

In a recent column in the *Wall Street Journal*, author and sociologist Phillip Longman documented the present plight of young American families headed by a person aged 25 to 34. According to Longman, due to increased federal income and Social Security taxes and increased housing costs, a young husband and father with a non-working wife in the late 1950s had approximately the same purchasing power as does today's average young family where both husband and wife work.

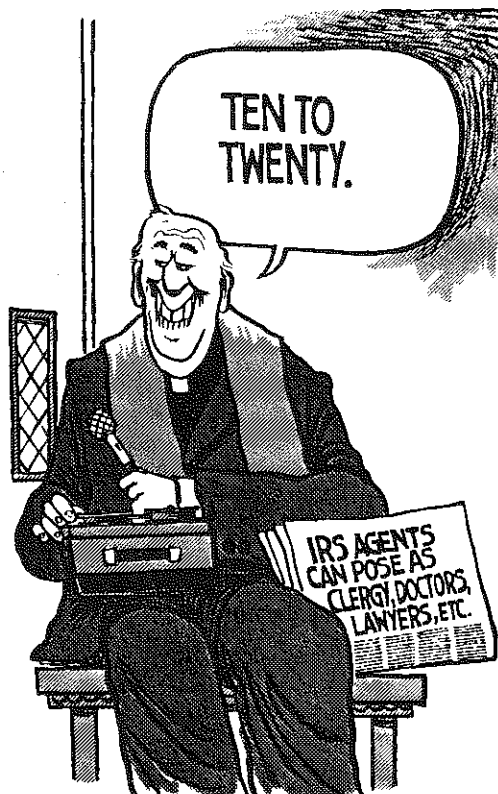
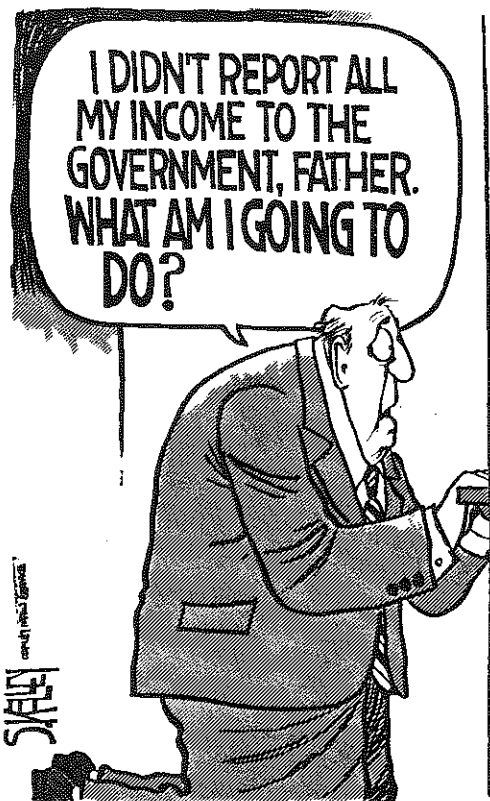
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police ordeal

DAILY MIRROR

By ROD CHAYTOR

A TOP cop will be quizzed today over revelations that police lied to cover up a secret investigation into the affairs of an innocent housewife.

Chief Constable Sir Philip Knight has been called to explain his force's actions to members of West Midlands Police Authority.

The woman at the centre of the storm is mother-of-two Madeline Haigh.

She became the target of an undercover probe after she wrote an "anti-Cruise missile" letter to her local paper.

Two Special Branch men called at Madeline's home in Sutton Coldfield pretending to be CID officers "investigating a £20 bad debt to a mail order firm."

Former teacher Made-



MADELINE: Apology.

line, 38, became suspicious and phoned the catalogue firm, who said the story was phoney.

And yesterday the force finally apologised and admitted the men were Special Branch officers.

POLICEMEN who burst into a woman's flat and beat her up, were branded as liars by a judge yesterday.

And he awarded the woman, Mrs. Clementine George, £3,030 damages against the police.

Mr. Justice Park said £2,000 of the award was to mark the court's disapproval over the "outrageous manner" in which the police had conducted themselves.

They had "concocted a false story" after they realised 46-year-old Mrs. George might complain about them.

"The police have deliberately lied to me," the judge added in the High Court.

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The Libertarian Party has joined the fight against the proposed anti-obscenity ordinance, and one of its leaders says Christians should be opposed to it as well.

State Libertarian Party Secretary John T. Harlee, a Florence resident, said the ordinance, and the state statute from which it is taken, are obscene and that religious groups also should fight government interference in what people hear, see and read.

The ordinance has been pushed by Citizens Against Pornography, a group led primarily by ministers. It won preliminary approval Monday from City Council and is scheduled for third reading Aug. 19.

"There are words in the Bible that cannot be read over the radio because of Federal Communications Commission regulations," Harlee said. "Not many people know it but almost all the closing of radio stations (by the FCC) have been religious stations."

The only exception, he said, was the temporary shutdown of a classical music station which declined to meet public service message requirements of its license.

The ordinance and the state law are so vague as to be unconstitutional, Harlee

said.

He said, for that reason, "someone could go into a religious book store, purchase a Bible, and arrest the owner for selling obscene material — except for one small reason — that it has literary merit."

"We are of course against the sale of pornography to minors but we feel the government has no right to tell adults what videotapes they may watch in the privacy of their homes or what they may read."

"I have asked all Libertarians to sign the petitions against the ordinance and to contact their state representatives to clean up the very vague state statute," Harlee concluded.

It contains such terms as suggestive, offensive and distasteful which could be stretched to mean anything," he said. "Almost anything could be declared obscene."

Harlee said he has offered his party's support to the group formed to oppose the ordinance, Citizens Against Censorship.

The wise man has long ears, big eyes and a short tongue.

—Russian Proverb

DISTRAUGHT widow Sybil Bird has been told she can be buried next to her husband — if she dies by September 30.

The deadline was given by her parish priest, the Rev David Thomas, who claims his graveyard is becoming overcrowded.

"I think it's wicked," sobbed Mrs Bird, 66. "I paid for a double grave and always believed we would be reunited in death."

Her husband, Arthur, died of a heart attack in 1961 and lies buried at St Peter's churchyard in Burnham, Bucks.

At least once a week Mrs Bird, or nearby Chi-

grave to change the flowers and keep it tidy.

She said: "I've been told that if I don't die before the end of September, I will have to be buried in a cemetery in Gerrards Cross. It's heart-breaking."

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They are dumped on track in blaze scare

TRAIN travellers got all steamed up at British Rail yesterday for leaving them stranded on a high-speed track . . . in their night-clothes.

The passengers were asleep on a night express from Glasgow to London when they were roused by a guard.

He told the 30 passengers: "Get off the train—there's a fire."

The bleary-eyed travellers stumbled out of their compartments and jumped six feet down on to the track.

Stunned

Then they watched in amazement as the express moved off again and disappeared into the darkness.

Minutes later some of the stunned passengers had to leap for their lives when another train passed.

Annette Wilde, 25, ran down the line for help.

She found a trackside

signal phone box and the train was halted as it was pulling out of Lancaster station.

Then came the final indignity—the passengers had to stagger nearly a mile down the track, carrying their luggage, to rejoin the runaway express.

Annette, from Montreal, Canada, raged: "It was horrific."

"It was terribly dangerous to leave us stranded on the track."

Yesterday British Rail launched a top-level in-



Annette Wilde . . . she ran down the line for help

vestigation into Monday night's incident.

A spokesman said: "The train's fire alarm was set off because an axle-box overheated."

He added: "The passengers should certainly not have been left on the track."

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— Mark Twain

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U S News reports that $\frac{1}{4}$ of 17-year-olds think it's illegal to start a new political party. (Then they get a little older & get appointed to election commissions.)

Indiana legislature called for congressional investigation of Council on Foreign Relations & Trilateral Commission. (CRC Bulletin)

NCMR is holding its 12th annual conference at New Orleans on November 6-10; usual all-star cast: 4425 W. Napoleon Av., Metairie, LA 70001.

Never Give Up!

Don't Quit. Winston Churchill once delivered an unforgettable address at a university commencement service. Upon being introduced, he stood up and said: "Never give up. Never give up. Never give up. Never. Never. Never!" Then he sat down. That was all, but it was enough.

It's a message every Christian needs, for faithfulness to the Lord always requires persistence and endurance

Baptist Bulletin

Working For The Government

In 1929, the average person worked 52 minutes of the eight-hour day to earn enough money to pay his taxes. The working time to fulfill tax obligations is now up to two hours and 40 minutes a day.

—Chattanooga News-Free Press

Torture: A Grim Picture

Medieval style torture or serious mistreatment of prisoners still occurs in more than half of the nations of the world today. (Amnesty International Report)

—U.S. News & World Report

Alcohol in the Newsrooms

Alcoholism and drug abuse are near epidemic proportions in the nation's newsrooms, affecting one out of five news reporters and anchors on the evening newscast.

—The Atlanta Constitution

Boss' Holiday

Worried that capitalists aren't getting their share of glory, a Santa Monica, California stock broker is trying to drum up support for a new national holiday. "Capital Day's time has come," says Albert L. Maguire, explaining his proposal for an additional national holiday on Labor Day weekend.

Maguire, who likes to boast that he was a classmate of John F. Kennedy at Harvard, feels strongly that it's time we set aside a day to recognize the contributions of savers and investors to the national economy. It's they, after all, who "provide the plant and equipment for the world's greatest labor force."

To show that these people are a "movement" Maguire points with pride to the deluge of phone calls to Congress, a protest "without picketing and public demonstrations" that led to the repeal of the 10% withholding tax on interest and dividends.

—dollars & Sense

President Ray-gun at a press conference: "What I want to see above all is that this country remains a country where someone can always get rich. That's the thing that we have and that must be preserved."

—The Progressive

"The Role of the Nonpublic Aerospace Company in Commercial Manned Spaceflight"
by Jason Solomon

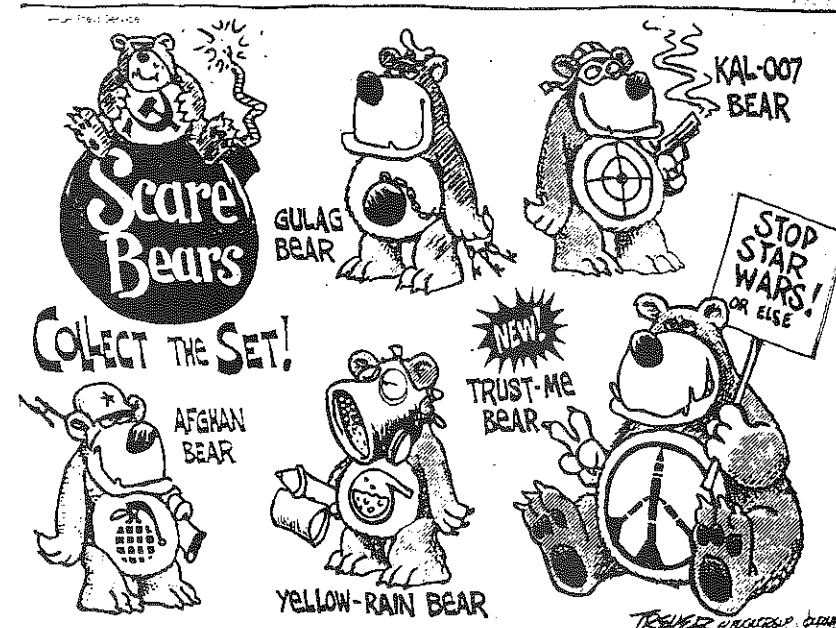
There are a couple of companies that have been in this business for nearly two decades but have seen the potential market for their services usurped by new start-ups. I am of course referring to the private launchers who in their refusal to go public have watched companies like Space Services Inc. & Fedex Spacetrans become more or less established. But what may seem like a disadvantage to others may in fact be a distinct advantage. Without the constant harassment of the fickle whims of stockholders, the private carriers can go literally years without declaring a profit while concentrating on development. Naturally, even these entrepreneur-driven concerns would like to see some return on investment. But it is well known that investment bankers & their ilk avoid any project which hasn't the prospect of cash flow within five years. This is useless in an industry where payback can take ten years or more. But the shortsighted rocketeers go public. The farsighted hold on to full ownership but face cash shortages. The government attitude is that the latter is not "viable". However, in a market as big as space there is more than room for several alternative approaches other than government subsidized shuttles and ELC's (expendable launch craft). And, the public launch companies will find out the hard way that bigger size attracts more taxes and regulation. Orbital Transport Rocket A.G.'s willful blindness to these political realities has cost it dearly. The Soviet Union and West Germany, this firm's fatherland, have pressured Zaire, Libya and Sweden into making life hard for them. The Soviets have stated publicly their dislike of commercial space operations. Likewise the American government monopoly has: refused to let Rockwell sell shuttles to new spacelines; opposed the aerospace manufacturers' sale of old Gemini class (much less Saturn class) boosters to free enterprise; and fixed the price of shuttles even with Ariane, the French government monopoly. Not content with these stumbling blocks, the Office of Commercial Space Transportation has been started within the DOT. Contrary to first impression, OCST does not provide one-stop licensing nor advocate deregulation. Just the opposite. It puts you through a maze of bureaucracies that must be satisfied (sounds like stockholders) and actually encourages other government agencies to write applicable space policy (as if there weren't enough already). Not satisfied with even that, the government wants to inspect not only pads & payloads BUT APPROVE MISSIONS!! Have these jackasses heard of the Bill of Rights, privacy laws and trade secrets? Patents are hard enough to protect. Attacks on freedom, financial privacy and intellectual property are what's speeding up the brain drain and flight of capital from the USA and other repressive regimes. It is no accident then that an innocent-looking young woman (Jennifer Dorn) was installed as director of OCST to disarm potential critics of the agency.

She has the right Pepsi-New Generation PR image. A Coke-Classic type might have, by his very presence, raised suspicion that this administration's economic frontier is not for the homesteaders but just an Establishment sphere of influence concession.

Every growth industry experiences a shake-out period when the leading companies barely hold on their market shares while the unprepared companies start going belly up. Fleet of foot private space concerns — not burdened by SEC regulations and stock market sell offs — will be the first to recover from the upcoming space industry recession. And recovery may necessitate closing operations in their countries of origin. Just as the flag of convenience countries like Liberia and Panama attract sea shipping, so I predict there shall be flag of convenience countries for commercial space operations. All this is necessary because the superpowers are jealous of what they regard as their military airspace. The military mentality of East & West, would be livid with rage if a business managed to accomplish something first, cheaply & peacefully that they exact taxes and force to do. We have all been conditioned to think that only huge government projects can do the "impossible". But remember that many firsts — including the first airplane and rocket experiments — were civilian sponsored. Private enterprise will continue to pioneer in both the technical and financial arenas. I predict that rockets will be invented shortly with higher specific impulses than their government counterparts. I predict that new types of capitalization methods will be created (other than R&D limited partnerships).

But obviously the government, even with considerable lobbying, is not going to get out of the way just because we beg them nicely on our knees. And the citizen space clubs are no allies since most (like ILS) have eagerly jumped into bed with the High Frontier types to receive the Presidential blessing. Space disarmament talks cannot succeed either because the USA must catch up with Russian space military capability and the USSR must catch up with American space

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BALLET teacher Penny Littlewood, who bit a policeman as he dragged her naked from her home, was entitled to do so, a judge ruled yesterday.

Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane said in the Appeal Court that because her arrest was unlawful she was "entitled to escape by using reasonable force."

Wept

The court had heard how two PCs tried to arrest Penny, 29, at her Chelsea flat when she was wearing only a towel.

It fell off and Penny bit a policeman in the struggle. Penny was sentenced to a month in jail for biting the officer. She wept for joy as Lord Lane quashed the conviction and sentence.

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Traditional function of juries has been lost

The June 23 "Impact" section contained an interesting and informative article about jury selection, but stuck back on page 11-B was an article with the really significant information.

The article attributed an opinion to Chief Justice Littlejohn. According to him, all you needed to do to avoid jury duty was to be ignorant, close-minded, bigoted, and anti-authoritarian.

The significance of this opinion is that it states not merely a falsehood, but the exact opposite of the truth in a twisted sort of way. The only truth in the opinion was that authoritarian judges always do their best to exclude anyone who betrays a hint of an inclination to question arbitrary, statist authority.

An opinion more reflective of the truth would have been "in order to serve on a jury one must be ignorant, close-minded, bigoted, and authoritarian." One must dis-

play an utter ignorance of individual rights and the Constitution. One must appear unwilling or unable to open the mind to anything that might conflict with the feudalistic authority judges wield. One must act like a bigoted "good citizen," intolerant of any deviation from the authoritarian political status quo. In short, one must fit the authoritarian mold.

This is how the judges of America have undermined the glorious traditional function of juries in Anglo-Saxon common law. Juries were once the people's shield against unjust authority.

A more random selection process would undermine the legal profession's, including judges', hold on the jury. The institution would be returned to the people. It would insure more certain punishment for violent crime, theft and fraud, while tending to reduce state persecution of people for victimless crimes because the average person hates real crime but has contempt for the state interference in private lives.

STEVEN VANDERVELDE



FREE ENTERPRISE—Project Private Enterprise is the dream of former Navy Captain Robert Truax (right), who hopes to launch the world's first privately built and manned rocket into space. He is shown with Fell Peters, who hopes to pilot the craft, shown in background,

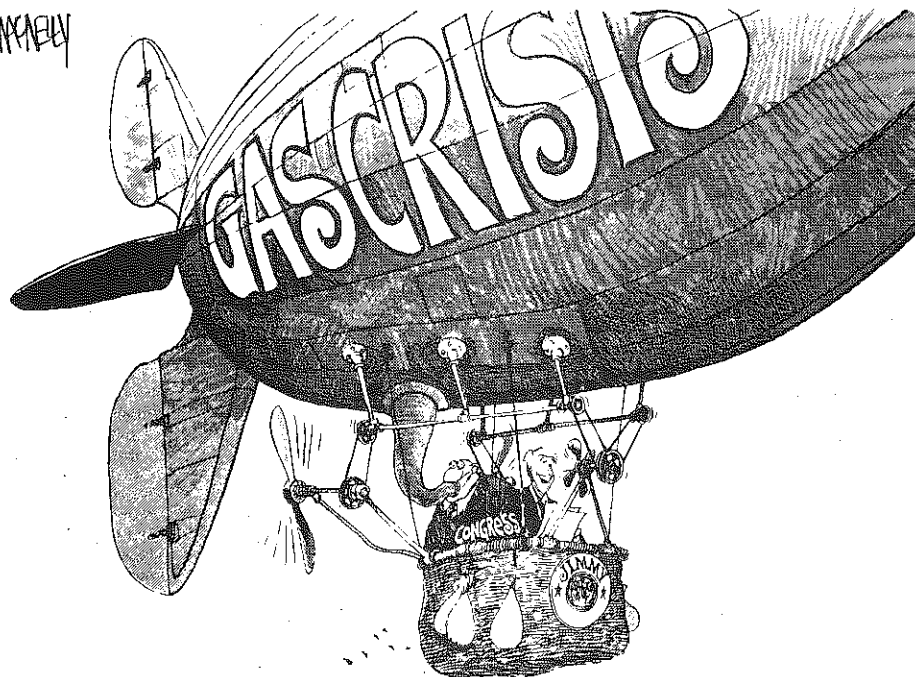
Role of Non-public Aerospace, continued

intelligence capability. The private space entrepreneurs have a healthy future to the extent that they forego politically backward areas like the Soviet bloc, Europe, the United States and Japan. Instead of kissing up to politicians who can't tell you the difference between Charon and Chiron, business owners must serve notice that governments must deregulate or they will take their tax base elsewhere. Starstruck Inc. has the right idea — ability to launch on the high seas outside the interference of government red tape. The low-paid (read overpaid) and low-intelligence politicians of this planet have made world history a long chronicle of blood. Current events are worse: Space ban treaties be damned, Dr. Edward Teller (father of the H-bomb & Star Wars programs) is openly referring to military bases on the moon and the Kremlin has openly announced its goal to establish a colony on Mars by 2000. Does any sane individual misread their intent? It is the manifest destiny of free enterprise to change the course of history. Furthermore, the greening of space can take place without taxing the ordinary citizen (or comrade) into oblivion.

A DIGEST OF THE LAWS

Finally it became apparent: this liberal keynote speaker was proposing that each government insert into its hierarchy a new lower echelon to interface with disgruntled petitioners. After the speech there was polite applause. Then the convention of functionaries rose onto tired feet from hard chairs. "Long live the Civil Service!" they shouted. "Long live Modern Nation-Statism! Long live the First, Second and Third Worlds!" Their cheers floated up into the dome of the Great Hall. The dome, due to a structural flaw, was supported mainly, and barely, on the basis of the political-moral condition of the weary functionaries. Cracks everywhere, of course, with red tape trying to hide them. When at last the dome fell in, naturally, the functionaries had long since filed out. Only the janitorial staff was affected. One widow went to the appropriate assistant functionary to apply for compensation. She was told that the middle functionary she needed to see was tied up at a meeting, planning the next convention, but his decision would be mailed to her. Years ago, in 1921, Alexandra Kollontai wrote: "Some third person decides your fate. This is the whole essence of bureaucracy."

—M. Kasper



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Many classics too sexist or racist for schools, group rules

By Joseph W. Grigg
Cox News Service

LONDON — Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain's classic, is in hot water in London.

A century after it was written, left-wing education officials in London have just ruled it "racist" and "sexist" and ordered it removed from school libraries under their control.

Huckleberry Finn, banned by some local school authorities in the United States, so far has escaped this fate in London — possibly because the officials haven't heard of it.

The Inner London Education Authority also has banned a number of other classics for similar reasons. They include:

■ Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*, dubbed "racist, sexist and imperialist."

■ Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, condemned as "sexist."

■ And Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit* and *Benjamin Bunny* children's books because they are about "middle-class rabbits."

John Collinene, until recently headmaster of St. Charles primary school in the Kensington district of West London, said, "I was flabbergasted when my staff were ordered to check each book in our small library for classism, sexism, racism and ageism."

He quoted Pamela Pullen, an education authority schools inspector, as ordering that all books written more than 10 years ago be thrown out of the library and replaced by others approved by the authority.

Collinene quit.

But a spokesman for the authority said: "This is a genuine attempt to counter racism and sexism in books and to produce books that give a broader, fairer view."

The Inner London Education Authority is an elected local government body responsible for all state schools in London.

It is dominated by extreme left-wing Laborites. Its boss is Frances Morrell, a prominent left-wing activist and one-time close associate of "hard left" Laborite Member of Parliament Anthony Wedgwood

"Tony" Benn.

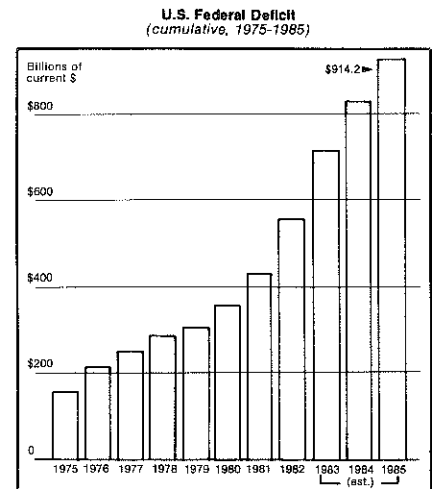
She has ruled that all "sexist, racist and classist stereotypes" are to be eliminated from education of children in London.

Collinene said the first he knew of the new leftist policy twist was when Mrs. Pullen, an aide to Mrs. Morrell, showed up unannounced one day at St. Charles school and demanded to see its library and teaching books.

"Only then," he said, "did I learn about the ban on so many children's classics."

He said the school library was ordered closed down and any books written more than 10 years ago destroyed. He said rather than destroy books, he sold them off to eager parents at 10 cents a copy.

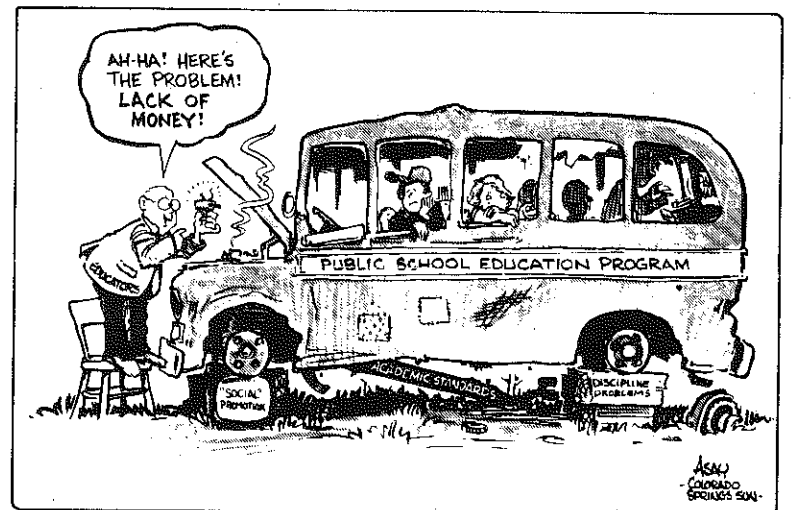
Other books that he said aroused the ire of the education officials included Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*, denounced as "anti-Semitic"; Shakespeare's *King Lear*, rejected as "sexist";



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Where there is great love, there are always miracles. Miracles rest not so much upon faces or voices or healing power coming to us from afar, but on our perceptions being made finer, so that for a moment our eyes can see and our ears can hear what is there about us always.

Willa Cather

As for me, my bed is made: I am against bigness and greatness in all their forms, and for the invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual, stealing in through the crannies of the world like so many soft rootlets. Or like the capillary oozing of water, and yet rending the hardest monuments of man's pride, if you give them time.

William James

Imagine what would happen if teachers made the following demands and refused to teach until they were met.

We do not wish to teach children who do not wish to be taught. The presence of disruptive or even indifferent students penalizes those who are eager to learn.

We expect no student to be promoted until he is sufficiently prepared for the next grade. "Social promotion" places the unprepared student at greater disadvantage each succeeding year. This practice is, therefore, not only dishonest, but cruel.

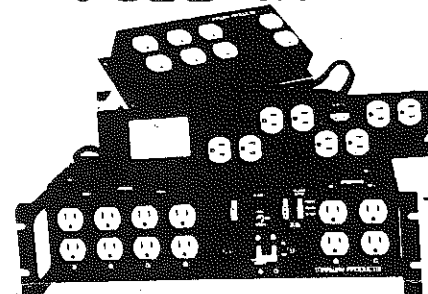
We expect to be regularly evaluated by our students, fellow teachers, and administrators. And we demand to be paid and promoted on the basis of merit as determined by those evaluations. In the interests of improving our skills as teachers, we deserve to be informed of our strengths and weaknesses. We then should be rewarded on the basis of our progress and

ability. Equal pay for unequal work is unjust and it encourages mediocrity.

Finally, we insist that teacher training be rigorous and that certification and subsequent promotion be based on competence. We desire professional status and the respect of the community. This can only be achieved by maintaining the highest professional standards.

Teaching is no picnic. And the list of teacher grievances could be long and demanding without ever mentioning money. But when was the last time you heard of teachers striking on behalf of a return to discipline, quality, and accountability in education?

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In Elyria, OH, Lovely Clayton screamed when she awoke to find a burglar in her bedroom; the burglar was chased off by her 10-year old son with rifle. In Rockingham, NC, John Ackor was shot by burglars with a shotgun, got his rifle, killed one & hospitalized the other. In Shreveport, LA an armed intruder cut the telephone cord & threatened to kill the family, whereupon the wife shot him; police found him dead in the yard. In Denver, CO, Paul Borne fired & missed at a burglar, his gun jammed, & he proceeded to take away the burglar's gun & shoot him dead. (Am Rifleman)

New zine: Home Education Magazine, Box 218, Tonasket, WA 98855.

In Iraq it is necessary to have a govt. permit to buy a typewriter. (FFWorld)

ACLU fund-raising letter: "I am asking you to sit down right now and send a contribution to a bunch of lawyers."

Father Gleb Yakunin has been found in internal exile, Do vostrebovaniya, pos. Irniksham, Ust-Maisky rayon, Yakutskaya ASSR, USSR. This is apparently so far back in the boonies that news of his release did not get to his family until after the Spring thaws. Brother Pyotr Lysak is sentenced to 10 months for living in Moscow without a residence permit; artist Sandr Riga has been sent to a "special" psychiatric hospital for editing a Catholic journal, *Prizyu*. Yevgeny Gula is serving 5 years for an unregistered Pentecostal congregation. (JTTCW)

"Governmental organizations will normally not be eligible (for special bulk-rate mailing permits), since their income is generally not derived primarily from voluntary contributions or donations." - U S Postal Service manual.

In Fairfax, VA there is a Presbyterian Church that offers food & shelter to the homeless. There is nothing unusual about this; Christian churches have been doing this since the 1st century. But they are doing it in a residentially zoned neighborhood, & the neighbors are complaining to the zoning board that the homeless are residing in a residential area. (EPIA)

James Vining of Natl. Council for Geographic Education declares that 1 of 5 American students is unable to locate U S on a world map, "Johnny not only doesn't know how to read or add, he doesn't even know where he is." (On Principle)

Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, 20 W. 40th St, NYC 10018 has a 60 min video version of Walter Williams' *The State Against Blacks*.

NYC, unwilling to install water meters & stop waste of water that way (no leaky faucet has been fixed since the 1890s or so) has used aerial photos to locate 18,000 unregistered swimming pools. (Moneysworth)

Devaluation of the Mexican peso has brought grief to Texas vending machines, as it is the same size & weight as a quarter. ("")

The "Whorehouse Bonds" issued by South Carolina in the 1870s to finance the Governor's recreation, are now a collector's item at \$75. from Antique Stocks & Bonds of Williamsburg, VA. (There were originally \$20 million of them, or enough for the whole legislature.)

Conversations on cordless phones can be picked up on shortwave radios miles away; be careful.

Ayn Rand Institute, 13101 Washington Blvd. # 222, Los Angeles, CA 90066 seeks beneficiaries.

Micro Information Concepts, Box 2163, Dallas, TX 75221 has various libertarian books in microfiche.

Manteo, NC, has now a town ordinance prohibiting "the elimination of human wastes." (Am Spectator) Not only are they badly constipated, but it is illegal to sweat.

Public colleges get about 13.5% of their money from tuitions & fees; the rest from gifts and taxes. (School Management/Human Events)

TEFRA, the 1982 tax "reform" levied a 15% surcharge on certain deductions by mining companies, & wiped out about 63% of mining profits. Mining production plummeted. Instead of raising more revenue, the closing of mines and layoffs cut Social Security revenues by \$4.2 billion & corporate tax revenues by \$3.5 billion just in mining. (Business Week)

Ed & Sharon Pangelian, in jail for taking their children out of the govt. schools & sending them to take refuge in another state, need aid: E & S Family Fund, Rt. 1 Box 265X, Hillsdale, AL 35643. Also, write the Governor of Alabama, Montgomery, AL 36104 to protest this persecution of religious dissent.

Parents in Denmark complained, demonstrated, & withheld fees to try to get the city council of Aarhus to remove asbestos ceiling tiles from the public kindergarten. They were told it would cost too much. So parents broke in one weekend and tore the offending tiles out. Finally the govt. acted: they closed the kindergarten and reported the parents to the police. (Open Road)

"Two decades ago we began a war on poverty; if you go to the downtown inner cities you're going to see bombed-out buildings and refugees from that war - we must have lost that war." - Abbie Hoffman.

"If the government can't pay off their debts, how in the xxx do they expect us to pay off ours?" - Love 22, presidential candidate of the Independent Greenback Party. (Light Times)

"... the federal government is like a little baby, with an enormous appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

— J. Peter Grace

NY police advise women to carry their house keys in the bra, not in the purse, because purse-snatchers finding keys and ID are likely to rob the house as well. (FFWorld) How purse-snatchers will cope with this should be interesting.

put Lucia in cell Guard's slap cost him £10

DISGUSTED Paul Gregory won't be offering a policeman a cup of tea again.

He invited his "friendly local bobby" in for a cuppa, and Pc David Blythe thanked him — by locking his fiancée, Lucia Moise, in a cell.

Paul, 35, of Ermine Street, Caxton, Cambridge, said:

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"I introduced him to Lucia, who is Canadian and during the conversation he looked at her visa. We found it had run out. Pc Blythe offered to sort it out and Lucia went to Cambridge police station with him. He said I could pick her up in two hours."

"But then I was told she'd been arrested and had to stay in the cells overnight. I was shocked."

Lucia, 30, was given a year's conditional discharge by Cambridge magistrates.

A police spokesman said: "There was a court next morning. The whole thing was sorted out quicker by detaining her than just reporting her."

Declared

The official told George and his 67-year-old wife Mavis: "You should have declared the increase — it will affect your state benefits."

George, of Lorton Close, Gravesend, Kent, said last night: "It's red tape gone mad."

Mavis said: "Now I know what they mean by bureaucracy gone mad."

The former electric truck operator has now been given a RISE in benefits — because his water rates have increased.

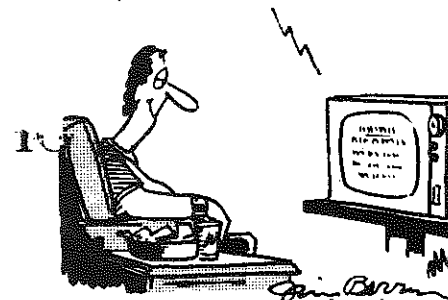
BRITAIN'S postmen are being urged to smarten up their image.

The plea comes as more and more posties are giving the thumbs-down to uniforms and doing their rounds in jeans and T-shirts.

Now bosses have produced a video film to encourage a first-class image among male employees.

But a Post Office spokesman admitted yesterday: "Uniforms are not compulsory and we cannot insist they are worn."

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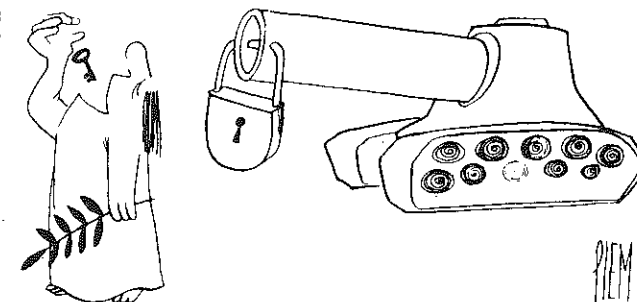
Binges

ALCOHOLISM is a "serious occupational hazard" for police officers, say the researchers who spent three years with the force.

Many officers, especially detectives, appeared to be extremely unfit, and sometimes unhealthy because of drink.

"We often saw officers in plain clothes who were drunk while formally on duty," the researchers report.

By MIRROR
CORRESPONDENT



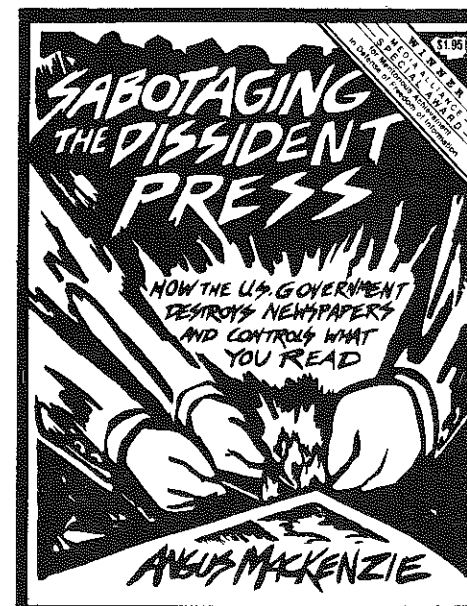
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Battle For The Sky Over Europe

With 360,000 inhabitants, could deregulate the tele-Luxembury is the smallest communications market in member of the European Community. But despite its size, on Friday, 25 May Telephone and Telegraph 1984, it fired the opening telephone and data trans-Europe right down to its mission is ripe for competi-medieval foundations. For tion. Not all of the transpon-that was the day its Christ- tation government signed a up are obvious. ITT is concession agreement to allow an American consor- tium to launch and operate a satellite broadcasting 16 Dutch electronics giant Philips and bought 20 per- cent of Italian office informa- tion multinational Olivetti.

The project, dubbed Cor- onet, is valued at \$33 mil- lion, and is led by Time- Life's Home Box Office (the US's largest and most suc- cessful cable programmer) and the Solomon Brothers investment bank. It will be open to outside investors — German publishing giant Bertelsmann and British Electric Traction have al- ready expressed interest — and is expected to be a major source of revenue for the duchy. Coronet could be on the air as early as the end of 1985.

The French are up in arms. They too have plans to launch a direct broadcast satellite, but one of only four channels, two of which were supposed to be taken by the Luxemburg broadcast com- pany RTL. Now the econo- mic validity of that project has been thrown in doubt.

The cultural and political ramifications of the deal also terrify some European gov- ernments already appalled by their people's preference for American culture and programming. Breaking government control over the airways is threatening be- cause it will present an alternative to the chauvinis- tic and statist outlook of the present state-run network. And that alternative will reflect the free market, anti- protectionist and commer- cial attitudes of Coronet's transnational advertisers and software producers.

Most worrisome of all to European governments is that the Luxemburg deal

Not all revolutions are made with guns. And while the prospect of Time-Life values raining down on Europe from the heavens leaves us cold, the opening of Europe to competition and modern telecommunica- tions, and the unification of the continent's markets are signs that the Old World might still someday slough off the bureaucracy and outworn ideologies that re- strict its freedom and ability to generate wealth.

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AN AFTERNOON'S televising turned into a real-life "Sweeney" drama for teenager Ray Rankin.

As he watched the comedy "Carry On Regardless" with his mother, plainclothes policemen burst into the house . . . and frog- marched 17-year-old Ray to a patrol car.

Then he was taken to the police station and put in a cell.

But two hours later he was released and his mum and a local coun- cillor were told it was a case of mistaken identity.

Now Merseyside Chief Constable Ken Oxford is to be asked to probe the tactics used.

Ray's mum, divorcee Dorothy Quirk, 40, is considering legal action. She said at her home in Mottram Close, Kirkby, near Liverpool: "I thought the men were thugs and came to beat Ray up."

Shocked

"They were all dressed in jeans and sweatshirts, and at one time there were about 20 of them in the house."

INDIAN curry boss Ron Dutta has got race rela- tions chiefs on the boil . . . by joking that he "works like a coolie" at his cooking.

Ron's restaurant, the Mensahib in Upper Richmond Road, Putney, South London, is covered in slogans that send up his own race.

Says one: "Our food must be good — 20,000 flies can't be wrong!"

Another asks: "Living in a safari park with four wives and 11 kids, am I entitled to a council flat?"

Funny

Now Ron's saucy sense of humour has brought him a solemn letter of protest from the anti- racism campaigners.

He said yesterday: "I've put the letter up in my restaurant. It's as funny as any jokes I've made."

"I am just taking the mickey out of my own colour, and there's no law that says I can't insult myself."

Wandsworth Council for Community Relations commented: "Terms like coolie are denigrating."

THE WORLD'S GREAT- EST TOY TRAIN in the June issue had several parts omitted; we are most sorry — this is what comes of hiring highschool grads to do typing for us.

DAILY MIRROR

BEATEN BY BRAIN PAIN

CANDID Kiwi Gerald Gower, 59, explained yester- day why he is quitting New Zealand's Stratford County Council after 12 years.

He said in a statement to voters: "When I works, I works hard. When I sits, I sits loose. When I thinks, I falls asleep."

"As a councillor, one must both sit and think, so I consider my useful- ness in this capacity has passed."

BITTER PILL FOR THE CHEMIST

MR. HARRY WILLIAMS, who has five shops in the North East, has just had to fork out £2,000 — for keeping his prices down.

He charged 41p for a packet of eight Beechams Powders, on which, he tells me, he made a healthy 20 per cent profit.

But Beechams took him to the High Court and made him promise not to charge less than 71p. Mr. Williams had to pay Beechams costs of £1,300, and his own of nearly £700.

The right of com- panies to fix the prices of their goods in the shops was abolished in 1964. But the chemists have managed to per-

Daily Mail,

College bargain sale is slammed

A GOVERNMENT depart- ment was criticised yester- day for selling a college at a giveaway price.

It went for only £680,000 although experts believed it could have fetched up to ten times that amount.

The sale of Hamilton College of Education, Lanark- shire in 1982 was described by the all-party Public Accounts Committee as a scandalous waste of public money.

The committee's report strongly criticised the Scot- tish Education Department for its casual approach to the deal, for failing to take advice and failing to ensure that the college was properly marketed.

Value

Its price, says the com- mittee, was a fraction of its original cost and a very small fraction of its replacement value of £20 million.

After the report was released the Labour MP for Hamilton, Mr George Robertson, called for the resignation of Mr Alec Fletcher, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office at the time.

The sale was defended by Mr Charles Oxley who bought the college teaching buildings and now runs a fee paying school with almost 300 pupils.

"I put in a bid which was accepted. That bid repre- sented the value of the property to me and as far as I am concerned, it was a lot of money."



HARRY WILLIAMS

over-the-counter medicines, he says, are "ridiculously high"—and the people who suffer most are the old, the disabled and nursing mothers.

mum in court

TINY Margaret Schofield broke down in tears yesterday as a court heard how it was phys- ically impossible for her to make her strapping six feet two inches tall son go to school.

"You might as well ask your learned clerk to go 10 rounds with Muham- mad Ali," defending solicitor Trevor Cox told magistrates at York.

"She can't cope with this huge young man who has decided that he doesn't like going to school."

Admitted

Five foot two inch tall Mrs. Schofield, of Crom- bie Avenue, York, who has three other children, admitted failing to en- sure her son attended school regularly and was fined £70.

Mrs. Schofield, a single parent, was having diffi- culty paying off four pre- vious fines for the same offence, the court heard. During the hearing, Mark, 16, who weighs 12½ stone, was at home in bed.

Charge Anti-Porn Group Using 'Intimidation'

By DAVID SHELLEY
Staff Writer

Supporters of an anti-obscenity ordi- nance up for adoption in the city Monday have used "intimidation, thinly veiled threats and bribery" in their campaign, Citizens Against Censorship charged.

In its opposition to the ordinance, Citizens Against Pornography has re- sorted to intimidating merchants, CAC co-founder Kathi O'Brien alleged. The measure, which won preliminary approv- al Aug. 6, is scheduled for third reading Monday before City Council.

"We believe the tactics used by CAP are at best somewhat dishonest," CAC charged in a prepared statement. "These tactics are ones of thinly veiled threats and recruitment of supporters by the use of bribery."

In objecting to products sold by a Magnolia Mall store, the CAC alleged, the CAP members mailed the merchant a letter containing "a definite threat that if CAP does not get their desired action, they will engage in a campaign of harassment and coercion."

The letter "respectfully requested" Spencer's Gifts to discontinue sale of "off-color material," saying it would not be picketed — as other outlets have been — because of its location inside a shopping center.

A convenience store, the opponents charged, had been offered the patronage of church members if it would discontinue sale of adult materials.

The CAC also presented a letter from a Florence resident who alleged that he was offered a grade of 100 percent on a history test three years ago at Florence Christian Schools — which is part of Florence Baptist Temple — in exchange for picketing a male exotic dance show held downtown.

"In addition to myself, approximately 40 other students participated in the picket line in exchange for grades," he said.

"The statement from the picketer implies that present leaders of CAP were willing to compromise their educational standards for the illusion of the support of a large number of people," the opponents allege.

It was a show from the same Peter Adonis dance group that prompted the formation this spring of CAP.

"CAP's position reeks of censorship," CAC charged, responding to claims by a CAC leader that its stand is not pro-censorship. "Their attempts to im- pose their morality on the community and to restrict any material they consider immoral is plainly and simply censorship."

"The ordinance is very dangerous to the rights of the citizens of Florence," it continued. "CAP has stated that they intend to be active in the enforcement of this ordinance."

"The attitude of the city thus far seems to be to turn over the reins of the legislative processes of the city to CAP. We see no reason to suspect the enforcement will not take a similar course."

The ordinance opponents objected to CAP statements that sexually explicit materials should be banned because minors could be exposed to them.

Future of Freedom Conference will be Oct. 25-27 at Griswold's Hotel, Fullerton, CA. Box 26044, Sanat Ana, CA 92799 for details.

Censorship of Religious Activities

If any of the opponents of pornography have not heard any opposition to the censorship of religious activities, it is solely because they have not been listening.

I can't say if it is because they are so much in favor of censorship that they were unwilling to listen; I don't know.

But last year Steve Davis, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, was traveling the state with a movie showing the padlocking (violently) of a Baptist church in Nebraska for the "crime" of operating an independent school, with visiting clergy literally being dragged out by deputies from a prayer meeting. It was one of the most moving

films I have ever seen. Furthermore, Steve Davis featured a clip from this in one of his TV ads that ran on a local station, as well as many others in the state.

We offered the film, with or without a speaker, to every church in the area that was big enough to be listed in the phone book. In Florence, we got exactly one response, from one of the old-line Protestant churches. All the rest did not reply.

I know they were offered the film, because I personally stuck the letters in the mail. This is just one example.

John T. Harlee, Florence

Crackpot Awards!

THE SOUTHERN LIBERTARIAN MESSENGER'S RANDY VAN SETTER MEMORIAL AWARDS!

The awards were presented at the SCLP Tenth Anniversary, Sept. 21, 1985.

The Franklin J. Moses Jr. "Good Government Award: Gov. Richard Riley "for hav- ing had more public officials convicted, many of them his appointees, than in any previous administration, and for having promoted more bad legislation, such as the compulsory babysitting bill, than any governor in S. C. history." Moses, 1872-74 was known as "The Robber Governor".

The John Rutledge Hardening of the Arteries Award: Sen. Strom Thurmond "for irrational and erratic acts, including announcing his candidacy for reelection in 1990 to try to break the federal longevity records held by Justice Oliver W. Holmes and Sen. Theodore Green (RI), and for sponsoring S.775, the weirdest bill introduced by a South Carolinian in 315 years, which would punish the taxpayers for crimes committed by federal agenst and employees..." Rutledge was denied promotion to Chief Justice in 1794 for Alzheimer's syndrome.

The Theodosia Burr Alston Disappearing Award: ex-Congressman John Jenrette, for "finally going to jail for accepting bribes and plotting a political come- back from there." The daughter of Aaron Burr, Theodosia was lost at sea. Honorable mention went to ex-police chief Arthur Hess of Columbia "wherever he may be", and to Chris Pratt IV, "only the 2nd legislator since colonial times to be convicted of smuggling."

The J. Gordon Coogler Creative Writing Award: Citizens Against Pornography for an anti-obscenity ordinance that is too obscene to quote. Coogler is one of the worst poets in the English language.

The Rita Jenrette Full Disclosure Award: Clemson University Athletic Dept. for embarrassing revelations concerning recruiting violations, doping of athletes, financial irregularities, etc. Rita Jenrette appeared in "Playboy" and wrote of her experiences in Washington. Honorable mention went to the Richland Dist. 1 School District for their computer purchasing program.

Banning materials just because they may come into the possession of minors is illogical, the group charged, and "to carry this philosophy to its logical conclusion would outlaw guns, automobiles, prescription drugs, cleaning materials."

"While we do not wish to state that religion is in any way responsible for (sex) crimes," CAC said, some fun- damentalist sects have "caused some very real guilt reactions in their follow- ers. The feeling of guilt is prevalent in sex offenders."

"The available data does not support the position that pornography in any way is directly related to the incidence of sexually related crimes."

The Col. William Travis Death Before Dishonor Award: Aiken County Planning Commission, which in December, 1984, said the county would be zoned over their dead bodies, and has since begun zoning. Col. Travis was the cammandant at the Alamo.

The Charles Dukes-Ronald McNair Outer Space Award: Rep. David Beasley of Darlington for his bill to ban the sale of satellite dishes by electric coops, and for aranging use of state planes by beauty con- testants. Dukes & McNair were astronauts. Honorable mention went to Sen. John Lindsay for taking a state plane ride to the Superbowl.

The Christopher Gadsden Rattlesnake Award: S.C. Tax Commission for its amnesty plan for taxpayers who have not filed returns, and who will then be turned over to the I R S. Col Gadsden designed the revolutionary rattlesnake flag with the slogan, "Do... Tread on Me."

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WHY I AM RESISTING DRAFT REGISTRATION

By Paul Jacob

Selective Service television commercials tell the American people that draft registration is "no big deal." But on December 6, 1984, three FBI agents entered my home uninvited, arrested me and took me away in handcuffs.

My "crime" — if one calls it a crime — is refusing to sign my name on a draft registration form. Unlike Selective Service, the FBI seemed to think registration was a very big deal. I agree. Draft registration is a big deal and a bad deal for young men and for America.

The draft has no place in America's tradition of individual freedom. As the great statesman Daniel Webster said, "The question is nothing less than whether the most essential rights of personal liberty shall be surrendered and despotism embraced in its worst form." Webster saw the draft as involuntary servitude, later made unconstitutional by the Thirteenth Amendment.

In a 1980 letter to Senator Mark Hatfield, Ronald Reagan said, "The draft or draft registration destroys the very values our society is committed to defending." These "values" have since been abandoned by Mr. Reagan, but not by the thousands who continue to resist.

Not only is the draft repugnant to the very freedom for which thousands have flocked to this country, but registration is an insult to young people. The draft implies that we are too cowardly or too unpatriotic to defend our homes unless threatened with prison sentences. When have the young ever failed to defend this country? Young men in the past volunteered to sacrifice life and limb in World I, World War II, Korea, and even Vietnam.

The draft, on the other hand, is a way to drag young men to foreign military interventions that they may have no stake in, nor any cause to fight. In my lifetime, thousands were forced from homes and families and sent to kill or be killed on the other side of the world. The freedom of choice to say no to unjust wars is an important check on the politicians' ability to involve us in such conflicts and in fact is . . . what makes a mere stretch of dirt precious and therefore worth defending.

I cannot in good conscience register with such an unjust, un-American, unnecessary and extremely dangerous institution as the draft. My signature on a draft form would be a sign of approval and I do not approve. By resisting this law I am, in my sincere belief, defending my country.

Like a million others, I refused to comply with draft registration. Only 17 men have been prosecuted for draft resistance; all spoke out publicly against the draft. It is indicative of the injustice of forced military service that for such a program to succeed the government feels it necessary to trample on free speech. Unable to enforce compliance, the government is trying to enforce silence. [The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, March 19, that the prosecution of only 17 was not unconstitutional nor did it violate their right of free speech.]

In 1981, when threatened with prosecution, I left Arkansas and went "underground." I did not want to be imprisoned or to be a martyr.

For two years I lived as a fugitive. But I came home. Every human being has the freedom, by right, to be with loved ones. I could no longer do without this freedom, even if it caused me to risk arrest. It might have been legally easier for me if I had turned myself in, but the day never came that would have been better spent in government halls with federal agents than at home with my wife and our infant daughter. I simply wanted to live as a "totally" free man, at least until the time that freedom was forcibly taken from me. On December 6, 1984, that day unfortunately came.

Why would I risk five years in prison to fight against what the Selective Service would have us believe is "just registration?" Simply put, it isn't just registration, it's registration for the draft. Registration is the essential first step toward sending draft notices. Moreover, it is an important political test to determine if the public will stand for a draft.

I see no reason to wait for Selective Service to begin forcing young men into the Army before taking action — that is the agency's only purpose. All of us have a duty to stand up for what we believe is right and against what is wrong. The draft is wrong, and I will not be any part of it.

The Soviet Union has a military draft. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Libya do. Chile is drafting both men and women. South Africa has a draft, as do Nicaragua and the Philippines. Iran makes use of the draft.

These are the kinds of governments that draft their citizens. I want America to be different.

AWARDS, continued

The Octavus Cohen Sr. Satire Award: Rep. Mulloy McEachin for his efforts to have the polecat named the state cat. Honorable mention went to Rep. Jarvis Klapman for his proposal to require a 4 day waiting period to buy liquor. Cohen, a non-serious candidate for Lt. Gov. in 1920 was known for funny stories.

The Coleman L. Blease Sore Loser Award: ex-Sen. Norma Russell for "unwillingness to accept defeat, gracefully or otherwise". Losing in the primary, she ran as a write-in in the general election. Honorable mention went to Mary Miles, who did the same, Frank Gilbert who is still protesting his primary loss, and Cecil Williams who went through 3 recounts & protests for U S Senate. Blease, having bet \$1000 that Lt. Gov. Charles Smith would be the next governor, resigned 5 days before the end of his term to win the bet.

The Robert Y. Hayne Eloquence Award: Sen. Ryan Shealy who answered an appeal for the Senate to stop looking like jackasses, "It's too late." Honorable mention went to Woody Brooks who described the legislators as "Idiots!" Hayne was a noted 19th century orator.

The James Glen Half-Cracked Award: Rep. Tim Rogers for promoting "state-run primaries for political parties which admit that they are too incompetent to run their own organizations." Honorable mention went to Rep. Robert Sheheen for the bill to name the Boykin spaniel the state dog, to Frank Gilbert his bill to harass small business by requiring payroll records on casual labor, and to Rep. James Lockemy for the appropriation of \$5000 to build a memorial with tax money to the 6 South Carolinians who died at the Alamo fighting oppressive taxes. Glen was a colonial governor of S. C. noted for his eccentricity.

The awards, which will be made annually, recognize those who have advanced the cause of Liberty by bringing government into disrepute, often at considerable trouble to themselves.

National Conference of State Legislatures has called for, unanimously, an audit of the Federal Reserve. (Honest Money, 1023 S Adams #161, Olympia, WA)

Sex Not Only Moral Issue

It's a tragic indictment of our society when self-professed "moral leaders" of our community join in such an enthusiastic manner to try to bestow through legislation their puritanical brand of morality on the good citizens of Florence while the real moral issues go unmentioned.

If Citizens Against Pornography are so strongly convinced that adults viewing adult magazines or videos in the privacy of their homes and adults watching adults

perform a risqué dance at a night club poses the most menacing threat to the American way of life, maybe I should be relieved that hunger, poverty, the nuclear arms race, street crime, violence on the silver screen, economic and social injustice, human suffering, racial discrimination, and the self-defeating foreign policy of our government are absolutely no threat to our well being. I'm not that gullible.

If the human body is so obscene—as these folks maintain—and since man was created in God's image, does this mean that the deity we worship possesses an indecent or repulsive body? How can this be?

If sex on the screen, tube, or in clubs is warping the minds of people that watch, then is the rampant depiction of the torture, maiming, mutilation, murder, and killing of people in movies like "Friday the 13th," "Halloween," "Rambo," "Road Warrior" (to name a few) to be considered harmless, good, clean, wholesome, righteous, all-American family entertainment?

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder then one might surmise that obscenity is also. I suggest that if one really wants to clean up the community he begin by cleaning up his own attitudes.

I believe the good people of Florence are intelligent enough to determine for themselves what is obscene and they do not need any laws or groups of concerned citizens to make up their minds for them.

While I do not wish to imply that the motives of those involved in Citizens Against Pornography are anything other than well meaning—intended to make Florence a better place in which to live—the good citizens of Florence must beware of their efforts. One needs only to watch the news reports from Lebanon and Iran on the 6 o'clock news to realize the potential for making a mess of things when well-meaning individuals start mixing politics and religion.



Deregulation would improve mail service

I commend you for publishing James J. Kilpatrick's column calling for an end to the postal monopoly. Libertarians have advocated this for years, and it seems that others are finally coming around.

When airline and trucking deregulation took effect (Libertarians advocated this, too), some persons feared that rural areas would suffer, but service has actually improved in these rural areas. The same thing will happen if first class mail is deregulated.

Once again, an idea first proposed by Libertarians has finally become accepted by other reasonable individuals.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN

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