

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES...

We believe that the basic purpose of the Fresno County Central Committee is to change the present day political structure in the United States by beginning to move it toward recognition and acceptance of individual freedoms and choice, without the use of coercion or force, as expressed in the Libertarian Principles.

We believe that the most effective

method to achieve this purpose is by winning sufficient elections so that the predominant weight of voter opinion will peacefully elicit political change.

We believe that to win political elections we must develop workable political, economic and social programs, based on Libertarian principles and philosophies, which lead to the solution of relevant problems;

and, that these programs must be designed to lead the American public to a more perfect freedom.

We believe that any program worthy of our name must be disseminated in a fashion and means which entices the voter to not only stop, look and listen, but to act by voting favorably for our common cause.

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View From The Chair

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Confidence

The history of money down thru the ages has been as predictable as the seasons, and as with the seasons each cycle may vary in length. Since the history of the corruption of money is by governments, we are never taught this simple cycle in government funded and government controlled schools. How are we to learn?

Four Stages

Historically, money has gone through four stages during its cycle of existence: the metal stage, the confidence stage, the force stage and the chaos stage.

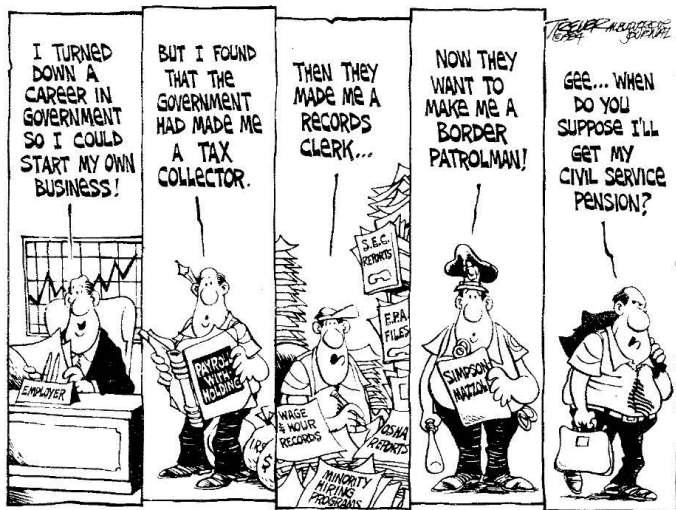
Metal

The first stage in the cycle is the metal stage. This stage, or system usually starts with gold and silver as a base. The metal, in the form of coins, functions as a store of value, a medium of exchange in converting the tangible asset to another.

The second stage of the cycle is called the confidence stage. In this stage the government "confiscates" the gold and silver from its people and gives them paper in its place. The people are told that the government will store their gold and silver for their welfare. Anytime they desire they can convert their paper back into gold or silver. For example: a silver certificate would be redeemable in silver.

For what reason would people turn in their gold and silver? They are told that the wealth of their nation is not its gold or silver, but its productivity. The true wealth of their nation is their country's ability to produce. They are told that their gross national product (GNP) is growing faster than their supply of gold and silver. If they want to continue to expand their economy, they will have to be

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Third Recount Gives Tom Tryon One Vote Win in Calaveras County Supervisor's Race.

by Tim Salzer

"An emotional roller coaster," is how Tom Tryon described his narrow victory over fellow office seeker Tony Tyrrell for the 4th district supervisor's post, Calaveras County.

Election night returns showed Libertarian Tryon 20 votes short. Upon investigation, the automatic card counting machine was found to have not counted 228 ballots. The revised count resulted in a tie 1308-1308. Other disclosed discrepancies shifted the outcome one way and then another through the two additional recounts and a precinct audit which finally resulted in the Libertarian being

declared the winner.

Mr. Tryon gained the majority of his success going door to door calling on every household in the district.

Mr. Tryon moves up from the county planning commission where he has consistently favored land uses in which negative environmental impacts don't go off site (no transgressions against one's neighbor) coupled with appropriate reclamation plans, if applicable.

In addition to his duties in Calaveras County, Mr. Tryon serves on the board of directors of Buttes Gas & Oil, an exploration company listed on the NYSE.

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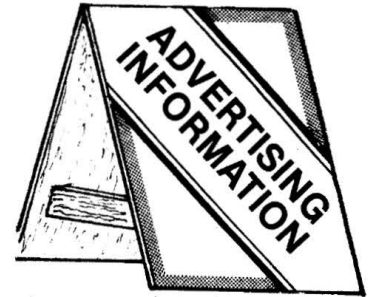
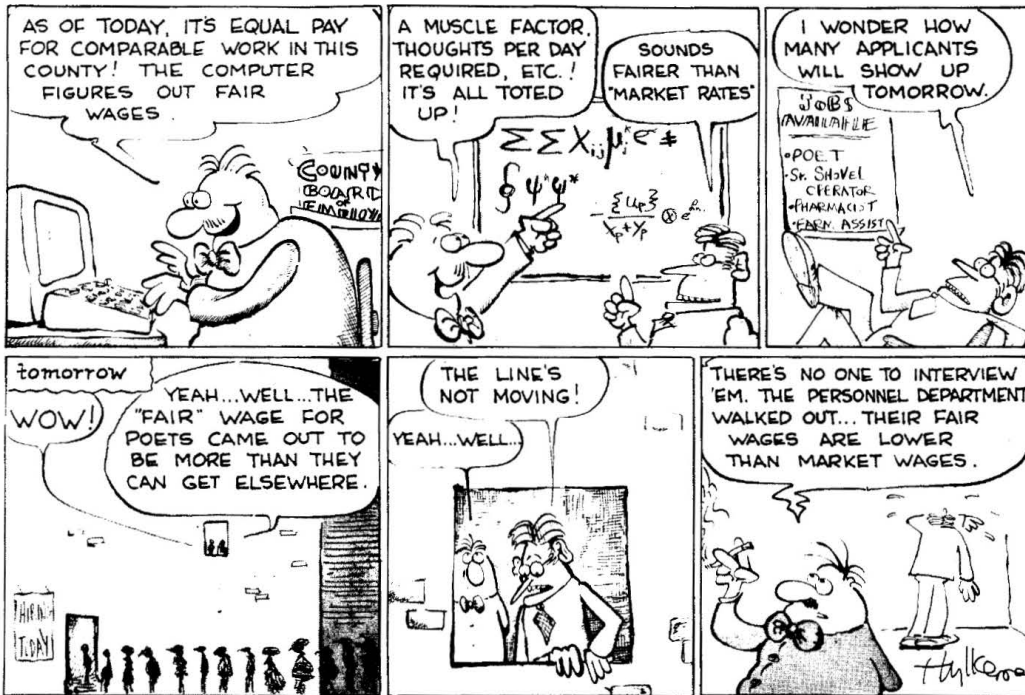
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LIBERTARIANISM & THE LIBERAL ETHOS

Peter R. Breggin, M.D.

(This article first appeared in 1979. It is reprinted here to show how much things haven't changed) — Editor

The candidates have been nominated, the platform has been written, the convention is over, and now the campaigning begins. Some thoughtful Americans throughout the country will be hearing about the Libertarian Party: its views on the menace and irrationality of big government, on the causes

of inflation, and on the threat to privacy. They will hear about non-interventionism in foreign policy, the capacity of the private sector to handle government services, and the virtues of deregulation. If they delve more deeply, they may learn about natural rights, the principle of voluntary exchange, and all the other favorite libertarian themes so amply and thoughtfully presented at the 1979 convention.

But none of this will be the deciding

factor for the thoughtful, idealistic liberal voter. Instead, he or she will be asking, "What are the intentions of these people called libertarians? Are they well-intentioned? And more especially, are they well-intentioned toward the disadvantaged, the minorities, and the poor?" The idealistic liberal voter's greatest fear will be simply this: that libertarians are self-interested egoists callous to the needs and feelings of others less for-

tunate than themselves.

Most people who take the time to think about politics, and most people who consider themselves remotely intellectual are not primarily motivated by self-interest in their thinking. If they were, "The War on Poverty" would have failed as political propaganda, and President Kennedy would never have dared to intone, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Nor is it the liberal alone who remains focused on altruistic concerns. Humanists, humanitarians, Christians, Jews, and idealists of almost every persuasion are often more concerned about others than about themselves in their political thinking.

We libertarians assume our good intentions, of course, and we stand on our rational principles. But we must be aware that others will doubt our good intentions, especially toward the disadvantaged, and that our reputation may rise or fall upon how well we communicate to the public both our rational policies and our good intentions.

We must win over the constituency which I call "the advantaged liberal idealists." These are people who believe that they have benefited from the American political system more than others, and through their politics they plan to make amends for this. Often they are youthful, and typically they are educated. Often they are community leaders, and they virtually dominate the education and media businesses. If we are to grow much larger as a party, we must learn to understand these idealists and to communicate with them.

To be continued next issue
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Light on Illusion

This column seeks to understand human nature and its implications to the political arena.

Phillip H. Mitchell, Ph.D.

This column has focused on the illusions we as individuals have about the political process and the nature of mankind. There are many illusions about how the government functions that are dispelled by a privately funded \$76 million study of the federal government. The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, the so called "Grace Commission" report, has recently gone public in a very readable book entitled: BURNING MONEY by J. Peter Grace (Macmillan).

WASTE

In BURNING MONEY, Mr. Grace exposes the enormous waste in government programs. He goes on to innumerate some of the causes of waste and suggestions about how the same political goals could be achieved without any deficit through proper management.

To give you a flavor of the book, in the hope that it will motivate you to buy it, I'll offer some tid-bits.

We've all heard or seen the media point at the three cent screw that cost the Defense Department \$91.00 — but the book has much more.

Historically, the picture for our economy is dim as we peer into the future. If things proceed as they are the deficit will reach \$13 trillion by the year 2000, that's \$167,000.00 per taxpayer. Taxes alone for a family of four have grown from 19% of their budget in 1971 to 30% in 1981. In 1945 there were 42 people paying into Social Security for each recipient, in 1980 the ratio has dropped to 3.3 and is projected to be only 2.8 in 2015. Further, a retiree in 1981 will pay for only 25% of the benefits he'll receive. Wait, there's more — in 1950 there were 4.2 wage earners for each person who received some form of aid from the federal government, but by 1980 there were 1.6 wage earners per recipient. That means that virtually each one of us are receiving something (even if we are unaware of it) from the government.

"Who's on first?" is the title given to a chapter which focuses upon how little anyone knows about what is going on. Do you think that the 1983 deficit was 195 billion as reported? Wrong! It is twice that when off budget items and pension obligations are included. There is \$848 billion

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OVERPOPULATION IS NOT THE THIRD WORLD'S WORST THREAT

By Paul Craig Roberts

The World Bank's *World Development Report* has generated a spate of gloomy media stories that emphasize rapid population growth as the principal cause of poverty in poor countries. The World Bank itself speculates on whether it is not already too late to prevent fragile social and political institutions from being overwhelmed by uncontrolled human reproduction.

This grim picture portrays human beings as engines of poverty and obstacles to material progress and leads to the deceptive conclusion that population control is the key to economic growth. Such a negative view does little to enhance the reputation of development economists, and it does much to present the Chinese practice of female infanticide as a respectable antipoverty program.

Moreover, this view of life has little evidence to support it. Based on ample historical experience and empirical analysis, the alternative case can be made that human beings are creators of wealth and that rapid population growth stimulates economic development. Whether population growth results in poverty or progress depends on other factors. In some sections of its 1984 report, the World Bank misidentifies the factors, but in other sections it puts its finger on them.

The determining factors are not investable funds and physical resources per capita. They are incentives and property rights. If red tape preempts initiative, if private property is subject to confiscation by price controls, taxation, or government decree, if capital markets are replaced by government investment decisions, then people are denied their role as producers and confined to their role as consumers.

Whenever government crowds out individual initiative, an increase in population can make a country poorer instead of richer.

BUILT-IN 'RIGIDITIES.' The Third World's problem is not the birthrate but the development planning that has produced growth-destroying price distortions and investment misallocations, as well as actual theft by policymakers. These distortions and misallocations take their toll in economic inefficiency. Empirical studies indicate the price distortions from trade curbs alone are costing some countries from 4% to 10% of their gross national product. When enormous income gains could be achieved just by changing government economic policy, the heavy stress on reducing the average population growth of developing countries by a few tenths of one percentage point seems to ignore the real problem.

The World Bank knows this, as a careful reader of its report can discern. The roots of the crisis, the report admits, go "back farther, to the rigidities that were steadily being built into economies from the mid-1960s onward. The rising trends in unemployment and inflation were the manifestation of increasingly inflexible arrangements for setting wages and prices and for managing public finances." These "inflexible arrangements" were justified formerly as proper government interventions to plan and to manage the economy, but no longer. Good sense has been creeping into the World Bank for the past four years, and it has just about taken over.

The rigidities, in fact, go back further than the mid-1960's. In the 1950s, the dominant theory of economic develop-

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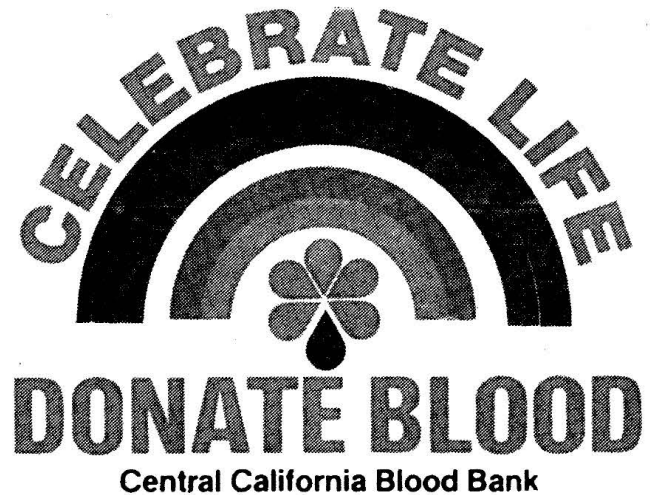
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Investment Strategy

By Pete Lang, Investment Counselor

As a financial planner and Realtor, I'm often asked, "Is it really possible to buy real estate with nothing down?"

The answer is "Sure." But it's the wrong question to ask. A better one is, "Is it a good idea to buy (or sell) real estate with nothing down?"

The answer to that question is almost always "no."

Before continuing, let's make an important distinction: "Nothing down" is one thing. "No cash down" is another. There's nothing wrong with using something of value other than cash as a down payment — a car, personal services, a trust deed secured by other property, whatever. Such offers are part and parcel of the legitimate techniques of creative real estate.

"Nothing down" means the seller carries back one or more trust deeds secured only by the property he's selling, and receives no cash or anything else of value up front. In short, at the point of sale, he's carrying 100% of the risk and the buyer is carrying 0% of the risk (other than escrow expenses).

Thus viewed, it's obvious why a seller shouldn't go for a nothing-down deal unless the property is vacant and he's losing it anyway. He is vulnerable to loss from any number of factors, including ineptitude or chicanery on the part of the buyer and economic factors beyond the control of either buyer or seller.

The popularization of nothing-down by writers and lecturers has led to any number of little scams whereby buyers put money in their pockets that should be going for payments and leave the sellers and/or other lenders in the lurch.

In short, nothing down means the buyer either cannot or will not make a down payment. Either way, it's bad news. So it's bad to sell nothing-down. Why is it bad to buy nothing-down? If you're a responsible person and not a con man, nothing-down is bad for a simple reason: Unless you negotiate with a gun or spend large portions of your life searching out deals, any nothing-down deal to acquire desirable property is likely to

involve a killer negative cash flow (at least in California). Brokers who promote such deals look for 50% bracket taxpayers and show them that much or all of the negative cash flow can be offset by income tax savings.

Another advantage cited is that the leverage for appreciation potential (ratio of down payment to market value, with an eye to leapfrogging appreciation benefits through inflation) is infinite in the cash of a nothing-down deal (disregarding the monthly negative). These points have some merit. But you can get enough benefits with a nominal down payment of 5-10% of purchase price, plus a better price and terms because the seller will accept the fact that you're for real.

And "for real" means more than having a good income; it means knowing what to do with it. Every financial adviser knows a few people who have good incomes but no investment assets because they cannot force themselves to live within their incomes.

Democrat/Libertarian Debate at CSUF

by Tim Salzer

October 31, 1984 saw a showdown between the Democrats and the Libertarians at California State University, Fresno.

Mr. Tom Bohigian, an aide to assemblyman Bronson in real life, represented the Democrat's point of view. Dr. Robert Subers held forth for the Libertarians.

A noontime crowd of about 300 people in the free speech area on campus heard Democrat and Libertarian answers to a range of questions over one and one half hours.

The audience seemed most appreciative of the Democrat position on Federal aid to education (more) and the Libertarian level of involvement in Latin America (zero).

A Republican spokesman was invited but failed to materialize.

"We have become a nation of special interests."

— Adli Stevenson,
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Gratuitous insults on tax returns—otherwise known as freedom of speech—won't be tolerated by the IRS. Donna Todd of Georgia had a \$35 tax debt on earnings of less than \$3,000. She filled out her 1040 Form and sent it in with a check. Beneath her signature, she typed: "Signed involuntarily under penalty of statutory punishment." For those seven words, the IRS fined her more than \$500, seized the \$140 in her bank account, and filed a lien against her house. An Ohio woman was fined \$500 for writing on her return that she didn't agree with military-spending policies. The women are two of the 5,528 taxpayers who have been hit with fines for filing "frivolous" income-tax returns. The IRS won't comment specifically on these cases, but it concedes that some prosecutors may be "overzealous" in interpreting the law. Sounds like the blood-suckers are getting soft.

CAN YOU FATHOM THE COLOSSAL NERVE OF THE •115,000-MEMBER

National Association of Home Builders, which is raising a quarter of a million bucks' worth of howl at Congress against the \$179 billion anticipated federal deficit? They're "concerned" that such a deficit will push up mortgage rates, lessening home-building rates.

And how much of that forthcoming deficit would you guess is attributable to federal housing programs? Congress passed a measure last November authorizing \$15.6 billion for housing programs in fiscal 1984; some \$63.6 billion is available over the next four years. Other federal programs under HUD provide insurance for mortgages, which allows long-term credit at lower rates.

Few things are more consequential to the economic health of the country or to the mental and physical health of its citizenry than housing. A place to live is first requisite for most who would like to be more than just alive.

But to scream bloody murder about a looming deficit, while beating the same tom-toms for programs that contribute measurably to it, is hypocrisy of a degree that makes the average congressman's double-talk seem positively charming.

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The Macmillan summary is available for \$9.95.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is bringing out the same summary. It costs \$45.99.

Why the difference?

"We publish books to make money," a Macmillan spokesman told the *Wall Street Journal*.

— Forbes April 9, 1984

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able to expand their money supply to keep up with the growth. They are told they must give up their gold and silver for the sake of economic growth.

What the people discover in stage two is that the money supply is not only growing faster than the supply of gold and silver, but also faster than the GNP. Stage two converts the tangible assets of money into a paper credit system. Under a gold and silver system, a government cannot spend what it does not have. However, the paper credit system allows a government to deficit spend.

Soon people discover that their money is buying less. As their government expands their money or credit system, the law of supply and demand takes over. They find tangible assets increasing in value as the purchasing power of the money declines. Slowly they start to lose confidence in their currency and start redeeming their paper for gold and silver. A run on the bank starts. The problem is obvious, the government has insufficient gold and silver to back the currency and is forced into the third stage.

Force

The third stage of the cycle is the force stage. The government says: "The gold and silver we are storing on your behalf is no longer yours. The paper you hold is no longer convertible to gold and silver. We are claiming the gold and silver in our

vaults as public domain for the welfare of the nation." It almost seems that if the people oppose this stage, they are against God and country. Now the money supply is free from any store of value. The government no longer has to be concerned about claims of gold and silver against its currency. The money supply can expand even faster for there is no longer any effort or need to justify its expansion in relationship to any tangible asset. This stage might, therefore, be called "The borrow themselves into prosperity phase."

Chaos

The scenario is now set for the final stage which is known as chaos. The nation's debt becomes astronomical (Argentina, Chile, Poland & Israel to name a few). The money supply far exceeds the nation's capacity to produce and the other nations of the world refuse to accept its currency for barter or exchange. The currency no longer has a store of value; it is no longer a medium of exchange. It becomes worthless, and the people suffer. The system ends in financial chaos (often in political, social & moral chaos).

When and how will we learn?

"Give me the right to issue a nation's money — then I do not care who makes the laws."

Anselm Rothschild

OVERPOPULATION, (continued from page 3)

ment ignored the importance of market pricing and allocation. Markets, private investment, and profit were synonymous with exploitation, and Western development economists were determined to protect the emerging Third World countries from being spoiled by greed. Consequently, government intervention crowd-

which has paid in poverty for the fantasies of Western professors. In this regard, the 1983 *World Development Report* was a watershed. The World Bank collected the facts on price distortions for 31 developing nations and in a striking statistical analysis showed that price distortions account for the difference between countries that average 3% annual real economic growth and those that average 7%. The astonishing difference in economic growth rates makes it clear that market pricing is a far more important factor in per capita income growth than population-control programs can be.

Contrary to the World Bank's Development Report, emerging economies suffer most when governments crowd out individual initiative

ed out markets, and individual initiative went to the back of the bus.

ACADEMIC FANTASIES. This attitude, masquerading as theory, prevailed for several decades. I was taught it in the 1960s, and I fought it in the 1970s. It was eventually called into question by the work of Peter Bauer, a professor at the London School of Economics, the very institution responsible for unleashing the pestilence of development planning in the first place.

Today the World Bank is playing a role in restoring hope to the Third World,

Recently the Reagan White House attempted to adjust U.S. development policy to the facts so clearly presented by the World Bank, but the White House is opposed by bureaucrats at the Agency for International Development and the State Dept. who would rather control births than free up markets. Antimarket ideology remains a powerful force and, unless combated successfully, may yet impoverish the world.

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reports that of three major social-investment mutual funds, one—Pax World Fund— has performed better than the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index in both 1983 and the first half of 1984. Also, two new newsletters on "acceptable companies" are now being published, as well as *The Concerned Investors Guide* with data on companies' labor practices and product safety.



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owed the federal but no concerted effort has been made to collect it. The federal government has a \$1.7 trillion cash flow yet fails to collect interest on deposits.

Computer hardware is obsolete (with few exceptions) and the software is incompatible. For example there are 332 different incompatible accounting systems. The results is that there is lots of data but little information.

Further confusion arises because government can only add — not subtract. Programs, agencies, employees, defense department bases and recipients are only added but none are deleted even if they are no longer viable, useful or needed. Even the rather greedy military admits to only needing 312 bases in the U.S., but they can not "retire" any of the present 4000 installations because any one of the 535 congressmen, special interest group or complicated regulation prevent closure and thereby massive savings. Even those in government "thought" there were only about 125 social programs — the Grace Commission found 963. Of the more than 400 that give to individuals, only 15 disperse 97% of money — yet, none of the other programs have been or are being removed.

"More bang for the bucks" has been a favorite cry for good management in defense but it might also apply to welfare programs as well. Are you ready for this? Only 30 cents of every welfare dollar goes to the needy — 70 cents goes to administration, fraud, and the not so needy. In 1982, the \$124 billion spent could have brought ALL of the needy to 125% of the poverty level and leave \$48 billion left over.

The costs of such mismanagement comes directly out of our pockets as taxpayers and was the focus of the study. However, there is some indication of the effects of disincentives for

the individual to be productive. In 1981 a New York City welfare recipient obtained the equivalent of \$4.84 per hour, a lot more than the minimum wage. Government workers are promoted on the basis of how big their department grows, not how well they perform their task. Military contracts are often assigned not to the best product (the Boeing 747 versus the C-5A, for example) for the least money — but in who's district the plant is located, or which company hasn't done any work for awhile.

The disincentives also effect collections. With the rise in total taxation, the usually compliant American taxpayer has become so disgruntled that tax evasion (both legally and not) has mushroomed. Since 1973, the underground economy (sales and earnings outside government records) has tripled to over 100 billion per year. Such exchanges raise the taxation on those who operate above ground putting more pressure for them to go underground also.

Perhaps the oldest illusion, the one deliberately promoted by politicians, is that there would be plenty if the government just taxed the rich and redistributed the wealth. There are two problems with that illusion. First, tax the rich and they will take their money and leave the country as many have done in England and Sweden. Second, even if the rich would let the government collect ALL of their income above \$75,000.00 the government would have only \$17 billion. The truth is simple: 90% of the taxable income is made by those earning \$35,000.00. That means that the average American who is not making it, or just making it, is being taxed to provide programs for themselves. We vote for politicians and programs (such as bond issues) which take from us, the government burns a large portion of it, and we receive back

some small amount. What the government burns is the true tax the economy (that's us) pays.

The book lists a few of the thousands of suggestions the Commission makes that could save hundreds of billions of dollars without reducing any service. There are ways that you, as a reader, can respond to the well intended but criminal waste of governments. The first is to pressure your representatives to be more responsible. You can support or join with tax reform groups. In particular, you can support or join the Foundation for Citizens Against Waste, an organization growing out of the Grace Commission report (See details elsewhere in this paper).

There are other ways to use the information in this book. You can come to realize that the problem is not the particular party in power, not the particular politicians in power and not even the particular kind of government we have. Rather, it is the danger of the institution of government itself. Government tends to waste resources and restrict individual choices.

Further, waste is caused by the nature of mankind which seeks its own ends and reacts out of fear. As a psychologist, I suggest it is not likely that mankind will change its nature, indeed, history tells of many attempts to change the human race that have failed. The history of governments, however, give us some expectation that things can be better. Repeatedly, the voice of history cries out, "The government that governs least, governs best."

The libertarian movement echos this desire for less government. If you agree, you might seek out others of us who agree and join us. You may support us, and your own self interest, by passing along *Time for Liberty* and this book.

Foundation hopes to cut federal waste of money

When President Reagan commissioned the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control—the Grace commission—in June, 1982, the panel was charged with finding waste in the federal government and suggesting ways to eliminate it.

Although the Grace commission's "charter" expired in January, 1984, and its Foundation for the President's Private Sector Survey continues in operations, now a new bi-partisan, broad-based foundation — Citizens Against Waste (CAW) — has picked up the challenge of ensuring that commission recommendations get Congressional and federal agency attention by educating the public about what is at stake — economic survival.

Invitations to become members of its growing board have been extended to such luminaries as Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, former Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Patricia Harris, Rep. Jim Jones (D-Okla.), former senator and presidential candidate George McGovern, Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), consumer advocate Esther Peterson.

The foundation is actively seeking the help of AARP volunteers to become active by speaking out to help convince others to join this fight.

Two free publications contain more information. A 24-page brochure, "We can blow the whistle on waste," highlights Grace commission findings and their impact on the federal government, and an eight-page brochure describes Citizens Against Waste and other materials available.

For additional information, write: Foundation for Citizens Against Waste, P.O. Box 1000, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

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GRACE UNDER FIRE

The only trouble is, he isn't, and that bodes ill.

When the Peter Grace commission issued its devastating, documented report covering—uncovering countable cases of unbelievable waste in federal spending, I expect he'd be bitterly assailed from many sides, since so many sides are involved. But he and his commission have been so little shot at, it's dishearteningly discouraging.

It seems to signal that not too many of those whose fun and gains are at stake seem to think there's any serious threat of action.

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LOCAL POLITICS

by Winston Holmes

The election is over, the votes are counted, the results are in, the winners are celebrating and the losers are planning for next time. There was possibly a little something for most, if not everybody, in the outcome.

The Republicans can gloat about the Reagan landslide. The Democrats can find encouragement in the fact they picked up a net of two Senate seats and only lost 14 House seats. The religious right wing got Jesse Helms. The liberal left got John Kerry in Massachusetts. The women got Geraldine Ferraro on a national ticket. The Jews got rid of Charles Percy in Illinois. The Blacks once again showed that they were a solid voting block, even if on the losing side. The Hispanics now have the attention of both parties. And the Libertarians, along with most of the productive members of this country, got screwed.

We will now have four more years — four more years of bloated defense budgets, an interventionist foreign policy, ever-increasing budget deficits, a mounting national debt with monstrous interest payments, and a new drive to restrict our civil rights and personal freedoms. Welcome to 1984.

As predicted, none of our local state and national representatives had any difficulty being re-elected. The 1980 gerrymander was well done and the seats are safe for the incumbents barring that none of them get arrested for child molestation. Proposition 39, which would have resulted in more balanced contests, went down to defeat.

The tax and welfare reform initiatives (Prop 36 and 41) were also defeated. The lottery initiative, Prop 37, was passed over-whelmingly. The people of California have spoken.

Although the final results are not get in at the time of this writing, it is estimated that the Bergland/Lewis ticket received approximately 250,000 votes nationwide. The figure itself, of course, is disappointing. We know that we were on the ballot in 10 less states than 1980 and that the funds available were less than 20% of what Ed Clark had. The final post mortem on this showing will have to wait for further statistics, yet it is still abundantly clear that the Libertarian Party needs to reassess its position, its message and its strategy for gaining public acceptance.

You and Me

By Dick Palmquist

Dick Palmquist is one of the 18 members serving on the Governor's Advisory Council on Small Business. He is also owner and publisher of newspapers and owner of radio stations.

The other night on Bill Buckley's "Firing Line" program on Educational TV, he was interviewing Mortimer Adler. They were discussing Adler's new book, and I tuned in too late to get the total idea.

However, Adler and Buckley discussed Aristotle's definition of "Virtue." According to Aristotle, a virtuous person is just, temperate and courageous.

I am no student of philosophy, so all that fell flat with me, but it did force me to write my own definition of virtue. See if you agree with it.

"Virtue is part of the foundation of character in a person who is at peace with God, fair to other people, and true to self."

Any person worthy of respect is at least making an attempt to be virtuous, and any government worthy of respect should also pattern itself so that it governs virtuously.

Speaking of definitions, my good friend Richard A. Mitchell of Fresno telephoned the other night. He edits "Time for Liberty," a publication of The Fresno County Libertarian party, and he reprints my editorials in that monthly paper.

So, when my friend Dick Mitchell talks, I listen. The other night he shared with me a new definition of "Liberty" written by his Libertarian study group.

"Liberty" said Mitchell, "is a characteristic of man which allows for independent choice under the law of recompense." That's one we should look into later when we can give it more space.

Dick caught my attention with that provocative definition, and then he told me why he called. Happy with the editorials he has reprinted about my tax reform ideas, he suggested it might be well for me to put the "kill the income tax" crusade into perspective.

Why am I concerned about changing the income tax laws? What's at the bottom of it? How is it that I feel it is so important?

The whole thing comes to rest on the word "Virtue."

(See You and Me, back page)

The following resolution is to be presented December 4th to the Sanger City Council by Councilmember Elliot Martinez and appears here in its entirety for the information of interested persons in the community.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1984, the Immigration and Naturalization Service together with the California Highway Patrol, the County of Fresno Sheriff's Department, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Sanger Police Department conducted a raid (hereinafter "raid") of sixteen business establishments in the City of Sanger; and

WHEREAS, the Sanger Police Department thereby participated in the enforcement of Federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the California Attorney General has issued Opinion Number 83-902 concluding that a local peace officer has no authority to arrest anyone without a warrant for the crime of illegal entry into, or for the civil violation of illegal presence in, the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the raid, twenty-eight persons named on arrest warrants for violations of California statutes were taken into custody, twelve persons arrested for other violations, and two hundred and fifty-five persons were arrested for alleged violations of Federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and fifty-six enforcement personnel were utilized for the raid operation; and

WHEREAS, the results of the raid show that of those persons charged with committing a crime, the vast majority constituted persons charged with violating Federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, many persons subjected to the raid and detained by law enforcement officers had violated neither Federal immigration laws nor state criminal laws; and

WHEREAS, the use of local peace officers in the enforcement of immigration laws engenders mistrust of law enforcement and inhibits community cooperation in reporting crimes and appearing as witnesses in criminal matters; and, in fact, ultimately interferes with proper performance of legitimate and necessary functions; and

WHEREAS, participation in these raids is not a proper use of local taxpayers' funds in that the INS is the only entity authorized, trained, and obligated by law, to perform such functions; and

WHEREAS, engaging in these raids polarizes the community and is disruptive to the business community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sanger as follows:

That the City Manager order the Chief of Police and all City Staff to refrain from participating in future raid operations, and any warrantless enforcement of Federal immigration laws involving the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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You and Me, (continued from page 7)

If our government is the government of the people and by the people and if you are a "people," then the virtue factor of the government is *your* responsibility.

Not mine.

Yours.

That's why you should think seriously about eliminating the income tax. The income tax is not virtuous. It destroys the virtue of government.

Let's give the income tax a virtue test, based upon our definition of virtue.

"... at peace with God"

We say our government operates "under God," and that "in God we trust," and we could go deeply into the general aspects of the history of our Constitution and how our first amendment has been misinterpreted and how it is not the U.S. Constitution but the Russian constitution that guarantees separation between church and state.

But we won't. It has nothing to do with taxation.

The point is, to have peace with God, any person or government must be committed to Him. The most basic characteristic of God spoken of in the Bible is the constantly repeated: "God is one."

Integrity. That's it. If government is to be at peace with God, it must demonstrate integrity. There is no integrity to the burning-both-ends-of-the-candle of double taxation.

A government with integrity either taxes people or applies the inflation tax. It is either inflation or taxation... not both.

"... fair to other people"

It is fair to steal openly 3 to 10 percent or more of the money of our citizens through inflation and then require them to pay from 20 to 70 percent of their earnings in taxation?

It would be much more fair to admit we live in a world where money no longer has value in itself, but has value only in what it can buy. Then, let government support itself openly and only through the inflation tax."

"... true to self"

How can a government dedicate to promoting the welfare of its people continue to lie?

Separation of powers is at the heart of our Constitution. The executive, legislative and judicial divisions of government are separated authorities under the Constitution.

Untrue to its own charter, however,

our Congress through the years has allowed a bureaucracy to confront citizens with the unified power of the rulemaker, the judge and the executioner all in one person.

He is the IRS agent.

Either we need to return to the honest gold and silver standard and guarantee the dollar is worth a dollar, or we must be consistent. If the majority has chosen management of the economy as a job of government, let's do it in a way that won't overburden the very people to whose welfare the state is committed.

Because we likely will never again see the hard-money currency of our grandfathers, let's work realistically within the system to bring virtue — as much as possible into government.

Then, in the words of Dick Mitchell's definition of liberty, we will be blessed with a greater degree of "independent choice."

If our government refuses to deal with us virtuously we can be content with the knowledge that someday the "law of recompense" will bring down that government, destroy it, and replace it with less.

Less deviousness, less unfairness and less lying: in two words "less government."

DEATH AND TAXES

Tax his cow,
tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
tax his coat,
Tax his tie,
tax his shirt,
Tax his chew,
tax his smoke;
Teach him taxes
are no joke.
Tax his tractor,
tax his mule,
Teach him taxes
are a rule,
Tax his oil,
tax his gas
Tax his notes,
tax his cash;
Tax him good
and let him know—
After taxes
he has no dough.
If he hollers,
tax him more;
Tax him 'til
he's good and sore.
Tax his coffin,
tax his grave,
Tax the sod
in which he lays.
Put these words
upon his tomb:
"Taxes drove me
to my doom."
And after he's gone
he can't relax;
They'll still be after
inheritance Tax!

WHY HIGHER TAXES CAN'T TRIM THE DEFICIT

Huge federal-government deficits that are financed by borrowing lead to high interest rates and a strong dollar, thus depressing investment and economic growth, right? And if we just raise taxes to cover those deficits—thus keeping the government from competing for borrowed money and consequently driving up interest rates—then everything will be okay, right? That's what big-spending, big-taxing folks in politics are saying these days. But a recently released US Treasury Department study, three years in the making, shows that what really dampens private-sector activity is government *spending*, no matter how it's financed.

Paul Craig Roberts, a former policy ad-

visor in the Reagan administration, devoted a recent *Business Week* column to pointing out the significance of the Treasury study. "The study," Roberts reported, "finds that government spending crowds out the private sector regardless of whether the spending is covered by taxing or borrowing." And the conclusion, he noted, is "that the only certain way to curtail crowding out is to curtail government spending." Indeed, the evidence indicates that "the depressing effects of higher taxes on economic growth would widen the deficit" instead of improving the situation.

Roberts also cited another recent study, by University of Chicago economist Roger Kormendi, that sup-

ports the Treasury study's conclusions. Published in the December issue of the prestigious *American Economic Review*, Kormendi's study "finds that government spending and transfer payments result in lower private spending and reduced economic growth," Roberts reported. So "to respond to a budget deficit by raising taxes," Roberts observed, "does nothing to reduce the real problem—the spending itself—but does reduce private savings further."

The significance of the point Roberts and others are trying to convey will surely be lost on—or ignored by—a good number of our public servants. But at least the data are out there and being talked about—and eventually, perhaps, will be reckoned with.

Police in San Jose, California, are running an escort service for downtown prostitutes. In a campaign to scare off the hookers' customers, uniformed officers stroll down the avenue with the streetwalkers seven days a week, 20 hours a day. "It's really hard for them to make a date while we're standing there listening," says a police official. Initially, the streetwalkers tolerated their uniformed chaperons. Then bizarre games of follow-the-leader sprang up, with hookers jogging, taking cab rides around the block, and climbing over fences in attempts to wear out the cops. Doesn't it make you feel safe, citizens of San Jose?

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