

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country.

Thomas Paine

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SEAT BELT LAWS

The current state laws mandating that drivers use seat belts are perfect examples of government's hand-holding, do-good attitude toward its own citizens. The laws are not only a violation of civil liberties, but of common sense because statistically the laws haven't saved lives.

In Massachusetts, for example, the seat belt law took effect in January 1986 after insurance companies projected lower fatalities. But after the laws proved ineffective, the insurance companies asked for a 33% rate increase. Furthermore, the National Transportation Safety Board indicated that lap-only belts could actually produce more serious injuries than those they prevented.

In North Carolina fatalities have gone up since the law was enacted, even when adjusting the numbers for increased usage. A University of North Carolina study in December 1987 showed that even when compliance went up as high as 64%, fatalities were up by 8.8%

But what if it could be proven that seat belt laws do save lives? It could then be argued that Prohibition saved lives, and that more government restrictions on our freedom of choice would save even more lives.

It wasn't the American driver who lobbied for these contemptible laws. It was the auto industry. They wanted to thwart the possibility of mandatory air bag legislation. For decades the insurance industry lobbied for air bags, but the auto industry resisted. Then, Reagan's Department of Transportation stepped in to give the auto industry a real choice: air bags or seat belts. The auto industry responded by mounting a multi-million dollar lobbying effort in every state for the lesser of two coercive evils--mandatory seat belt legislation. They were successful in 32 states. And to prove how much drivers love being forced to wear seat belts, there are now strong repeal movements in every one of these states. Judging by the over one million signatures collected by anti-seat belt organizations in North Carolina, Iowa, Massachusetts, and Oregon, Americans clearly wish to make their own choice in this matter. They should have that right.

If not, then why not restrict Americans from consuming sugar, tobacco, and high-cholesterol foods on the basis that the restriction would save lives and thereby lower insurance costs? How would Americans react if life insurance companies lobbied for such insidious control over our lives?

The safest scenario is one where everyone is free to purchase and use seat belts and/or airbags; drivers guilty of causing accidents are held fully accountable for damages and injuries; and insurance companies calculate risk, not lobby for more laws restricting freedom of choice. That's the private solution. But instead, we have special interest groups and regulatory agencies conspiring to take freedom of choice away from everyone--individuals, insurance companies, and automobile companies--even after these solutions are proven failures.

By far the most numerous and most flagrant violations of personal liberty and individual rights are performed by governments.... The major crimes throughout history, the ones executed on the largest scale, have been committed not by individuals or bands of individuals but by governments, as a deliberate policy of those governments - that is, by the official representatives of governments, acting in their official capacity.

John Hospers

CHOICE A SCHOOL MOVEMENT

The state of Minnesota is out to bust the public school cartel, according to an article on page one of the (May 19, 1988) Wall Street Journal.

Many parents who don't like their children's schools have the opportunity to send them to another public school--across town, in a neighboring suburb, or all the way across the state. By 1991, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, the option will be open to all Minnesota parents.

"It may sound innocent, but the choose-a-school movement is the most radical approach yet for improving the nation's public schools. Schools are bad, some critics say, because they have no incentive to improve. Force them to compete, and good schools will thrive."

The new law, says the Journal, expands a pilot program that has been available since 1985. This year, 5,600 of the state's 700,000 public school students switched schools. Anywhere from 7,000 to 50,000 a year are expected to do so as the option is extended.

Quote—Unquote

"The reasons vary, but the most compelling explanation is provided by those who argue that it is the financial vested interest of those associated with the reading establishment, excluding teachers, who prohibit reform.

"Too many people are profiting from illiteracy—more than \$3 billion a year just in ECIA Chapter I funds alone."

The only ends for which governments are constituted, and obedience rendered to them, are the obtaining of justice and protection; and they who cannot provide for both give the people a right of taking such ways as best please themselves, in order to their own safety.

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London, 1672

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- Machiavelli

THE QUEST by Mitch Leigh

To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe,
To bear with unbearable sorrow, to run where the brave dare not go.

To right the unrightable wrong, to love pure and chaste from afar,
To try when your arms are too weary, To reach the unreachable star!

This is my quest, to follow that star,
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far;
To fight for the right without question or pause,
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!

And I know if I'll only be true To that glorious quest,
that my heart will be peaceful and calm, When I'm laid to my rest,

And the world will be better for this;
That one man, scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage,
To reach the unreachable stars.

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- Mark Twain



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hired himself a judge

Seven hundred fifty years ago in England, when litigants in a dispute often were left to "fight it out" with some kind of duel or ordeal, it was possible to purchase from the king a jury trial.

Because "public justice" was often unjust, those who could afford it purchased for themselves "a private trial."

It can still be done in California; Johnny Carson showed us how.

California has had a law since 1872 allowing anybody who wants to do so to settle a court case outside the court by "hiring a judge."

If both sides to the litigation agree, they can hire a retired or off-duty judge by the hour and get their case resolved in a hurry.

But nobody tried it until about four years ago and nobody paid any attention until Johnny Carson and NBC resolved their contract dispute that way.

Jointly, they hired a retired judge, Parks Stillwell. Both parties agreed to abide by his decision, and thus their dispute was settled in minimal time at minimal cost and in secrecy. Hiring a private judge for a quick, quiet trial is neither illegal nor shady.

This kind of deluxe justice is presently available only in California, but other state legislatures are thinking about it.

And it is a bonanza for retired judges. They, already on pension, can make themselves available for this extra work at \$50 a hour or a flat \$500 a day.

In a complex air pollution dispute, retired Judge Eugene Sax earned more than \$40,000.

It was not until after Johnny Carson hired a judge that the Wall Street Journal became curious, decided to explore how widespread this practice of private justice has become.

Nobody knows. It's that private.

The American Bar Association has no record. The state of California has no record.

We do know that the practice is expanding as lawyers learn that they can get more cases tried more promptly, and by a specialist judge selected for his understanding of some highly complex subjects.

Some of the cases growing out of efforts to police pollution are highly complicated, but a jurist experienced in this subject can condense a years-long trial to a matter of days.

These judges-for-rent have power identical to that of a judge in a public court and their decisions are similarly subject to appeal. In most cases, however, litigants respect the competency of the judge or they would not have agreed in advance to his selection. Thus fewer decisions even-tuate in appeals.

One California lawyer says he is sold on private judging; he has "two or three such cases going all the time, saving 80 percent of the delays, 80 percent of the legal fees and 80 percent of the aggravation encountered in public courts."

Doesn't the practice favor the rich who can afford to hire judges? In a sense, it does. But in the extent to which it relieves the backlog of public court cases, it benefits everybody.

A SEX offender who received hormone treatment grew breasts which had to be removed, it was revealed yesterday.

The operations have left him severely scarred, a mental health review tribunal heard in Liverpool.

Londoner Bill Pate, 37, the son of a high-ranking Indian naval officer, was sent to Broadmoor indefinitely 12 years ago for indecent assault on a boy.

It was there that he received the hormone treatment.

The hearing came only days after Home Secretary Merlyn Rees ordered a probe into hormone treatment for sex offenders after admitting it may be useless.

Relatives and supporters claim that Mr. Pate should no longer be

SEX

● WHAT happens to you if you break the Sunday trading laws?

Sometimes you get fined—and sometimes you don't. Don Syme, a garage owner, came up before Chester magistrates on August 30 for selling videos in his garage on a Sunday.

He pleaded guilty and was fined £250.

A week later, the Duke of Westminster came up for selling some hand-



THE DUKE

some items at his garden centre in his stately home near Chester.

He pleaded guilty. He was given an absolute discharge.

FACTS TO REMEMBER: (1) The Duke of Westminster is the richest man in England. He takes home about £19,000 an hour.

(2) Don Syme does not earn quite so much.

Expert: myths

Charles Goodman
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Popular myths about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. obscure what the slain civil rights leader was really trying to do and how he hoped to do it, a North Carolina political science professor said today.

David J. Garrow of the University of North Carolina was one of several panel members who discussed King's legacy at The Peabody during the Southern Historical Association's 48th annual meetings.

Garrow said the image of King today is that of "a great orator with religious fervor, who led a kind of children's parade that succeeded beautifully in eliminating segregated seating on buses and in getting some civil rights laws passed."

A second myth, said Garrow, was that the Johnson and Kennedy administrations were very supportive of King and his objectives. The most dangerous myth, he said, however, has to do with the goal of King's civil rights movement.

"Usually we say it was the elimination of segregation and discrimination," Garrow said. "That ignores that King, finally, was seeking economic changes in the society, away from capitalism. He talked in private about how American society need a very basic restructuring — moving away from capitalism to democratic socialism. He was a more radical figure than you can see in his public writings."

Garrow said King, at first, believed that the social change he thought necessary could be brought about by persuading white Southerners that discrimination was immoral.

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"Soon, his views began to change," Garrow said. "He began to feel that federal legislation was needed for change. He hoped Kennedy's election as president would bring about considerable federal change. He developed the strategy of inducing municipal reactions that would bring about the federal legislation he sought. Then he came to realize that he couldn't depend on national goodwill to get all the laws.

"By 1967, King was looking for much more direct coercive methods of forcing the change he sought," Garrow said. "He no longer relied on moral appeals."

Garrow said the scrutiny of King's activities by the FBI, the CIA and other government agencies were not "the actions of renegade government agencies. Their surveillance of King was generally well-known throughout the government.

"Far too much that is being written now about those administrations is really worshipful in tone — written by men who want to herald what they believe are the triumphs of those administrations," Garrow said. "Ten years from now, we will see a very different idea of the attitude of those administrations to the King movement."

No, Martin Luther was not really a king, as he wanted to be.

**"We don't need no education
We don't need no thought control
No dark sarcasm in the classroom
Teacher, leave those kids alone."**

The British band Pink Floyd's song "Another Brick in the Wall" — from which these lyrics come — has been banned in South Africa, ignored by radio stations in the U.S., and attacked by school teachers all over the globe. Yet the song has become the world's most popular rock record of 1980.

Sung in an eerie chant by members of a children's chorus who back up the band, "Another Brick in the Wall" is the centerpiece to a gloomy album, "The Wall," in which Pink Floyd lyricist Roger Waters charges that Western society uses its schools and other public institutions to build an impenetrable wall of destructive social conditioning around the individual.

While the song is not the first example of the anti-education theme in popular music, it comes at a time when increasing numbers of students are questioning the value of their education and are aware of the often drastic cutbacks in youth services. Thus, young people are responding to the song with uncommon — and unsettling — enthusiasm.

Last month the South African government took the extraordinary step of banning the song — and the album — because "Another Brick . . ." had become the anthem of a national student strike by more than 10,000 coloured (mixed) African and Indian high

school students, as well as their white supporters. The students have been protesting inequality of spending on education for the various races, and "intimidation" by teachers, whose authority the Pink Floyd song challenges.

The government ban forbids radio stations from playing the record, stores from selling it and individuals from owning it.

In the U.S., educators in several states have tried — with some success — to have the song removed from the play lists of radio stations. According to Hope Antman, national director of press for Columbia Records in New York, "The radio resistance has been surprisingly strong. Stations started getting angry calls and letters from teachers and principals and school boards claiming that 'Another Brick in the Wall' was creating a crisis in their classrooms."

At least a dozen rock stations in major cities either stopped playing the record or refused to add it to their play lists. The resistance was even stronger in smaller towns, Antman says. One teacher in Chicago went so far as to cut his own record as a rebuttal to Pink Floyd, changing the lyrics to "we ALL need an education."

The rebuttal was an instant flop, while Pink Floyd's attack on the schools has dominated the sales charts for months.

Good Times/ Newsreal

Luton shop stewards told: TRADE UNIONISTS MUST SIT UP

AT A meeting on Friday night found Willie Gallagher guilty and (Jan. 19th), at a Trades Union Hall, he was sentenced to 12 years in in Luton, Bedfordshire a group of Long Kesh.

Brendan Gallagher concluded by saying he intended to continue his campaign for a re-trial for his son despite numerous obstacles being put in his way.

Next to take the platform was N.C.C.L. solicitor Patricia McCarthy. She said that she was continually being made aware of how the police were intimidating the Irish population in England by the use of the "Prevention of Terrorism Act" (PTA). Several thousand people had now been arrested and detained without charge or trial and at present about two people a week are being served with "Exclusion Orders". The most recent one being a middle-aged man who had come to Britain for a weekend just to visit his sick brother.

He told the meeting how his son had been very severely beaten by the RUC and subjected to "degrading and inhuman treatment" which apparently is "the acceptable face of British justice" in Ireland.

Brendan Gallagher warned that what was happening in Ireland today would be happening in England tomorrow, not necessarily to Irish militants, "but to British Trades Unionists like yourselves". He said his son's trial was a farce, even RUC witnesses had been intimidated by the judiciary, actually in the Court-House, and one witness told the court that the man being charged was "definitely not the man who committed the offence".

However the non-jury 'court'

The next speaker, shop-steward Michael Holden said that he himself had been a recent victim of the PTA Act. He said the usual threats were made, and during the time he was held he was not allowed to wash, shave or contact anyone outside.

He continued: "Look at Ireland and you will see how far the establishment are prepared to go to maintain the status quo". The Trades Unions could lead the way in fighting to end torture in H-Block and bring a speedy end to the war in Ireland once and for all, he concluded.

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Professor Irving Fisher, Yale University, in his book, "100% Money"

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Whereas, a Presidential candidate's position on the economy is one of the most important issues the voters use to choose which candidate to support; and

Whereas, politicians in both parties are calling for tax increases and higher federal spending; and

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Man won't pay \$2,000 bill for treatment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who was handcuffed and taken from his home to a psychiatric ward after police were told he was depressed says the experience itself was depressing, and he refuses to pay a \$2,000 treatment bill.

Dennis Saeger, 50, encountered one of three experimental county psychiatric programs currently under review that permit forced psychiatric care of people who may be experiencing mental problems.

"This program made me more frightened and depressed than anything in my life," Saeger said in an interview published in yesterday's Daily News of Los Angeles.

He said it reminded him of a science fiction movie when three uni-

formed police officers and a social worker appeared at the door of his Panorama City home, interviewed him for about 10 minutes, and handcuffed him.

He was held for three days at Olive View Hospital and later billed \$2,000, which he refuses to pay.

The county mental health department and local police jointly operate the programs that deal with family psychiatric emergencies, violent offenders and less serious cases.

"Before this, people called police when their neighbor was suicidal and we'd have to say we could do nothing because no crime was committed," said Van Nuys police Capt. Art Sjoquist. "We are not kicking down people's doors and taking them away. We are providing low-key care to those who need it."

But Kathleen Mixsell, mental health activist with the Los Angeles Network of Mental Health Clients, said the programs could be misused by disgruntled neighbors or family members.

We picked this up on the car radio the other day, so it's pretty sketchy. As we understand, Virginia has instituted a "No read, No release" program in its state prisons. Convicts must be reading at the 6th grade level, or nearing that goal, before being considered for parole or release.



"According to reports received by AI, some 300 children were arrested by security forces in Sulaimaniya between late September and mid-October 1985. Sulaimaniya is a major town in the Kurdish region of Iraq. The children, aged between 10 and 14 years, were apparently arrested in retaliation for the political activities of their relatives, said to be either army deserters or members

of the Pesh Merga forces. (Pesh Mergas are members of the armed Kurdish opposition.) Some of the children were apparently being held as hostages in order to force their relatives to give themselves up to the authorities. Other children appeared to be held in order to extract information from them about their relatives' activities. Three children are reported to have died as a result of torture."

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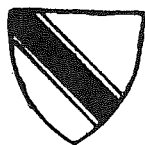
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L.A. Rollins is an aphorist, or rather, an againstist. He is of the fraternity of those who deny both sides of every question, the *refusniks* who are always untimely. He pits his puns against the pundits. Rollins knows that "Man does not live by bread alone, but by circuses as well." He doesn't even believe in skepticism (an agnostic, after all, is "a Godfearing atheist"). For him there isn't a department of human experience that won't sell you a bill of goods.

Rollins is comprehensive in his complaints, from A (Abortion: "The termination of a pregnancy with extreme prejudice") to Z (Zionism, the movement "to make the desert Bloom's"). Politics, religion and sex dominate his diatribes as they do life, but pretty much anything goes (in): "Incorruptible, n. Overpriced."

Where is Rollins coming from? By inference from some obscure (to the lay reader) gibes, originally from the Objectivist (= Ayn Randroid) and libertarian milieu: in the late 60's Rollins produced a newsletter, *Invictus*, "A Journal of Individualist Thought." Today Rollins harries anarchists, individualists and such as mercilessly as anybody else, but with the bitterness of betrayal. A leading libertarian glossy, *Reason*, for awhile published Rollins and later banned him. His publisher Loompanics has referred to itself as "the lunatic fringe of the libertarian movement."

The antistatist impulse persists. For Rollins, B-1 is "a vitamin essential to the health of the military-industrial complex." No supporter of farm subsidies, Rollins defines a dairyman as "one who milks the public, not with his own hands, but with the State's arms." If he calls Vietnam "Soviet-

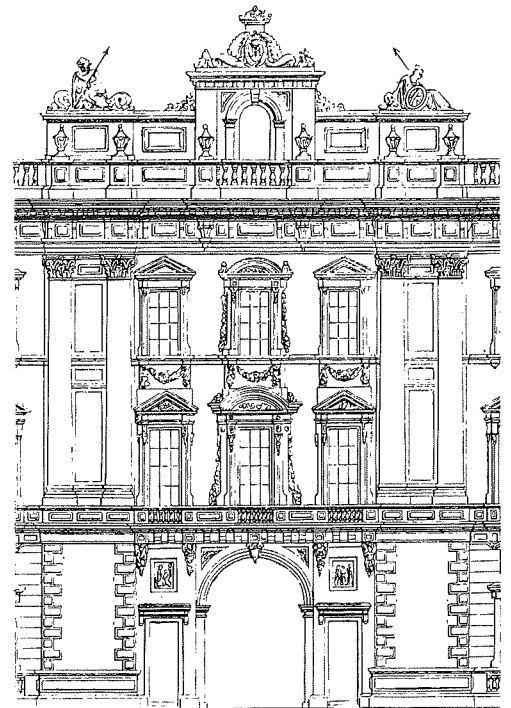
nam," he also says Solidarity is "the feeling of brotherhood felt by American capitalists for Polish workers." (Recall the simultaneous suppression of Solidarnosc and PATCO.)

Many who can handle all the rest—with tongs, perhaps—will throw up their hands, if not their lunch, at Rollins' least popular heresy: Holocaust Revisionism. (He actually uses the J-Word.) Rollins has written on the subject and his bitterness over the civil liberties Holocaust befalling self-styled Revisionists weakens some of his material. As "examples" of some of his definitions he forces the inclusion of quoted passages which transparently serve to push the Revisionist case—although it is difficult not to be appalled at the published statements (they are accurate) from the likes of Elie Wiesel and Meir Kahane. Rollins' foray against a PLA apologist will doubtless not save him from accusations of anti-Semitism, despite his definition of Nazi: "A totalitarian. One who believes that blondes *should* have more fun—or else. Formerly, an overman; now, an underdog."

But then a dogma is "a bitch of a belief" and sacred cows are "food for freethought." I agree with Rollins that a white supremacist is "an inferior white man," but agreement is not the point where a Bierce, Twain, Kraus, Mencken—or Rollins—is concerned. These misanthropes fly under false colors: cynics, egoists, scoffers, these comic Cassandra sacrifice themselves, Christlike, for the herd they regard without hope. Pardon me, *not* Christlike. Christ was an optimist. He had Connections. The pessimist aphorists are more like the Norse gods who knew they were doomed but prepared to battle the Giants anyway. Cruel and unusual humor is among the few forms in which heroism still manifests. And who knows, a random (sling) shot might bring down a Goliath every once in a while.

—Bob Black

NICOLAS BERDYAEV: Man is not truly free unless he is free to go to hell.

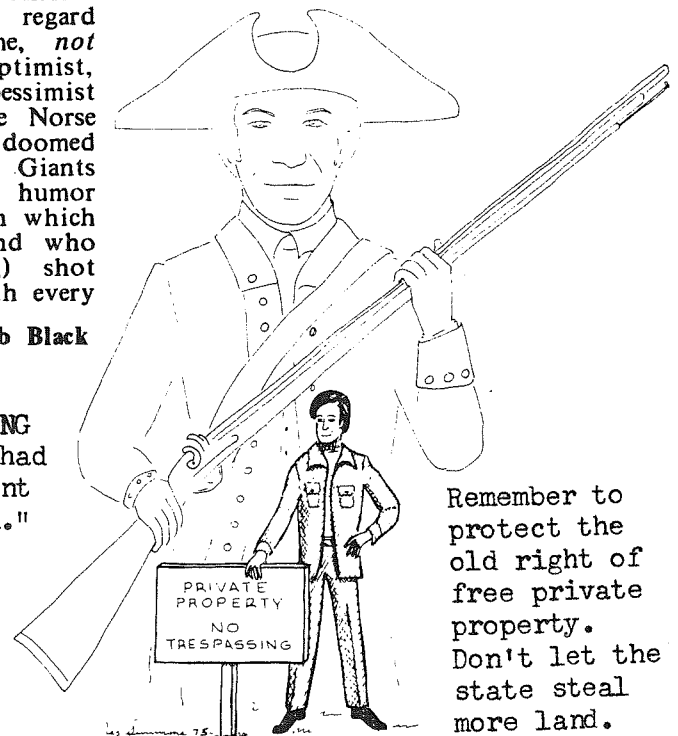


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Western Parents Sue Shoddy School System

By Helen Gauvreau

In Red Deer, Alberta, parents are suing the public school system for failing to educate their children. The July 20, 1987, edition of the *Western Report* states that no one had warned the parents that their children had learning disabilities and when the parents discovered the problem themselves, school officials blocked their efforts to correct it. An independent psychologist found that the children were functionally illiterate even though their report cards always indicated satisfactory academic achievement. The younger child in Grade 8 could not even write a sentence. (*Christian Family Advocate* - "Back to School" 1987).

This newsletter also revealed that Alberta educators are now becoming involved in the New Age philosophy, Mind Dynamics, Zen, eastern religious thought and also the phenomenon of globalization.

In Saskatchewan critics state that the new reading/writing English program for Grades 7-9, while professing to warn students of cults, actually gets them involved in cult practices including Ouija board demonstrations, palm readings, astrology, tarot, etc. Also this province's new social studies courses are being criticized by historians, educators and the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation. Critics state that:

It is a chaotic hodge-podge of pseudo-academic social science entirely lacking in historical or geographical or cultural cohesion.

A Prof. Flanagan stated:
"We are pulling up the roots of our own civilization when we educate our children in systematic ignorance of our past."

Chinese Police Use Torture

Amnesty International has charged that police torture is widespread in China today, despite government efforts to crack down on its use. The London-based human rights organization said suspects had been beaten, whipped, hung up by their arms and assaulted with cattle prods in police stations and detention centers to extract confessions from them. Stories of such abuse have been given "unprecedented publicity" inside China, apparently in an effort to restore public confidence in the police.

Amnesty

International backs gay rights, sort of

BRAZIL — The International Council of Amnesty International (AI) has adopted a resolution which affirms the fundamental right of gay people to be free of oppression based on their sexual orientation but which does not recognize people who are jailed for advocating gay rights as "prisoners of conscience."

According to the San Diego *Gay Times*, the resolution produced some of the most tense moments during the Council's recent meeting. The resolution grew from an extensive study conducted by a Dutch representative after the last International Council meeting in 1985. A final comprehensive report is due at the next meeting in 1989.

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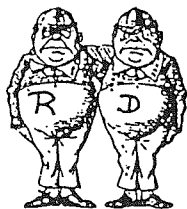
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from 'The Guardian'.

"What really sustains support for the draft is the vision of all those 18-year-olds being forced to endure an unpleasant experience, as some of their elders once did. That's why the continuing success of the all-volunteer force hasn't ended the demand for its abolition. The people who want to restore the draft are less committed to protecting the nation than to expanding the government's power over its citizens."

Stephen Chapman

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

After a preliminary hearing on January 22nd, a Dutch judge ruled that pornography charges could proceed against Donald Mader, the American photographer living in Amsterdam.

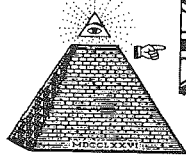

The judge said that while 13 of the 15 pictures seized last May at the Amsterdam gay bookstore Internale could not be considered pornographic under Holland's revised 1986 statute, two others could. Mader is the first person to be charged under that law.

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reviewed by Fred Schaefer

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In January, wheel-chair-bound 71-year old Col. **WILLIAM GALE** of Mariposa, California, was sentenced to jail for heresy. The prosecutor did not call it heresy. The indictment charged Big-Brother-invented surrogate crimes—interference with Internal Revenue regulations and sending threats through the mails.

Col. Gale, who was on Gen. **DOUGLAS MACARTHUR's** staff in World War II and has a splendid war record, did no harm to anyone's property or person.

Col. Gale belongs to a minority group holding views unpopular with the Establishment. He's called a "White Supremist" as are the defendants in the Fort Smith trial. (And if you don't think the government propaganda mills don't stretch their semantic acrobatics, their Orwellian *Newspeak* to ludicrous lengths, please note that two of the Fort Smith defendants, **BILL** and **RAY WADE**, are a good part Choctaw Indian. So what is this *Doublethink*: red-skinned white supremists?)

Candidates should take stands on issues

As a voter in South Carolina's Second District, I am concerned about the state of affairs surrounding the upcoming congressional House race between Geb Sommer, Jim Leventis and Floyd Spence.

I would like to see some real issues raised instead of petty bickering over one man's decision to stay in this race. The only person who has taken a stand is Mr. Sommer. Libertarian Sommer's printed material makes no bones about his views on various issues and what he believes needs to be done about them.

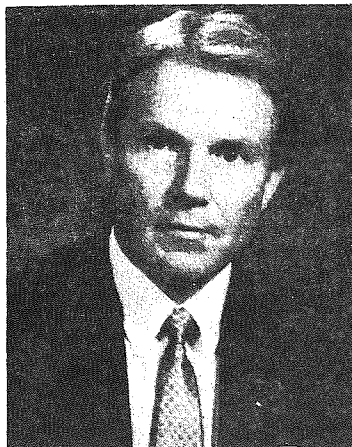
Whether or not people agree with Mr. Sommer's positions is not the point. What is important is providing the public with information from all three candidates so the voting people can make a truly objective decision. The other two candidates are giving people nothing with which to make an intelligent decision. One candidate is a banker with, no doubt, a great many banking special-interest groups supporting him. The other candidate has been in Washington so long I believe he has become a part of the problem instead of a solution.

M.D. JOHNSON



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"Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy."
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Nothing new about B.J. Gordon fiasco

Timing is everything, even in journalism. For years questions have been asked about the way in which state Rep. B.J. Gordon has used federal money, but nothing ever came of it. Yet after Gordon and state Sen. Frank McGill brought criminal libel charges against a Williamsburg County newspaper editor, a new look at some old tricks has taken place.

In a signed editorial in his two-year old newspaper *The Voice*, Jim Fitts accused McGill and Gordon of stealing. The editorial gave no examples. Now *The State* newspaper has detailed how Gordon has allegedly mingled funds between a day-care center and a mental retardation center, and how some money went to people not on the payroll of either.

Around the state—and even the nation after a front page story in *The Wall Street Journal*—some people are crediting Fitts with having uncovered this mess. But a careful look at the situation will show that while *The Voice* was full of sound and fury, its charges were never specific, and thus signified nothing.

Such was not the case with Kingstree's more established paper, *The News*, which has documented the antics of Gordon for years.

Former editor Bill DuPre and former reporter Barbara Flores chased Gordon during the late 1970s, as his ability to rustle federal dollars was matched only by his inability to properly spend them. Stories were written weekly about Gordon's developmental center for the mentally handicapped, and later his gasohol plant. (The gasohol plant never produced a drop of gasohol and questions about how money was spent there remain unanswered.)

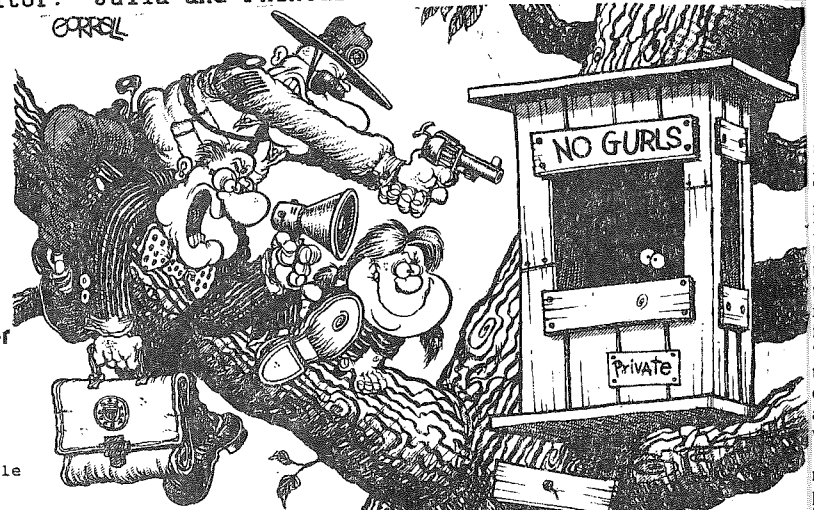
Forgotten by most people around the state was Gordon's efforts to be named to the state's Public Service Authority. A long list of people spoke against Gordon during his qualification hearings, many armed with information provided by stories from *The News*.

One of the roles of the news media is that of watchdog of how public officials use the public's money. When Fitts was arrested, a whole pack of canines showed up in Williamsburg County. But they could have arrived earlier had they only listened to the lonely howling of the *The News* a decade earlier.—*The Sumter Item*

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Let County council know how you feel

The proposed mobile home park ordinance is a bad idea.

The Lexington County Libertarian Party urges citizens to contact their county councilman and speak out against this unreasonable bill. Even though it has been watered down a little bit, the law will violate the property rights of mobile home park owners (and their tenants) by imposing expensive new operating and structural requirements.

By limiting the density to four mobile homes per acre, the law will make it almost impossible for new mobile home parks to be formed.

It is clear that some county councilmen look on mobile home parks with disdain and are trying through regulation to make it difficult for them to exist.

To remain in business, mobile home park owners will have to pass the new costs on to their tenants. This may force some of them out of their homes!

Most persons who live in mobile homes just can't afford other alternatives, and their standard of living will be endangered if costs go up.

Even though most persons may not care much about the rights of mobile home park owners and tenants, Libertarians realize that we should all be concerned about the attack on our property rights. After all, nobody knows which group will be the next to be attacked.

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Opening America's eyes

An exclusive interview with Ron Paul, Libertarian candidate for president

By James Shelby
The Justice Times

Libertarians are sometimes viewed as a strange lot because of their "radical" views. They talk of a gold standard, privatizing fire departments and garbage collection, and legalizing victimless crimes.

Without a doubt, their views are radical, but not in the sense of "bizarre" or "dangerous." They are only radical as described by the American Heritage Dictionary's first entry for the word: "Arising from or going to a root or source; fundamental; basic."

While American government in the 20th century has slipped slowly toward socialism — called democracy in popular political jargon — the Libertarian Party has taken upon itself the task of waking America up and turning its face toward the fundamental principles upon which it was founded, primarily individual freedom.

That is the challenge of Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party's 1988 candidate for president. Turning

To the Democratic Party's "Where was George?" query, suffice it is to report:

✓ George wasn't driving and swimming at Chappaquiddick.

✓ George wasn't that waiter in the restaurant spitting in the white patrons' food.

✓ George wasn't in Massachusetts giving furloughs to convicted murderers who have since murdered again.

✓ George wasn't the senator in Texas charging \$1,000-plus to constituents invited to have breakfast with him.

✓ And on the local scene, George wasn't at the Valley Park precinct during the special election, as the county party chairman, repeatedly and loudly threatening to call the sheriff to arrest the poll manager who dared to ask voters if they still live at the addresses on their voter registration cards.

The first four "George wasn't" statements above are gleaned from repeated media statements. The final "George wasn't" statement can be verified by the hollerer and the holleree as well as the host of other elected and election officials present. It was soon thereafter that a voter who lived in this precinct but had long voted in another (as she so stated) asked, "Where's the taxi that usually takes us to where we vote?" Another poll manager said she should ask outside. (The "holleree" can verify this, too.)

All such negatives are ample reasons why the old adage is still preferable, come November voting time: "Let George do it!"

IRENE L. NEUFFER

the minds of voters, mesmerized for decades by parental government, to the simplicity of freedom won't be easy, especially given the power of the political establishment.

The Republican and Democratic parties have had a lock on American politics for more than a century and have no intention whatsoever of ceding ground to an outsider. Likewise, the media seems opposed to the entry of a third party into the big leagues. But as the "good old boys" keep producing more and more corruption, scandal and general bumbling for the cameras of the nightly news, the tide may turn in the Libertarian direction before the turn of the century. This year could be a milestone in that change.

Paul, a former Republican member of Congress, has mounted a campaign that is appealing to those fed up with the same old line from forked-tongued politicians and bureaucratic big government. "The role of government as seen by Republicans and Democrats is completely wrong," Paul said in a recent interview with The Justice Times. "Our notion, which happens to be a very Constitutional one, is that government ought to exist for one purpose only, and that is the protection of individual liberty."

An obstetrician from Lake Jackson, Texas, Paul was elected to the House of Representatives in a 1976 special election, was narrowly defeated by a mere 268 votes in the 1976 general, won back the seat in 1978 and remained in the House until he ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1984.

Although he quickly became a mover and shaker in the House, he was no party man for the Republicans. His commitment to constitutional principles often led him to vote with conservatives, but when party politics led Republicans away from those principles, he parted company — even if he had to stand alone.

In 1981, he was the only Republican in the House to vote against President Reagan's "austere" budget for fiscal year 1982; he opposed it because it didn't cut spending enough. After years of similar stands against the self-serving politics of both parties, he wrote a four-page letter to Republican National Chairman Frankahrenkopf in 1987 resigning from the party altogether.

"Big government has been legitimized (by Republicans) in a way the Democrats never could have accomplished," he wrote toahrenkopf. He disassociated himself "from the policies that have



Ron Paul is campaigning on basic constitutional issues.

given us unprecedented deficits, massive monetary inflation, indiscriminate military spending, an irrational and unconstitutional foreign policy, zooming foreign aid, the exaltation of international banking, and the attack on our personal liberties and privacy."

Paul told The Times the two major parties view government as a tool "to satisfy special interests to whatever end is necessary to stay in office."

"They respond to people who say, 'Well, we're going to give you money, and our political action committee will take care of this, and we'll deliver this block of vote' — their whole idea of government is completely different than ours."

And the styles of campaigning clearly show that difference. Paul isn't calling for a new cabinet post to resolve every social ill that pops up. He's not crusading for more federal funding to resolve this and that "national need." And he has no magic multi-year formulas to end looming budget deficits.

"The deficit should be eliminated immediately, not in four years or eight or ten years, like they're always telling us. It should be eliminated by one method, and that is by reducing spending," he said. But what about sacred cows? "I don't know of anything in the budget that is sacred, that shouldn't be looked at." Cold turkey is Paul's prescription for the deficit, "and it includes the elimination of the personal income tax."

He said the income tax on individuals does more to hurt the U.S. economy than help it, and the tactics used to collect it are a threat to liberty, "with the IRS marching in doing the kind of things they do." He believes the economy could produce more than enough revenue to fund legitimate government without the income tax.

He makes no bones about radical tax "reform," and unlike most politicians out on the stump, he has the record to back up his promises.

While in Congress, he sponsored the Liberty Amendment, which among other things called for abolition of the federal income tax by simply repealing the 16th Amendment. Until that is feasible, he would settle for a 10 percent flat rate tax on personal income, which would allow "Americans to retain a greater proportion of their earnings by reducing revenues of Government and forcing cuts in spending," according to the Congressional Record; and "it would be a big step toward guaranteeing that future generations live in a free society."

As for the need for a sufficient defense budget, which is a big issue for conservative voters (who Paul must win over to make a good November showing), Paul said, "I want to reduce military spending, and I want to increase defense spending." The distinction he makes is between Pentagon spending on bases abroad for the defense of foreign nations and that spent for actual defense of the United States.

"A good 70 percent of the military budget is spent overseas. If the conservatives want to police the world and pay for Japan's defenses, have a Navy in the Persian Gulf and defend Europe, I don't know if I can do much with them; we want to stop all that," he

said. "We can cut a lot of that military spending and spend more of it here at home. It would be much better for us, we would have a much stronger defense, and there would be a much more pro-American sentiment around the world if we would just

mind our own business."

He supports the causes of indigent forces fighting to regain their countries from totalitarian regimes, but with qualifications. "I have a great deal of sympathy for all of them, especially if they are fighting against communism; but sympathy doesn't mean I support warfare." Libertarians as a whole have opposed Contra aid, as well as assistance to Jonas Savimbi's UNITA in Angola and the freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

In the case of such conflicts that constitute a real threat to U.S. security, Paul said he would still not appropriate tax dollars until other measures were taken first. To protect the U.S. from the communist threat, he would first clean communist sympathizers out of the U.S. government itself — starting with the State Department, then stop all aid to those instigating Marxist revolution, primarily the Soviet Union and its satellites. When that is done, and an imminent threat is present, "I would say

'declare war and fight to win.'"

Paul said the recent Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty with the Soviet Union went too far. "I don't think it hurts to talk with them, but to place much faith and confidence in a treaty — I can't support that. I would always be willing to talk and trade, but to sign a treaty and pretend we are going to have peace in Europe, while at the same time sending subsidies to the Soviet Union, is pure nonsense."

On the flood of drugs in the U.S., Paul has not climbed on the bandwagon with Bush, Dukakis, Jackson, and the rest of the pack, although he believes strongly that the use of illicit drugs is "dangerous." Calling drug laws a form of "prohibition," he said Americans would be surprised "that about the same time we got the income tax and the federal reserve, we got our drug laws." Prior to 1914, Americans decided for themselves what they should eat and drink and smoke and what drugs they should take at their own risk. But that has changed, for the worse. "If we endorse the idea that government should protect us from ourselves, then we had better get busy and make cigarettes and alcohol illegal; but instead, most state governments sell alcohol, and the federal government subsidizes tobacco." Paul would legalize drugs.

He said education is the key to getting rid of dangerous drug abuse. "It's not the responsibility of government, but individuals, families and churches to get people not to use these things."

And the same principle applies to public education. "We should get the federal government out of education totally and completely," and not the way Ronald Reagan did. One of President Reagan's hollow campaign promises in 1980 was to abolish the new department created under Jimmy Carter in October 1979. The Education Department's budget has since grown to more than \$20 billion under the Reagan administration.

Paul believes forced busing of schoolchildren is a gross intrusion on individual rights. In 1979, he backed a Constitutional amendment to bar the government from compelling students to attend public schools other than those nearest their homes.

Addressing one of the largest single federal expenditures of all, Paul said he believes in social security, but that is something the current system doesn't have "because it is not secure; it is a

"The question, again, is responsibility; should the government be responsible for cradle to grave welfare, or should people be responsible for themselves?"

Libertarian Ron Paul challenges establishment

fraud — a ponzi scheme, and people deserve better than that."

Social Security payroll taxes have doubled in recent years, "and I doubt that any of the people under 30 will ever get anything back," he said. Most politicians on the campaign trail are working for the senior citizen vote by telling the elderly a surplus is building up in the Social Security Trust Fund. Paul challenges that.

"The money is spent the day the government gets it," and the system's unfunded future liabilities are in the trillions of dollars.

He said a system of retirement income should be left to individuals in the private sector. "The question, again, is responsibility; should the government be responsible for cradle to grave welfare, or should people be responsible for themselves?"

On probably the most sticky issue he must handle in the campaign, Paul departs from the Libertarian Party platform on abortion. While the platform declares that no federal funds should go toward abortions, it defends the right of a woman to have an abortion if she so chooses.

"But I have always been a right-to-life candidate," he said. He believes a fetus is alive and human and deserves protection under the law as other humans. "Killing the fetus violates the Libertarian principle of non-aggression." Protecting those lives would be part of his agenda if elected.

He also backs voluntary prayer in public schools and giving religious clubs the same rights as any other on-campus club.

And to the problem of regulating the nation's currency, he would replace the Federal Reserve System with a Constitutional system of managing the nation's money supply, which would be redeemable in gold.

Paul fights an uphill battle. He represents a political party less than 20 years old, and one that advocates individual liberty in a society that has become substantially collectivist. But the party has made headway even before Paul joined forces with it. Libertarians now hold nearly 100 public offices in the U.S.

And now with a former congressman as their presidential candidate, a man who knows politics well and still holds to the principles of liberty, the party is sure to feel a boost; and hopefully a boost that will begin a breakup of the entrenched political establishment.

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They don't care that he admits being "Grave-Robber of Indiana", collecting estate taxes for the state Atty. Gen. office!

Voters do have a choice for president

Many voters are probably sick of hearing about left-wing and right-wing candidates. Like the American eagle, the American public has more than just two wings. It has a head, and a chest, and other essential parts.

Just as people see other parts to a bird when they see one, not just the left-wing and the right-wing. They should be allowed to see other parts of the ballot that they can vote for in November. If the Republicans are running a right-wing-extremist, or the Democrats are running a left-wing-extremist, they should

know if there will any other candidate on the ballot, so that they do not have to vote for either extremist.

Many do not want to vote for a left-wing-extremist who will raise their taxes to crushing burdens and bankrupt the government by wasting even more. Many do not want to vote for a right-wing-extremist who wants to get the country involved in wars to get more money for the military. Quite a few of these do not want to vote for either one. If they have a choice, the media should give adequate and fair

coverage to the other candidate or candidates who will be on the ballot. If they only hear about two candidates, and dislike both, they will tend to stay away from the polls in November.

For example, every time they hear about the presidential vote, they should know that they can vote in South Carolina for congressman Ron Paul of Texas, who is in favor of less government, lower taxes, and more freedom for honest law-abiding citizens. He is not for less economic freedom like the left-wing socialist Democrat can-

didate; nor is he for less human rights than the right-wing ultraconservative expected Republican nominee. He was there in April, to make the ballot in South Carolina.

Voters do have a choice.

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- court records
- deeds
- passports
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- clubs and organizations
- genealogical bureaus
- churches

One study indicated that the source for 72 percent of these records is the individual in the file. Obviously, the way to avoid being listed is to not complete any more paper work than is required.

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Q. Dr. Paul, what qualifies you to be president?

A. The most important qualification for a presidential candidate is to understand the principle of government. A lot of people think that a qualified candidate has to know how to run the economy, how to run people's lives, and how to run the world. My qualifications are quite different. I have a basic understanding of what individual freedom is all about. I know I can't run the economy, I know I can't run anybody's personal life, and I don't want to run the world, so it's the leadership that is necessary that I believe I can provide to be president. Precisely because I don't want to run anybody's life, and that I don't want to run the economy, I think I would make a better president than those who claim that they can run the world and run the economy.

Q. You were a four term congressman from Texas before you left the Republican Party. Why did you become disillusioned with the Republican Party and what attracted you to libertarianism?

A. I've basically been a libertarian the whole time I've been in politics. I've been associated with the Libertarian Party and the libertarian philosophic movement, and voted as a libertarian in congress. There was a very precise reason I left the Republican Party at the beginning of 1987, and that was that I came to the conclusion that the only way we could achieve less government is outside the Republican Party. I arrived at this conclusion analyzing what Reagan had done. Reagan ran on a pretty good program, but the only thing that happened was that everything got a lot worse; the deficits went up, taxes went up, and he has proven once and for all that less government can never be achieved through the Republican Party. If Ronald Reagan could not or would not, who's going to expect George Bush or Bob Dole to do it, and certainly nobody ever dreams that a Democrat would reduce the size of the government.

Q. One of the issues largely ignored during the presidential elections is the role of the Federal Reserve. What is your opinion on the monetary policy of the country?

A. I think the monetary policy is horrible. I think it's the cause of high interest rates, the cause of high prices, and the cause of the business cycle, which means it's responsible for the unemployment. Sadly, there are so few people who understand the mechanism of the monetary system and very few who pay any attention to it. Very simply, if a person realizes that the politicians in Washington now can print money endlessly to accommodate their deficit financing, they'll start to realize that there's something screwy about the monetary system. Up until 1971, there was some linkage of our dollar to gold, so there was a little restraint on the amount of money they could print. Now, there are no restraints, and the consequence is very clear. We're in the midst of a financial and stock market crisis that's going to get worse. We're just waiting for the next recession, which I believe will probably be a depression, and we have to lay this at the feet of the Federal Reserve, because they're the ones who orchestrate the monetary policy. The Federal Reserve system needs to be changed radically or abolished, and we have to have a sound money system, which means we have to have a gold or silver standard.

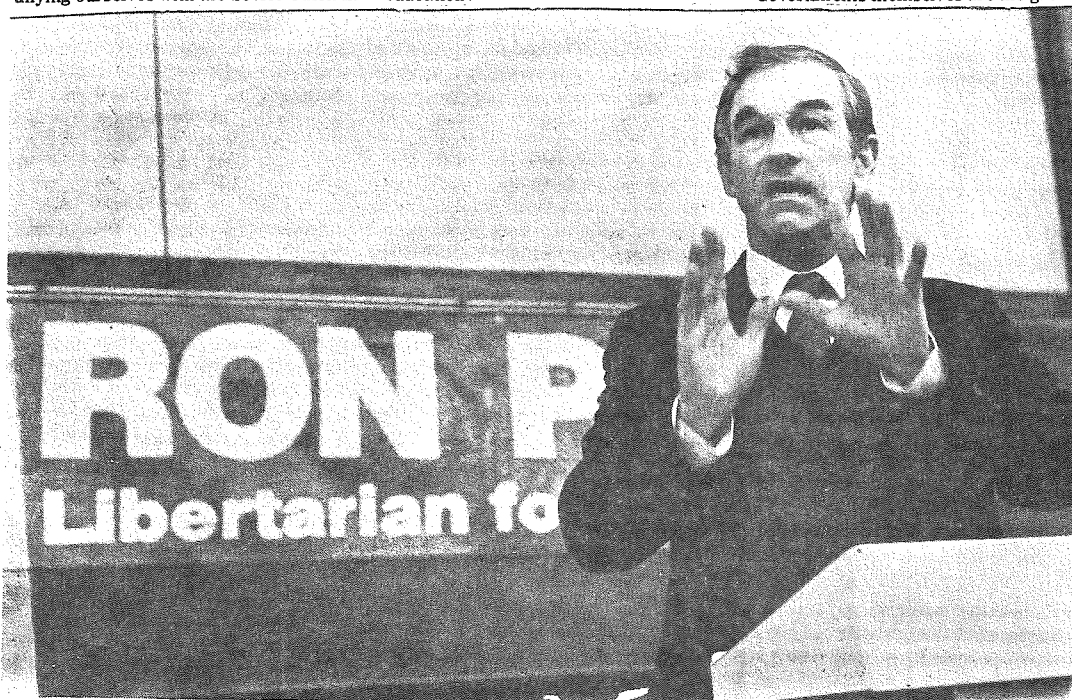
Q. How do you feel about the role of the United States in the Persian Gulf?

A. I think it's total foolishness, and I think we ought to be out of there, and if we can't get out of there, we're liable to start a war. It hasn't accomplished what it was intended to accomplish. The bombings and attacks on ships have doubled since we've been there, we've lost some sailors already, I think about 47 of them, we're allying ourselves with the Soviet Union in

something we totally object to. But if somebody seemed to be threatening our national security, we believe it should be taken to the U.S. Congress, debated, voted on, and the people should know what's going on. It should be in the open, and there should not be any secret, illegal war.

Q. What steps would you take as president to improve the quality of education?

pollute another person's air, or community, or water. You would have a much better chance of stopping the pollution if you could immediately go to court and stop it if somebody were polluting your air or your water. Today it's very complicated because the federal government is involved, and we have an agency and regulations that allow corporations to get exceptions from the regulations. Governments themselves are the greatest



“Precisely because I don't want to run anybody's life... I think I would make a better president than those who claim that they can run the world...”

the war with Iraq against Iran, and the so-called purpose is to secure oil routes to Japan and Europe to make sure that they receive oil, not oil for America. So I think the whole policy is flawed even if we gave them credit for good intentions. For the most part, whether it's foreign policy or domestic policy, all the good intentions of government usually backfire and the opposite happens, so I expect the opposite to happen over there. Already we see that the insurance rates have gone up significantly, so the market is already deciding that it's a much more dangerous area now than it was a year ago.

Q. Is your position the same concerning American involvement in Central America?

A. Basically, yes. We as libertarians believe in non-intervention. We don't believe we should be involved in the internal affairs of other nations. We shouldn't be picking which dictator should run which country and, quite frankly, we as libertarians don't believe that Ortega is about to invade Texas. What we'd like to do, though, is take away a lot of the support he's been getting, such as the support that we continue to give to the Soviet Union and the Soviet-bloc nations, who are then able to channel it to Castro and Ortega. Nicaragua is slightly different because it's a little closer to home. It's conceivable that something close to home could be a threat to our national security. When it is, we should never use the CIA secretly to raise funds either through drug dealings or selling weapons to the Ayatollah and then channelling these funds down to run an illegal war in Central America. That type of system is

A. First, take the government out of education. If you look at the statistics, the more the government has been involved in education, and the more money they have spent, the worse educational quality has become. It's like any other system the government has been involved with, whether it's medicine, farming, or whatever. The intentions may be good, but the results are exactly the opposite that are intended. So I and the Libertarian Party want the federal government completely and totally out of education. Then we believe that it would be more fairly priced, the economy would be much healthier, there would be a better chance for everybody to borrow money and to get an education, and the quality of that education would be very high. The one thing that I would like to do immediately to help students who did not get their student loans and other indirect subsidies through government would be to give a total complete tax credit for all expenditures at college. Give it to the parents immediately if they want it, or give it to the students for later on when they're working so that they get all that money off their taxes. I think that would be a good start in the right direction.

Q. With the problem of pollution on the rise, how would a libertarian administration handle issues concerning the environment?

A. They would be handled through the concept of property rights. I personally believe that we could have a better environment with the protection of the environment through the concept of property rights, and that no man, no corporation, no individual has a right to

polluters. Government has done more over the years to disrupt the environment by building dams and the use of eminent domain, so the real culprit has been government. But a lot of people think that if we didn't have all this government regulation and government meddling, then the environment would be poorly taken care of. I don't believe that. I think we'd have a much better environment without the government's involvement. The government should be there only to guarantee that nobody can injure another person's property.

Q. One final question: what are your feelings on the INF treaty?

A. I don't support the INF treaty. I think the purpose of the treaty to reduce the number of weapons is good, and if they were sincere treaties I would go along with it. I do think we need fewer weapons. I think we can move along in that line. We ought to bring our weapons home, but I oppose the treaty mainly because I see this treaty as nothing more than an opening for more assistance to the Soviet Union. They are already talking about putting the Soviet Union in the IMF and in the World Bank so that they qualify for more subsidized loans from the American taxpayer. I think they're going to qualify and get a lot of loans through the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Export-Import Bank, and it's helping to bail the Soviet Union out of a bad deal. I would much rather see the Soviet Union survive on its own, because the Soviet system can't work and won't work. It would fail if we didn't help them, and the INF treaty has very little to do with a sincere effort to reduce weapons.

ON THE FREEDOM TRAIL

Santa Cruz, CA: Ron's one-hour address to 150+ students at the **University of California** prompted one confused student to ask, "Does this mean you'd return to the evil, 19th century laissez-faire economy?" Ron's response: "I'm asked this question at every university because that's the nonsense government schools teach." After a hilarious round of laughter and applause, Ron carefully explained why only a planned economy is evil because it requires government force, destroys incentive, and results in much more misery than a free economy. All in all, Ron was a big hit at this decidedly leftist campus.

Miami, FL: At an appearance before students at **Dade Community College**, one outspoken and decidedly Marxist student told Ron that capitalism is racist. The remark didn't dissuade one excited black student from signing up as a volunteer for Ron. Afterwards, Ron was interviewed by the *Boca Raton News* and Radio WSBP which syndicates to five area stations. That evening he joined over eighty friends for a banquet and fundraiser.

New York: Ron was a guest on the *Morton Downey Show*. True to his reputation, Mort whipped up audience opposition to Ron's anti-prohibition stance on drugs. Off camera, Mort told Ron that he had contributed to his campaign. Though the audience seemed hostile, after the show a few of them said they were definitely supporting Ron because of his drug position. (Everyone should thank Mort for inviting Ron. Address: 9 Broadcast Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094). Representatives from Ted Koppel's *Nightline*, and the *CBS Morning News* were in the audience to gauge Ron's receptivity. They expressed interest in having Ron on their show. This is only the beginning!

Colonel Bo Gritz, the most decorated soldier in American history, taped an interview on the *Downey Show* just before Ron. Gritz, the original "Rambo", led an expedition into Southeast Asia to find MIAs and ran headlong into a giant heroin operation run by General Khun Sa. Sa informed Gritz that he'd been doing drug business with U.S. government contacts! In an earlier Dallas radio talk show, just after being informed of Ron's candidacy, Gritz was asked who would be a good choice for president: "I'd rather vote for a bag lady than vote for George Bush," he said. "I don't know enough about Dutaxis, and it just might be Ron Paul."

An exhaustive study of the 1980 Presidential campaign shows that Libertarian Candidate Ed Clark received 1% of the vote but **only .2% of the broadcast media coverage**. It's interesting to speculate that if Ed had received 1% of the media, he might have received five times the vote.

Ron's impressive and comprehensive 12-page report, *The Case for Drug Legalization* is now available. If you have doubtful friends, you'll need this in your war chest. Let us know if you'd like a copy. Contributions are welcome: \$5 for one copy; \$10 for 3 copies; \$1 each for 25 or more copies.

"Free": People unthinkingly talk about "free" parks, schools, roads, etc. But *nothing* is free. The real distinction is "government" vs. "private" entities. "Free" only indicates that someone else is being forced to pay our way, the government is running it, and that quality will be bad.

Friends of Karl Hess

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Karl Hess is recuperating from emergency heart surgery. Many of Karl's friends have called to offer their generous support. Friends of Karl Hess, a trust, has been established to administer such gifts. Through this trust, friends who might wish to send flowers or other gifts may instead contribute to the fund to defray the expenses associated with Karl's recovery.

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VOTE GOOD

We obviously do not participate in party politics, but we feel obliged to mention that candidate Dukakis supports the Communist regime in Nicaragua and is against aid to freedom fighters.

Dukakis also opposed the action that freed Grenada from Communist dictatorship. He said he would be ready to support militarily Communist Angola and Mozambique against South Africa.

Speaking in Red China, he boasted that from his youth he has been an admirer of the tyrant Mao-Tse-Tung, killer of millions of innocents, and that some call his state "the Popular Republic of Massachusetts."

As for George Bush, we remember that after a short visit in Romania, during which he saw nothing, he praised dictator Ceausescu's regime, guilty of jailing and killing thousands of innocents, and reducing to famine a country that was once the breadbasket of Europe.

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DEFENSE

I favor a strong defense. But I'm not in favor of U.S. intervention around the globe. Unfortunately, "defense" has come to mean many things other than the protection of the liberty and property of the American people.

How will we stop the spread of communism? We'll stop financing it. It's ridiculous for conservatives to argue for more military expenditures and billions of dollars in aid to anti-communist governments, while liberals argue for less total military spending and billions in aid for pro-communist governments. Funds taken from Americans on behalf of "defense," have gone to financial institutions such as the Import-Export Bank, the World Bank, and the Inter American Development Bank (which gave \$11 million to Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega). These are direct subsidies. But there are indirect subsidies as well.

American farmers, in the hope of preserving our tradition of family farming, are inadvertently supporting communism by lobbying--and getting--farm subsidies. These subsidies drive down the price of agricultural commodities, a savings the Soviet Union is glad to have. American farmers should not be subsidized, and Soviets (and everybody else) should pay the market price for wheat, corn, soybeans, and other foods. We must remember that a failing Soviet economy is the Soviet's greatest enemy. And socialism--when it's not subsidized by other countries--always fails economically. "Glasnost" and free-market zones were not forced on Soviet citizens because Gorbachev wanted them. They were allowed because the Soviets were literally starving. Once we quit supporting communism, the sour grapes of communism will wither on the vine.

That's not to say we shouldn't maintain a sufficient defensive nuclear arsenal. But we should abandon our notion that we need World War II vintage troops stationed in Japan, West Germany, England, and other countries to protect us from communism. We should let our rich allies protect themselves, stop financing communism, and stop sacrificing the lives of young Americans in no-win wars. Such a position follows Thomas Jefferson's prescription of "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations--entangling alliances with none." This is the strongest defense. And it's good to know it will cost billions less than the adventurism we now have.

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After spending billions of taxpayers' dollars on the so-called War on Drugs, illegal drugs are being used by even more people than before the War started. Far from stifling drug use, this War has insured that organized crime now promotes street drugs with armies of pushers. And the officials we pay to catch drug dealers have themselves become part of the problem through corruption, by capturing dealers only to resell the drugs.

More money cannot solve the problem. The only solution--one that will save billions--is decriminalization. This would destroy not only the pusher system, but the entire underground production of drugs which is dependent on high, black-market prices.

If drugs were decriminalized, the violent crime associated with drug use would disappear and law enforcement officials and correctional institutions could turn their resources towards catching and punishing real criminals--burglars, rapists, murderers, etc. Would decriminalization mean a stamp of approval to our youth? No. As during prohibition, making things illegal only glamorizes them, increases the power of the government, and helps big-time criminals and corrupt officials. Most people will never use drugs, just as most people will never become morbidly obese, smoke six packs of cigarettes a day, or drink a quart of alcohol every evening. People inclined in this direction can only be helped through moral and medical suasion, not by making them criminals.

But there's more at stake than street drugs. If all drugs were decriminalized, patients could freely choose, with advice from their physicians, what drugs to use. And they wouldn't have to lose critical time waiting for the Food and Drug Administration (another government agency I want to abolish) to determine if government thinks the drug is OK. Why should dying Americans, living in the Land of the Free, have to seek the freer markets in Mexico, Canada, and France to use the therapy of their choice? Under what Constitutional power are we "protected" from non-orthodox therapies? Why aren't we free to choose, especially in a life-or-death situation?

The problem is government, which cannot make people responsible or good. It can only force them to become criminals when they exercise freedom of choice in what they ingest. Once we allow government the power to invade private homes where adults are non-violently using any substance, Big Brother cannot be far behind.

Note: Dr. and Mrs. Paul have been active for more than 15 years in the anti-drug movement through medical practice and community activity.

ACTION ITEMS



After their successful escape from the meat packing plant, Oscar and Buttercup attempt to board a plane for India where they hope to gain asylum.

Libertarian candidates offer good alternatives

In her Aug. 10 column, Ellen Goodman mentioned the danger that Presidential debates might neglect a "third-party candidate" Ron Paul and Geb Sommer, unless the debates are sponsored by the League of Women Voters. While I share her concerns, she apparently does not realize that we do have a viable third-party candidate this year.

Ron Paul is the Libertarian Party candidate for President and will be on the ballot in almost every state, including South Carolina. He is running an intensive campaign and has received extensive media coverage in some parts of the country. His campaign has been covered by CNN and C-Span, and he has appeared on "Firing Line" and other television programs.

It is puzzling to me that Paul has not received much coverage in this region, despite appearances in Greenville and Columbia a few months ago. The State covered Eugene McCarthy's candidacy,

even though he will only be on the ballot in three or four states and has not even been in South Carolina. It would make more sense to cover candidates who will be on that Presidential ballot, such as neglect a "third-party candidate" Ron Paul and Geb Sommer, the Libertarian candidate for the 2nd by the Congressional District.

In a year when it is sometimes difficult to tell the difference between Democrats and Republicans, voters need to be aware of all the real alternatives. Paul and Sommer are bringing fresh, new ideas to the public. They offer reasonable solutions to the problems that face us. Persons who have heard them speak have been impressed and may have jumped onto the Libertarian bandwagon.

Political scientists have discovered that almost 20 percent of Americans hold libertarian political views. If more of these persons become aware of Libertarian candidates, then we might see a challenge to the monopoly of the Democrats and the Republicans.

DAVID MORRIS

Farewell

Following are excerpts of Congressman Ron Paul's farewell speech to Congress, delivered Sept. 19, 1984.

Mr. Speaker, I shall be soon leaving the House and have asked for this special order to make a few comments regarding the problems our nation faces and the actions needed to correct them. Having been honored by the 22nd District of Texas to represent them four terms, I have grown to appreciate the greatness of this institution. I only wish the actions performed by the Congress in recent years could match the historic importance of this body.

Since the time of our founding, few who have come to the Congress have been remembered for championing the cause of freedom. This is a sign of a declining nation and indicates that respect for freedom is on the wane. Serving here has been a wonderful experience, and the many friendships will be cherished. I am, however, the first to admit the limited impact I've had on the legislative process. By conventional wisdom, I am "ineffective," unable to trade votes and champion anyone's special privilege -- even my own district's. This places me in a lonely category here in Washington. The most I can hope for is that someday a suggestion I have made is remembered: that the debate shift to a different plane. Instead of asking which form of intervention and planning government should impose, perhaps someday Congress will debate intervention versus non-intervention, government versus voluntary planning, U.S. sovereignty versus internationalism -- the pros and cons of true liberty.

Today the debate basically is only that of deciding upon who will be the victims and who the beneficiaries. I hope the hours of debate over the mechanisms of the political system orchestrated by the special interests will give way to this more important debate on freedom. The lack of this debate was my greatest disappointment. Only rarely did I see small fragments of this discussion and then merely as a tactic for short-term gain rather than because of a sincere belief in the principles of liberty and the Constitution.

Some have said my approach is not practical, but most concede, "at least he's consistent." Since I first came here in 1976, the number of lobbyists has doubled and the national debt has tripled -- \$550 billion to \$1.59 trillion -- to me a most impractical trend. I've been impressed over the years by those who concede to me the consistency of my views yet evidently reject them in favor of inconsistent views. Who, I might ask, is served by the politicians of inconsistency -- the special interests or the general welfare?

Sadly, I have found that individual Members, even though we

represent our one-half million constituents, are much less important than most of us would like to believe. The elite few who control the strings of power are the only ones who really count in the legislative process. Votes, of course, occur routinely after heated debate by all those who want to ventilate. Many times debate is done either for therapy or as a ritual to force Members to make public commitments to those who wield the power. More often than not, the floor debates are a charade without real issues being dealt with -- a mere chance for grandstanding. Budgetary votes are meaningless in that continuing resolutions and supplemental appropriations are all that count.

On occasion, a program requested by the administration is "stopped" or voted down. But this really doesn't change the course of events -- the "price" is merely raised. The vote can be reversed on the House floor or in the conference and the "enlightened" Member who casts the crucial vote will receive an ample reward for his or her district.

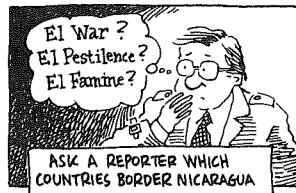
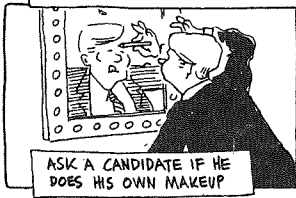
These arrangements or deals are routine and accepted practice. The better one is at making them, the higher is one's "effectiveness" rating, and the easier the next election. Due to the seriousness of the problem we face, I believe it is crucial to make the point that all programs are bloated and over-spending, deficits, and monetary inflation are a mortal threat to a free society. Deficits are in themselves very harmful, but it's what they represent that we must be concerned about. Deficits are a consequence of spending, and this tells us something about the amount of power gravitating into the hands of a centralized authority. As deficits grow, so does the power of the state.

It is difficult for one who loves true liberty and utterly detests the power of the state to come to Washington for a period of time and not leave a cynic. Yet I am not; for I believe in the goodness of my fellow man and am realistic enough to understand the shortcomings of all human beings. However, I do believe that if the Democrats and the Republicans played more baseball and legislated a lot less, the country would be much better off.

Copies of Ron Paul's complete farewell address may be obtained by writing to Ron Paul for President, 1120 NASA Blvd., Suite 104, Houston, TX 77058, or by calling (713) 333-1988.



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Ron Paul

Dissent at the Republican National Convention

The Republicans had planned a coronation, as befits George Bush, the only candidate for president who is a relative of Queen Elizabeth II. But then principle raised its inconvenient head.

"There are delegates to the Republican convention--mainly ex-Robertson people--who simply cannot stand Wall Streeter George Bush," said former Republican Congressman Ron Paul, Libertarian Party candidate for president.

"These loyal Americans don't want a pro-IRS, pro-Federal Reserve, pro-big government, pro-deficit, pro-big bank, member of the Trilateral Commission representing them on November 8th, and so they have endorsed my candidacy."

"As someone dedicated to traditional values, Constitutional government, the free market, and sound money, I welcome this alliance, and think it bodes well for the fall.

"I intend to go to New Orleans to meet with my supporters at the Republican convention, and remind all Republicans that they have the chance to choose a choice, not an echo, in November.

"They don't have to be Bushwacked," said Ron Paul.

Heaton posts candidacy for U.S. House seat

South Carolina Bureau

AIKEN - John B. Heaton of Aiken has announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd Congressional District seat.

Heaton, 35, is the Libertarian candidate for the seat held by Rep. Butler Derrick.

A native of Anderson, Heaton has lived in Aiken for 28 years. He serves as corporate officer with Precision Machine Works and as corporate secretary with CJR Development Corp.

Heaton is a graduate of Aiken High School and Oklahoma State University. He is serving a second term as state chairman of the South Carolina Libertarian Party. He also is a member of the executive committee of the University of South Carolina-Aiken Alumni Association.

Heaton is a founding member and board of directors member of the Palmetto Alliance Inc.; member of the Leadership Aiken County program in 1986-87; and member of the Aiken County School District Vocational Advisory Council.

Heaton was appointed to the executive committee of the Savannah River Group of the Sierra Club in 1981 and named to Who's Who in the

Central Savannah River Area in 1987. He also served as a member of the board of directors of the Carolina Nuclear Waste Transportation Committee in 1982-83.

If elected to the House of Representatives, Heaton said he would work to change the name of Thurmond Lake back to Clarks Hill Lake.

Heaton said he also would work to make immediate changes in the Social Security system. He said money in the Social Security Administration should be kept separate from general revenue funds.

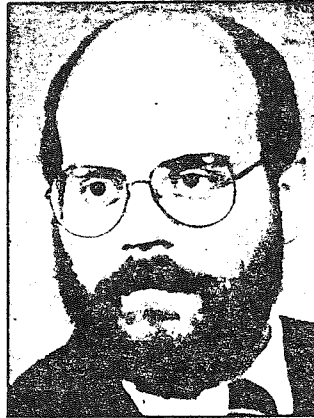
Heaton said he would introduce legislation that would allow American citizens to participate in tax-deductible Individual Retirement Accounts "that will keep these IRAs safe from government tampering."

He added, "People who receive money from Social Security should have no income restrictions placed upon them simply because they are getting back their own money that they have paid in over the years."

Heaton also said the Republican and Democratic parties "hold no reverence for private property." He

A judge's ruling Wednesday outlawing Aiken County's \$15 road maintenance fee has produced financial ripples through 15 other South Carolina counties that rely on the fees for revenue, but most say they need time to evaluate the decision.

In the Aiken case, Circuit Judge Luke Brown ruled that the fee was a tax and not a service charge, and thus violated the equal protection clauses of the federal and state constitutions. The ruling forced the County Council into a special session in which it passed a 14.8-mill tax increase to make up for the \$1.5 million in revenue.



John B. Heaton

added he would work to eliminate the Council on Governments, which he said "is not accountable to the people and amounts to taxation without representation."

He added he would seek to balance the budget by limiting spending and cutting waste while supplying benefits.

"We must put government on a 'pay as you go' basis. I believe that government must operate under the same economic rules and regulations as private citizens," he said.

Fees

Lawsuits also have been filed against a \$25 vehicle fee in Dorchester County, but that county's council voted down the fee in a special session Thursday night.

The ruling could mean considerable budgetary retrenching for local councils in these days of dried-up state and federal aid.

What the Statist won't tell is that Aiken LP led voters to refuse to pay this tax!

Libertarian plans to harvest crop Robertson sowed

Paul added a Libertarian perspective to the media attention the 93 percent who didn't participate in the major parties: pate in the caucuses think of it?"

"White rights" in the south

David Duke, running on a 'white rights' platform, received about 41,000 votes in the south during the Super Tuesday primary, nearly twice as many as Lyndon Larouche got. Duke, who led the KKK during the 70s, got 4% of the vote in his native Louisiana.

Guy FAWKES?

DemoPublicans usually give the public two reasons for allowing corporate rape. First, selling the environment to big business and developers creates more tax money; 2nd, the creation of jobs by large developments and big industrial polluters more than justifies the harm they cause to the environment.

These are what the politicians call "overriding considerations". Overriding considerations clearly violate the 14th amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees all citizens "equal protection of the laws" at the federal, state and local level. We shouldn't tolerate any additional harm to the environment, by individuals or big corporations. Of course, only big corporations have been granted these "overriding considerations".

Tax fighting is big among the locals, whose jobs depend on the ups and downs in the lumber industry. In Del Norte County, just south of Oregon, the tax fighter movement supports auctioning of offshore oil drilling leases by the Dept. of the Interior--whoops--Interior, despite the environmental hazards, because it will raise money that won't have to come out of taxpayers' pockets. This raises the point of this story: should we auction off the environment, or more specifically, our own physical health, just to keep our bloated society from tightening its belt?

It's true that the government spends a lot of money, and that our growing society needs greater public expenditures. So why don't we sell Yosemite to the Disney Corp.? Let's create National Heritage Inc. to "manage" things, so tourists can pay \$20 to drive through the Painted Desert. Why should America's public resources be free? Why not privatize everything: put toll booths on the freeways, put coin machines on every public toilet--that would help the sewer problem...

Privatization of our nation's values system has been a hallmark of the Reagan administration. You can send bombs to Central America and bring cocaine back, but don't try to smuggle a joint across the border--U.S. agents can seize your car.

Health is an issue, Libertarian says

Both U.S. Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., and the Democrat trying to unseat him, James Leventis, are "insulting the intelligence" of 2nd District voters, according to the third candidate in the race, Libertarian Geb Sommer.

Spence, who is recovering from a double-lung transplant, and Leventis "must think the voters in the 2nd District are just a bunch of simpletons," Sommer said.

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REAGAN AND MEESE

"JUST SAY NO" TO PRIVACY...



by Ron Paul
Libertarian Candidate for President

Was the War on Drugs escalated by Ronald Reagan and Ed Meese specifically to increase state power? Certainly it has had that effect.

It has been a financial windfall for government spending in general, and for some parts of the government in particular. And not just in appropriated funds. The feds have collected hundreds of millions of dollars in property (including boats, cars, and homes), cash, and precious metals. All the proceeds are distributed to the various accounts of the DEA, the FBI, the IRS's criminal division [funny...I would have thought that would encompass the whole outfit!], Customs, the Justice Department, and the Treasury. Some goes to slush funds for bureaucratic walking-around money, and some is laundered out as bonuses to "high-production" agents.

The War on Drugs has also given the U.S. government--not coincidentally--an excuse to violate the financial privacy of law-abiding Americans on a hitherto unimaginable scale.

But we ain't seen nothin' yet! Election year politics has dovetailed with police-state desires and led to another Reagan administration Omnibus Drug Bill, which is likely to pass the House and Senate before the election and be signed by the president before he leaves office.

This little-noticed legislation is a key element in the long-running unconstitutional Washington, D.C., plan to gain complete knowledge of, and control over, your personal finances.

Needless to say, this drug bill will have no more effect on our drug problem than previous legislation, except to make drugs more expensive and therefore increase the profits of drug dealers and spur addicts to commit more crimes to fund their habits.

But it will have an effect on our privacy. The Treasury, the Justice Department, and the IRS wrote the bill at the White House's request, and in a parallel action, they are asking the House Banking Committee to amend the Bank Secrecy Act and the Right to Financial Privacy Act, deleting the few good provisions and strengthening the bad. This is justified, the Treasury says, to stop "money laundering," which the government defines as trying to keep some of your financial activities private.

As bad as the current law is, the Treasury wants to vastly increase its control over all bank accounts and bloat its ability to make arbitrary, capricious, and unconstitutional searches and seizures. The feds are also seeking to turn inside out, the normal innocent-until-proven-guilty American way. If you are pro-privacy: if you believe that your financial and other personal affairs are your own business; if you think that the individual is (or

should be) sovereign over the government and not vice versa, you can be considered a potential "money launderer."

Current Reporting Laws

The Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), passed in 1970 by the Nixon administration, gives the government broad authority to violate financial privacy in the name of prosecuting tax and other charges. Nixon and his Congressional allies wanted to discourage the use of secret foreign

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bank accounts, to chill the use of cash in unofficial markets, and to gain access to financial data previously considered private. To do this, the BSA uses three tools:

- 1) The Currency Transaction Report (CTR), which every bank, S&L, or other "financial institution" must fill out on all cash withdrawals and transactions of \$10,000 or more. The CTR requires the customer's name, address, occupation, SS number, and amount of withdrawal. Just added as a "financial institution" is the U.S. Post Office, which now requires CTRs for postal money orders. Conceivably, even the local convenience store could be included if it sells money orders.
- 2) The Currency or Monetary Instrument Report (CMIR) for anyone taking \$10,000 or more in or out of the U.S.
- 3) The Foreign Bank Account Report (FBAR), on which U.S. citizens are required to report their non-U.S. bank accounts.

THE BANK SECRECY ACT ALSO REQUIRES BANKS TO KEEP A WIDE VARIETY

OF RECORDS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS ON THEIR CUSTOMERS, AND ALL CHECKS OF \$100 OR MORE.

AS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION NOTED, THE BANK SECRECY ACT WOULD MAKE SURE THAT EVERY PERSON WHO BANKS IN THE U.S. LEAVES A "PAPER TRAIL" OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS THAT CAN BE TRACED.

CTRs and FBARs are filed with the IRS's central data center in Detroit. CMIRs are filed with Customs at their central processing center in Newington, Virginia. Then the forms are combined into the Treasury's computerized Treasury Financial Database (TFD). And the IRS and Justice Department have access to the TFD for any purpose.

The Treasury's newest acquisition is Artificial Intelligence programs, which enable computers to identify "suspicious" people. For example, the feds can single out for investigation people who have filled out several CTRs, but who list different occupations or addresses. And according to Treasury, "certain occupations are more suspicious than others." (Apparently, not including government spying.)

On the first of this year, the Treasury set up a program to get banks to file their CTRs on magnetic tapes, which are then sent to the IRS Data Center in Detroit. The first to participate was Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan Bank.

Expanding Spying

The purpose of the new legislation, says the Treasury (in testimony to the House Banking Committee on June 8, 1988), is to:

FIRST, require all banks to keep a running log of names, addresses, occupations, and SS numbers of people who purchase cashier's checks, bank checks, traveler's checks, or money orders--of any amount--if they do not have an account at the bank. The feds want to end people's ability to maintain privacy by purchasing these items from other banks. All information collected would be given to the Treasury and the IRS "upon request."

There would be no \$10,000 limit. The Treasury specifically asks the committee to "delete any reference to a specific dollar amount at which the identification information would be required" to help them "respond more easily to changing law enforcement needs."

SECOND, the Treasury wants the discretionary authority to remove limits to cash reporting requirements in "certain geographic locations" at which "there may exist a high level of money laundering activity."

Washington would send a special team of investigators into a targeted bank or groups of banks without notice. They would inform bank officials that emergency regulations are in effect. Then the unsuspecting customer would walk in to withdraw \$100, have a CTR shoved in his face, and be told that if he didn't fill it out, he couldn't have his money.

Which banks can be targeted? Any and all. Will there be any warning? Treasury is "pleased" that there will be none. How long will the investigators stay? There is no limit. Are there restrictions on the level or type of transactions on which they can acquire a CTR? No. And, the CTRs (including name, address, occupation, and SS number) filled out by all the customers at these banks will be "analyzed by a team of Treasury investigators."

Officials at the Treasury intend to begin using this arbitrary power immediately after the "drug" bill passes, and "hope that next year, we will be able to come back and report favorably to the [Banking] Committee on its utility."

"JUST SAY NO" TO PRIVACY...

Continued

THIRD, they want a penalty of \$10,000 a day for any bank that fails to comply with these regulations, either in the normal course of business or during an emergency takeover.

FOURTH, the Treasury will "provide all law enforcement officials, not only the IRS," with complete access to the information in the CTRs. Until now, there have been some limits on how many government agencies had access to them.

The Treasury and the IRS also want this process to be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act so Americans won't be allowed access to what the government is collecting on them.

Privacy is only a private-sector virtue, of course. Governmental secrecy, except in a few actual national security areas, is always bad. And as a rule of thumb, the more governmental secrecy there is, the more authoritarian the government.

FIFTH, the Treasury and the IRS want to



make it a "felony offense" to "Structure transactions to evade the Bank Secrecy Act." This means that the government could try to prosecute anyone who tries to maintain a modicum of privacy, regardless of actual money "laundering."

SIXTH, the Treasury and the IRS want to be able to spy on bank customers' accounts "without notice" to the customer, contrary to what the current law requires. In this way, the IRS and Treasury can copy all your private bank records and you will never know they are doing it. They will especially look to see if you have violated the "anti-structuring" provisions of the bill. If they see something they don't like, they can "proceed to seize funds that are on deposit with financial institutions." Such arbitrary searches and seizures are prohibited by the Constitution, but as I discovered in my years in Congress, that means almost nothing these days in Washington.

SEVENTH, the Treasury wants to make all member banks of the Federal Reserve immune from civil liability when they hand over account records to the government, even if no prosecution results. A customer who has been wronged by an unwarranted criminal investigation undertaken without probable cause has absolutely no recourse.

What to Do

Do your best not to put yourself in a position where you are required to fill out a CTR, a CMIR, or a FBAR. People who fill one out will be put on an IRS-Treasury-Justice hit list. And don't let a teller intimidate you into complying.

If you go into a bank and the teller says that you "have to fill out this short form" to get any cash, say no thanks and walk out. **Don't make a scene.** The tellers are required to report anyone who looks nervous or who seriously objects. If you make a fuss, you are putting yourself at risk. Go home and wait it out. Do not withdraw any cash from the teller window until the restrictions are removed, which could be one day or maybe two weeks. You can't know for sure.

It is also a good idea, as I have mentioned in the past, to keep several months expenses in cash outside of banks. Once the Omnibus Drug Bill is passed by Congress and signed in the Rose Garden by Ronald Reagan, your bank could be taken over by the Treasury at any time.

If you are not already using Automatic Teller Machines, get a card. Most ATMs allow you to withdraw up to \$300 cash per day without filling out a CTR. There's no privacy, of course, but it does mean you won't be on at least one list.

In the anti-privacy propaganda barrage, that is sure to strengthen under the interchangeable Dush or Bukakis, remember that while you should not do anything to bring yourself to the Gestapo's attention, you have an absolute right—that precedes government—to privacy. Your next-door neighbor has no right to know about your financial affairs, and yet he can't do anything to harm you (outside of gossiping). How much more of a right do we have, as honest Americans, to keep our confidential matters nonpublic when it is armed bureaucrats—the same cretins who have staffed every tyrannical government in history—who want to spy on us?

We should also remember that, given the nature of government bureaucracy, all this additional information will also gum up their works even more than usual. They will use it to target individuals who otherwise come to their attention. They will find new innocent people to prosecute. But they are not capable of watching 230 million people in an advanced economy (which I guess is not much consolation to the victims who are ground beneath the states' heel, of course.)



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In any public-opinion form you can hear ordinary people robotically chanting their demand for more police... stiffer penalties...

This paranoid mistrust is producing a totalitarian state. It is very difficult to drive a car, cash a check, or buy a can of beer unless you have your "papers."

Whether it's the witch-hunt for drunk drivers, or the fear-mongering search for drug dealers, the police will use any excuse to set up roadblocks and try to intimidate people. You can't get into a courthouse or onto an airplane without being magnetically scanned, you can't use an automatic teller machine or even go into a bank without being photographed, and you can't make a long distance phone call that is sure of being free of FBI/CIA/NSA eavesdropping.

Totalitarianism is increasing in the work place—you must speak, act, gesture, smile, think, work, dress, groom, and live in a prescribed manner. That's not too much to ask in return for four or five dollars an hour, is it?

—Rick Harrison

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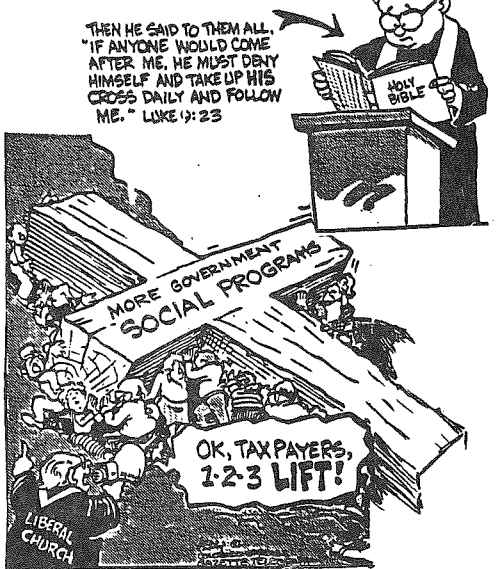
Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas), in one of his first actions after being nominated for vice president, kicked his constituents in the teeth by killing the taxpayer bill of rights.

Bentsen, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, knocked the rights provisions out of the measure when the committee voted on it July 26.

Five months earlier, the committee had unanimously approved the taxpayer bill of rights.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has fought the measure for years on grounds that following Constitutional processes would reduce federal revenues.

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The draft evokes bipartisan totalitarianism

By Andrew Clark

Misery loves company. How ironic that the Selective Service, the independent agency charged with the miserable task of preparing for America's next draft, enjoys the political company of both the left and the right. The draft is a fundamental violation of our civil liberties, and quite possibly a form of "involuntary servitude" prohibited by the 13th Amendment. But the continued pretense of draft registration bears testimony to the fact that neither Republicans nor Democrats ultimately care about the rights of young American citizens. Both hawks and doves are so caught up in their collective views of society that they don't even think twice about threatening to deprive individual men and women of their most sacred freedom.

Conservatives, unfortunately, view every corner of the globe, from Nicaragua and the Philippines to Israel and Western Europe, as vital enough to American interests to commit often sizable portions of our Pentagon budget. The fact that preserving this role as world policeman may require the garrison state to be stoked with draftable young men — over and above the necessary tax dollars — is of little concern to those who do the United States' strategic planning.

Even though the military has seen dra-

matic increases in both the number of recruits and their scores on the Armed Forces Qualification Test during Reagan's presidency, Pentagon professionals gloomily note that the number of men who are 18 to 21 years of age will drop from 7.8 million this year to 6.6 million in 1995 and predict that a peace-time draft is bound to return in the 1990s if the nation's military plans stay on track.

In an interesting twist of conservative logic, many right-wingers actually argue that a draft could save the nation money. If everyone had to serve in the military, Uncle Sam would no longer need to pay competitive wages to lure prospects into the armed forces (20 percent of the Defense Department's budget already goes to personnel). However, this argument conveniently leaves out the elementary economics concept of opportunity cost — it ignores the resources society wastes when every young person must donate two years of their life to the state.

Conservatives commonly claim that the draft is a test of patriotic will and declare that citizens must respect majority decisions in all cases. But while Republican rhetoric is bad on this issue, one could argue that the Democratic record is worse. Remember that it was Jimmy Carter, the human-rights advocate from Plains, who reintroduced draft registration in May of 1980. Even more curious,

then-candidate Ronald Reagan said in a letter that "the draft or draft registration destroys the very values our society is committed to defending," and consistently campaigned against such registration. Obviously, Reagan has trimmed his ideological sails more than a little since then, but today it is still the Democrats who press hardest for the draft. Gary Hart, the 1984 darkhorse presidential candidate who has emerged as the 1988 Democratic frontrunner — and a favorite among college students — remains the most prominent advocate of a return to national military service. One of the Senate's most liberal members, Hart envisions "a program of universal national service in which all young people would be given the option of serving in either a military or nonmilitary capacity."

Hart's dovish tendencies on foreign policy lead him to downplay the militarism of his scheme, but they don't lead him to respect individual rights. After running through a list of "vital needs" that Hart thinks are not being adequately met — from tutors in Appalachia and health clinics in Harlem to day care for the poor and companions for the elderly — the neo-liberal senator, true to the collectivist faith, takes it upon himself to decide how young men and women should serve others.

Hart and Sen. Ernest Hollings of South

Carolina and former Virginia Gov. Charles Robb — who also advocate a revival of the draft — are not just emblems of a devastated Democratic party chasing after the political center. In promoting universal service, they represent the socialist "herding" instinct — an urge to enlist individuals in a centrally-planned campaign without regard to their consent. For example, in an article in *Mother Jones*, a left-wing monthly not known for its kindness towards the American military establishment, Pete Hamill argues that "the ideal draft would be a valuable instrument of a true democracy. If all Americans from age 18 to 25 were subject to the draft, this would be a social and racial equalizer."

Although most "progressives" would probably disagree with Hamill's specific proposals, his totalitarianism is hardly at odds with the leftist mentality. So long as the draft is serving noble and "democratic" goals — to be determined by them, of course — liberals, Democrats and socialists are no more opposed to it than are conservatives. Only libertarians consistently and unequivocally fight all forms of conscription. They see the draft for what it really is — a naked power grab by the state.

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DREAM TICKET

The presidential campaign trail is getting silly. We hear that a GOP "DREAM" ticket would be Rev. PAT ROBERTSON and Lt. Col. OLIVER NORTH so that they could use the slogan "PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE AMMUNITION". Some say the DEMO's could win if Rev. JESSE JACKSON would adopt the slogan, "I HAVE A SCHEME".

SAY AGAIN !

The Farmers Daily newspaper in Beijing, China, reports that some peasants in the province of Zhejiang made more than \$ 27,000 selling fake tiger penises, feet and extract to people to treat rheumatism, stomach aches, dizziness and other ailments. The peasants used the heart, feet, penis', skin and kidneys of cows and pigs instead of tigers.

Magazine in Moscow

In yet another test of the new Soviet *glasnost* policy of openness, released Christian prisoner Alexander Ogorodnikov has launched an unofficial magazine, called *The Bulletin of the Christian Community*. Beginning with 20 copies of the 200-page magazine, all typed by hand, the publication includes accounts of religious leaders still in prison and discussion of this year's 1000th anniversary of Christianity in Russia. To set it apart from the underground publications, Ogorodnikov sent a copy to the Communist Party Central Committee. It was returned without comment.

Attack on Miskito Indians Claimed

An American fact-finding team representing the Christian Emergency Relief Team (CERT), on the scene hours after a Nicaraguan attack on a Christian Miskito Indian village along the Honduras/Nicaragua border, reports a savage air and ground assault by Sandinista troops against the refugees. Thirty of the 300 occupants were reported killed, and others escaped across the river border with bomb flash burns and concussions.

David Bogiano, with the Maryland Attorney General's office and part of the team, believes that the Miskitos were attacked because they refused to accept Marxist "re-education."

"This particular village has an active Christian community and because of the resistance took a terrible beating," he concluded. The Sandinista government has a consistent history of persecuting.

CIA SHOCKER

A secret CIA report says that in just a few years, heterosexuals will outnumber homosexuals as victims of AIDS. "AIDS PROBABLY ORIGINATED AS A HETEROSEXUAL DISEASE, AND IT WAS ONLY BY CHANCE THAT THE HOMOSEXUAL COMMUNITY BORE THE BRUNT OF THE INITIAL IMPACT". By 1991 the cost of AIDS care will surpass the medical costs of either breast cancer or lung cancer, and the time lost and money spent will exceed the present Medicaid budget by 100 %.

OUT EARLY

According to a Justice Department report, people imprisoned for major crimes serve less than half the sentences ordered by the courts. The median time served for murder was 6 years and 6 months, rape was 3 years and 8 months, burglary was 1 year and 5 months and drug trafficking was 1 year and 4 months.

IT'S OFFICIAL

President RONALD REAGAN recently signed legislation designating "STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER", written on Christmas Day in 1896 by JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, as the official national march. The march, also known as "BE KIND TO YOUR WEB-FOOTED FRIENDS", was first performed before President WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

V. PRASOLOV, chief manager of the 343 public toilets in Moscow, was recently reprimanded for allowing those toilets to become dirty and falling into an "UNSPEAKABLE" state. According to Pravda newspaper, he also lost his bonus.

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Frank Chodorov
One is a Crowd:
Reflections of an Individualist
(1952)



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- ✓ the Israeli lobby that muzzles our media, runs the Congress like a wholly-owned subsidiary, and disguises the Tel-Aviv hand in the Irangate puppet;
- ✓ the Trilateral-CFR plot to have Ronald Reagan resign, so David Rockefeller's handpicked George Bush can take over;
- ✓ the Monetary Control Act that allows the Fed to "back" our dollar with worthless Third-World debt and declare Great Depression-style "bank holidays" at will;
- ✓ the IRS Gestapo's surge in power under a supposedly conservative administration;
- ✓ savage attacks on our financial privacy using drug abuse as an excuse;



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Day by day the libertarian free enterprise position is ~~l~~ looking sillier and the socialist one looks stronger. From New Zealand to Sweden, socialist nations with less crime, higher literacy, little or no hunger and homelessness are demonstrating that our right wing is lying when it attributes social problems to socialism.

~~Also~~ these nations do all this with BALANCED BUDGETS. They also have impressive trade surpluses and healthy basic industries that don't shut down. These nations supply the stumbling giant, the United States, with needed goods thru our trade deficit. We have a trade deficit with these socialist nations. This brings to mind my first rule of political economics: free enterprise nations end up dependent on socialist ones.

An Outrageous Story

Yrs truly,

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