party that calls itself the "Party of Peace": the Democratic Party.

In fact, the Democrats and Republicans represent no fundamental alternatives in the issues of foreign intervention, Pentagon budgets and nuclear arms. The Republicans ask for a 12 percent increase in "defense" spending; the Democrats de-

mand, not reductions, but a 5 percent boost. The Republicans call for the MX and the B-1, while the Democrats demand the Midgetman missile and the Trident II. Neither party suggests unilateral cuts in nuclear weaponry; instead, each spews forth rhetoric about endless mutual discussion. Neither party dares to call for getting the U.S. out of NATO or out of the world-policeman business.

If there were no other party and no other candidates available, one might understand the Peace Movement's using the "lesser of two evils" strategy and voting for the one that came out slightly in the direction of Peace. But idealists, lovers of peace and moralists who are politically aware know well that a third party exists in American politics that demands massive reductions in the size, application and extent of U.S. military power: **The Libertarian Party.**

The Libertarian Party stands for clear and positive policy changes, which the other two parties cannot or will not advocate, that would move the world toward a lessened risk of nuclear destruction:

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- * 30 percent reduction in the defense budget
- * Withdrawal of U.S. troops abroad
- * Elimination of 30 percent of U.S. nuclear arsenal
- * End to U.S. intervention in the affairs of other nations
- * Free international movement of goods, ideas and people

Why, then is the Peace constituency not part of the Libertarian Party? Sadly, it is because many of those who march and speak and pray for World Peace have another interest higher than Peace on their agenda... government economic planning. They know that the Libertarian Party is not only the Party of Peace, but also the Party of Free Trade, Individual Liberty and Economic Freedom. It is the party of deregulation, decontrol and decentralization. It is the party that knows that **Peace, Liberty and Prosperity go hand in hand.** And the tragedy is that for some in the peace movement, Peace takes a back seat to Central Planning.

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CHICAGO (AP) — The planned cornerstone of a huge North Loop redevelopment project — a \$250 million Hilton Hotel — won't be built because the hotel chain couldn't get the tax break it wanted from Cook County, Mayor Jane Byrne announced.

Hilton Hotels Corp. was counting on a city-backed plan of an assessed valuation at 16 percent of fair market value for 13 years.

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—Voltaire

Noisy little
devils are
fined £20

AN UNHOLY row landed four schoolgirls in court yesterday.

The girls, three aged 15 and one 13-year-old admitted disturbing a church service and were each fined £20 under a law dating from Victorian times.

Rector David White was celebrating communion in his church at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, when the girls started shouting and tapping on the windows.

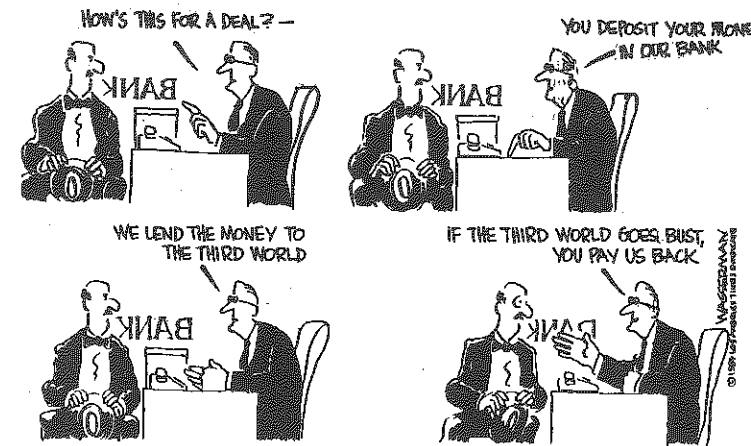
The churchwarden caught the girls, who were accused under the Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act of 1860.

Solihull magistrates heard there had been disturbances during services for some time.

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The revolution is alive & well in Italy, where the Communist Party's Festa de l'Unita featured tee shirts bearing the Confederate flag. (Reason)

Carolyn Derr at Colorado Outdoor Education Ctr., Florissant, CO 80816 is interested in hearing from organizations & projects "that dedicate themselves to individual and world concerns."

Circle A, Box 57114, Atlanta, GA 30343 will hold S E Anarchist Con sometime, & seek suggestions for when, what, how, but not where or why.

Reading Reform Foundation will convene March 19-21, '85 (at last - someone who sends out meeting announcements far enough ahead!) at 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD: 7054 E Indian Sch Rd, Scottsdale, AZ.

Floyd Brown of YAF is testing the DC law forbidding demonstrations against foreign govt.; he held one near Soviet Embassy protesting invasion of Afghanistan, etc. (Speak Up)

Galt's Gulch Reunion was held Nov. 9-11 in Long Beach, CA. Dagny's News is available from Box 224, Long Beach, CA 90801.

Concerned American Citizens (76 W Main, Madison, OH 44057) claims to support "Free Enterprise & Government"; they would like cards & letters, especially those explaining that they can have one or the other, but not both.

U S is protesting imprisonment of Vytautas Skuodis, born in Chicago in 1929, by USSR for criticism of govt. Skuodis went to Lithuania as a child when it was an independent country & has been stuck there.

Intelligence Digest (17 Rodney Rd, Cheltenham, Glos, UK) claims that secret US weapons are sold to Israel, which then sells them to USSR.

On May 11, 1984, long-term US bond market collapsed completely when there were no bidders for a \$4.75 billion, 30-year issue. (Monthly Lesson)

"Money is inextricably entwined with individual rights. It means, in what remains of the free West, the right to buy whatever one can pay for, to move wherever one likes, to change jobs, to travel, to live according to one's standards." - Otto Scott (Chalcedon)

Federal debt was \$16 billion in 1929; it is now \$1½ trillion. (Dow Theory Letter)

Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius was convicted in occupied Lithuania of, among other things, organizing a Christmas tree gathering. (Chr A-C Crusade)

Information America, 23 Cornelia St, NYC 10014 seeks information about alternative publications.

Free bumpersticker, "Repeal the Income Tax", SASE to Box 831, Huntsville, TX 77310.

Carl Marks & Co. (sic) representing holders of bonds in various Chinese enterprises & municipalities confiscated by Communists, is suing China. (var.)

N Y State no requires smoke detectors installed in any houses resold.

Newsbriefs

"It is melancholy truth, that the suppression of the press could not more completely deprive the nation of its benefits, than is now done by its abandoned prostitution to falsehood. Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper." - Thomas Jefferson

Dublin police finally caught up with Edward Lawlor who had been disposing of his parking tickets by selling them to American tourists as souvenirs. 7 days. (Irish Times/World Press Review)

In 1980-82 large corporations had a net loss of 1.7 million jobs, while small businesses added 2.6 million, reports SBA. And who does fed. govt. help?

IRS estimates that 10% of Californians don't file income tax returns. (var.)

Steve Davis reports that immigrants do not come here to get on welfare or take jobs from natives; 42% start their own businesses, and they employ the other 58%, and then some.

IRS is suing Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes for not filing form 990 as a non-profit corp.; it says it is a church & doesn't have to. (American)

American Party continues to have trouble with IRS; presidential candidate Delmar Dennis has his bank account levied on and V-P candidate Traves Brownlee & wife are jailed for alleged tax fraud. (Am.) This is what you get for superpatriotism.

China has offered to store spent nuclear fuel from Europe in Gobi desert, but cynics claim it may reprocess it instead. (Church Farm & Town)

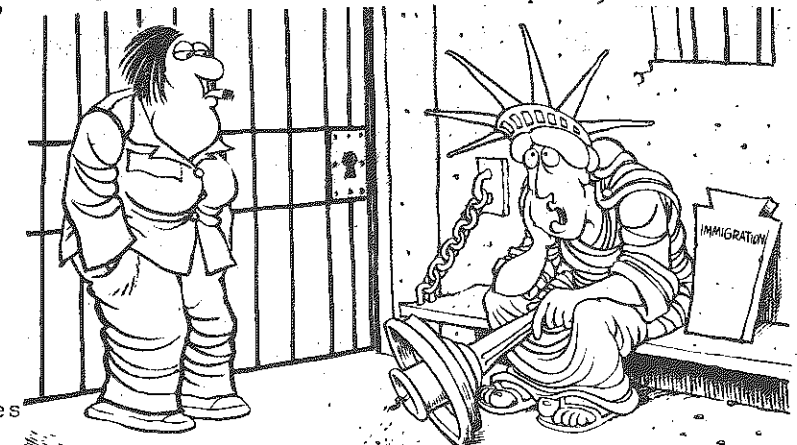
Dr. Wm. Crook (Box 864, Jackson, TN 38302) says many children with learning problems have, in fact, undiagnosed yeast infections.

"If you would not confront your neighbor and demand his money at the point of a gun to solve every new problem that may appear in your life, you should not allow the government to do it for you." - William Simon, A Time for Truth

NATO's NEW, SECRET WEAPON !

One of the results of the European Economic Community's agricultural subsidy program is the "wine lake" of inferior vintages that have no market, and are grown solely for the subsidy. The surplus is 900 million gallons. The EEC buys it, distills it into brandy, and sells it to the Russians (who will drink anything alcoholic, including antifreeze & shoe polish) for 17¢ a gallon.

What the EEC is doing is keeping the Russians so zonked out that they will stay home and nurse their hangovers. All in the interests of peace, of course.



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'Invisible' Govt. Workers Cost Taxpayers \$1.6 Billion a Year

By ROBERT TERPSTRA

Free-spending federal agencies are sneaking an invisible horde of 160,000 to 170,000 extra workers onto the federal payroll — in direct violation of White House orders.

And it's costing taxpayers a staggering \$1.65 BILLION a year.

1. "Two for one." An agency hires two part-timers to do the work of a full-time employee banned by the ceilings. An estimated 130,000 workers fall into this part-time category.

2. "The 38/39 ploy." Agencies hire people that work 38 or 39 hours a week instead of 40. That way they can be classified as part-time and don't show up on the full-time roster. An incredible 10,000 to 15,000 employees are in this group.

3. "Misclassifieds." They are employees who are listed on the payroll as "temporaries" even though they have been working for the agency for many years. Some 10,000 workers are now misclassified in this fashion.

4. "The 25-and-1 gambit." Under this ploy, workers are dropped from the payroll for one two-week pay period each year — the pay period when the government officially counts its full-time workers.

These employees then go right back on the payroll for another 25 weeks.

Since these less-than-full-time employees cost the taxpayers \$3.3 billion annually, the cost of this "invisible army" is half of that, or \$1.65 billion.

Commented an outraged Sid Taylor, research director of the National Taxpayers Union: "It's just one more way to pad the federal payroll."



INSIDE STORY: Adrian and those books.

AVID reader Adrian Westerman was lost for words when he discovered his punishment for not taking back his library books.

For Adrian, 24, had to serve seven days in a top-security prison.

Magistrates fined him £47 for having overdue books—with a week inside if he couldn't pay.

But Adrian was unable to make a plea... because he was already doing two months in Durham jail for failing to pay a £200 motoring fine.

And when he was hauled before the governor he had the book thrown at him.

Apologised

Adrian was told: "If you can't pay the library fine you must stay."

Now the court at Bradford, Yorks, has apologised and offered £50 compensation for his extra week in prison.

But taxi-controller Adrian, of Dale Side Walk, West Bowling, Bradford, said yesterday: "It's a bloody insult."

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IDEAS ON LIBERTY

When there is relative stagnation in business, and unemployment, it is usually because an unbalanced and unworkable relationship has developed between prices at which goods can be sold and their costs of production. The main difficulty, usually, is that wage-rates are too high in relation to prices. This could be cured by a readjustment of specific wage-rates, by more flexible wages and prices, by permitting competition to work. The first effect of a new injection of bank credit or paper money into the system is, indeed, an apparent increase of that "purchasing power" which is so much wanted. It enables prices of other goods to be raised to levels at

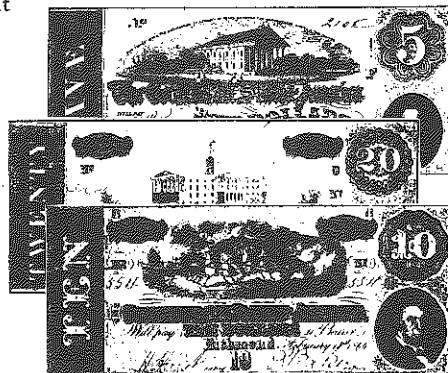
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—Gian-Carlo Menotti

which existing wage-rates can be paid and a full complement of workers hired. So it tends to restore that "full employment" so cherished, at any cost, by the modern reformer. This goal is achieved under inflation by raising prices enough to validate the existing level of wages. But what is forgotten is that the adjustment could have been made not only just as well, but much better, by a realignment of the particular wages that had got out of line.

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"Everything that Republicans of old, whether a Robert Taft or a Dwight D. Eisenhower, warned against has been enshrined by the statist of the New Right. There is no more authoritarian centralization of power possible in a free nation than that vested in a large, permanent military establishment; there is no more bureaucratic form of organization." — Hodding Carter III in Wall St. Journal

US Senate, 10-3-84, called on administration to "effectively support" Afghani freedom fighters. (N-W Alert) Do they mean to do something about the CIA, which is capable only of supporting ineffectively?

Natl. Academy of Public Administration reports "a decline in courtesy and customer services among USPS employees." (RotN) With a straight face!

NY Assoc. of Executives mailed 363 letters in NYC to local addresses; 42% were delivered the next day, 36% took 2 to 4 days, and the rest disappeared. (") Probably into the sewers.

Reactions to injections of estrogen by gay men were intermediate between those of heterosexual men and the control group, women, reports Dr. Brian Gladue of SUNY, Stony Brook in Science.

IRS has ruled that interest must be imputed on non-interest-bearing loans. Some Christian groups do not make loans at interest among themselves, believing this this to be usury. Expect to see this in court.

In 1984 marijuana passed corn as the leading cash crop in the US. O tempora! O mores!

In Peking, govt. has ruled that store clerks must not hit customers. (N-W Alert)

In Detroit, students must wear photo IDs and pass through metal detectors to attend school, where they are searched for weapons. (Capitol Voice)

Not only is private security guard the fastest growing occupation, it is the most sought by ex-cons.

At Brighton Beach, police ignored marijuana peddlers to ticket a peddler selling knives without a license. (Newsday/FFW)

Brazil has told the state of Cerna that it must replace road signs such as DON'T DRIVE PLASTERED, NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO GO TO HELL. (Funny Funny World)

Tim Coombs, after 38 acquittals or dismissals, has been convicted of owning a gun in Martinez, CA; Coombs has made a nuisance of himself to the govt. in the patriot movement; he is now in Vacaville in the psych ward. (PI, Box 9411, Boise, ID 83707)

CBS has decided Burt Bunny cartoons are too violent, & will be censoring them on Sat. mornings. (New Rampart) Well, you know, rabbits are sexy, too.

Feds have arrested 7 cops & firemen in Boston for setting 163 fires, after taxpayers cut property taxes and city budget for same. (NY Times/New Rampart)

Back issues of Conspiracy Digest are available at \$2 from Sons of Liberty, Box 214, Matairie, LA 70004.

Henry Burkart had a flood loss, but the flood also destroyed his tax records. IRS disallowed loss. Tax Court said his claim was legit. (Tax Hotline)

Dover, DE has hired Wachenhut, a private security agency, to run its fire dept. (var.)

In Fairfax, CA, a 36-year-old male was arrested for drinking under the influence of alcohol, or at least that's what the Ross Valley Reporter said. It isn't safe to do anything these days.

Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) declares, "there is another enemy that threatens this country and that enemy is illitary." according to the San Rafael Ind. Journal. She's probably lucky they didn't call it an enema.

British Rail is looking for a good cat after mice drove a signalman from the Southbourne tower, disrupting traffic for hours. (Funny Funny World)

Congress backed down and agreed to exclude from social sec. churches which would make an irrevocable election to be excluded. (var.)

New: Ron Holland's Letter, Northwestern Bank Bldg. Lobby, Asheville, NC 28801.

Anarchist vandals repainted a Selective Serv. billboard to read, "It's Quick. It's Easy. And it's Deadly. Men Turning 18 must register at the morgue."

Army Times reports every Army command has a Klan unit. It figures.

"If liberty is not maintained with regard to the education of our children, there is no use trying to maintain it in any other sphere." — Dr. Gresham Machen, Presbyterian theologian, 1926.

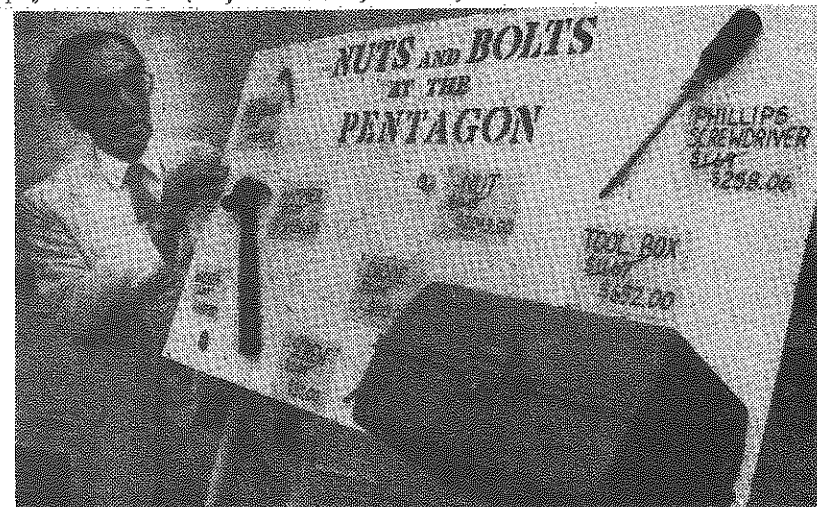
Watch for campaign against "illegal aliens" to go to next step: an national ID card, so that aliens can be identified, and so that the govt. can better keep track of the rest of us. (var.)

"The I R S is nothing more than a satanic gang of extortionists who use fear as their source of power." — Red Beckman, The Church Deceived

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SPARE PARTS—John Hechinger, who runs a chain of hardware stores, describes a chart of spare parts with hardware store prices (marked through), compared with the prices the Pentagon pays, during a recent press conference. For example, a common nut in a hardware store costs 13 cents, but the Pentagon paid \$2.043 for the same item.

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Of Taxes, Anarchy, And...

By Joseph Sobran

(Joseph Sobran is a senior editor of *National Review* as well as a syndicated columnist and freelance writer. This column is reprinted from the *Washington Times* of April 26 by kind permission. — Ed.)

Jim Davidson of the National Taxpayers Union makes an interesting observation: whereas the serf of the Middle Ages owed an annual three months' labor to his lord, the taxpayer in today's democratic America shells out an average of about five — yes, five — months' earnings to pay what we delicately call his "public servants."

If Mr. Davidson speaks sooth, then it would actually be to our advantage to get back on to what Friedrich Hayek called "the road to serfdom." Remember? Mr. Hayek was called "hysterical" for using that phrase. Like most things that are called hysterical, it fell short of the truth. Joe McCarthy was guilty of promoting hysteria. Years later, many of those who were accused of communist sympathies during the McCarthy era came forth to acknowledge proudly that, yes, they had been communists, and wasn't it awful of Sen. McCarthy to say so.

But I digress. My point is simply that "hysteria" often means simple alertness to what the Progressive Ones are up to.

We now face a situation that can be soberly summed up as tax anarchy. The Internal Revenue Service finds collection a more and more impossible task. Tax evasion is commonplace. The underground economy is booming. Americans have ceased feeling a serious obligation to report their incomes accurately.

But the anarchy is not all on one side. It never is. As G.K. Chesterton remarked, anarchy usually starts at the top, when the ruling elite itself is out of control. Anarchy, as he puts it, is not when you do something irregular, but when you can't stop doing something irregular.

The taxing power itself is being used promiscuously. Although this country was born as a result of the abuse of that power, it is being abused again. The ruling elite of both parties taxes and taxes, spends and spends, and as it prepares to spend a trillion dollars this year — only two years after the largest tax increase in history — it tells us that another tax increase is the only way to cut the deficit. Neither party stops to ask why the deficit is so much bigger now than it was before the last tax increase.

The result is that nobody takes the government seriously. The situation resembles Prohibition. Contempt for law has become endemic — not a rancorous contempt, but a cheerfully amoral contempt, which may in a sense be worse. The taxpayer understands that his rulers don't take his rights seriously; so why should he feel any sense of obligation to them?

What the ruling elite wants is not to maximize charity, but to make the government the mediator of all wealth. A politician has a natural interest in making as many people as possible dependent on his patronage, no matter what impact this has on individual freedom or the general prosperity and morale. Most politicians really do want serfs.

J. M.: Percy Greaves, freedom fighter.

"The rule of law is an historic concept. Invented in the democracy of ancient Athens, it is still the principal characteristic of free societies. The rule of law provides essentially, that all citizens must be equally subject to all laws and the benefits and liabilities of all laws must be equally shared by all people. It provides, further, that government itself must be equally subject to laws..."

An Athenian law stated: "No privileges, or statutes, shall be enacted in favor of private persons, to any injury of others." At one point, it became a criminal offense in Athens for a politician even to propose that the state bestow a private benefit on anyone. And this provision became known as "the law of Athens..."

When ancient concepts of individual liberty surfaced again in 17th century England, it was alongside the knowledge that government itself must be governed by laws more powerful than rulers. "The end of the law," John Locke wrote, "is not to restrain freedom, but to enlarge and preserve it..."

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— Clarence B. Carson, Ph.D.

Professor wants to start mediation center in city

A University of South Carolina professor is trying to establish a Neighborhood Justice Center program in the state to help people settle disputes without going to court.

"This has been going on for eight to 10 years nationwide," said Dr. Gene Stephens, an associate professor at USC's College of Criminal Justice. "We don't have any in South Carolina yet. But we think it's the best and most humane way of solving problems."

"It's a mediation center for interpersonal problems. It would take civil cases out of the court system and put them in a mediation system in the community. The cost is minimal, and we can relieve the court of at least half its burden."

Stephens will present his case Thursday before the executive committee of the Columbia Community Relations Council. If the committee backs Stephens' idea, it could be the first step toward setting up a Neighborhood Justice Center in Columbia.

"I think it would be a real shot in

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