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How many angels can dance on the head
of a pin?
Depends on the music.

Rape as Punishment ADAM STARCHILD

From a Reader's Letter. In regard to your present situation, it has been said that, so long as Jesus' ministry was confined to healing the sick, dealing with people on a social basis, or rebuking a few priests here & there he was relatively unhindered. But as soon as he attacked the bankers in the temple and began overturning their corrupt moneychanging scam he was immediately arrested, railroaded through court, and dead in four days.

Whenever Christians follow our Lord's example, and expose the root of all evil, they will of necessity follow the same persecution. - If Christians today are not suffering persecution it is only because they are not having any effect on the Luciferian world order around them.

THE UNDERGROUND PRESS IN POLAND. Jan. 1990 - Danzig (Gdansk) — On New Year's Eve in Poland an unexpected radio broadcast by a clandestine radio transmitter gave the following message, "This is Radio Free Poland broadcasting from Gdansk, the only uncensored Polish radio from the Urals to the Hudson River (Radio Free Europe is in Munich - Ed.). In a few hours it will be a new year in Poland & we shall hear a speech from the Mafioso General Wojciech Jaruzelski: Godfather of the parliament, senate, government, & all official organizations: the Defender of the Nation & in 1968 the Slovak nation also; the Savior of the Polish nation in 1970 & 1981 (when he declared martial law - Ed.). He will speak to the nation & forgive us under the condition that we behave like good little children & stay in our sandbox. There we can make sandcakes to eat while those who watch over us eat everything else. In response to his goodness we should also give thanks to the General Mafioso that in 1981 he had only 16 coal miners shot to death and not 16,000. We shall never forget that we also owe the current evolutionary changes in Poland to the General ***

Moneychanger

FAKE LAW...



Rape incidents in prison are so much taken for granted by prisoners and the general public alike that few have considered the historical or sociological aspects of the practice.

It has often been said that prison staff tacitly allow prison rapes as a form of control. Whether they are consciously aware of it or not, they are simply following a long historical tradition of rape as punishment.

In the Arab countries, for centuries, an intruding man caught in the harem was turned over to the slaves to be used for their sexual pleasure. Rape of captive soldiers in war was common amongst Arabs, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. The tradition apparently continues, with a recent report of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva documenting the rape of numerous teenage Palestinian boys in Israeli military detention centers, as part of both punishment and interrogation routines.

In England, as well as in the early American years, the use of the pillory had sexual overtones that can sometimes be found in historical records but are not in the popular history books. The problem was common enough that newspaper accounts would sometimes make a comment that the criminal was apparently popular with the public and was not molested. Wealthier prisoners would sometimes hire guards to stay with them through the night.

With the prisoner bent forward at the waist with neck and wrists anchored in a board, and unable to move his head to see behind him, the position was almost an open invitation to rape. A young man in the pillory for being fresh with a local girl might find himself raped by her brothers during the night. Groups of youths would also take advantage of such situations, and an unpopular person in town who wound up in the pillory could almost count on being the victim of such sexual assaults. The general knowledge of such assaults occurring would suggest that judges were just as aware that they were imposing rape as punishment as were Arab harem keepers who more directly imposed rape as punishment.

In the modern era, prison administrators have often been accused of tolerating, and sometimes deliberately creat-

ing, rape situations. A lawsuit in Tennessee a few years ago accused jailers of engineering a rape, after the prisoner made himself unpopular with them because of constant demands for a phone call. When the jailers became tired of his demands, they took him out of the regular cellblock and placed him in a small cell with four prisoners who were already awaiting trial on a charge of having raped another prisoner in the jail. The only surprising thing about this case was that it took two days after his cell change for the inevitable to happen.

In addition to the punishment aspect, prison staff have better control of the population by tacitly consenting to rape. On the one hand, there is the threat of being placed in a vulnerable position, and on the other hand it is a way of keeping the more aggressive prisoners calm and happy, since if they weren't raping they might be rioting. Even in prisons where rapes are rare or nonexistent, there is the constant threat of being transferred to a prison where rape is common -- a threat which is sometimes made outright by staff.

A few years ago, when a 14-year-old English boy was sentenced to prison in Turkey for involvement in drug smuggling, there was considerable public concern in Britain about the conditions he might be subjected to in a Turkish prison. A British television program used the opportunity to film a documentary on Turkish prisons, with a generally favorable viewpoint. At one point they talked about punishment for disciplinary infractions within the prison. They compared an English prisoner who might face a week in solitary confinement with bread and water to a Turkish prisoner they showed lying in bed reading a book, with one ankle chained to his bed. The explanation was that for that day he was being punished by being restricted to bed and would not be able to wander around and use the various recreation and sports facilities, suggesting that things weren't so bad in Turkey after all. A Turkish friend later explained to me how the program's producers and the viewing public had been taken in by this story. The true situation was that by being chained to the bed, the real punishment was that the prisoner would be unable to defend himself and was available all day to any of

his 150 dormitory mates who might want to rape him, and that almost all would want to. That was why the punishment only needed to be for one day.

One Caribbean island well known for its marijuana crop managed to turn rape into a profitable industry. Young Americans arrested trying to export drugs would be taken to the local prison for several weeks to await trial, and would be placed in a very overcrowded cell. While the inevitable rapes would be going on, the authorities would be checking the family's financial standing. At the trial, the sentence would always be imprisonment or fine, with the fine carefully set to be large, but attainable by the prisoner's family. They were always careful to have the trial late enough to ensure panic, but not so late that the prisoner would have become resigned to multiple rapes and not plead with his family for the money to get out. At the same time, the sacrificial offering of one of the American prisoners was openly used as a good behavior reward to groups of local prisoners, whom one police official described as "eager for young white meat."

Kentucky passed what it calls a "shock parole" law, under which a judge may sentence a first offender to a long term in the state prison, and recall him a few weeks later to be resentenced to parole for the balance of the term. Less dramatic, but similar, resentencing provisions exist in most states and the federal system. One must wonder when they are used if the judge hasn't sent the criminal to prison just long enough to ensure that he is raped before release. Although there is no direct link between these laws and rape as punishment, one must assume that most judges are aware of the general rape situation in prisons, and it may be that this is our society's unspoken way of carrying on the long historical tradition of rape as punishment.

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A free market approach...

The Review has decided to retire its longstanding one-point plan for a generation of peace, namely that the US should go to the military aid of no nation a majority of Americans can't find on a map. Since recent SAT scores suggest this might prohibit the defense of Los Angeles, it would appear this plan is hopelessly outdated.

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Changing Patterns of Syphilis



(JAMA, September 19, 1990, pp. 1432-1437)

The incidence of syphilis increased 34% from 1981 to 1989, the highest figure since 1949. There has been, however, a striking shift in the populations that comprise these numbers. Among whites, syphilis decreased 69% over this same period. Early in this period, the incidence of syphilis in black men also decreased, but a reversal occurred in 1986

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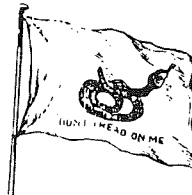
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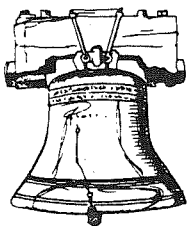
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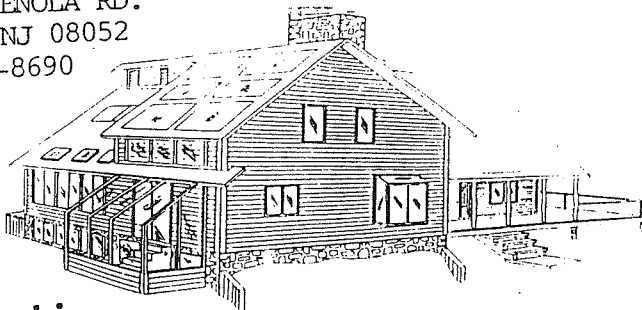
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"I believe there are more instances of the
abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual
and silent encroachments of those in power than by
violent and sudden usurpations."

... James Madison, June 16, 1778

To: Instauration

Re: "The New Master Race"

Letter

There are some points that need to be made with the writer jumping to some conclusions that I do not agree with either. Let me simply take some examples from history.

First, the quality of a group in the US is not always exactly the same as the whole group in its native country. If the Japanese immigrants to the US show a better than average ability, you must remember that those who came here in the last 40 years were not just the average persons of Japan, but those who were good enough in college; some of the top of their generation. If they were compared to the whole population of Japan, they might also come out near the top. They were sent here for special projects, like representing Japanese businesses; they weren't sent like those 80 years ago for physical fitness or agricultural ability to work on pineapple farms.

The same can be said for the other Asians who have come in the last 40 years. They had to be rich enough and smart enough to make the trip, to escape from China or Vietnam, to learn a new language and work hard.

There have been groups who came to America because they weren't smart enough to avoid it. I can quote the blacks who weren't able to avoid being caught and sold into slavery in Africa, or the British who came as indentured servants or deported prisoners, or the Poles who were brought in a factory hands or the Czechs as coal miners or the Irish as ravnies; all of these when there was more work and fewer people up to about 1920, when the immigration quotas were imposed. I can even quote the Chinese coolies of the last century, few of whom reproduced being 99% male.

Likewise, there were those who came to this country because they were smart and had money to pay their own way. Thus, when clans were replaced with sheep in the Highland Clearances of Scotland, the stupid ones went mostly to the slums of Glasgow; the smart to Nova Scotia or Dixie or New Zealand. Studies of the blacks show that the smartest groups are those who came here recently to get away from Jamaica or those who were escaped slaves, because the smartest ones escaped, and their descendents. Similarly, the Jews who came to the US from Europe just before World War II had to be better than the average of those who stayed behind and fell into the hands of the Nazis, by looking for a safer place, and they tended to be specialists, like medical doctors, who could make a more profitable living here. The Armenians who got away from the Turkish massacres 80 years ago and came here were certainly physically and mentally better than the average of those slaughtered.

My point is that the group that leaves one country and goes to another is not, usually, the whole population, and is not the average persons totally. If they are better (or worse) than the people of the country they go to, they were probably the same, more or less, where they came from, but not exactly. It is rare, though there are cases in the history of India or China, that they do not come as a master race unless they make a military conquest.

Our problem is not a master race coming from Japan. It is an idiot race of American elites, who would go on the dustbin quickly in a free economy.

And we need more freedom in this country, and soon.

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

God, bless America, as we have honored you.

Even though there is a high and impenetrable wall of separation between God and State,

Although we operate an atheist school system, pushing values hostile to the standards You gave us,

With increasing legal barriers against church or home schooling,

Experimenting educationally and psychologically on the children in the government schools,

O Lord, have mercy on us!

Promoting "laws" destructive to the traditional family,

Promoting atheism abroad and at home, by placing and supporting Communism wherever it may be,

Creating an inflationary monetary system,

Creating classes of government "pets", ostensibly for their own good, but historically to their evil,

Lavishing generous "rights" upon criminals of all sort even governmental agents, but allowing few rights for the innocent victims,

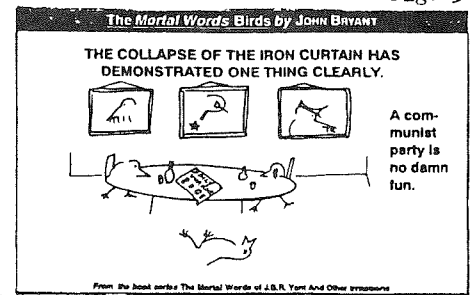
O Lord, have mercy on us!

We know that Scripture exhorts us to obey civil government, but with clear limitations,

We ask that you know that the money wrested from us by cruel and unusual taxes and inflation be known as an involuntary contribution to unholiness,

We earnestly ask that you will do with America's scientific, educational, political and economic programs that which will most advance Your Kingdom, and honor Your Name.

from Heritage Quest



All over the world the power of Communists is being threatened -- from Poland to China to Massachusetts.

Mark Russell, political satirist

"IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST MISTAKE, CERTAINLY, TO THINK THAT CONCESSIONS MEAN PEACE. NOTHING OF THE KIND. CONCESSIONS ARE NOTHING BUT A NEW FORM OF WAR." —V.I. LENIN

"Citizens are being arrested for failure to surrender identification. 'Show me your papers' cannot be too far away."

COUNTY DRUGS

THERE is a drastic problem in America and most people are simply burying their faces in the TV and letting the kids do their own thing. There are drugs and I mean massive amounts of drugs in every school in America and that includes the kindergarten kids! These drugs are there for a reason and that's to MAKE MONEY. For drugs to survive in a country, the drug dealers will bribe a sheriff or one or more deputies, or if, in a town, then the chief of police. There must also be bribe money going to the prosecutor and usually a judge or two. But the sheriff is the best bet for drug survival.

[Reprinted from SAVE OUR LAND.]

Truly,

In Tama, Iowa, Anna Bear wants to keep her son, who has health problems, home to be taught by a certif. teach., herself, & statist are having fits. (Blum) In Canton, Mich, publik skoolz death educ. produced 2 suicides within 3 hours, aged 8 & 16, both athletic, both hanged by neck. ("). V-P Virgilio Goddy of Nicaragua is being sued by his Ind. Liberal party for missing campaign funds. No you won't believe this: Saudi Arabia is importing sand from Scotland to use in its water filters, because its own sand is wrong kind. (WashRep). Drug tests for athletes, as in the Olympics? &, if so, which drugs? Caffeine? Nicotine? Steroids? or some illegal drug? (var) Atlanta leads in murder, reports LP Ga, & is spending as much of publik skool kids as prep schools at \$4,000. And even married pairs can only have sex in missionary position, legally.

Scotland has a computer virus in the poll tax forms. (BlakFlag) If you want to plant a tree in your yard, let me recommend 2 that resist insects & blights: Freedom and Liberty, both apple trees. Haven't tried new kind, Mac-Free. Despite reports, Gorbachev was Notfirst to use poison gas on his own people in the Caucasus; Iran used it on the Kurds a few years ago, & there are some other cases going back to WWI that aren't proven. (ARF) L. Farrakhan wants all 500,000 US black prisoners turned over to the Nation of Islam for reform. (Spotl).... Now, if they'd just take them all to the Empty Quarter of Arabia..... To locate federal prisoners, especially political, dial 1-202-724-3126 & know prisoner's number. (ARF) Instead of shooting horse-rustlers, Gus Hall beat them with the gun; he was arrested when sheriff arrived. Things just aren't like the old West in Paso Robles, Calif.

NO DEATH
PENALTY?
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Child victims of killing and cruelty

Torture is an everyday occurrence in Brazil and extrajudicial execution is common*. The targets, increasingly, have been poverty-stricken children and adolescents in the big cities. The main perpetrators of abuses against them are death squads, often composed of or run by police officers.

IRAQ

Zikri Nafkhash Mustafa, Nabi Muhammad Shukr, Jabbar Rashid Shifki and Ja'far Tamar Mahmud: *aged between 19 and 22, they were among a group of 315 Kurdish children and youths who were between eight and 15 years old at the time of their "disappearance" in August 1983. They were among some 8,000 male Kurds who were reportedly arrested solely because they belong to the Barzani clan.*

Children and young people in Iraq have become the innocent victims of a policy of political repression. Their "disappearance" has sometimes taken place on a large scale, with hundreds reported missing since their arrest. The 8,000 Barzani Kurds are

retaliation for the KDP's military actions and that they were arrested solely because of their membership of the Barzani clan.



"One should be wary of strong drink. It can make you shoot at tax collectors . . . and miss."

- Robert Heinlein

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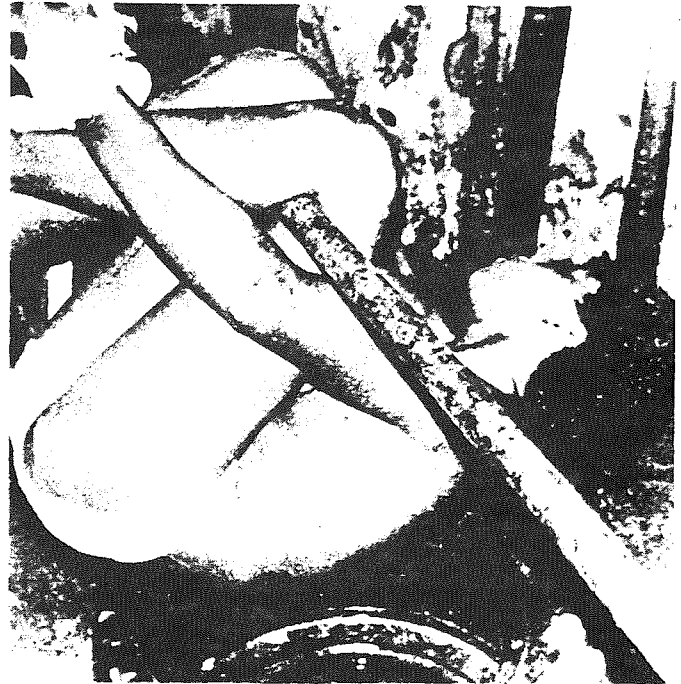
Zikri Nafkhash Mustafa, aged 12, before his "disappearance"

from the regions of Barzan and Merga Sur in Arbil province. These four were among whole families who were forcibly resettled by the Iraqi authorities in 1976 and 1977 into four "housing complexes" in Arbil province: Qoshtapa, Diyana, Harir and Bahark. Iraqi forces are believed to have carried out widespread arrests in these housing complexes in August 1983. Some 8,000 males aged between eight and 70 were arrested, forced into military vehicles and removed from the area.

Some of those arrested were close relatives of Mus'ud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP). The arrests occurred shortly after armed conflicts between Iraqi and Iranian forces in July 1983 which led to the occupation by Iranian forces of Iraqi territory at Haj Omran.

The KDP was held by the Iraqi authorities to be responsible for assisting Iranian forces to military victory at Haj Omran. This has led to fears that the arrest of the 8,000 Kurds was carried out in

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This photograph of a torture session was taken by a police inspector in Porto Alegre. The victim, an 18-year-old street cleaner known as Doge, and the 19-year-old friend who was tortured with him have both been killed

NO FAT CAT

MAX WOODBURY, two-year old male feline of the Woodbury household in Augusta, Maine, received an invitation to a \$1,500 a plate GOP fund-raising President's Dinner in Washington, D.C. Being no fat cat, Max just can't get up that kind of scratch. But does the fact he made the invitation list suggest Republicans may be scratching the bottom of the barrel?

THE UPRIGHT OSTRICH

Torture and beatings on the streets

Street children are regularly picked up by the police, who often beat them and extort money from them by threatening to send them to state institutions.

In September 1989 municipal social workers reported the existence of a house in a wealthy part of Rio de Janeiro where street children were allegedly taken and tortured.

A 13-year-old boy had told them, "There is a torture room

there. They take you upstairs... punch and kick us, throw tar on our skin... they make us undress, and then drop tar on us there". A 12-year-old boy stated, "Most of the police take us there when they pick us up".

Torture in custody

In some cases, formal complaints against police for torture of minors have been lodged. It is not uncommon however for witnesses and complainants to withdraw their statements after receiving threats.



READ 'EM AND WEEP

Poll: We neglect freedom

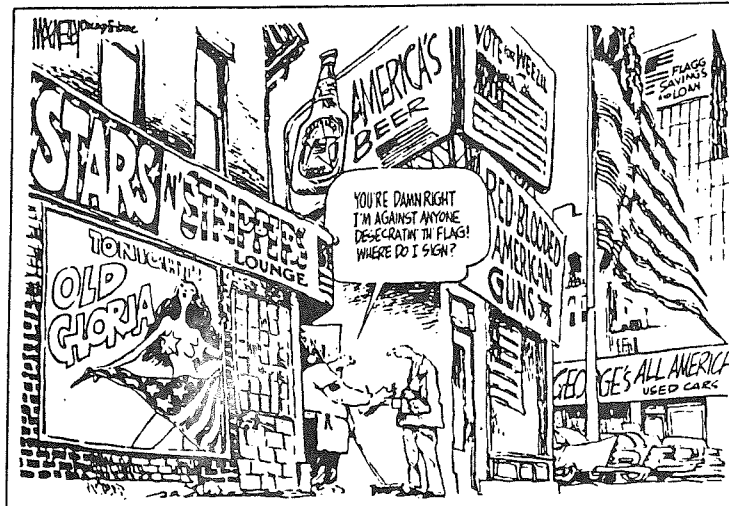
As the nation celebrates 214 years of independence, a USA TODAY Poll finds 55% of U.S. adults think democracy is valued more in Eastern Europe than in the United States. Only 15% of 811 polled say the Eastern Europeans place less value on democracy.

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Some 27 million American adults can't fill out a job application or read a magazine. In addition, 35 to 45 million are only partly literate. (Jewish Press, Aug. 10, 1990)



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FILE ON TORTURE

Yegor Volkov, now aged 58, was arrested in 1967 after trying to organize a strike. He has since been confined in psychiatric institutions and has reportedly been injected with powerful anti-psychotic drugs and other substances.

AI is concerned that Yegor Volkov remains confined in a psychiatric hospital against his will, and against the advice of doctors, solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression in a way disapproved of by the authorities.

At the time of his arrest Volkov was a construction worker in Nakhodka. According to AI's information, in February 1967 he organized a strike among two brigades of workers complaining that they were being paid only 10 percent of their contracted wage. The strikers' demands were recognized and their wages were paid in full. After a time Yegor Volkov organized another strike, complaining that their wages had again been cut. On 27 June 1967 he was arrested on a charge of "circulating anti-Soviet slander".

Yegor Volkov was kept in Vladivostok prison under investigation for thirteen months — four months longer than the legal maximum. On 10 July 1968 a court heard his case and ordered his forcible confinement in psychiatric hospital.

Throughout his imprisonment in Blagoveshchensk special psychiatric hospital Yegor Volkov is reported to have received periodic treatment with powerful drugs — haloperidol, trifluoperazine, methotrimeprazine — and injections with sulfazin (a 1 per cent sterile solution of purified sulphur in peach oil which raises the body's temperature and causes acute pain at the point of injection). On one occasion Volkov was reportedly administered a 2 ml injection of turpentine, which caused acute pain in his joints and a three to four day fever. His health is said to have deteriorated during his imprisonment and he is reported to have contracted tuberculosis and to have suffered from a stomach ulcer. In the spring of 1983 doctors at the hospital recommended that he be discharged, but their recommendation was turned down by the court, which prolonged his forcible confinement.

Please send courteous letters:

- Urging the immediate release of Yegor Volkov, as a prisoner of conscience
- Expressing concern about the forcible confinement of prisoners of conscience in psychiatric hospitals (including reports that in many cases disorienting and pain-causing drugs are forcibly administered)
- Urging that, as a safeguard against torture and ill-treatment, relatives and lawyers have regular and prompt access to all prisoners

Send your appeals to:

The Director of Blagoveshchensk special psychiatric hospital, Colonel Ludmila Ivanovna Butenkova: SSSR; RSFSR; 675007 Amurskaya oblast; Blagoveshchensk 7;

Seryshevsky pereulok 55; Uchr IZ-23/1; Polkovniku Butenkovo L.I.; USSR

The First Secretary of the Amur Regional Communist Party, Stepan Stepanovich Avramenko: SSSR; RSFSR; Amurskaya oblast; g.Amur; Obkom KPSS; Pervomu Sekretaryu, Stepan Stepanovich Avramenko; USSR



Dnepropetrovsk special psychiatric hospital

IRS auditors often make mistakes, according to the General Accounting Office. The GAO checked 317 audits that IRS reviewers had accepted, and found that 184 did not meet IRS standards. The Service is now standardizing reports and improving training in order to correct the situation.

Unkindest cut of all

WHEN George Postlethwaite's ship was blown up in the last war, he was dreadfully wounded.

He got a war pension for the rest of his life.

The patriotic council at Bromley where he lives didn't take the pension into account when they calculated the housing benefit for George and his wife Rosemary.

So they got more than £20 a week housing benefit, and only paid £1.07 in rates and rents.

Last year George died. Rosemary got a war widow's pension. The patriots on Bromley Council swiftly decided

that this should be taken into account for housing benefit.



PENSION BLOW: Rosemary Postlethwaite's benefit was cut, and she now has to pay £7.75 a week in rent and rates.

“I gave a lot of dinner parties when I first moved into my new house, but then I didn't have a girlfriend for a while, and you need a girlfriend to help you and back you up through dinner parties, even if it's just peeling potatoes or someone to say: “let's have a dinner party”

—Lord Althorp.

The Government's housing benefit rules are exactly the same for war pensioners and their widows. They insist that the first £4 should not be counted as income. After that, it's up to the council's discretion.

So how do Bromley end up with one rule for the war pensioner and another for his widow?

“War disability pension is a compensation,” explained the spokeswoman. “But a widow's pension is an income.”

I hope that is perfectly clear.

Now Yard probes its Fraud Squad

ANOTHER scandal hit Scotland Yard last night with the revelation that some former Fraud Squad detectives have been probed by its own anti-corruption police.

Over the past 14 years, it is alleged, Fraud Squad men have “skimmed” thousands of pounds in bribes over the publishing of fake trade directories.

Officers of the Yard's complaints investigation branch have interviewed former officers said to be involved in illicit deals.

A publican has also been questioned about his part.

Last night, one of Scotland Yard's top detectives, Det. Supt. Tony Partridge, was suspended.

He was told not to report on duty again until the anti-corruption squad had completed inquiries into events which occurred when he was a detective inspector on the Fraud Squad.

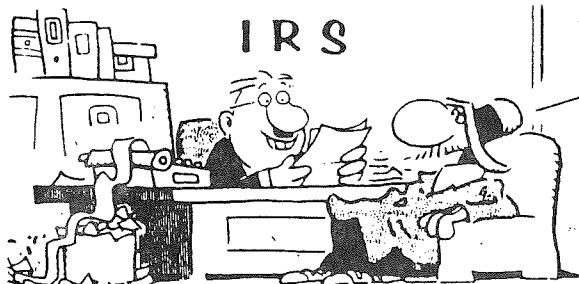
TWO DAYS ago two men who said they were framed by police over bank raid charges were freed by a judge after 16 months in custody.

TREACHEROUS STUPIDITY

There are now over 500 corporations providing Moscow with whatever it needs, which renders it virtually undefeatable, so long as this treacherous stupidity is tolerated under the subterfuge of “detente”. If we add to this the dupes and dregs that have been

reinstated in our schools and are again perverting over eight million youngster's minds each year, it is clear we are much worse off than when our great statesman, Senator Joseph McCarthy, was removed and the effort became dominated by treacherous misleaders and refractory incompetents.

—Louis Zoul



NO. IT DOESN'T MAKE ME PROUD TO KNOW THAT I PAID MORE IN TAXES THAN TEN MAJOR CORPORATIONS COMBINED.

THAVES

Torture and ill-treatment

Political detainees have been tortured and ill-treated in prisons and detention centres throughout Iran. AI has received hundreds of reports of physical and psychological torture and ill-treatment in recent years.

The detail in these reports, their number and consistency, makes it clear that torture has been routinely practised.

Scores of torture victims who are now refugees living outside Iran have been interviewed in depth by AI. Some have been examined by doctors at AI's request. In all cases, doctors concluded that the physical scarring and symptoms described supported the allegations of torture.

Torture takes place immediately after arrest, during incommunicado detention and in prison. It is usually inflicted to extract "confessions" about political activities, names and addresses of political activists and safe houses. Torture is also used to induce prisoners to renounce their pol-

back, and my feet together, removing my socks. They covered my head with a blanket and beat me again on my back and feet, telling me to confess which political organization I belonged to and give the names of my political comrades.

"I don't know how long it continued. At one point I pretended to be unconscious, but they just beat me harder, accusing me of trying to fool them. When they finally stopped, my feet were bleeding badly, especially around the toe-nails."

Former victims have also reported various forms of sexual abuse, including the rape of both men and women prisoners.

There have been well-publicized reports of young women prisoners being forced into temporary marriage contracts with Revolutionary Guards and being raped the night before their execution. AI is not able to substantiate such reports, but has interviewed a number of prisoners who described their anguish and fear that this would happen either to themselves or to female relatives while in prison.

Physical torture has often been accompanied by threats of execution or even mock executions. Detainees have been ordered to write their wills, blindfolded and prepared for execution. Guards have been ordered to fire and shots were then fired around the victim.

A former prisoner described his experience as follows: "They took me to a yard where there were four wooden posts in a semicircle, and they tied us each to a post. The first was a boy of 14 or 15, a member of the *Mojahedine*. The second was an army officer and the third, aged about 23, was a member of *Peykar*. I was the fourth. . . . When they asked if I had a last wish, I asked them to remove my blindfold. . . . I saw the bullet hit the boy and the officer was hit in the stomach. The *Peykar* man may already have been dead, his body didn't react to the bullet. The young boy was shaking violently with a bullet in his body. His hands were tied and he was trying with all his might to free himself. He was bleeding pro-

Methods

The torture methods most commonly reported are beating, whipping and being suspended for long periods by the arms or wrists.

Beatings are most often on the back and on the soles of the feet. All kinds of rope and cable are used, including telephone wire, plaited leather whips, electric cable with naked wires teased into a ball and steel cable opened into a claw at one end.

A recurring image in the testimonies gathered by AI is that of rows of detainees sitting on the floor blindfold, with swollen and bleeding feet, inside Evin prison. □

fusely. I shouted: 'What are you waiting for? Why don't you shoot me?' They laughed and I could do nothing. . . .

Many former prisoners say that they were warned that their relatives would be imprisoned, raped or executed unless they gave information.

AI has received a significant number of reports of deaths as a result of torture.

Torture victims have been denied medical treatment for their injuries. A former prisoner, in a typical statement, said: "There was usually no medical treatment after torture — you would just be taken to your cell and left there. Other detainees would help you out. They might know something about first aid, and some prisoners secretly kept pills for emergencies. In acute cases, like broken limbs, you would be taken to hospital."

SEASON'S GREETINGS

GRIGORY GOLDSHEIN, former Soviet prisoner, describes such conditions in his *Memoirs*: "I spent two and a half months in prison trains and transit prisons. A compartment fit for four persons was packed with twenty. The only meal was herring and bread. Water and toilet were 'privileges' which the guards often refused to grant us. In the prisons the mattresses were full of bugs. My body was lice-ridden. We were constantly beaten and suffering from hunger."

Meet vice girls, Pope is urged

THE POPE has been urged by a priest to chat with prostitutes in the vice haunts of America's big cities on his U.S. visit next month.

The priest, Father Depaul Genska, who worked for six years to help New York's vice girls, says the Pope should give them a word of kindness and love.

Father Genska has written to Pope John-Paul II, pointing out: "Jesus befriended prostitutes, talking, eating and sharing with them."

Copies of the letter also went to 35 U.S. bishops—but Father Genska said they considered such a meeting would be "too risky, implying endorsement of a lifestyle."

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'ridiculous' case against Civil Servant

By TED OLIVER

A CIVIL Servant prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act for giving a colleague details of toy typewriters walked free yesterday after the Crown dropped the case.

Last night, a furious Alan Lowther branded the affair 'absolutely absurd' and a waste of public money. 'It's ridiculous,' he added. 'I've been suspended for nine months and vilified in the Press as some sort of major spy.'

'But even the Special Branch told me this was taking a sledgehammer to crack a walnut.'

Low-grade

The 44-year-old Home Office senior executive officer was working in a department allocating work to prisoners when the bombshell dropped.

A colleague asked me for reference numbers of files about the manufacture of toy typewriters,' he explained. I gave him two pages of a 50-page report marked 'commercial in confidence' — a designation so low-grade it is normally ignored.

'The pages contained reference numbers, some running into 20 digits, of files he wanted to find. This chap was under investigation for alleged corruption, and when the pages were found on his desk I was arrested.'

After four appearances at magistrates' court, Mr Lowther went to the Old Bailey yesterday to deny charges. Then he was told the case was being dropped because of the 'very minor value of the documents.'



This photograph shows the condition of a young student's back after several months in an Iranian prison. He was never charged with any criminal offence or brought to trial. There are no mechanisms he can use to gain redress or compensation for his injuries.

itical or religious beliefs and sometimes to appear on television denouncing their former views.

A woman student, aged 26, detained in Evin prison between September 1981 and March 1982 described her first beating: "When I refused to confess I was blindfolded and told to lie down on the floor. One of them whipped my feet with a heavy cable. I was wearing socks, but the first lash was so painful that I jumped up and ran around the room. Then they tied my hands behind my