

AND TAKE OFF YOUR HAT
The folks at the Community for Creative Non-Violence have yet another case up in court, this time raising the issue of whether courtroom spectators can be held in contempt for failing to rise when the plaintiff cries, "All rise." The CCNV defendants argue that their religious beliefs prevent them from "performing acts of deference to any person or institution but their God," who apparently is not either Superior Court Judge John Hess or Donald Smith. The judges threatened to jail the defendants for their lack of deference. It should be a grand case with precedents going back to William Penn and will be heard in Federal District Court.

Rich build servants quarters for poor

The rich will do the darndest things. The town of Atherton, California where houses are worth an average of \$600,000 each was recently required to build more middle and low income housing. So far, Atherton has produced one moderate housing unit—for the town manager—a move the town hails as "successful and cost-effective."

As for the really low income units, the wealthy town has reached into the past for a time-tested solution: they've decided to build more servants' quarters.

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Man is the greatest enemy of man. Oppression, injustice, contempt, contumely, violence, sedition, war, calumny, treachery, frauds; by these they mutually torment each other: and they would soon dissolve that society which they have formed, were it not for the dread of still greater ills which must attend their separation.

—David Hume

People willing to name a nuclear weapon like the MX "peace-keeper" are, however, clearly capable of anything. Senator Ernest Hollings, in fact, suggests that "Next thing they'll be calling the B-1 Bomber the Virgin Mary."

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Appeal Bond Violated

Judge Jails Tax Protestor

South Carolina tax protestor Robert B. Clarkson began serving a one-week jail sentence Monday as punishment for leaving South Carolina in violation of the terms of his appeal bond.

U.S. District Judge Sol Blatt Jr. ordered the former Sumter attorney to spend a week in prison after Clarkson went to Augusta, Ga., in September and staged a tax protest in the Internal Revenue Service Office there.

Clarkson currently faces a five-year prison sentence, which he is appealing along with his conviction

for submitting false income tax claims to the IRS for his clients.

Clarkson, who now lives in Anderson, has been disbarred from the practice of law but continues to campaign actively for the repeal of certain tax laws and the reform of tax practices in the United States.

In his hearing last week on charges of violating his bond, Clarkson argued that he had permission to stage the tax protest in Georgia. He said he wore a name tag and a large red cape emblazoned with the words "The Great One" to the protest.

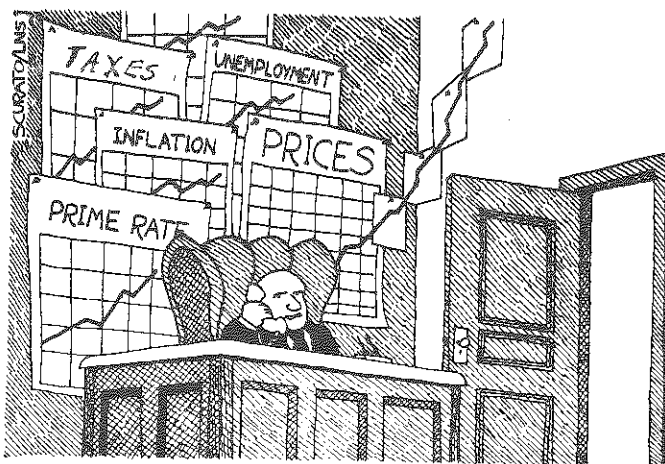
Blatt disagreed, however, and said

he was concerned with what he characterized as Clarkson's "intentional flaunting" of the restrictions of his bond.

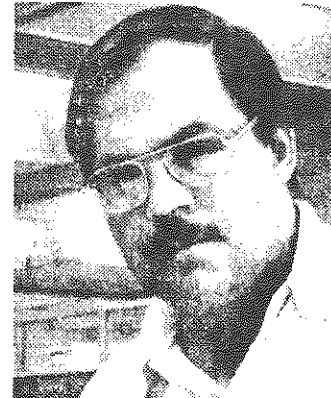
Blatt said he will reinstate the bond in one week and will not require Clarkson to begin serving his sentence before the United States Supreme Court has decided whether to review Clarkson's appeal.

He was convicted in 1978 and his case was upheld last year by the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Ruschky said the Supreme Court is expected to announce in about two



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Robert Clarkson

Jailed for one week

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— Mark Twain

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SEX & MORES

Every time I read some attempt to link communism with sexual promiscuity, I can hardly restrain my laughter. The argument seems to be that, having experienced the joys of sex, the young will decline in all the military virtues, and leave the country defenceless. Or perhaps, that if the young can be prevented from enjoying sex, they will have so little to live for that they will not mind being used as cannonfodder.

Certainly, the communists did not invent promiscuity, as the more thoughtful point out.

But who invented our ideas of sexual morality? Thereby hangs a tale.

Consider clerical celibacy in the Catholic Church; it goes back to the 11th century, not the first, and was based on the desire to keep married priests from leaving the church's property to their children, as well as the conflict with the Albigenians, who were opposed to all procreation.

Monogamy first appears in the epistles of Paul; he seems to have felt that the Greeks and Romans might not take kindly to the traditional polygamy of the Hebrews, as alien to their cultures. But various Christian groups, up to the present, have allowed polygamy.

Female chastity goes back quite a ways; most western cultures pagan or Christian insisted on the bride's virginity and made fun of cuckolds. But not all; some cultures insisted that the woman prove her fertility before the groom would consent to marry her; this custom still persists in the rural Netherlands among one group.

The chastity or fidelity of the male never became an issue until the beginning of the modern age. Read Chaucer. What brought up the question was the introduction into Europe of sexually transmitted diseases.

Now in this century, with the development of cures for venereal diseases, and of effective methods of contraception, we have seen the so-called sexual revolution. We have seen abortion legalized. But we now see the development of new sexually transmitted diseases, some of which can be transmitted by kissing even, to which there are no cures yet. Some, like mononucleosis, are a nuisance; others are more serious. How will they affect morality or standards? Please note that I am not talking about Right & Wrong. That does not change the way that community standards of conduct do.

"A civil religion is one in which the state is man's savior. This describes the modern state." — Rev. R. J. Rushdoony (Chalcedon)

High Time to Wake Up

In Ft. Lauderdale, FL, a city commissioner suggested spraying garbage with kerosene or insecticide to discourage destitute foragers, saying that the way to get rid of vermin is to cut off their food supply. (Community for Creative Non-Violence)

"Freedom is the name of virtue; slavery, of vice..." — Epictetus

Criticizing statist education, Joseph Chilton Pierce, Virginia educator, calls it an experiment in "engineering children", and "a monumental failure". The damage done to the child, he concludes, is so serious that "we're dealing with highly damaged goods." (Chalcedon)

"Whenever they burn books, they will also, in the end, burn human beings." — Heinrich Heine

American Library Association reports that one school banned Making It With Mademoiselle; despite the title it's about sewing.

Moral majoritarians persuaded Sen. R. Lugar (R-IN) to stop mailing out a govt. pamphlet, "Your Child From One to Six", because it advised parents not to spank. (GCN) Since when did the govt. know anything about raising children, they ask.

In NYC, State Liquor Authority has revoked the licenses of 2 lesbian bars, charging that they discriminated against men. (GCN) That's the whole point of having one, isn't it?

Bill Currier of W. Allis, WI urges citizens to ask for Susan B Anthony dollars — unlike federal reserve notes, they don't serve to increase the natl. debt, and thus the interest to be paid by taxpayers. Susans cost the govt. about 3¢ each to mint. (Up Ost)

In St. Paul, MN, IRS required that Danny Pilla produce "all records" for 1975, when he filed no tax return. He produced his report cards, showing that he was in junior high at the time. (Up Ost)

Educationists have been protesting plans to reduce federal programs on handicapped children, saying that 10 million handicapped children would be affected. Now if there are 10 million handicapped children in America, more than 9 million are only educationally handicapped — functionally illiterate as a result of govt. schools.

Rev. Jerry Falwell refuses to open Moral Majority meeting with prayer, silent of spoken, because of religious differences among the members. (var.)

"Real People" suggests that you write the Vietnam UN Mission, 20 Waterside Plaza, NYC 10010 and ask what became of the MIAs from the Viet War.

In South Dakota, these days, lawbreakers can get a real deal: go to jail or go to California. So far, 93 have chosen California. S. D. is uptight because Californis won't extradite Dennis Banks, Indian Movement leader. (var.)

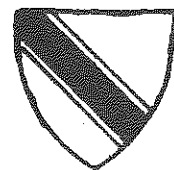
In 1981 there were 519,063 bankruptcies, and the figures for 1982 will be up substantially. In 1979 & 1980 inflation exceeded 10% for 2 consecutive years for the first time since World War I. And the prime interest rate hit 21½%, the highest since the Civil War. (Your Heritage News)

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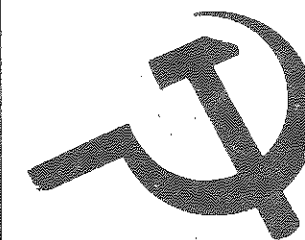


Good intentions gone bad

Editor, News-Press: Rent control, drug control, gun and "morality" control are all a result of bureaucratic solutions and good-intentions gone bad. Despite the obvious dangers of legislative self-righteousness we are constantly flooded with idiotic regulations. Examples include the "cruising" bill (AB2579) which will prohibit driving without a specific destination, the "avocado" bill (SB70) banning the sale of backyard-grown, undersized avocados, and the proposal to require a warning label of "satanic" phonograph records. Here are some solutions for you to think about.

Elected representatives should be limited to a single term in office and restricted to introducing one law per year per lawmaker. Voters should be able to choose none-of-the-above at the ballot box and taxpayers should be permitted to send one dollar of their tax return to the department (Defense/Transportation/etc.) of their choice.

THEY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY



ONLY SOCIALIST WARS ARE JUST

"War is still explained by the Leninist principle of just and unjust wars. A war which might be unleashed by Imperialism against the Soviet Union would be unjust and reactionary and a continuation of their predatory policies. From the Socialist countries side, it would be the most just and progressive war. It would be defending the most advanced social structure — Socialism, for the benefit of all progressive mankind. Such wars might be those of the working classes against the bourgeoisie and wars of national liberation. Only wars in the interest of Socialism can be just from the point of view of working masses."

V-Izmaylov 'The Character and Feature of Modern Wars,' COMMUNIST OF THE ARMED FORCES, 6 March 1975.

This would help lawmakers with too much time on their hands to 1. Set spending priorities. 2. Seek "quality-instead-of-quantity" laws. 3. Avoid special-interest (lobby) pressure and political entrenchments.

Perhaps we would all be better off if

elected officials were paid a lump-sum annual salary . . . and asked to stay at home.

Dale Lowdermilk
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Sample Request Letter for Personal Files

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Date

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This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. §552), in conjunction with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §552a).

I wish to obtain a copy of all documents retrievable in a search for files listed under my name. (If you are requesting files from the FBI, add the following: Please advise me if my name is contained in other "See Reference" files, as well, so that I can make a decision whether to have any such files searched.)

I also ask that you check for additional records in your field offices in the following cities:

(If requesting records from the FBI, you must file a separate request with each relevant field office.)

If all or any part of my request is denied, please list the specific exemption(s) which is (are) being claimed to withhold information.

If you determine that some portions of the requested material are exempt, I will expect, as the Act provides, that you will provide me with the remaining, non-exempt portions. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information and expect that you will list the address and office where such an appeal can be sent.

As you know, the amended FOIA permits you to reduce or waive search and/or copying fees when release of the requested information would be "in the public interest." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive such fees. (You may want to cite specific reasons why release of the requested material will be in the public interest.) If this request is processed under the Privacy Act, however, I expect, as the Act provides, that no fees will be charged for locating requested files.

If you have any question concerning this request, please telephone me at the above number. As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely,

Your full name
Social Security Number
Date and place of birth

(Your signature must be notarized. Mark clearly on envelope, "Attention: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit")

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I wish to obtain a copy of (give a clear description of the material you seek. Include as much identifying information as possible.)

(If applicable, include the following:) To avoid any possible misunderstanding of what I am requesting, I am enclosing a copy of the newspaper article (or government report, Congressional hearing, etc.) stating _____, which leads me to believe that your agency has in its possession records pertinent to this request.

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a file are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any material.

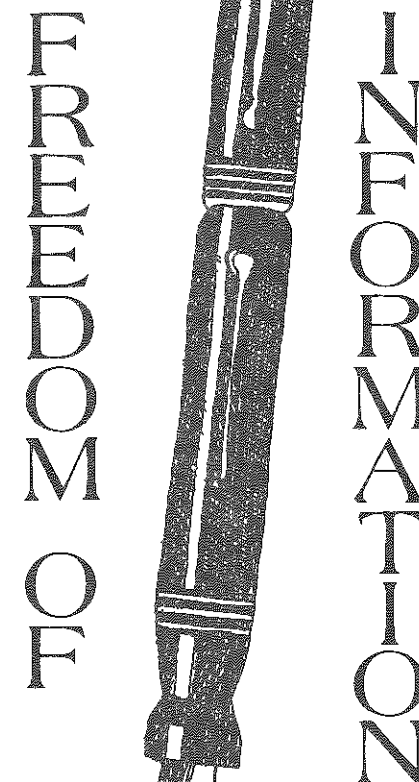
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If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number. As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely,

Your full name
Your title, if writing on
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DAILY MIRROR

£110 A WEEK

A WOMAN tailor who landed a top prison job was paid £110 a week for almost two years to work on her own.

For prison officers who feared for her safety would not allow any inmates near her.

They claimed that 32-year-old attractive divorcee Christine Bell would be the target for attack.

An industrial tribunal was told yesterday that the officers rejected pleas from the governor and the Home Office to lift the boycott on Mrs. Bell.

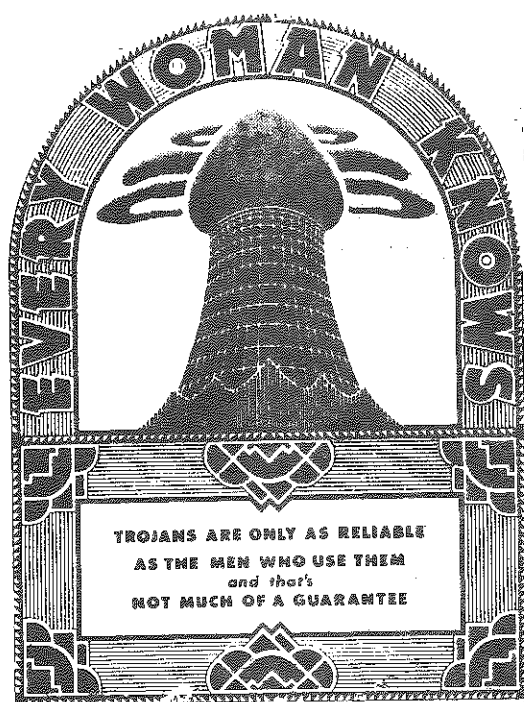
So every day for 21 months she worked alone in the tailoring workshops at Armley Jail, Leeds, carrying out tasks which should have been done by the prisoners.

Mrs. Bell, of Ley Lane, Armley, has accused the Prison Officers Association and the Home Office of sex discrimination.

She told the tribunal: "I have no fears or qualms about working in an all-male prison."

Mr. Frederic Reynold, for Mrs. Bell, said the officers wanted the governor to close down the workshops.

They were also concerned because there were no "modesty" doors on prison toilets.



The national speed limit of 55 miles per hour is a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go far enough. It should be lowered to 15, to protect innocent bugs from being squashed. "Insects have rights, too," said Dale Lowdermilk, a civic activist and political pundit who lives in Santa Barbara.

And gun control laws, while they are necessary and proper, are just not enough. "We also need knife control, and slingshot control, and sharp stick control," Lowdermilk said.

San Bernadino Sun



THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION OF 1917 GAVE EXPRESSION TO FORCES, LONG PENT UP IN RUSSIA OTHER THAN THE BOLSHEVIKS. IN THAT PART OF THE UKRAINE,

CEDED BY THE BREST-LITOVSK TREATY, THE NABAT CONFEDERATION DECLARED ITS SELF-DETERMINATION AND DIVIDED THE LANDED ESTATES AMONG THE PEASANTS



ASSEMBLING A GUERRILLA ARMY, NESTOR MAKHNO, HARASSED GERMAN BACKED LAND OWNERS, OFTEN USING ENEMY DISGUISES TO FIRST OBTAIN THEIR HOSPITALITY



FINALLY A GERMAN DIVISION SENT TO SUBDUE HIM WENT DOWN TO DEFEAT. HE THEN SWEEP NORTH REPLACING BOLSHEVIK COMMISSARS WITH LIBERTARIAN COMMUNES

Satire?

Men shouldn't vote!

Because a man's place is in the army.

Because no really manly man wants to settle any question otherwise than by fighting about it.

Because if men should adopt peaceable methods women will no longer look up to them.

Because men will lost their charm if they step out of their natural sphere and interest themselves in other matters than feats of arms, uniforms and drums.

Because men are too emotional to vote. Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them particularly unfit for the task of government.

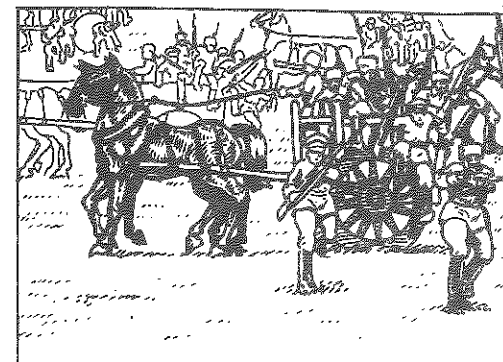
Alice Duer Miller, 1915

Army Throws Temper Tantrum

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The military's latest attempt to impose its ways on academia came in a letter from Major General Hugh J. Clausen, the Army's Judge Advocate General, to six university law schools. These law schools have banned Army recruiters because the Army violates the schools' policies forbidding recruitment by employers who discriminate against homosexuals. The Major General has informed them that the Army will no longer send military personnel to receive legal training there.

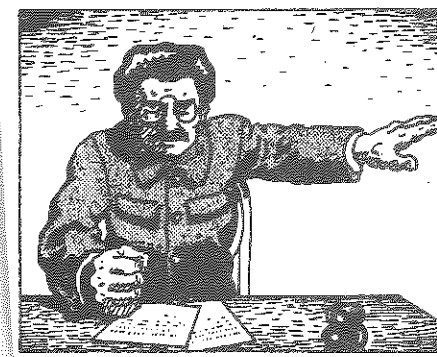
Clausen cited gay people's "natural proclivity to violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice" (which bans "homosexual conduct").



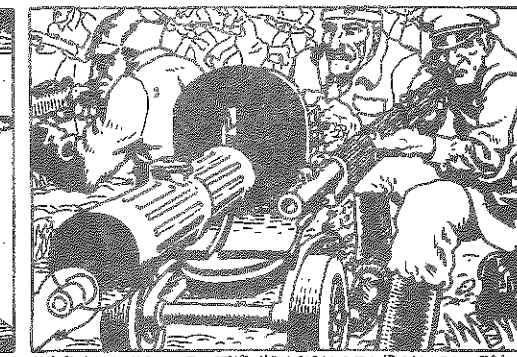
SOON AFTERWARD, UTILIZING MILITARY INNOVATIONS LIKE TRANSPORTING INFANTRY IN LIGHT PEASANT CARTS, HE STOPPED THE INVADING WHITE ARMIES OF DENIKIN



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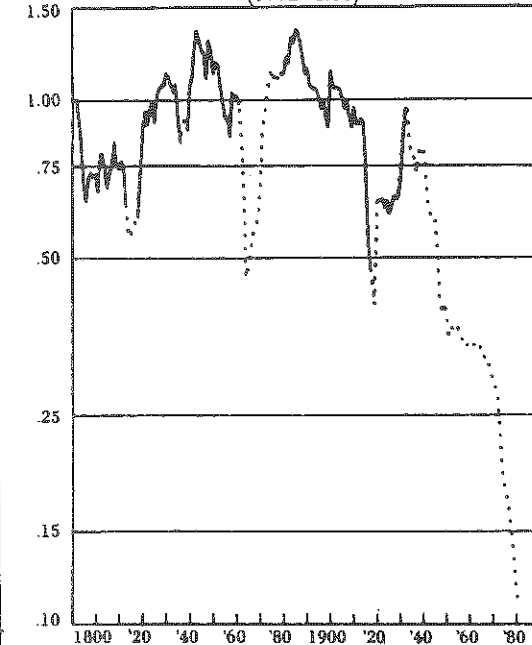


AFTER VICTORY, MAKHNOIST LEADERS WERE INVITED TO A CONFERENCE IN CRIMEA WHERE ALL, EXCEPT AN ESCAPING CAVALRY UNIT, WERE ARRESTED OR SHOT. MAKHNO AND



HIS MEN FOUGHT ON FOR A FEW MONTHS, AT FIRST THEY SCORED VICTORIES, BUT FINAL HE FLED TO PARIS, WHERE IN 1935, HE DIED OF CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM

PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR
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PUB landlord John Arnold was in trouble yesterday . . . over a sandwich.

For it was claimed that the name chosen for the tasty snack was offensive.

The long rolls of brown bread sell for 28p as Gollywog's Fingers.

Now Merseyside community relations officer Paul Sommerfield is to ask for the name to be changed.

He said yesterday that

it "reinforced attitudes of racial prejudices."

He added that he would be contacting the brewery which owns the pub.

But landlord John said at his pub, The Noggin near Risley remand centre, Warrington, that coloured people who called were not offended by the name.

Joke

"All my customers treat it as a joke," he added.

"But if the community relations people take it up with the brewery I suppose I will have to change the name."

DAILY MIRROR

"Truth is on the march and nothing can stop it." —Emile Zola.

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest criticism and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty and find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived — this is to have succeeded.

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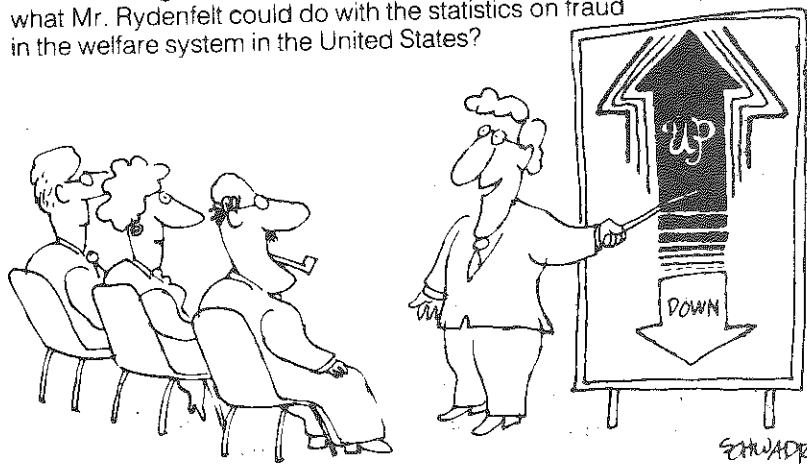
Private vs. Public Welfare

by J. Michael Graves

That the health and longevity of a citizenry can be assured only by an extensive Welfare state is an assumption that has gained the status of dogma throughout much of the Western world. Swedish economist Sven Rydenfelt, writing in the *Wall Street Journal* last September, put that assumption to the test.

His method: take an example of an extensive public welfare state—Rydenfelt's own Sweden—and compare its performance in securing the welfare of its citizens to that of a nation that has a strong tradition of private welfare but little public assistance. For an example of the latter, Rydenfelt chose Japan, where, in contrast to Sweden, it is the family or some other private entity, not the state, that takes care of those unable to take care of themselves. Using data from Sweden's National Central Bureau of Statistics and Japan's Ministry of Health and Welfare and applying the World Health Organization's two principal criteria for measuring a nation's welfare—mean life expectancy and infant mortality—Rydenfelt compared these statistics for both nations over the 1960-1979 period.

In 1960 the mean life expectancy of a Swede was 73.5 years; of a Japanese, 67.9 years. By 1970, these figures rose to 74.5 and 72.5 for Sweden and Japan respectively. But by 1979, Japan had surpassed the Swedish life expectancy of 75.6 years with the figure of 76.2. Over the same period, Japan made impressive progress in preserving the life of its infants. In 1960, when in Sweden there were 16.6 deaths during the first year of life per 1,000 live births, Japan had 33.8 such deaths. In 1970, these figures for Sweden and Japan dropped to 11.0 and 12.6 respectively. By 1979, Sweden had 7.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births; Japan was not far behind with only 8.0. Swedish media reports on the miraculous achievements of the Japanese economy, Rydenfelt observed, are usually "concluded by a litany about the deplorable situation of old people in Japan, people who lack state pensions, and therefore—according to the welfare state ideology—must live in misery and squalor." These comments come as a "consolation and a support for faltering Swedish self-confidence," said Rydenfelt. But as the figures show, Rydenfelt wrote, "this is evidently a myth, a myth the Swedes need and therefore cling to. If the myth had been true, mortality among old people in Japan would have been higher and life expectancy lower. I wonder what Mr. Rydenfelt could do with the statistics on fraud in the welfare system in the United States?"



"This downward trend in the economy is balanced by this upward trend conceived by our graphic art department."

Letters To The Editor

Competition Best Tax Reform

Even though recent rate hikes by SCE&G, Southern Bell and other utilities have generated much heated discussion, nobody seems to realize the real cause of the problem. The fact is that customers can't choose between competing alternatives.

Whenever any service has a legal monopoly and is protected from competition, prices will always be high and the quality of service will be poor, because there is no incentive for efficiency. The best examples of this are the U.S. Postal Service and the public utilities. These are coercive monopolies, which means that competition is against the law. Even if someone can produce electricity or deliver mail more cheaply and more efficiently, it is against the law for anyone to offer competing services.

In a free market, consumers can choose among competing products. This helps to keep prices lower and quality higher. In Lubbock, Texas, two power companies compete for customers. If a customer doesn't like the service he's getting from one company, he switches companies. As a result of this competition, electric rates are 20 percent lower than in nearby areas, and the quality of service is much better.

Few persons realize that a free market is the best answer to the problem of rising utility rates. The Libertarian party is the only political party which advocates deregulating the utilities, the postal service and other services to allow consumers to shop around for the best deal.

DAVID MORRIS

While parts of the governor's proposals for "tax reform" in his State of the State address are admirable, the whole proposal does not provide much in the way of tax relief.

The proposals to raise the home-stead exemptions and the personal income tax exemption are fine. If he had stopped there, the plan would be excellent. Likewise, giving tax credits to industries locating new jobs in needy counties is not a bad idea; even though it would be simpler to provide it for new jobs anywhere in the state, and just let the unemployed people who get the jobs move.

But then he proposes to finance this, not by cutting out some of the waste, extravagance, nepotism, overstaffing, incompetence, inefficiency and speculation in the state government, but by imposing a higher sales tax. Besides being a regressive tax, which bears most heavily on those with the least income, the increases would probably put several thousand people out of work in this state, partly because marginal businesses would fail because of decreased revenue, and partly because people living near the state lines would be encouraged to do more shopping in North Carolina or Georgia. This alone wipes out, permanently, the benefits of make-work jobs for 2,500, as proposed.

We should also remember that when the sales tax was imposed, 30-odd years ago, we were promised that it would never be used for anything but education. Now we have a proposal for a permanent increase in the sales tax to finance a temporary decrease in local property taxes, as well.

We need better ideas than these; proposals to reduce taxes and government spending.

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Omissions, Errors and Lies

By Walter E. Williams

Among my on-going observations of society are many bits and pieces which, though important, won't fill a whole column. So they're filed under "miscellaneous." Now I'm going to reach into that file to comment on news media omissions, errors and lies.

First, the omissions. Newspapers have focused on Reagan's budget cuts and their callousness toward the poor. Now callousness is a two-way street. The Internal Revenue Service is callous. IRS, in effect, tells many Americans: "You know that \$200 you earned? The money you had planned to put away for your kid's education or to buy a new lawnmower? You will not do that! You will give it to us. And we'll give it to a poor person as part of the food stamp program." Now if that's not callous treatment, I don't know what is. In fact, if I ever did that to you, I'd go to jail for robbery.

Speaking of the poor, and particularly their children, people frequently complain that most of the poor are children. Being a parent and having taken Biology 101, I know children are not pre-ordained. In other words, they are not like the sunrise which you can't do anything about. Children usually result from deliberate voluntary acts. But people always approach the problem of poor children from the view — not enough money for the kids. There is another side; that is — too many kids for the money.

The difference between these two views is that the first blames

society; the second holds the individual responsible. So with the individual-responsible view, you ask, "If you knew that you could only earn \$7,000 a year, why did you have four kids? If you had just one kid (or no kids) you wouldn't be so poor."

Let's take another example. "There ought to be more cooperation between business and government." Now what does that mean? Does it mean businessmen will say howdy to the bureaucrats, and the bureaucrats say howdy to businessmen. The news media would have us believe that. But what it really means is you're about to pay higher prices or higher taxes. The Washington Post reports on big steel, big labor, and big government "cooperation." This trio is getting together to impose tariffs and quotas on foreign steel. What the Post reporter omits is that we will all pay higher prices for cabinets, autos, nails, etc., as a result of this "cooperation."

Now let's turn to lies. Ralph Nader helps with this one: the government protects the consumer. And the news media lets him get away with it. There are many ways in which the government rips-off the consumer. Let's stick with the main way — money. Money has been around nearly as long as Man. But there are three facts about money. First, virtually all currencies started out as coins — usually gold or silver. Second, paper money and checks came into being because they represented redeemable claims on coins. Third, no gold or silver

coins are worth less today than when they were first issued. Fourth, there is no paper currency worth as much now as when it was first issued.

That final fact explains how government ripped us off. It outlawed circulation of gold and silver coins and gave us dollar bills. Paper money that no longer says, "Payable to the bearer in gold or silver." It merely says that you get one dollar. Its current value depends on the quantity that government prints.

Money is just one way we've been ripped off by government. What about Social Security? I've long felt the Federal Trade Commission should bring suit against the Social Security Administration for fraud. Any private program having the same characteristics as Social Security, and advertised as a "retirement" plan, would find its managers in jail.

Finally, in my miscellaneous file is the broad media-generated, and fostered, contempt for private property and personal freedom. The New York Times and Washington Post editorial pages are full of expressions like "irresponsible tax cuts" or "windfalls for the rich." They think people's earnings belong to the government. But, of course, like other tyrants they think their freedoms should be honored. Ask any reporter whether he thinks the press should be free. Ask him if government should control free speech. You'll get one answer. Then, ask him how much government should control other people; you'll get another answer. Try it.

Moral Majority Report

oh what a day!

HOUSTON, TX — A police vice squad officer interrupted an attempted armed robbery of a Houston adult bookstore on January 18, reported the *Montrose Voice*.

The officer was pursuing business-as-usual harassment of sex-related victimless "crime" when he happened upon real live robbery complete with a gunman. The gunman held the bookstore clerk hostage for a short time and engaged the Houston SWAT team in a 16-hour standoff.

When the teargas had settled and the gunman was booked for attempted capital murder of a police officer (he fired at one of the cops), the hapless clerk was served with a warrant for "promoting of obscene materials."

curb Press over crime reports

DRASTIC new curbs on crime reports are being put forward in a Government bid to reform the contempt of court laws.

New offences which could lead to editors being fined or even imprisoned for "prejudicing" cases have been created in a Bill now before the House of Lords. It aims to restrict crime reports after an arrest—or when an arrest warrant has been issued—until a person is sentenced or acquitted. And the ban would continue after conviction, if notice of appeal was lodged, until the case is finished.

Power

This would outlaw reporting on the Lord Lucan case because an arrest warrant has been granted.

And it would also stop newspapers publishing full background stories on crime cases as soon as a jury return a guilty verdict.

Judges would also be given the power to postpone reports if they considered there was a risk of prejudicing cases or others yet to be heard. A judge would also be able to ban the reporting of witnesses' names. The Bill is likely to dismay editors who had been expecting a clarification of an uncertain area of law investigated by the Phillimore Committee set up in 1974.

Clause

Some Phillimore reforms are introduced but others are ignored.

The committee recommended that reporting curbs apply only when an arrested person is charged.

A clause expected to cause controversy extends contempt of court laws to cover lower tribunals and hearings constituted by law.

This would cover such hearings as rent tribunals and valuation courts. The Bill also bans publication of what happens in jury rooms.

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Fable for Today

Once upon a time there was a kingdom that had many workers. In this kingdom there was a shoemaker. He had some money saved. He was going to buy a new machine, make more shoes and put another man to work.

There was also a farmer. He had some money saved. He was planning to buy some more seed, grow more crops and put another man to work.

There was a water pumper. He had some money saved. He was going to buy pipe to serve more people and put another man to work. At the same time there were some people without work. The king felt badly about this, so he decided to give some money to the people who couldn't find work.

To get this money, he taxed the shoemaker, the farmer and the water pumper. They had to use their savings to pay the taxes. The shoemaker couldn't buy his machine.

The farmer couldn't buy more seed. The pumper couldn't buy more pipe. None of them could hire more men. The unemployed stayed unemployed. Moral: Unemployment taxes don't relieve unemployment. They create it!

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WASHINGTON—About half of the millions of vehicle owners who receive recall notices fail to have defects corrected, a government study has charged—which means that millions of cars are being driven in a hazardous condition, often unbeknownst to their drivers.

A major reason for this is that the owners simply do not understand the recall letters, the Government Accounting Office says.

"Most U.S. adults read at or below the 11th-grade level, whereas recall letters in most instances are written at a college reading level," the study says. "If the recall letters were easier to understand, more owners would respond to recalls. (FFA) In Cambridge, Md., a flock of seagulls, apparently protesting against a parking lot in the midst of their habitat, bombarded the lot with oyster shells. Several car roofs were dented."

