

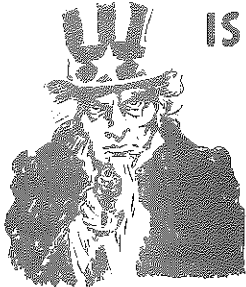
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In just 6 years federal housing subsidies have committed \$250 billion of tax funds, but that's not the worst of it: while 3.4 million low-income tenants are receiving this, there are nearly 30 million more low-income tenants. (Spotlight) Where will it end?

Robert Lowe used to work for Natl. Rifle Assoc. in Washington, DC (he has since retired). In 1979, burglars broke into NRA office & stole his target pistol from his office closet. 4 days later, a John Hart, who was not involved in the burglary used the same pistol in a holdup, and killed a victim. Guns in the NRA museum, which were deactivated, were not involved. So, a jury awarded the heirs of the deceased \$2 million in damages against NRA. (Spotlight) Appeals continue; this is an incredible precedent.

U S Dept of Ag spent \$40,000 to discover that vegetarians tend to be intellectuals, that gourmets like sex but not children, that fast-food eaters tend to be blue-collar types, and thus, they have received Sen. Proxmire's Golden Fleece award. (Spotlight)

Federal Court has ruled that Grayson County Bank, TX, must turn over records of First Pentecostal Church to IRS, which is auditing the pastor, Rev. Charles Glass. (Spotlight) Court ruled that 1st Amendment & IRS code forbidding audit of a church do not apply.

Armen Condo, who says he hasn't paid federal income tax since 1973, has been indicted on 41 counts of "mail fraud and assisting in the preparation of fraudulent IRS forms", related to his newsletter and organization, Your Heritage Protective Assoc. (Spot.)

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In April, 1882, the Chinese community of New Orleans petitioned the mayor to license houses for the smoking of opium, asserting that they were being beset with people, residents and visitors, coming to them wanting to obtain opium to smoke. (Daily Picayune/Broken Barriers)

The Vatican recently confirmed that Freemasons, Nihilists, Carbonari (a 19th century revolutionary sect), and Anarchists are automatically excommunicate. (various) This is not news; they just want everyone to know they haven't forgotten.

Former Secrets. 20 cases of information revealed by the Freedom of Information Act, tells how the government used secrecy to try to hide waste, stupidity, corruption, etc. CFR, 201 Massachusetts Av NE, Washington, DC 20002. 180 pp/price?

Pending: HJRes. 414 by Rep. Ron Paul, (R-TX) to stop U S govt. making loan guarantees for other govt. Like Poland.

Critique, 2364 Valley West Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95401, is \$10/4 issues a year; back issues available.

Conservative Book Club report that sales have dropped about 60% in the last 4 years in number of books sold.

James M. Brunn of Easton, MD went up to the Federal Reserve Bldg. in Washington to make a citizen's arrest of Paul Volcker, and got arrested by the bldg. guard himself. (Samaritan News) At least he is not being charged with counterfeiting.

The state of California has decided that sales of films, or rentals, or TV rights are subject to the state sales tax, and are demanding payment, with interest & penalties, back from 1976. California Entertainment Organization, Box 51 Van Nuys, CA 91408 is fighting this ex post facto tax. (Sam News) Expect a series of horror flicks, starting with The Tax-Collector Who Ate Hollywood.

Pending: Taxpayer Protection Act, HF 4931, to get IRS to obey laws. ACT, 418 C St NE, Washington, DC 20002 promises to keep gifts secret.

In Feb. IRS sued to grab records of Barter Systems, Inc. of Lubbock, TX, especially names, addresses & SS numbers of members. (TMEN) Very interesting.

Council of State Planning Agencies, 400 N Capitol St, Washington, DC 20001 has \$9.95 report, "America in Ruins" about deterioration of railways, highways, bridges, water & sewer systems, and other govt. or monopoly public works; says merely cost of repair and maintenance is beyond means.

quote

"Since Jerry Brown and I are both middle-aged bachelors, and any right-thinking person will assume that each is a virgin, may the more immature win."

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WHY NOT VICTORY?

Chris Hocker & Eric O'Keefe held a candidates' school after the NCLP convention this year. I was the only one from SC to go, which is a shame, as it was informative. A couple of sidelights:

First, as a candidate, one should set goals. What sort of goal should you set, we were asked. "To get elected," I replied brightly. Well, said Chris H., that's not too realistic in North Carolina. (Of course, in South Carolina, we actually have had Libertarians elected, chiefly by a lot of hard work in a small electoral district.)

Also, we were told that we should educate the public to the need for a 3rd party. This is true in N. C., where they have a well established Republican party, based on the mountain counties. In the Deep South, said I, the problem is to make them aware of the need for a 2nd party. We have whole counties without a Republican party, except for Reconstruction, the Republicans have never been a national party, but a sectional one.

We have an interesting situation in S. C.: the Republican hold 4 of 6 congressional seats, and may end up with anywhere from 3 to 5 (they're not even contesting the 3rd C. D.) in November. But there are only about 4 counties where they hold local offices in any numbers out of 46.

Part of the explanation is psychological: as Debbie Muller says, Republicans are too snooty to run for minor offices. Part is financial: they do best in races, like Congress, that involve spending a lot of money.

But to turn to the original question: while we do not have the money and troops to win major elections in the South, there is no reason why we can't try to win some of the smaller ones. Steve Kreisman of the SCLP has stated that one of the party's goals in 1982 is to win one of the 5 (or more) local races for General Assembly or county council. -jh

There were a number of interesting developments in the SC Democratic & Republican primaries this year. Republicans had only 1 contested statewide race, as usual, for governor, and a small turnout. The Republican primary was a farce, as usual, with only about 1/2 of the polling places, and one county reporting no votes, not even the poll managers. The turnout was nothing like 8 years ago, when Jim Edwards beat Gen. Wm. Westmoreland, and had to go to Charleston to pull teeth because he'd expected to lose or scheduled patients to come in.

In legislative races, several incumbents were turned out, narrowly or decisively, and others had a narrow escape, including the Speaker. This is unusual, after the legislature went to such great

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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

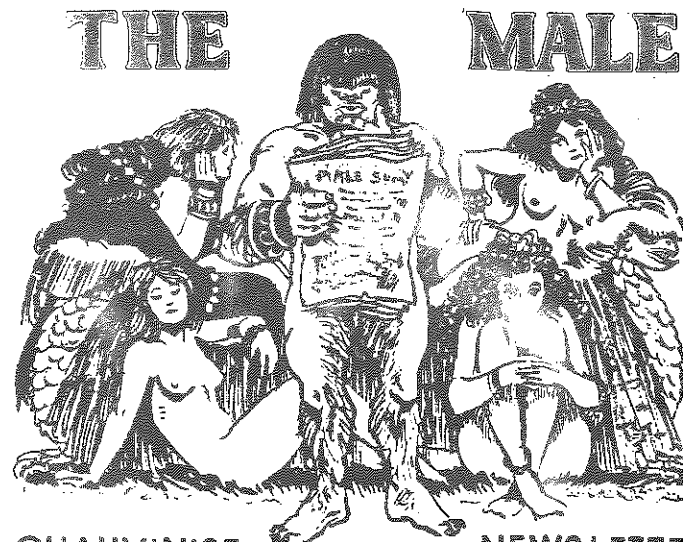
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trouble to protect the seats of incumbents by gerrymandering.

The gerrymandering helped to produce another interesting result: the federal courts finally drew up the districts, and they apparently went by federal census tracts, and cut across precinct lines, thus creating a nightmare in printing ballots. It's been bad enough with county council seats before this, but it looks like they went out of their way to cut as many precincts in half as possible, and draw districts in odd and unwieldy shapes. Many people do not know which district they are in.

As a result of all this confusion, there are cries for the state election commission to take over the management of the primaries, because the political parties are incompetent to run them properly (true, but they think they can run our lives), and other states have primaries run by the govt. (true, and what a rip-off of the taxpayers and the party officials are not fair and honest probably true), and so on. This is just another attempt to raid the public treasury.



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CONROY REDUX

— Mike Kinghorn

Re: THE PLIGHT OF THE SOUTH, one really must ask if there is any "plight." After our most honored symbol, "Surrenderin' Bob" Lee, believing that there is "no sweeter word in the English language than 'duty [tr: someone - anyone - give me an order!]) did what West Point had trained him to do, i.e. "brace" for a Yankee general, it would seem that the South wags its tail with squirming vigor to be the caboose on someone else's train, even if the said train is going over a cliff, even if the engineer and the whole damn railway company is demonstrably mad as a passel of March hares.

Caboose politics is symptomatic of a caboose mentality and if you want proof you need merely look at the caboose literature which streams from the pens of Southern authors. The combination of New England style evangelical Protestantism and New England dominated public schools have created a literature guaranteed to dishearten the most self confident and make us pray for rescue in the form of universal illiteracy, a blessing which said public school system seems destined to give us as it has given the urban North and West.

Pat Conroy's LORDS OF DISCIPLINE is a case in point. It is a typical post-Reconstruction II novel, which its Yankee publisher will soon find embarrassing as the North now begins to swing out of its periodic bout of Negrophilia, a trend which will leave Southern authors of the "Most-of-us-are-sadistic-maniacs-but-a-few-good-ones-like-me-don't-whoop-niggers-and-we-are-all-quaint" school like Conroy on the beach of history unless they are utterly cynical, which suggests a subtlety and intelligence not otherwise evident from Conroy's work.

Conroy's book is well written, but is structurally archetypical propaganda. Good guys are separated from bad guys meticulously. Good guys don't make waves (maybe Conroy is cynical) but bad guys are sadistic maniacs. After the two camps are clearly drawn, enter the MESSAGE

The bad guys are picking on a handsome, articulate, preternaturally wise and brave Negro whose only fault is that he chose to attend this hitherto White school, because it was...well, because it was there. This Black appears to be such a paragon, we wonder why Conroy used White victims to establish the villainy of his villains.

Then there are some twists of irony, what Aristotle called "recognitions" and "discoveries" in that the (good) faggy roommate turns out to be bad. An instructor we wondered about is "good." The head of the school is "bad." And there is the bourgeois version of hanging from a cliff "Will he get expelled or will he use black art to avoid it?" The Black cops out to the system (they'll have to cut that out of the movie. Negro audiences will not believe it).

All this leads up to a response to Conroy's judgement that "No Southern man is complete without a spell under military rule..." and your own comments about JEB Stuart et. al. The Old South was military in the sense that its men were expected to be armed and able to defend themselves, their dependants, and their property. The West Point Prussian (actually more French with its reliance on Marshal Jourdain) tradition was not Old South. Spit and polish and hazing were never Old South. An Old-South gentleman would have ended Conroy's "To Kill A Marching Bird" in the first chapter by challenging any one of the upper classmen to a duel, at which he would have put a ball of lead between the zits (an elegant Yankee word for what an upstart redneck would call "pimples.") of said latter worthy.

The notion that one kowtows to a man of higher rank, but lesser worth is anything but Old South. and has more to do with the shortage of post bellum jobs for gentlemen, and the willingness of the said gentlemen to stop being gentlemen and serve rather as officers in the slave army of the Yankee plutocrats.

When I see any U.S. armed service officer with a feather in his hat, I'll dishonor JEB Stuart's memory by invoking it. As for T.J. Jackson, he was far more "spit-and-polish" than Stuart, and, one might add an instructor in a military school. Jackson was a harsh man, but not really a model for the modern bellhop-cum-bureaucrat officer, whose army is more "Spic and Polish" than spit and polish. Jackson was not an intriguer, a malingerer, an embezzler, and he won battles against a superior foe with greater equipment, something no modern U.S. general has been able to do even with such invaluable tools as hazing, brutality, sadism, toadying, penetratingly wise Blacks, and now preternaturally brave and tough women!

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COLUMBIA (AP) — Black representation in the South Carolina House has gotten a shot in the arm, with blacks almost assured of picking up two new seats and winning a chance at four others.

Voters in Tuesday's primaries nominated a black to represent them in Florence County and narrowed a field of five candidates to two blacks in Richland County, assuring a runoff June 22.

"Blacks are becoming more aware of their ability to win," Middleton said. "They also are becoming more aware of the importance of registering and voting."

And in another new majority black district in Florence, Frank Gilbert was the Democratic nominee. "He would have to defeat Libertarian John Thomas Harlee in November to win the seat."

Let our children go

Home Education in Michigan

Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's. Does this now include our children? If we equate control with possession, (and we must) it would appear that we have allowed Caesar to indeed claim our precious offspring. Most states have monopolized education; Michigan is but one of them. Granted they let you teach your child if you conform to the stringent rules and regulations governing home education. What they ask for in essence is a "miniature" public school. Teachers, textbooks, and attendance must be the same or comparable; of course, the state mandates what is comparable. If parents and children wanted a public school atmosphere, why go to all the trouble of setting up a school in your home? The people of Michigan want to reclaim their children. And they are willing to assist legislators in redefining the laws, to encourage, rather than discourage, better learning.

The revolt in Michigan is much like what is happening across the country. Parents want a better education for their children... children want a more relaxed atmosphere, an atmosphere of love and understanding, in which to learn.

By dictating how, what, and when children learn, the state is controlling and manipulating the destiny of an entire nation. With a hidden curriculum laced throughout the public school textbooks, the state is gradually, yet effectively, changing the consciousness of America through compulsory therapy.

CRIMINALS GO TO PRISON CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL

Public schools have been likened to prisons, and with just cause. Criminals go to prison, children go to school. Very sad, but very true. The inmates of the public school system have very little choice, if any, as to what, when, how, where, or if they learn. By subjecting private and home schools to the same set of stringent socialistic laws, the state leaves no avenue open to those parents and children who want, and or need, an alternate form of education.

Although there are many states where the laws are as strong, or stronger than

those of Michigan, I use the compulsory laws of Michigan below to illustrate this point. Attorney General Opinion No. 5579, dated September 27, 1979, requires that "all instruction must be given by a Michigan certified teacher." Act 451, 1976 Section 1532 (1) "...curriculum for children in the home must be comparable to that offered by the public school..." Act 451 Section 1561 (3) "children in the home must be provided with a minimum of 180 days and 900 hours of instruction." Act 302, 1921 Section (1) "...if instruction in the home is provided for six or more students, the home must comply with the school fire safety standards." The above stated statutes are in direct contradiction to the first and fourteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States. Both amendments allow the parent the prior right to direct the upbringing and education of their children. By dictating how and what a child must learn, is this not denying the unalienable right of the parent?!

YOU CAN LEAD A CHILD TO SCHOOL, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM THINK!

The theory that teaching equals learning is obviously a fallacy. One need only look at our present high school graduates... an unreasonably high percentage of them can't read well enough to fill out a job application. Much simulated learning is occurring in school, students are wallowing in mental truancy. The old axiom that states "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" may be validly paraphrased — You can lead a child to school, but you can't make him think!

The stage has been set... your children are the actors... The Great American Tragedy is unfolding before your eyes. Your children are advanced grade by grade until the inevitable day of graduation... and they come two by two, spellers and non-spellers, readers and non-readers, literates and illiterates, to claim their sacred certificates for which they are required to prostitute twelve years of their lives.

Education is not neutral, it is either good or it is bad. It either helps children

learn, or it hinders children from learning. One of the prime goals of the home educator is to put the child in an environment that is conducive to the learning process. Why is it so difficult for the state to let go of the child, in favor of a happier, healthier, more productive home environment? Would it have anything to do with the loss of control over the minds of the future generations?

School boards push to have tighter non-public school laws as funds dwindle. With each child that is removed from state schools, an average of \$3,100 per child per year is lost to that school. Big Brother won't spend taxpayers money on a school that has no children attending. As funding cuts are made that affect state schools, your child's head money is needed more than ever. Could this be a reason why laws are so strict? Perhaps so.

A CERTIFICATE DOES NOT A TEACHER MAKE

It has been proven that a certificate does not a teacher make. Why then are "certified" teachers required? Does the lack of this sacred document make someone less a teacher? Is not a parent, who cares for, loves, and works with his child, more in tune to his child's needs than a teacher imprisoned within four cement walls with a dozen children, each needing special time and attention which she neither has time nor patience to give? Perhaps the word "competent," rather than "certified" would be more appropriate.

Comparable education!? Who would want their child to have a comparable education? Few high school graduates have better than a fifth grade education.

Ah Ha! shouts the proletariat mass... Your child will not be properly socialized! Where else except public education are you in a cement cell block with 36 people your own age? Forced to sit straight, to look straight ahead, heaven forbid talking... remember child... you are put here to be taught, not to enjoy the process of learning. "You are here to memorize correct answers and spew them back in correct, acceptable ways." Conditioned to be led, not to lead.



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THE LIBERAL: Whenever anybody mentions revolvers, he reaches for his culture. Progress? The future is passe. Why let culture take its course? Misanthropologists, 55 Sutter, #487, S.F., CA 94104.

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A Modern Gestapo

BY CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HANSEN (R-ID)

Your ancestors, and mine, wouldn't put up with it. I don't believe you will either.

I'm talking about the awful truth of big government snooping and interfering in the lives of American taxpayers.

I'm talking about the bone-chilling effect the Internal Revenue Service has on citizens across the country when the IRS decides to play prosecutor, judge and jury.

As prosecutor, judge and jury, the IRS ruthlessly tramples the Constitutional rights of taxpayers—individuals, small businessmen, church groups, farmers, any and every group is subject to their brazen and often illegal tactics.

You may not believe the horror stories I'm about to tell you. You may not want to believe them. But they're true. And they could happen to you!

IRS has taken upon itself the role of intimidator of the public. A former IRS agent expressed the problem to me with a story: "I was talking to a lady from Germany who said the IRS is getting like the Gestapo was. She said that when the Gestapo first started, nobody thought much about it, but within a few years, every time you heard the name, Gestapo, you'd really get a chill. That's the way it is now with the IRS." I'm not sure the lady wasn't absolutely right. I think people are afraid.

The IRS even intimidates its Congressional creators to go virtually unchallenged in its illegal exercise of awesome powers against the American public.

The story of the IRS is a history of a tax collection agency gone wrong—drunk with power, ruthlessly smashing dissent among its own personnel and brazenly roughing up taxpayers at will. If the IRS decides that you have underpaid your taxes, it can assess what it decides you owe and then, without court proceedings or trial, it can seize your home and sell it, no matter how much or little you owe. Upon the sole signature of the local IRS office supervisor, it seizes bank accounts, automobiles and anything else it can find, all without you—the victim—ever having a chance to make your case in a court of law.

As I said earlier, the IRS is prosecutor, judge and jury, and you have little or no recourse from its findings. Frightening? Doesn't happen, not in America, you say? It can and does happen, and it can happen to you or somebody you know.

You see, the IRS has deserted its role as servant to the people and nobody has taken the IRS to task until now. I'm taking on the IRS and we're going to win. I have called for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate IRS practices of intimidation and of compiling illegal "hit lists" and "spy files" on American taxpayers.

The people of this country are afraid. They are frightened by this runaway arm of government which has powers that no business or no government agency would dare claim or use.

Only the IRS can invade the privacy of a citizen without court process of any kind.

Only the IRS can seize property without a court order.

Only the IRS can force a citizen to try his case in a special court governed by the IRS.

Only the IRS can, with immunity, publicize a citizen's debt.

Only the IRS can wiretap your phone without a court order.

Only the IRS is free to maintain lists of citizens guilty of no crime for the purpose of harassing and monitoring them.

Only the IRS is free to violate a written agreement with a citizen.

Only the IRS uses reprisals against citizens and public officials.

Only the IRS can take property on the basis of conjecture.

Only the IRS publicly admits that its purpose is to instill fear into the citizenry as a technique of performing its function.

I could go on and on. There are countless cases documenting these charges. On the element of fear alone, two recent IRS Commissioners testified before Congress that fear is an essential element in the collection of income taxes.

This was demonstrated in Colorado recently. The IRS seized and sold the \$80,000 home of a delinquent for \$1,600, not one cent of which went to reduce the alleged tax delinquency. The seizure and sale were purely punitive—to teach the taxpayer and the rest of us a lesson. A Federal court condemned this seizure without notice, but it was too late to stop the IRS. This is not unusual, I'm sorry to say.

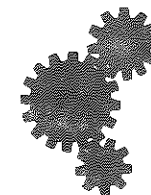
A memo from an IRS official to one of its attorneys states the underlying reasoning. "The taxpayer is committed to spend time and money defending his position."

More such examples of IRS abuses are described in my book, *How the IRS Seizes Your Dollars and How to Fight Back*. Published by Simon and Schuster, my book was the subject of a recent CBS-TV "60 Minutes" program called "Pay Up or Else," where Morley Safer called me the IRS's toughest congressional critic. I now have facts to prove the IRS is so determined to smash the public rather than deal with it through proper legal channels that no corrective analysis can be complete without a review of the system's reckless practice of illegally revealing tax returns, to rig everything from GAO audits, to juries, to elections.

Violence and brutality are becoming an all too common practice of the IRS—and dangerous to the public. What can you do about it? You can join with me and thousands of concerned citizens in the Association of Concerned Taxpayers (ACT) to stop IRS abuses. ACT is a fast-growing grass-roots Association of Concerned Taxpayers who want to stop the IRS abuse of American citizens. And IRS abuse can be stopped if you ACT today. Remember what a great philosopher once said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

To curb IRS abuses, I have introduced a Taxpayer Protection Act (H.R. 4931) which restricts the IRS to its basic function as a collection agency. It's time we worked together so IRS will feel the wrath of taxpayers who have long been abused by power-mad and over-zealous bureaucrats.

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Harlee Says Race Not Campaign Issue

District 62 Libertarian Party candidate John T. Harlee said at a news conference Wednesday that the issue in the campaign is not race but what needs to be done to help the people of the district.

Asked why he is running for the seat in the newly created, predominately black district that Frank Gilbert is also seeking as the Democratic nominee, Harlee said he feels there are some things a single individual can do to cut out government regulations.

He said as a member of a party which believes strongly in the philosophy that government that governs least governs best, he decided to run not because he needs a job but in the hopes of being elected. Harlee is a native of Florence, is self-employed as a certified public accountant.

He said he believes people in the district are interested in getting a good education and jobs. He said he will be trying to explain to people some of the causes of the recession and problems in education.

"We have a situation where people are being eaten alive by government regulations, inflation," he said. "People are losing their homes because they can't keep up with the high interest rates. The reason they're suffering is because taxes and government regulations are killing their jobs."

If elected, Harlee said he will ask questions about whether more regulations are needed, will inform the public of special interest legislation, and discourage bad legislation by simply publicizing it. He said he will also lobby and work for such things as improvement of highway safety.

Harlee, who is secretary of the State Libertarian Party, was joined by State Party Chairman Steve Kreisman. "Harlee is an excellent candidate who will do a good job," said Kreisman. He said they plan to run a strong campaign.

He will run in the general election against the winner of the Democratic Party nomination in Tuesday's primary. He said Tuesday that he is pleased that some of the other candidates had expressed support for representation of both parties. "In this district, the Libertarians are the other party," he said. "There is no Republican candidate."

He added, "We will be running on the issues this year: high taxes, unemployment, education, and all the disasters caused by government interference in the lives and business of the citizens. I don't think I will run short of problems to talk about, and everyone of them caused by some governmental agency doing something it shouldn't be doing."

Harlee is a Florence certified accountant and former teacher. It is his first attempt at public office.

State Should Award Citadel To Alumni

I am in sympathy with the desires of the Citadel alumni to preserve their traditions and confine membership on their board of trustees to Citadel graduates, except for one thing. They aren't too proud to ask the rest of us to pay for the cost of running their college.

You see, it's not really their college. They only attended it. The taxpayers of South Carolina, including those who went to other colleges, public or private, in-state or out, or

the majority who went to no college at all, have subsidized their education since 1842.

Without going into the question of whether South Carolina needs a military college when 48 other states get along fairly well without one, and when the state has had no military forces of its own since the Woodrow Wilson administration, I have a modest suggestion to make.

Let the state sell the Citadel to the Citadel Alumni Association for \$1, with the buildings already built, furnished, staffed and all. The Citadel grads would be happy because they would then own their very own college, and no one ever could tell them to appoint outsiders to their board of trustees. The rest of us could devote our attention and money to other subjects.

Everyone would be happy.

JOHN T. HARLEE

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Send Back Tax Checkoff

Thanks for your editorial (May 30) on the Libertarian Party's opposition to a \$1 tax checkoff to support the six political parties in South Carolina. We (Libertarians) believe that all political activities should be supported voluntarily, not with money taken from the taxpayer; there is enough of that going on when incumbents use their offices and expense accounts to campaign for re-election.

You might like to know that two years ago the North Carolina Libertarian Party made exactly the same offer we have—to refund to the taxpayer his dollar if he designates it for the Libertarian Party. In North Carolina, a dollar was actually returned to about a dozen people who were not Libertarians, but objected to having tax money used for political parties.

Also, I'd like to assure that the Libertarian Party is not so small in South Carolina as you suggested in the editorial. Our presidential candidate, Ed Clark, received more than 9,800 votes in South Carolina, which is not a lot until you realize that it is more than Dwight Eisenhower got as a Republican presidential candidate in 1952, or any other Republican in the 60 years preceding that.

John Harlee, Florence

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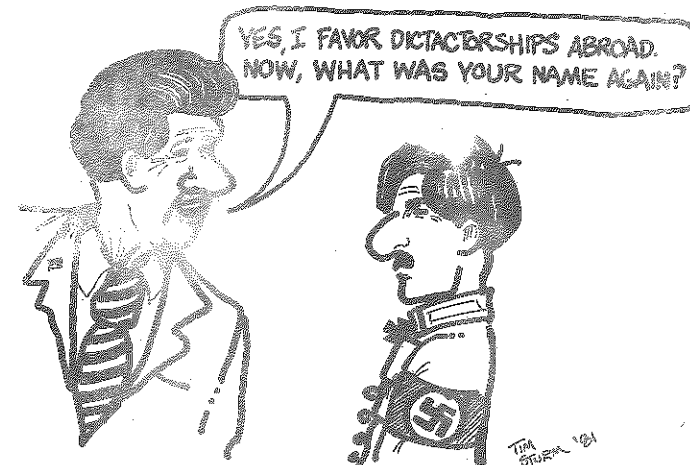
One of the arguments against changes in the immigration laws is the cost of bilingual education to the state schools. This is, of course, nothing new; step into my Time Machine:

1782: Pennsylvania is practically bilingual, so many citizens speak German that it has actually been proposed to make it the official language. Louisiana is also bilingual, in French & Spanish, as is Florida in Spanish & English. California and New Mexico are not: Spanish only, except for Indian languages. The official language of Hawaii is Hawaiian. Alaska is officially Russian, but no one speaks it; the first trading post will be set up in 2 years. There are also pockets of non-English speaking settlements in other states, such as Dutch (NY), French (SC), etc. The vast bulk of the country, except for a few isolated trading posts, speaks Indian languages.

1882: In big cities, like NY, you can buy local newspapers printed in more than a dozen languages. A few of them are even dailies. No one is quite sure how many languages are spoken in specialized neighborhoods. The same situation prevails in a number of small towns, whether logging, farming, mining or whatever, where English is not the language of the locals. No one knows, for sure, just how many languages are spoken in the U. S.

1982: Attend a meeting of teachers of foreign languages, and listen to the complaints from multinationals and other interested agencies, such as the State Dept., on the lack of students who have had any foreign language training, let alone adequate training, for jobs requiring such skills. Except for Spanish, virtually every language is in demand.

Please note that the moves to restrict immigration are based upon a desire to exclude certain ethnic groups. If language were really the problem, a requirement that the immigrant learn to read and write English at the elementary level, something that many native-born products of the govt. schools cannot do, to receive citizenship would suffice.



Dr. Earl Dawson of University of Texas studied 22 communities with hard water, and found less heart disease; apparently the mineral in the hard water acts to remove fat from the body. (PNS/*Rt) And all the time people who said mineral water was better for you have been derided by the medical profession.

Dori Blitz of Virginia claims she is entitled to employment by CETA, even though as a member of the Communist Workers Party she advocates overthrow of the government, and is suing. (Org Notes) Really consistent: does she want to overthrow the govt., or have it give her a job with money taken by force from other people?

Prophecy & Economics

Declares the California Association of School Administrators: "Parent choice" proceeds from the belief that the purpose of education is to provide individual students with an education. In fact, educating the individual is but a means to the true end of education, which is to create a viable social order to which individuals can contribute and by which they are sustained. "Family choice" is, therefore, basically selfish and anti-social in that it focuses on the "wants" of a single family rather than the "needs" of society.

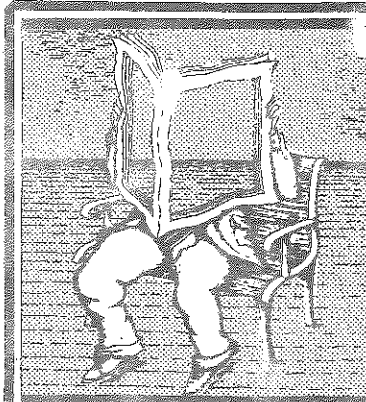
Center for Auto Safety declares that seat belts are defective, too inconvenient to be worn, and the cause of hundreds of highway deaths a year. (Mnywrth)

Choice in Currency Commission is doing a partial reprint of Vera Smith's The Rationale of Central Banking, a history of the Federal Reserve published in 1936 by a student of Hayek's.

"Because your mind troubles you, give it to me. It won't trouble me," says Guru Maharaj Ji. (Sp Rep)

"When you meet the friendliest people you have ever known, who introduce you to the most loving group of people you've ever encountered, and you find the leader to be the most inspired, caring, compassionate and understanding person you've ever met, and then you learn that the cause of the group is something you never dared hope could be accomplished, and all of this sounds too good to be true - it probably is too good to be true! Don't give up your education, your hopes and ambitions to follow a raincoat." Jeannie Mills, survivor, Jonestown, Guyana. (Sp Rep)

The federal govt. is the largest landowner in central Appalachia, owning 2 million of the 20 million acres in 80 counties. (MI&N)



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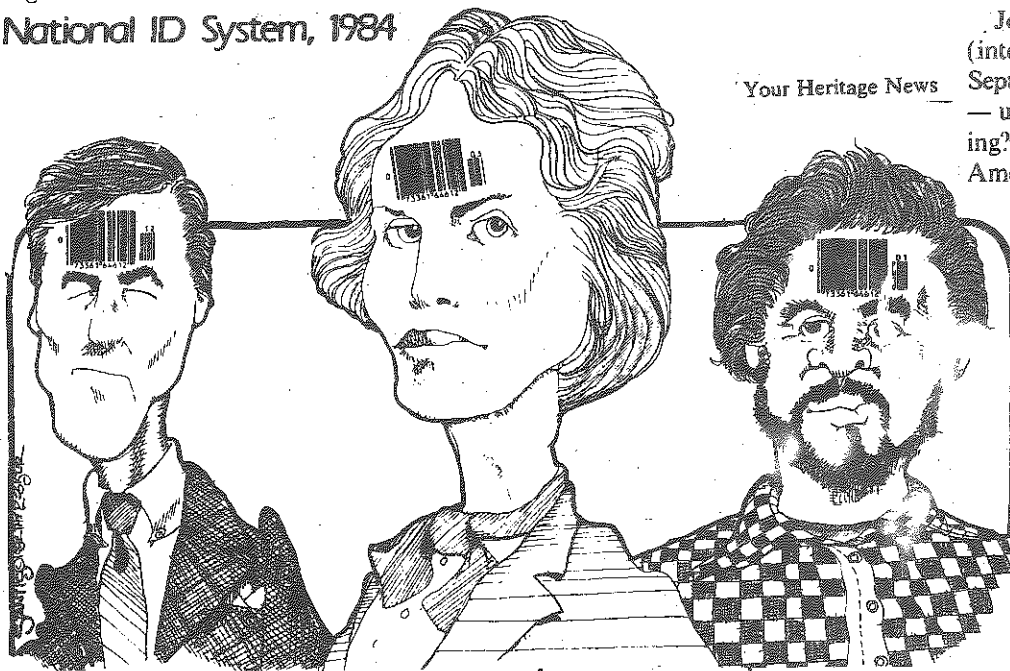
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Johnnie Walters, former IRS commissioner (interview with U.S. News and World Report, Sept 1973) quote — "The Trend is Frightening" — unquote. We must ask to whom is it frightening? Surely not to loyal, free enterprise loving Americans.

Hearings on IRS Abuse

CONROY & THE CONFEDERACY

Thanks to you it's working the United Way! Sorry about the play on words, but it's the truth. Congressman Hansen's office just called to inform us that thanks to your calls, cards and letter, the House Ways and Means Committee (Con. Rangel - Chairman) has scheduled hearings on the IRS abuse of citizens. *But — they won't authorize any money for transportation or witness fees!*

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Edmund Burke: "The Greatest Threat To Freedom Everywhere is the Unlimited Concentration of Power Anywhere".

was not 2 Confederate generals, but the troops who served under them, and the point was that the Confederate cavalryman, who was usually the owner of his mount, came from a different economic class from the infantryman, who might own a plowhorse, but not a charger. (The urban middle class tended to go into the artillery.)

There has been a lot of controversy recently about the high Confederate casualty rate, and not all of it can be blamed on the Confederate Medical Service, or lack of it.

The crux of the argument is that Confederate officers, being of Celtic descent, had a mania for attacking, and thus suffered more casualties, in proportion to the troops involved, than the Union. Since the Union had far more troops even when they suffered more casualties, it was a smaller proportion of their forces.

There are a number of alternative explanations, such as that not all Confederate troops were actually involved in some of the battles. Or that the fact that the Confederates suffered fewer casualties in total says something. Actually, Grant's strategy of attrition, being willing to lose 3 of his troops to get 2 of the enemy's, may have had a lot to do with it.

Curiously, Jackson, a Scots Presbyterian, seemed to have far lower casualties than Anglicans like Lee or the Johnstons.

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