

South takes revenge: the Southern Libertarian Kudzu invades North

Kudzu is one of the many plant species that will enjoy the warmer weather and the carbon dioxide-laden air of the next century, explained Boyd R. Strain, a botany professor at Duke who has studied the plant changes triggered by global warming.



Walter Williams

Messenger

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wimp's policy for Read Bush's lips

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Speaking of reading lips, The Evening Sun in Baltimore observed this week that President Bush's promise of "no new taxes" became a cruel joke for 50 million-plus American workers whose payroll tax for Social Security went up significantly on the first work-day of the year.

The base salary on which the so-called FICA tax is levied went from \$48,000 to \$51,300, and the rate itself went from 7.51 percent to 7.65 percent. The employer's share also rose commensurately, which means that money that might have been used for higher pay must go to pay Social Security taxes.

This would be Your last Issue of:
UNLESS YOU RENEW

War and other hostilities require heart-rending, tough decisions the average person wouldn't want to make. But the fact of business is: Hard decisions must be made, and we hope the people in charge have the guts to make them.

A considerable part of the current hostage debate is over what we can do to save the hostages. I sympathize with that sentiment and my heart goes out to the hostages and their families. But I ask: How much of our response should be dictated by concern for the safety of the hostages?

Before coming to grips with that question, let's look at other situations involving lives. Suppose a submarine commander were steaming to rescue some downed airmen, and his radarman informed him of a squadron of incoming enemy aircraft, would we expect him to abandon the airmen in order to protect his ship and his men? Or would we expect him to risk all in an effort to save American lives?

During World War II, when the Allied Command ordered saturation bombing of Frankfurt, Berlin, and Munich, would you have scrubbed the mission upon receiving intelligence that Allied prisoners of war were being held in those cities? Hitler would have loved to have had a U.S. president around at that time who considered those lives overly precious and called off the bombing.

Middle East disputes, Israel's role in them, and our own bungling foreign policy are not the main issues in the current crisis. What is at issue are the basic principles of international conduct governing the ways that nations negotiate and settle their differences.

The focal point of any discussion of our response should be: What are the best steps to take to reduce the chances of future terrorism? The Bush administration should make it plain that taking hostages, blowing up civilian airliners, and committing other acts of international terrorism are not profitable.

You don't convince terrorists of this by congressional resolution condemning terrorism. Nor do you convince them by being willing, as George Bush has indicated, to consider negotiating with Iran (through a third party) over its frozen assets. This merely proves to terrorists, and the nations that back their activities, that terrorism is profitable and the United States is a wimp nation. At best "success-

Teachers' curriculum needs updating

ful" negotiations take care of the immediate problem, such as the release of hostages, but they lay the groundwork for the next airliner bombing and the next hostage taking.

Americans must have the will and resolve to exact a high cost from terrorists and the nations who back them. But what do we hear from Washington? Politicians and military "experts" whine, "We don't know who the terrorists are, or where they are keeping out people." Such experts ought to be canned. If the tiny nation of Israel can find and arrest Sheik Obeid, and be in and out in an hour, why can't we develop similar intelligence and adeptness?

Instead of all the whining and wringing, we need to use our carrier-based Mediterranean and Indian Ocean naval fleets to send an unambiguous message to both the terrorists, and the nations who back and harbor them, that the principles of international conduct do not include terroristic acts, and heavy military sanctions will be imposed on nations who support terrorists.

President Bush needs to look at President James Madison's foreign policy. Barbary Coast pirates were preying on U.S. and European shipping. The United States and Europe dealt with the pirates by paying tribute and ransom resulting in higher demands. Finally, Madison sent in a naval force headed by Admiral Stephen Decatur. The pirating stopped.

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WE SHALL GATHER AT THE VODKA !!!
Letters to the editor

In all the discussion of education problems in the past few years, is it possible we have failed to address one of the essential problems? For example, a retired school principal recently suggested to a friend and me that we return to teaching.

My friend stated she was unwilling to put herself through the torture of the dull education courses required to renew her certificate or obtain a master's degree in education. Since my degree was several years older than hers and I had

not kept up with requirements for teaching, I expressed amazement about such an archaic curriculum not being updated by our modern educational experts.

It seems that the same education courses which are of little or no value to a teacher are still required, as they were 40 years ago. I wonder if it is because tenured teachers teach these courses, and the administration does not know what to do with them if they do away with the required curriculum. If this is the problem, I sug-

gest they require tenured teachers to do what buggy makers did in the last century — either update their product or go broke.

While Dr. Jim Holderman puts the whipped-cream topping on the University of South Carolina, it appears there may be some mold at the bottom of his dessert. If my information is wrong or incomplete, I feel sure there are plenty of educators ready to correct me, and I'll be grateful if they will.

JOYCE B. McCOMB



"AND THEY SAID WE COULDN'T WIN THE WAR ON DRUGS!"

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Geb Sommer, who was the Libertarian candidate for Congress in the S.C. 2nd District, was at SCLP exec meeting on Feb. 25 when the body of his son, on Lake Murray, washed ashore. Mark was found Monday, with the 3rd, a friend, still missing. This only I will say: Geb once remarked that he had 2 sons, 1 athletic, 1 academic, and 2 of the best kids he'd seen. They were.

They went on a weekend camping trip with came & gear. How innocent!

\$\$\$IRS loses,

Ignorance as a defense.

Jackson Buster Wells was convicted of criminal tax evasion after not filing tax returns four years in a row. But he argued that as he understood the law he wasn't required to file a return. Court of Appeals: Verdict set aside. A person *can't* be convicted of criminal tax evasion unless he knowingly violates the law. A sincere belief that he didn't have to file was a valid defense even if the belief was wrong. Jackson Buster Wells, 790 F2d 73.

CBA BULLETIN

\$\$\$IRS loses again.

This time Lawyer fees.

The IRS assessed back taxes against Evelyn Stein after failing to note that she had filed proper tax returns under her married name instead of her maiden name. Evelyn had to file a case in Tax Court to straighten things out. There, IRS lawyers quickly admitted mistake. Evelyn then sued to have the IRS pay her lawyer bills. The Tax Court said no because the IRS hadn't taken an unreasonable position in court. Evelyn appealed. Court of Appeals: The IRS had been unreasonable before the case had gone to court, and this is what had forced her to incur her legal bills. She *could* collect. Evelyn Stein, CA-9, No. 87-707.

Notes from LICIT AND ILLICIT DRUGS, a Consumer Union report.

Chapter 30. The first major campaign against nonmedical barbiturate use was launched in 1942 in HYGEIA magazine, published by the AMA. The message in this and many later articles was to warn people away from barbiturates unless they were secured on prescription from a personal physician. As a result, many regarded them as "thrill pills." People who never would have taken a sedative or a sleeping pill now began getting drunk on them.

Chapter 44 is titled "How to launch a nationwide drug menace." The Denver Post in August 1959 told how some kids were getting a quick bang by spreading glue on their hands, cupping their hands over their mouth, and inhaling deeply. Naturally, kids all over the country had to try it, and laws were passed to require glue makers to change their formulas. Do warnings prevent kids from trying these things? Just the opposite. Warnings act as instructions to try things.

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Being No. 1

Associated Press

RAPID CITY, S.D.

Gov. George Mickelson had his ego bruised when he stopped recently to get gas for his official car.

He was surprised when he handed the cashier his credit card and she asked for his telephone number.

Then she wanted to know his license plate number, which is 1.

"One what?" the cashier asked.

"Just one," the governor replied.

The cashier then asked Mickelson, "Well, how did you get that?"

"Just lucky, I guess," he said.



We had a big loss from Hurricane Hugo, so we have to go out & steal more to waste.

We get interesting letters.

Some we can reprint, & some are hand-writ. Some are from libertines (not Libertarians, yet) & librarians & whatever; some from advocates of freedom, & some from opponents.

Let us take the case of Mark Curtis, that we have not given an opinion on, for lack of evidence. The Social Workers Party says he was framed. The jury said he had raped a 15-yr-old, & gave him 25 years (out in 8½). The interesting thing is that the SWP did not tell how he was framed, a very interesting aspect, to raise funds for his appeals.

Rape is an easy crime to use to frame some one; in murder the victim cannot be used as a witness in court. In armed robbery, the victim usually remembers only the huge gun.

But reporting the conviction is not attacking him.

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POLICE, GUNS AND TRUTH.

Rank-and-file policemen generally oppose the anti-gun lobby and support your Second Amendment rights, says Harry D. Thomas, a lieutenant with the Cincinnati Police Department. "You [are] told you should support such [anti-gun] legislation because it will aid law enforcement," says L. Thomas. "Don't you believe it. Police officers don't want to put gun owners in jail; we want to put criminals in jail. We know the difference," he says, "despite what is said by some police executives."

—The Spotlight

coin of the realm

OLYMPIA (AP) — Sen. Jack Metcalf demanded and received Friday 383 Susan B. Anthony dollars when he presented his expense check for casting at the state treasurer's office.

The Langley Republican endorsed the check and added a statement that read "It is hereby officially noted that in cashing this check I will accept only constitutional, lawful money."

Treasurer Robert O'Brien had advance notice of Metcalf's plan so had the Susan B. Anthony dollars available.

Metcalf said he wouldn't accept federal reserve notes because they are unconstitutional.

"Susan B. Anthony dollars are clearly constitutional and federal notes are clearly unconstitutional," he said.

Metcalf pointed to a section of the U.S. Constitution that states that Congress shall have the power "to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin and to fix the standards of weights and measures."

It's not the verb "coin" that bothers Metcalf. He said that also means print money.

However, he said the Federal Reserve System prints money without the authority of Congress.

He said the Federal Reserve System, while chartered by Congress, is independent and is supported not by Congress but by member banks.

On the other hand, he said, the Susan B. Anthony dollars were issued by the Treasury Department with the blessings of Congress and so are constitutional.

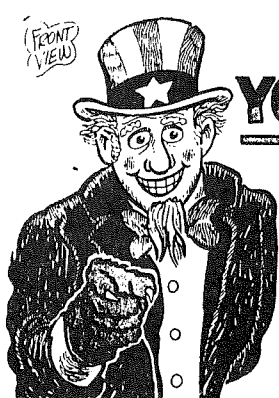
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BUT INWARDLY ARE
RAVENOUS WOLVES."



I WANT YOUR GUN

FOR YOUR OWN
GOOD & WELFARE,
MY CHILD. GIVE IT
TO UNCLE AND I'LL
GIVE YOU SOMETHING
IN EXCHANGE.



Libertarians discuss pros of drug re-legalization

THE STUDENT

by Sonja Barisic
staff writer

The war on drugs is a war on choice, the Miami University libertarians told about 60 people gathered Thursday at the Armillary in Dial in Central Quad.

When government tries to legislate morality, the issue is no longer about drugs but about personal choice, said Jim Fuller, vice president of the Libertarians.

Libertarians want to re-legalize drugs to get them out of the hands of the violent drug cartels, Fuller said.

"What this drug war boils down to is rape of our constitutional freedoms in the United States," said Cliff Barrows of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

"It is pretty ironic that Mr. Bush talking about lifting up the Iron curtain ... when we're talking about sealing up our borders to stop the drugs from getting in," Barrows said.

Search-and-seizure laws have changed so that a person who merely "fits the profile" of a drug user can be stopped by police, Barrows said.

Property seizure laws also have been altered, Barrows said, so **Bush veto overlooks killing of thousands**

I deplore President Bush's veto of a bill that would allow Chinese students to stay in the United States. Along with recent Administration overtures to Chinese government officials, this action makes it seem that Bush is bending over backwards to be friendly with thugs and murderers. Has he forgotten that these same officials massacred thousands of young Chinese freedom fighters? This repression continues today.

Members of the Libertarian Party urged Congress to pass the above-mentioned bill. Fortunately, Bush has ordered the attorney general to grant administrative relief, but we need to send a much stronger message to Beijing. Governments as brutal and repressive as Red China should be shunned by the rest of the world.

DAVID MORRIS

JIM HICKMAN, Granville, made the WALL STREET JOURNAL Aug 31. Somebody had called the Libertarian Party "anti-government." Jim quoted the IRS description (which is quite accurate) and said, "If Libertarians can be deemed anti-government, then surely, Republicans and Democrats can be considered anti-liberty."

people arrested for possession will not be able to afford lawyers and must rely on public defenders, who are backlogged with cases.

Barrows said 67 percent of the drug arrests that have been made over the last 10 years have been marijuana busts.

"The first two drafts of the Constitution were written on hemp paper. Now they won't let you burn it," he said.

James Parker of the Ohio Libertarian Party said some public service messages say, "You have the choice to say no to drugs."

"Choice means that you should also have the choice to say yes," Parker said.

"It's your body, your life, your decision ... Why should you allow someone to tell you that you can't take drugs?" he said.

"If both parties are happy, then there's nothing inherently immoral about drug dealing," he said. "The real immorality (comes from) the drug laws and the professional politicians who establish those laws and try to take our freedoms away."

Matt Gaylor of the Ohio Libertarian Party said 2,800 people died from drug overdoses or by taking tainted drugs in 1987, while 150,000 died from alcohol-related illnesses.

"It is not true that life is one damn thing after another—it is one damn thing over and over."

— Edna St. Vincent Millay

Moon Followers Enter Politics. In 1988, about 150 members of Rev. Sun Nyung Moon's Unification Church were planning to seek elective office at the state level. At the last minute the election effort was aborted but not forgotten.

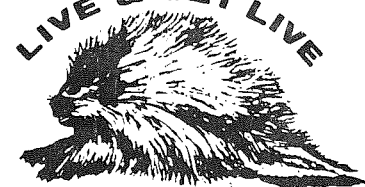
According to *The Economist* magazine, the average maturity of United States government debt is only 4.5 years. In the early 30s, it was 50 years. As recently as 1947, the average was 20 years. The Treasury has to refinance its entire debt within a very short period of time — 90 percent of it during President Bush's first term in office. In the 1990 fiscal year beginning October 1, 1989 — \$675 billion in Treasury debt will have to be refinanced on top of any new borrowing.

— Monthly Lesson In Criminal Politics

LIBERTY



LIVE & LET LIVE



**Speed
spotter
Julie
on spot**

RADIO "flying eye" reporter Julie Maddocks tipped off thousands of motorists that police had set up speed traps.

And yesterday she got a ticking-off for obstructing the course of justice.

Policeman's daughter Julie, who gives traffic reports from a spotter plane for Kent's Invicta Radio, told rush-hour drivers:

"There are speed traps along the A2 near Canterbury—I didn't tell you, but watch out."

Laugh

Then Julie, 25, burst out laughing.

Kent's Assistant Chief Constable gave her a talking-to, but told her she was not to be prosecuted.

Julie said: "I knew I had done something wrong, but I didn't think it was a criminal offence."

THE PROGRESSIVE REVIEW

Back in 1937, Thurman Arnold in his class *Folklore of Capitalism* imagined how the attempted rescue of Amelia Earhart would have gone had it been done in the manner of a public housing project:

First, plans would have been made for the use of the best planes to search the ocean. Then, when this extravagance was attacked publicly, cheaper planes would have been used. By the time that this device had received condemnation for inefficiency, the rescue would have been changed from a practical, efficient endeavor to a public debate about general principles. Everyone would have agreed that people in distress must be rescued. They would have insisted, however, that the problem was intimately tied up with balancing the national budget, improving the character of people lost at sea, stopping the foolhardy from adventuring and at the same time encouraging the great spirit of adventure and initiative and so on ad infinitum. They would have ended perhaps by creating a commission to study the matter statistically, take a census of those lost at sea, examine the practices in other countries. What was saved in airplane fuel would be spent on research so that the problem could be permanently solved.

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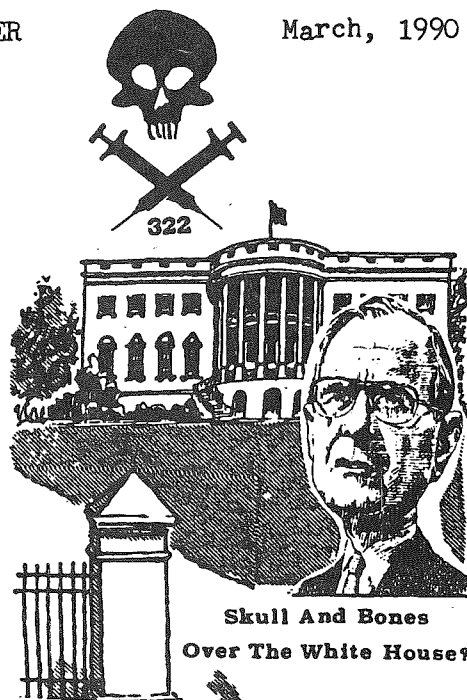
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On TV station WBTW, a Pee Dee tobacco farmer recently made an observation that should be televised nationally. He said, concerning Sen. Edward Kennedy's efforts to limit the culture of tobacco, "If Kennedy had been smokin' instead of drinkin', he might have gotten that lady across the bridge!"



Skull And Bones

Over The White House?

Declaration of Chinese Patriots

As the world watches, we, the Chinese people, are today engaged in an epic struggle to cast off the chains that have bound us for two generations. The present system has been tried in China and has failed. It has produced hunger where there should be plenty, corruption where there should be integrity, servitude where there should be freedom. The Chinese Communist Party and the government it created are today under siege because they have failed to understand that the Chinese people will no longer tolerate these conditions. The Chinese people yearn to be free. We yearn to join the community of free peoples. We will not rest until we do.

Therefore, we, Chinese patriots, declare to the world the principles that guide our struggle for freedom.

1. Every individual is born with equal and inalienable human rights.
2. The basic right of every individual is the right to be free, the right to plan and live his or her own life. This right entails all other rights, including the rights of speech, press, assembly, association, religion, property, and privacy.
3. To secure these rights, individuals create government, to which they give only as much power as necessary to secure their rights.
4. A government is legitimate only if it rests on the consent of the governed.
5. The people retain the right to deny legitimacy to their government by withdrawing their consent.

To secure these principles through law and legal institutions, we call for a constitutional convention where the people's representatives, selected in free and open elections will write a constitution for a free China.

Drafted June 7, 1989

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PETITION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN CHINA

We, the undersigned, deplore the violent treatment of Chinese student protesters by government forces in the Tiananmen Square massacre. We consequently urge the government of China to cease its current repression of student leaders and to instead continue on with ever more liberalization and democratic reforms. These alone will bring prosperity and civil tranquility to China.

We heartily endorse the **Declaration of Chinese Patriots** drafted by the "Alliance of Chinese Patriots". It is an excellent document and a good focal point for a Constitutional Convention.

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ARYAN RACIAL LOYALIST PARTY

For a White Jew Free America



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Jack Grimes
Party Dictator

In case you didn't know the ARLP (try pronouncing it) exist, see the symbolism above. Despite their way of trying to say things, they aren't in favor of White Jews or of a Free America. But the reason I show you their card is the symbol, is how many times I have seen it in the history of Satanism, a religion that Hitler was attracted to. The Templars also were accused of this symbolism.

Draw your own conclusions.

The Sounds of Reading

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STOP Fascist Totalitarian Moral Absolutists & Conservative Right Wing Political Nazis! practice new racism

According to Newsweek (Sept. 25, 1989), there have been racial incidents at 250 of the nation's colleges since 1986. These ranged from graffiti and jokes to destruction of anti-apartheid shanties and assaults.

Civil rights "experts" blame the recent increase in racial incidents on "the atmosphere of racial intolerance created by the Reagan administration." This reasoning is absurd, particularly when we consider there have been more racial incidents on campuses in Massachusetts, not exactly known as Reagan country, than in the entire South. Moreover, racial incidents have been cropping up at colleges like Oberlin, Columbia, and the University of Pennsylvania, places with long histories of racial tolerance.

Part of the problem results from racial dishonesty of the kind represented in the Newsweek report, wherein the writers failed to report black racism. At one college, a black professor frequently uses "honky" in his classroom when referring to whites. At another, a black professor lectures on the genetic inferiority of whites. Then there was the case of a black student who made virulent anti-Semitic remarks to a Jewish student. No sanctions were taken against the student, but the conservative student newspaper which reported the incident was thrown off campus. Administrators yield to black student demands for segregated housing at some colleges, but would

probably expel white students for making similar demands. At a Midwestern college, its engineering school automatically adds 0.5 to the grade point average of all minority students.

Then there are race-based admittance policies. Black students score well below the national norm on scholastic achievement tests (SAT). This means in order to achieve what administrators call "cultural diversity" two academic standards



Walter Williams

for admittance must be set up—one for whites and a lower one for blacks. The tragic result, for many black students, are academic warnings, academic probation, and ultimately dropout or suspension. Worse than this, many black students see themselves as out of place; they're often treated with condescension, and white students who hold stereotypes of black mental incompetence perceive their stereotypes as confirmed.

It does not take much intelligence to see how these and other uneven-handed policies can lead to racial resentment and incidents. But what do college administrators do in the face of racial incidents? You've got it. They prescribe more of (what I consider) the racially insulting

practices that sparked the racial resentment in the first place.

They call for more race-based admittance and faculty hiring policy, anti-racial harassment codes that will no doubt be unevenly and arbitrarily applied, and graduation requirements mandating classes on race, which will be nothing more than forums for moral exhibitionism and demagoguery. The result of all this is years from now, we will be wondering how the children of white and black parents, who stood side by side in the civil rights struggle of the '60s, became racists.

Part of the solution to campus racial problems requires an end to the wholesale destruction of black youngsters by government schools. The doors to college, for far too many blacks, are closed before they reach the sixth grade. Improving education at the primary and secondary levels will do far more to ensure higher education opportunities than will racial quotas.

Another part of the solution is to press for principled administrators. College administrators may not appreciate principles of fair play, but they do care about falling enrollments and contributions from alumni and foundations. We should withdraw our children and withhold our money from colleges practicing the new racism.

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A Rum Experience

Before the advent of the steel shipping container, the Port of Montreal was one of the worst for pilferage. In one case barrels of rum were being off-loaded from a freighter. A checker used one of the barrels as a desk. Unknown to him, somebody crawled under the dock, drilled a hole up through the bottom of his "desk" and drained it into containers. **Speak Up**

Letters to the editor

Los Angeles Herald Examiner:

"In China, the sacred principle not to use the military against the citizenry has been breached horrifyingly. The Goddess of Democracy was raped by the Chinese government.

"In the United States, drug czar William Bennett and the other hard-liners who seem to dominate our government similarly advocate the use of the military against our own people.

"Tens of millions of peaceful Americans face pre-trial confiscation of assets, career destruction and incarceration simply because their private drug of choice—marijuana—happens to be different from what the majority prefers.

"Drug use is essentially a health issue that should be addressed by education and persuasion—as for nicotine and cholesterol. To initiate force to solve the social problems is not only immoral, but is impractical because it generates a violent response.

"Lady Liberty is in danger of being raped here, too. Or rather, she is already in the process of being raped.

"To their eternal shame, neither major political party dares to stand against the madness. But Lady Liberty is our logo, and we, the leaders and supporters of the Libertarian Party of California, do not consent to her rape.

"Bennett will have to roll over us with tanks to stop us from protesting. As our own American patriots cried two centuries ago, 'Live free or die.'"

John Vernon, Chair
Neal Donner, Vice-chair
Libertarian Party of California

Free market: no respect for race

F.W. de Klerk has replaced P.W. Botha as chief executive of South Africa. Political pundits aren't sure what to predict, but if South Africa progresses as much under de Klerk's leadership as under that of his predecessor, apartheid should be gone by the turn of the century.

Most people think the battle against apartheid is waged on moral grounds where the stakes are the triumph of good or evil. But, as I found in researching my new book, "South Africa's War Against Capitalism" (Praeger, 1989), the major struggle against apartheid has been waged on economic grounds where the stakes are profits and losses.

What impresses me most about South Africa's history is the thoroughness of its laws codifying race, particularly those in the labor market. The Mines & Works Act of 1911, as amended in 1926, introduced regulations prohibiting employment of nonwhites in various trades — skilled and unskilled. And the Industrial Conciliation Act of 1956 gave the labor minister the power to reserve certain jobs in the clothing, construction, transportation, and other industries for whites only.

South Africa's captains of industry, though white supremacists themselves, fought these laws by: seeking special exemptions to hire nonwhites, outright violation, and underhanded contravention. Sometimes they even employed blacks at night to do "white" work. In 1922, violations of racial quotas led to South Africa's most violent labor unrest — the Rand Rebellion. White miners roamed Johannesburg streets, committing arson, bombing murdering and looting. Led by socialists and communists, they paraded, chanting "Workers of the World Fight and Unite for a White South Africa." The government had to use infantry artillery, and aerial bombardment to restore order, leaving whites dead and many more wounded.

Initially, all of this seems strange. Aren't the owners of South African industries white? Then, why wasn't there more racial cooperation? I believe it's because the Free Market shows little respect for race. As I ask in my book, "If white businessmen would not hire blacks in certain jobs, why on earth would there be a need for a law prohibiting them?" It turns out: White workers wanted privilege; they wanted to be paid "civilized" wages. But black workers were willing to work for less. White businessmen, looking at the profit line, saw that racial solidarity exacted a price, and no amount of brotherly appeal by white workers could make the executives ignore profits. But government does respect race, which is why white workers sought to enlist its power — to give them privileges unattainable in the open market. That's why



Walter Williams

Afrikanerdom has always held a contempt for — and waged war against — capitalism.

So far, so good. Maybe. In researching the book, I found some interesting quotes from racist unionists like: "... but when the minimum wage is introduced we believe most of the difficulties in regard to the coloured questions will automatically drop out." And how about this one? "I support the rate for the job (equal pay regardless of race) as the second best way of protecting our White artisans."

Americans are decent people who support minimum-wage and equal-pay-for-equal-work laws, why would racists in South Africa support also support these laws? My in-depth study found that wage regulation is one of the most effective tools in the arsenal of racists everywhere. These laws make the practice of racism easier. And they hurt the disadvantaged whether the intention is good or evil.

Anarchist squatters in Greece

On May 27th a group of homeless young anarchists occupied an empty building on 34 Asklipiou Street near the center of Athens. The building, empty for the past 10 years, was a mess and was cleaned up by the squatters.

A few days later the owner began proceedings with the courts and the cops to remove the anarchist occupiers. However, with its attention focussed on the June elections in Greece, the occupiers were not immediately evicted by the government.

Then on June 23rd a district attorney and many cops invaded the house, arresting the five comrades who were at the time. They were held, beaten while in custody, and sent charged with "disturbance of the common peace" (this despite—or possibly because of—the fact that all the neighbors in the area were supportive of the anarchists and their clean-up efforts). A trial date was set for November and the judge in the case set the five free till then.

On June 30th 200 anarchists and leftist sympathizers marched around the area of the occupation and promised to begin a new squatter's movement, since in Athens alone there are 200,000 empty apartments, while many remain homeless. The groups involved in all the current occupations are in support of the most recent attempt at 34 Asklipiou which has been locked up by the cops.

SOURCE: Y.K., Athens, Greece

Join the Fight

The last 15 years have seen more religious freedom cases than at any time since the Revolution. And government interference into church affairs continues to increase, in spite of the religious liberty guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

Traditional Separation of Church and State Ignored!

Until recently, American churches were free of state control. Now, government agencies are undermining religious liberty by intensive regulation of church activity:

- States are attempting to control curriculum and teacher selection in private religious schools.
- Local zoning policies often single out religious activities for discriminatory treatment.
- Religiously motivated parents are harassed and prosecuted for educating their children at home.
- Religious counseling is censored by the courts through suits for clergy malpractice and intentional infliction of emotional distress.
- Licensing regulations allow state bureaucrats to supervise church ministries.
- School prayer rules in some areas have been extended to forbid the mere mention of religion.

Because of a lack of public awareness of the problem, those courageous citizens who stand up against these government encroachments on religious liberty are portrayed as trouble-makers and kooks by the bureaucrats and the secular media.

Religious Freedom Alert

'To make the punishment fit the crime'

Washington's little lies and trick

People everywhere long to savor a free lunch. That's why they're sitting ducks for political demagogues. Congressmen, labor leaders, and those in the medical profession are leading the push for the new free lunch — mandated employee health benefits. Sounds good, doesn't it: Congress making the boss pick up the tab for your health insurance? But if you think employers will pay for health benefits, welcome to the crowd — you've been duped again.

I say again, because you probably already believe the congressional lie that your employer pays half your Social Security. This lie may be demonstrated by pretending you're my boss. We agreed to a wage of \$7 an hour. You deduct 50 cents an hour, as my Social Security contribution, and add 50 cents as the "employer contribution." That makes your cost to hire me \$7.50 an hour. My question is: If it costs you \$7.50 an hour to hire me, what is my minimum hourly output for you to keep me on the job and stay in business? If you said \$7.50 per hour, go to the head of the class, because you also know who pays all of the Social Security tax. The worker does.

Congress deliberately spreads the Social Security lie because they guess you'd go ape if you knew you were paying 14.2 percent! Therefore, Congress created the fiction that the employer pays one-half and you pay one-half. But they aren't finished

with us yet. Led by Sen. Ted Kennedy, they are circulating a new deception whereby you'll be tricked into thinking employers will pay mandated health benefits.

You may ask: "If that's right, Williams, why do labor unions support mandated benefits?" Unions have also supported the minimum wage as a means of protecting their members from competition with non-union workers. They recently encountered considerable difficulty getting higher minimum wage legislation enacted. Therefore, they've put all their power into the push for mandated non-wage benefits which have similar effects to minimum wage increases. Of course, higher non-wage mandated benefits give employers second thought about hiring low-skilled workers; it makes the cost higher than the workers' productive value.

You now ask, "O.K., Williams, but how come mandated health benefits enjoy the support of some corporate executives?" It's simply a devious public relations ploy to look good while promoting corporate interests. Some corporations are already faced with higher employment costs due to collective bargaining agreements. As a result they're being eaten alive by competitors who aren't burdened with these costs. Therefore, they see mandated benefits as a means of raising their competitors' costs and thereby reducing the competitive threat.

I'm...certain you join me in saying: Let's help ensure our future of prosperity by giving the President a tool...the same authority that 43 governors use in their states, the right to reach into massive appropriations bills, pare away the waste, and enforce budget discipline. Let's approve the line item veto.

— Ronald Reagan, Jan. 25, 1988

State of the Union Address

"Please, Williams," you say, "don't tell me the medical profession's support is guided by base money motives." I'm sorry, but the fact of business is: The more people covered by health insurance, the more who will be seeking medical care. I leave it up to you to guess its impact on health care professionals' income and the prices charged for medical services.

If falling for Congress' tricks and lies about the possibility of a free lunch only meant disappointment, we could suffer the deception then laugh at our foolishness. But the results are more painful. It's like the dog in Aesop's Fables, who saw the reflection of his bone in the stream. He dropped his bone in pursuit of the mirage and wound up with nothing. I'm beginning to doubt whether Abraham Lincoln was right when he said, "... you cannot fool all the people all of the time."

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WHERE DOES THE BLAME LAY asks an unsigned letter, & attributes it to ye Congress. Alas, I must tell you that the blame does not lay, because it is not a hen, & can't produce eggs.

When Geo. Wash. was pres. in 1792, the federalist gov had 780 civilians on the payroll, & that includes Geo. himself, VP & four cabinet members, 28 senators, etc. most were citypost masters, but also a few ambassadors, clerks, judges, & members of Congress as well. There were also a 100 or so military within Indian outposts.