

in re the people v. yoo-hoo

MELBOURNE, Australia — The exclamation "yoo-hoo!" must not necessarily be construed as an immoral solicitation, according to a judicial opinion recently issued here.

According to *Campaign Australia*, Judge Edward McGowan uttered the ruling after hearing the case of a man charged with "soliciting for immoral sexual purposes" when police observed him kneeling in a park and calling out "yoo-hoo!"

"It is my view that being on one's hands and knees in ti-tree scrub calling out 'yoo-hoo' does not invite someone by that action alone to involve themselves in immoral sexual activity," the judge remarked.

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FLORIDA MONITORING SCHOOL RESTROOM USAGE

(AP) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Researchers with stopwatches and notebooks have taken up positions in school restrooms in a \$45,000 study to see whether Florida is flushing money down the drain by building too many toilets.

"It borders on an invasion of privacy," said Tallahassee Community College faculty member Brian Dunmeyer.

"What they did wasn't very subtle," said the college's president, Fred Turner.

State officials say the study, funded by the 1981 legislature, could save taxpayers money if it concludes that current building codes result in too many restrooms in public schools. For the current fiscal year, the state has budgeted \$38.6 million for building new elementary and high schools.

Since the 1960's, officials have worried they were building too many restrooms in public schools, especially high schools and colleges.

"We tried to get graduate and doctoral students interested in doing their dissertations on it," said Gene Chick, the state's school building expert. "But it wasn't academically sophisticated enough for them."

The study began this spring in three North Florida counties, said survey director Tim White. He is an architecture professor at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, which won the \$45,000 grant for the project.

"We realize this is a sensitive study, so we took extreme care so that problems wouldn't occur," White told the *Tallahassee Democrat* in an article published Wednesday. "Some people may think it's a waste of money, but we think a period of tight times is the very time to review whether there could be a savings."

Florida has cut its budget twice since August because of economic problems.

Researchers said they considered methods that wouldn't require placing people in rest-

rooms, like installing flushing meters.

"Some people don't flush and others flush 30 times, so that wasn't accurate," White said. "We decided having someone inside was the only way . . . and the state agreed. It was not a savory approach, but it was the best one."

Students at Florida State and Florida A&M universities earn \$5 an hour watching restroom traffic in elementary and secondary schools, as well as the community college. ☆

**Don't be part of the problem.
Be part of the solution.**

I know only too well how hopeless it seems to convince impassioned supporters of the Socialist Idea by logical demonstration that their views are preposterous and absurd. I know too well that they do not want to hear, to see, or above all to think, and that they are open to no argument. But new generations grow up with clear eyes and open minds. And they will approach things from a disinterested, unprejudiced standpoint. They will weigh and examine. They will think and act with forethought. It is for them that this book is written.

Several generations of economic policy which was nearly liberal have enormously increased the wealth of the world. Capitalism has raised the standard of life among the masses to a level which our ancestors could not have imagined. Interventionism and efforts to introduce Socialism have been working now for some decades to shatter the foundations of the world economic system. We stand on the brink of a precipice which threatens to engulf our civilization. Whether civilized humanity will perish forever or whether the catastrophe will be averted at the eleventh hour and the only possible way of salvation retraced—by which we mean the rebuilding of a society based on the unreserved recognition of private property in the means of production—is a question which concerns the generation destined to act in the coming decades. For it is the ideas behind their actions that will decide it.

High School Driving Courses Are Dangerous

Driver education courses are dangerous, according to Leon S. Robertson, professor at Yale University.

A study of teenage drivers in Connecticut revealed that the number of crashes among 16- and 17-year-olds dropped substantially in high schools where the driver education more licensed drivers, says courses were discontinued, Prof. Robertson.

compared to schools where courses continued.

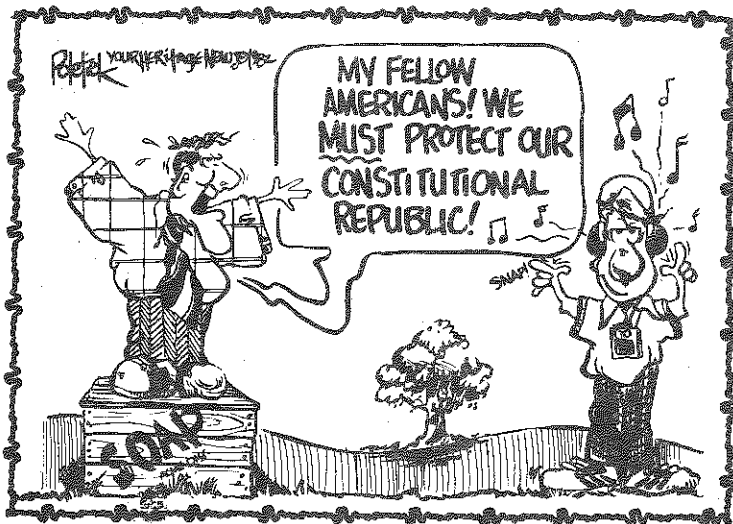
Two other studies also have noted a relationship between these courses and teen involvement in crashes, due to

The policy of the American government is to leave their citizens free, neither restraining nor aiding them in their pursuits.

— Thomas Jefferson

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In Sayreville, NJ, school board member Randall Corman, a libertarian, convinced state school board association to ask for legislation allowing driver education to be contracted out. And at home, he was able to cut the lunch service deficit in half merely by suggesting that it be contracted out. (NJLib)

Proofreaders at GPO slipped up and let a reference to the Soviet Security Act into the Congressional Record. (Fed Times/Spiral Mobius)

SPACEWEEK UPSTATE 83 will be held July 22-23 at Haywood Mall, Greenville; for details write S. J. Reidhead, Box 197, Fair Play, SC 29643.

To stop hunters from killing baby harp seals, Greenpeace members sprayed them with green paint, to make their pelts worthless. Unfortunately, the paint also ruined the insulating properties of the pelt, so that the baby seals froze to death. (Access to Energy)

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Treasures

First, let me say that I am not claiming to be an expert of any kind; I just report the news. I even report old news, which is why I report a bit of investment advice you're not likely to find in the conventional investment letters.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...." Matthew 6:19-20.

This, you may well ask, is investment advice? Stop and think about it. In a crisis, the most valuable thing can well be friends you can trust.

Now in the world I was born in, this was no problem, at least not in this part of the world; it seemed that everyone had hosts of relatives, old friends, good neighbors, and could leave their front doors unlocked - for years at a time - and knew everyone in town.... Those days are gone, for most of us, if not all of us.

In *Tomorrow the World*, Ilse McKee tells how she foraged for food in the last days of the Third Reich; going from farm to farm, seeing people who had gold to pay go hungry, and getting something to feed herself and her parents, when there was no food to be had. Her secret? Her father had been a schoolmaster, and had taught most of the farmers within a bicycle ride of town; apparently he was quite good at it, for they remembered him with affection, and would dig into the food they had hidden for their own family to sell her a little something, maybe a pair of eggs or a kilo of potatoes or a few odd vegetables so their old teacher would not starve.

I don't want to suggest that friends are useful only in bad times. I know, and you know, any number of people who have been launched on successful and lucrative business careers because of the friend who was in the right place at the right time.

I have also seen cases of incredible stupidity; as an auditor I run into these things from time to time. One client was plagued for years by petty thefts, never more than \$20 or \$30, and sometimes the missing items would reappear just as mysteriously, and one employee after another was watched, but the thefts continued after they left. Finally, by luck, they caught the thief: it was the general manager, who was being paid a princely salary - at least twice what he was worth - and whose time was devoted (his real job consisted mostly of taking the credit for the work that others did) to trying to cheat an employer so generous that when he was caught all that happened was that he was forced to take early retirement.

Now probably you have never thought of including honesty, and good manners, and consideration for others in your investment portfolio; but consider it. It may be the best investment you ever made.

A Royal Pain

The king sat on his royal throne and cut the budget to the bone: the palace cats were getting fat - no need for that, he spat as he recalled the feeding bowls; the shrubs and greenery were all too neat - a signal that the services of the gardener would henceforth not be needed; the common people were becoming an all-too-common sight - certainly plague or disaster would not be out of order, for the good of the fiefdom, of course.

And finally, the sun was much too bright, might evaporate the money supply - it would have to die in the stipulations of the budget the king was preparing, an activity financed by higher taxes and increases in spending. The king moaned that there was no other way to cut the budget to the bone as he bought another cat to replace the skin and bones the undertaker took away. The budget could be vexing in a fiefdom where the only relief from extravagant spending seemed to come from buying more expensive replacements and eliminating them the next time the economy was in need of paring. The new gardener would report on the morrow to the king on his newly purchased, softer throne.

The Singular Decade

It was a decade that the country could never live through twice. The stock market was on the brink of self-destruction, their statistics sinking as rapidly as the unemployment figures were rising; the wars of 70 and 15 years ago were still not resolved, and lower-class outlanders had entrenched themselves within the nation's borders before the gate was closed by legislation and regulations. It was a decade of starvation, shame and poverty, suicide and child abandonment, lowered standards, lowered expectations, and the effervescence of organized crime. Republicans chanted about prosperity; Democrats proposed work projects and food distributions for the unemployed. The country was embroiled in turmoil it could never go through twice. It was the 1980's, and history makers had torn out the pages from 50 years ago, swearing that prosperity was just around the bend.

Susan Packie

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Voyage to Freedom

White sails fighting against the wind, the boat floundering in high seas

The salt burns the skin, the throat

The boards become waterlogged, start to rot

The land never comes, the trek never ends

One, two, three, four months, a 38-foot freedom flotilla

One small craft with tattered sails against the wind and the seas; four Polish seamen on an odyssey to freedom

INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT

"The real menace of our Republic is the invisible government which, like a great octopus, spreads its slimy links over the city, state and nation. And at the head of this octopus is the small group of banking houses, generally referred to as the international bankers." - Mayor John F. Hyland of New York

Candidate says he'll pass out cash to public

The Associated Press

MANAHAWKIN, N.J. - Lester F. Byerley is running for president, and one of his campaign promises is to give every American \$10,000.

The government should print new money for a form of federal revenue sharing to spur buying, increase demand for goods, create jobs and pour money into the ailing economy, Byerley added.

"This will create, more or less, trickle-up economics," said the 38-year-old house painter and the father of one.

"This is to increase productivity in the United States. It is to create jobs in the United States, and to bring interest rates down in the United States, hopefully to 3 percent or 4 percent levels," said Byerley, who has never held office before.

He is one of the 34 people nationwide who have filed applications with the Federal Election Commission to be placed on the 1984 ballot for president.

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THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT

by Robert Brakeman

What the Great American Public Mind thinks it knows about the 1955-1956 bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama is roughly accurate -- it's just not complete. This brief analysis will say some usually-unsaid things about the boycott -- but those will make sense only if we preface them with a capsule version of the usually-said things:

Alabama's capital city is far enough south (on a parallel with Savannah or Los Angeles) that it never gets very cold, but on the evening of December 1, 1955 it was cold enough -- cold enough to add to the discomfort Rosa Parks felt from having worked hard all day and having to lug some heavy packages on her way home. When she climbed aboard her homebound bus, she dropped into the first open seat, which was in the whites-only section of the segregated vehicle. She wasn't immediately told to move, but as soon as some whites boarded the bus and wanted those seats, the driver told her to move to the black seats at the rear of the bus. She refused. She was arrested. She was convicted and fined for violating the city ordinance -- and in retaliation the city's black community, with support from sympathetic local whites (a handful) and some national backup, launched the effective-from-the-start Montgomery bus boycott.

That boycott ultimately succeeded, but this is not the story of its success, it's the tale of how the opposition forces tried to prevent that success. It's the story of illegitimate activities, of using the government to assault one's enemies; it's "fortunate" that the foes of the boycott should have used illegitimate means to assault their enemies, "fortunate" in that it lets us illustrate a point which can't be made too often: When one side in an economic battle is losing, the temptation to call upon the gunpowder of the government ("police power" or "judicial power", to phrase more gently but less accurately) is almost irresistible; when the members of the losing side have the political power to get the state to illegitimately coerce their enemies, 'twil almost always be done, for their will-iness is never in doubt....

When it became apparent to the Montgomery bigots that they were losing the boycott battle, they called for the gunmen of the state to bail them out. The most effective tools of the boycotters had been car pools, and reduced taxi rates given then by black-owned cab companies (fares were reduced to a dime, the price of a bus ride); the combination of those two tools allowed the black community to get along nicely without the bus system, and that system lost 2/3 of its business and was on the ropes -- at which point the segregationists went to a local charlatan (judge, I believe he called himself) and secured an injunction against car pools. If "liberty" is a state of affairs in which one may do as one chooses with one's own property as long as one assaults neither the person nor property of anyone else, a more radically anti-liberty injunction is hard to imagine. In using car pools the boycotters were doing nothing more than using their own property in entirely innocent (nonaggressive) ways -- yet the injunction treated them like criminals. That same court order also contained a clause against the reduced taxi fares -- and all we just said about the anti-car-pool provisions could be repeated here; it is self-evidently none of the government's business what a taxi owner charges for his/her services....

Courage is the best gift of all; courage stands before everything. It is what preserves our liberty, safety, life, and our homes and parents, our country and children. Courage comprises all things; a man with courage has every blessing.

-Plautus

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This judicial criminality was compounded when boycott leaders were arrested on charges of "conspiracy". Of course they were conspiring, but they were conspiring to do entirely legitimate things (involving again nonaggressive use of their own persons and property) -- so their arrest was yet another judicial atrocity. Leaders of the boycott (Martin Luther King in his first nationally-noticed action, and Ralph Abernathy) and their followers did little or no jail time on these various "charges" (they ignored the injunction & thereby put themselves in contempt of court, & of course they kept right on "conspiring"), but only because the US Supreme Court, in '56, intervened and struck down the segregationist law. The boycotters needed the SC to save them from the local judicial hack and the forces which were using him, but they didn't need it to win the basic battle for them -- the segregationists admitted openly that the boycott was powerfully effective, and more eloquent than their verbal admission was the fact that they ran for the government's force when they were losing the economic battle. The MBB showed, for the zillionth time, the nearly-universal tendency for people losing an economic battle to hire the state to terrorize their opponents.

(Editor's Note: Some of the usually-said things in the second paragraph may or may not be true; any Southerner over 40 remembers that segregated bus seating did not work exactly that way. It is possible, but not likely, that it was Rosa Parks, who just happened to have a rabidly anti-segregationist Yankee employer, just happened to feel tired that day, and that the immediate protest and boycott was totally unplanned and spontaneous. All this is irrelevant to the point of the article.)



graphic: The Blast

In a recent discussion of alternative energy programs, White House aide Ed Meese asked rhetorically, "What can a few windmills do?" Southern California Edison and a couple of alternative energy firms are hoping to give Meese an answer in a few years based on pilot projects in California's San Geronio Pass near Palm Springs. By 1990 it is predicted that 2,000 windmills could be operating in the gusty 175-square-mile patch of desert, producing 1,000 megawatts of power--more than the energy output of Hoover Dam.

In These Times

Surgeon Commander Morgan O'Connell, of the Portsmouth (England) Naval Hospital, a psychiatrist who accompanied the British task force to the Falkland Islands, as quoted in *The Guardian* of London: "Yes, we indoctrinate them in the forces. Otherwise they wouldn't fight. That's why we cut their hair the same, make them wear the same uniform, make the same salute, and march together. We indoctrinate them in order to enhance group cohesiveness. That's how you get people to fight."

-the Progressive

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

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I am very disturbed about the recent action which grants extra power to the FBI. This move makes it possible for them to investigate and infiltrate any organization or individual they feel is "violence prone." As a student of politics, I have noted that some nations use these and similar tactics to crush political opposition. These sneaky moves on behalf of government are especially necessary in countries whose constitutions protect freedom of speech and thought. In other words, an excuse is needed to bypass individual liberties, so the respective tyrants will often invoke a scare tactic. The citizens are convinced that their freedoms are being limited for their own good. Of course, such dictatorial actions merely guarantee the powers that be a longer ruling term with little or no opposition.

But, some will say, such things only happen in South American dictatorships - such a thing can never occur in a democracy! Read on...In Canada, Great Britain, West Germany, and other Western nations whose people love freedom and have constitutions similar to the U.S., restrictions on liberty are already in effect. Each of these countries have government censorship of publications. One such censorship law prohibits any person or group from criticizing an ethnic group either verbally or typographically. Had such a law been in effect in the U.S. during the hostage crisis, most of our newspapermen, TV commentators, and many private citizens would have been jailed for making remarks that were offensive to the Iranian people. In "liberal" Sweden, a man - Dietlieb Felderer - is in jail because he has publicly challenged an historic document....By challenging this document, a certain powerful alien minority living in Sweden took offense and charged him with printing material of a racially offensive nature. The fact that Mr. Felderer is married to a lady of another race did not sway the Swedish authorities. The historic investigator is jailed and the Swedes are witnessing a court case where every principle of Western justice is violated. Mr. Felderer is but one of many prisoners of the "thought police" at this writing.

In the U.S., the issue of organizational infiltration in the Senate, S. 1407, are passed thought control. If H.R. 3973 and its companion bill in the Senate, S. 1407, are passed into law, the U.S. Postal Service will have legal means to shut down any newsletter, mail order service --- and possibly non-profit organizations such as foundations and churches which do not please government. Just another bill? On May 12, 1982, nearly a full year after Congressman Pepper introduced H.R. 3973 to the House, 295 additional co-sponsors have tacked their names onto this bill! Remember, 218 is a majority and the list of supporters for this bill is comprised of both liberal and conservative alike. Even today the postal authorities have the power to issue their own subpoena to force mail users to turn over their books and mailing lists. Under the 4th Amendment, only a judge has power to issue such a warrant. This power was granted under the guise of protecting citizens from mail lotteries and pornography, a trick which the pseudo-fundamentalists swallowed hook, line and sinker!

During the early stages of discussion, the FBI was being granted extra power to combat skyjackings, assassinations and kidnappings. Like any other decent citizen, my first instinct is to favor law and order and to feel that this extra power might be a good thing for us all. No one wants to be the victim of a psychopathic food and drug poisoner, nor to be on a bus or train that is being bombed in order for some kook to make a point. But, even by the FBI's own admission, such maniacs are almost impossible to stop because most operate alone and act on unclear motives. One begins to suspect that the reasoning for this power-grab is slightly less heroic than protecting us from madmen.

I have heard interviews with FBI agents and others concerning this proposal and emphasis has been placed on infiltrating organizations that oppose integration. Remember, however, that the feds themselves are accused of being the instigators of white and black violence (promoting feuding between the factions). So the ultimate question is: Are the feds trying to protect the public, or are they engaged as agents provocateurs in an attempt to destroy "rightwing" organizations through negative publicity at the cost of human life? This allegation of federal provocation is a logical one: for any rightwing faction to flourish, it must make a positive impression on the public at large. There is nothing to be gained by senseless acts of violence that result in negative publicity and do not accomplish anything. The occasional murder of an opponent serves no useful function, especially when a few on one's own side are sacrificed in the process. Many anti-integrationist organizations have a standing order that anyone who proposes an act of violence is to be reported immediately to the FBI, the local police and to the respective organization's headquarters. If you want to get on the bad side of an ultra "rightwinger," just mention bombing or shooting someone! Even if the ultra "rightwing" were guilty of 100% of what they are accused of doing, their collective "crimes" would not match the horrors of rape, robbery, murder and assaults committed by the minority element of any major city on any given weekend!

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Wofford Sophomore Wins Truman Award

SPARTANBURG
James Mosteller, a Wofford College sophomore from Hartsville, has been named 1983 state winner of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. The grant carries an award of up to \$5,000 per year for the junior and senior years of college and two years of graduate study. It is designed to encourage one outstanding student in each state who intends to pursue a career in government or public service.

Mosteller is the third Truman Scholar selected from Wofford since the competition began seven years ago. The son of professor and Mrs. J.D. Mosteller Jr. of Hartsville.

LIBERTY! tee shirts are now still available in blue on white, with Statue of Liberty and Ed Clark quote: "If it's worth fighting for, And worth dying for, It's worth voting for." \$5 + \$1 shipping from HMC. Childrens sizes available. Ask for sample poster.

Tax Protester Moved To Federal Prison

Tax protester Robert Clarkson has been taken to a federal prison near Montgomery, Ala., to begin serving a five-year sentence, a spokesman for the Columbia office of the U.S. Marshal's Service said Thursday. Clarkson, a disbarred lawyer from Sumter, pleaded guilty recently to five counts of filing fraudulent tax returns for clients.

U.S. Attorney Henry Dargan McMaster said Clarkson would not be prosecuted on allegations of parole violation from an earlier sentence.

"When fascism comes to America, it won't come in Jackboots and brownshirts. It'll come wrapped in the red white and blue."

Huey Long

THE SUN. Gun cop terror for girl

- POLICE hunting an IRA suspect apologised to a father yesterday for storming his house, and ordering his eight-year-old daughter out of bed at gunpoint.
- A heavily armed snatch squad burst into gasman Peter Lowery's home late on Saturday night after an anonymous tip off that he was sheltering Brixton jail escaper Gerald Tuite.
- Peter, 32, was hurtled across the living room of the house at Oswald Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Greater Manchester. His wife Bridget was ordered to stay where she was.
- Then a black-visored policeman with a shotgun woke their daughter Kelly and told her to go downstairs. "I've never been so frightened," Peter said. "But the real heartbreak is what happened to my little girl."
- Yesterday a senior officer returned to the house to say sorry. A spokesman said: "We were acting in good faith. Our information was incorrect."

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CONGRESSMAN

Ron Paul REPORTS

The National Debt: A National Disaster

On March 23, the House of Representatives approved the first budget resolution for fiscal year 1984, designating the size of the federal budget for 1984 at \$936 billion. Despite all of the attention given to the budget resolution, most of the figures listed in it are merely guidelines and do not have the force of law. The only sections of the Budget Resolution that are binding are the increases in the national debt ceiling. In the beginning of fiscal year 1983, the debt ceiling was raised by \$147 billion, from \$1.147 trillion to \$1.29 trillion. Only a few years ago it seemed inconceivable that the national debt would ever reach a trillion dollars, yet it is now far surpassing this staggering level.

The resolution approved by the House raises the debt ceiling for 1983 by an additional \$99 billion, a whopping 67 percent more than the original \$147 billion. What this means is that Congress dramatically miscalculated how much of your money it was going to spend. And as usual, the miscalculation was not in your favor. Such miscalculations would never

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be tolerated in the private sector. The people who made such a massive error would quickly be out of a job. But not Congress. It can be totally irresponsible in its spending policies, and then simply raise taxes or increase the national debt level.

During 1984, the debt level is projected to rise by an additional \$218 billion. If Congress is off in its projections by another 67 percent, that amount will rise to \$364 billion. To understand just how staggering the debt is, as recently as 1976, the entire federal budget was only \$364 billion.

In all, Congress will add \$610 billion to the national debt in just two years—an astonishing 50 percent increase in the total debt level of the United States! We are bankrupting our future and our children's future in an attempt to avoid facing present-day economic realities.

Increases in the national debt have an immediate and significant effect on our economy. During 1984, the federal government will spend \$96 billion just to pay the interest on the debt.

This situation is outrageous! The fiscal restraint and balanced budgets which taxpayers demanded and were promised several years ago are not even being considered today, much less enacted.

Congress must be willing to act responsibly to cut spending in a concerted effort to reduce government borrowing and the national debt. This must be done to avoid an even more serious economic crisis, including a return to rampant inflation and skyrocketing interest rates.

Congress can no longer ignore the problem. Like it or not, federal spending must be cut dramatically. This is the only way to reduce the debt, balance the budget and provide true economic recovery for our nation.

Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery.

— Calvin Coolidge



"This Saturday I'm not going to talk about the Budget, the economy, unemployment, or a nuclear arms freeze, but something really serious — our plans to save the I.R.S. in the event of a nuclear attack."

"Southwestern Bell officials testified to the Texas House committee on Criminal Jurisprudence that when a customer asks if his telephone line is tapped, company policy is to say that they will check out the situation. The FBI is then called, and agents disconnect any taps. The phone company tells the customer there is no tap, and then the FBI reconnects it. (emphasis added) In addition, the phone company seldom checks to see that a court order has actually been entered allowing the tap."

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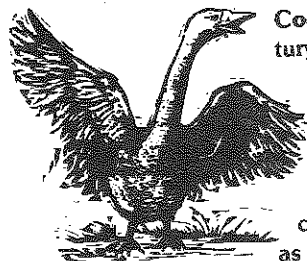
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Debt and taxes. "The Income Tax," noted humorist Will Rogers, "has made more Liar's out of the American people than golf has." That was 1924. These days, the IRS figures tax cheats are beating Uncle Sam out of nearly \$100 billion a year in income taxes. So what's government's response? More audits, penalties, withholding. Coming soon: a computerized phone system to dun delinquents at home. Sure, fair's fair—but don't forget the underlying problem: Tax laws are too complicated, and tax rates are too high.



Cooked goose? "The art of taxation," said 17th Century French statesman Jean Baptiste Colbert, "consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest...amount of feathers with the smallest possible amount of hissing." Modern-day politicians pluck subtly—with "higher taxes" passed off as "revenue enhancement" and hidden taxes on companies that you end up paying. Such taxes are as much a cost of doing business as wages or rent, so companies need to pass them on as higher prices. If your gasoline, for example, reflects the pattern for all oil products sold in the U.S., the price of a gallon includes less than six cents of profit—but twice that in invisible taxes!

Simple alternative. Instead of looking for new taxes, isn't it time for government to work harder at spending less? Back in 1960, Uncle Sam spent \$92 billion and still had a budget surplus of \$269 million. Now, the outlook for fiscal 1983 is a bloated \$208 billion deficit...unless Congress shrinks the planned \$805 billion in spending. That deficit, and especially others planned for five more years, will rekindle inflation and run up the cost of borrowing—and so derail America's economic recovery. So while you're still scrambling to rebuild your own nest egg after this year's April 15 tax shock, let your congressional delegation know where you stand. Tell Uncle Sam how much his pinching hurts.

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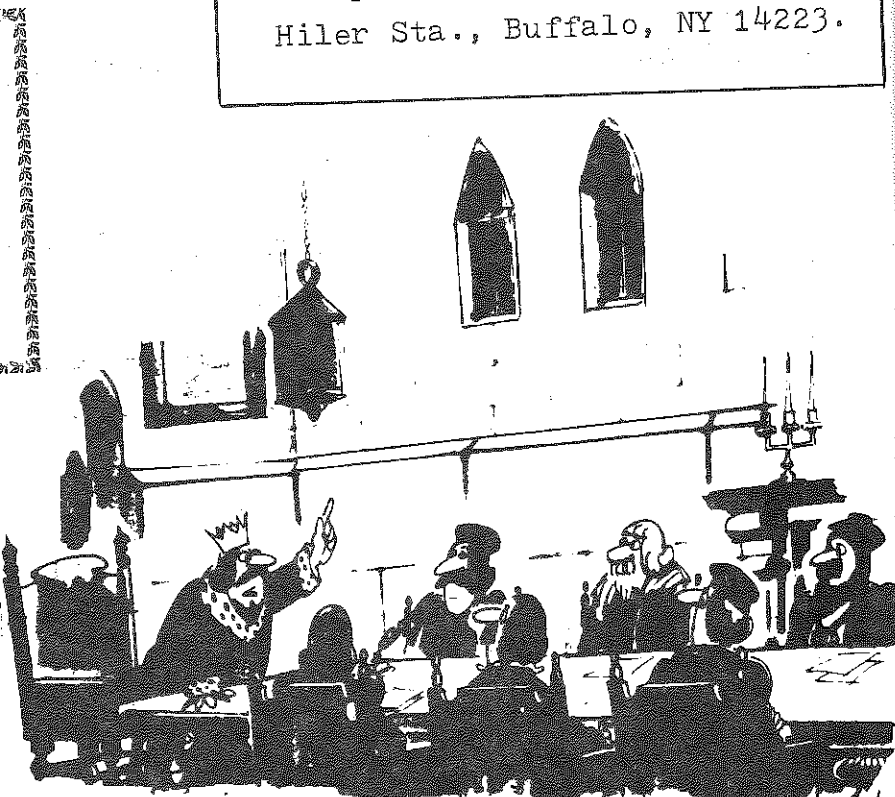
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In the summer of 1976 my wife was in Brest, Belorussia, where she was to appear in court. However, one morning on her way to the courthouse she fell down and suffered a very bad multiple fracture of the collarbone. She was taken, semiconscious, to the surgical department of the nearest polyclinic. When she arrived in the X-ray room, the surgeon, the radiologist, and the nurses (all women) were busily occupied in a lively discussion about the merits of a knitted cardigan from abroad which a patient had brought in to sell to one of them. They paid no attention to my wife, and only after they had exhausted their topic of conversation—about ten minutes later—did the radiologist tell her, without even asking how she felt, to climb up onto the high X-ray table. Then the surgeon put her arm and shoulder into a cast that was as heavy as medieval armor. (Back in Moscow our doctor could only shake his head as he removed the cast—together with the skin of her shoulder—and say, "Another week in that cast and you'd never have moved that arm again.")



"Gentlemen, the fact that all my horses and all my men couldn't put Humpty together again simply proves to me that I must have more horses and more men."

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News Notes

"Moral Majority has formally announced its campaign to end bookbanning and censorship by the left... Distributed... were pre-publication copies of Book Burning, a new book exploring liberal censorship written by Cal Thomas...." Thomas notes that religious books are not reported in the best-seller lists when they outsell some of the books reported. (MMReport) It's nice to know they've come out against bookburning. I.M.: Corrie Ten Boom, 91.

"We've lost a lot of Christian school cases, including government involvement in church ministries, ..." says John Whitehead, one of the founders of the Rutherford Institute, to aid Christian groups in asserting their civil liberties. Group is named for Rev. Samuel Rutherford of 17th cent. Scotland, who opposed the "divine right of kings" theory, and held that the government had to obey the law. (MMReport) Address: Box 510, Manassas, VA 22110. This could well be Third Manassas.

The Mises Institute, 325 Pennsylvania Av, SE, Washington, DC 20003 seeks donors.

Dr. John Moorhouse of Wake Forest tells the story of entrepreneur Edwin Land, inventor of polaroid sunglasses and the instant camera, in Special Report #22, from Public Policy Education Fund, 161 E. Pine St., Grove City, PA 16127. Send SASE.

"I cannot see myself living in a socialist society. My passion is to be left alone and only a capitalist society does so. Capitalism is ideally equipped for mastering things but awkward for mastering men. It hugs the assumption that people will perform tolerably well when left to themselves. The curious thing is that the reluctance or the inability to manage men makes capitalist society uniquely modern. Managing men is a primitive thing. It partakes of magic, and is the domain of medicine men and tribal chieftains. Socialist and communist societies are a throwback to the primitive in their passion for managing men." Eric Hoffer, Before the Sabbath

"Jack Kennedy was the first known swinger in the White House," reports "Swinging Times". Haven't they ever heard of Warren G. Harding, or even James Buchanan? Grover Cleveland? Don't they teach American history any more?

Dennis Sobin, former candidate for mayor of Washington, was convicted of operating a sex club in his residence and selling alcohol without a license. (W Post) This is what you get for losing elections.

Gail Manning was acquitted of maintaining a house of assignation (she was hosting a private orgy) on the grounds that the law is too vague; California Court of Appeal noted that state has no interest in prohibiting lewd and dissolute conduct as long as it's not done publicly. (Sx Freedom)

Cato Institute is putting on a seminar on Social Security, June 6-7, with distinguished speakers. Also offering "Cato Journal" and "Policy Report" at \$15/year each. 224 2nd St SE, Washington, DC 20003.

European Libertarian convention will be August 14 in Brussels; write Libertarian Intl., Box 190, Adelaide Str. Sta., Toronto M5C 2J1, Canada.

It's not at all fair, Says New Rampart, only 20% of the people have 80% of the sex. The government should Do Something in the name of Equality.

Out soon: Free Market Yellow Pages, 2727 S. Croddy Way #J, Santa Ana, CA 92704. No price listed.

At Santa Monica, contestants dug 30 holes & covered them with doors & dirt in 20 minutes; judges from Nuclear Resistance Coalition declared "no winners" in 1st annual T. K. Jones Dig-in. (LCNewsletter) And they didn't have to contend with tree roots & clay; they had beach sand to dig in.

THIS IS THE ARMY (from Solidarity Bulletin)

Reports a Solidarity member who was called up as a reservist in the Polish army recently:

"Laughter and jokes set the mood at political education sessions. For the first lecture they sent us an employee of Warsaw University drafted for the Occasion. He announced the title of his lecture as 'The causes of the present crisis in the People's Republic of Poland.' The poor guy never had a chance to dwell on the problem in any depth because we spent the first hour demanding that he take care of the 'crises' in our lives as soldiers, in other words, food and supplies. During the second hour we let him know our opinions on the causes of the crisis in the PRL. Finally, one of the guys stood up and said, 'And anyway, sir, I hope you do not expect me to shoot workers just because I get the order to do so. I'll turn my gun around and f----- let you have it. So if you're counting on us reservists, forget it...'

"Everybody, whether he had a real excuse or not, complained to the commanding officer that he had been unfairly called up. At times a whole company of guys, each with a sad story to tell, formed up in front of the CO's office door. When he couldn't stand it any more, he decided that a battalion-level commission should rule on eligibility for honorable discharge. But that just made refusal to obey orders much more common with the net result that the commission was forced to approve almost every case. Of course, these antics were dealt with, but no one was severely punished.

"In addition to harassing the brass in battles over tennis shoes and the like, we also carried out a 'free press' campaign, which means we circulated a few copies of underground newspapers in camp. Of course, copies were scarce, and that caused constant fights. Finally, we organized sessions of reading newspapers out loud in the recreation room...That seemed to keep everybody happy.

"This loosening of military morale was, to say the least, completely in the open. In spite of this, the brass did not fight it. Maybe they did not want to. The commander of one of our units said in a conversation with one of the privates, 'If the workers stick together as they have till now, they'll win, because those at the top really have no idea what to do next.'"

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WHAT IS, AND IS NOT, A LIBERTARIAN

It is interesting, if a little depressing, to read anarchist and similar comments on the libertarian movement in general and the LP in particular.

First, the left-anarchists used to call themselves "libertarians", and they seem to feel that someone has stolen their candy. Anarchists in general seem horrified that anyone would try to take a few of their ideas and incorporate them into a mass movement. They have not really been robbed; it just happens that they were right about some things, and that anyone who figured these things out might come to the same conclusions.

What horrifies them is that libertarians do not agree with them on some of the things they hold most dear, and that even worse, libertarians are often educated, white, male, self-employed, and all the other things that keep them from being true proletarians. But the worst thing of all is that libertarians are not advocates of social equality.

And here is where we get to our definitions: a libertarian is someone who advocates liberty; someone who advocates equality is an egalitarian. Now, is it not possible to advocate both? Sure, as long as you realize that you're holding two conflicting ideas - sort of like being a Christian atheist - and that sooner or later they're going to collide.

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To Senators and Representatives In Congress:

As an American who abhors tyranny, I urge you to repeal the law which will compel banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions to withhold ten percent of the income of American taxpayers from dividends and interest beginning on the first of July, 1983.

The implementation of this law would constitute rank tyranny on the part of the federal government because it visits the sins of the guilty upon the innocent.

Under existing law every law-abiding taxpayer having income derived from dividends and interest already pays 25 percent of the federal income tax due on such income to the federal government every three months by filing an estimated tax return. It is totally unnecessary to have an additional withholding law which compels the withholding by banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions of ten percent of such income as it matures.

In opposing the repeal of this law, the IRS is trying to get the banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions to perform its duties. The IRS is kept informed by these institutions of the names and addresses of every taxpayer receiving such income. Hence, it knows the names and addresses of any taxpayers who may be cheating the government by failing to pay the taxes on this income. If the IRS would simply perform its duty and call upon the taxpayers who try to cheat on these items of income for their payment of the taxes, it could collect virtually all of the unpaid income on these items as a result of simple demands in franked letters. It could then insist on the prosecution in the federal courts of those who refuse to heed these demands.

The news media indicate that President Reagan, Secretary of the Treasury Regan, and Senator Bob Dole are promising some form of governmental retaliation upon banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions for encouraging their customers to lobby for the repeal of this withholding law. They seem to be under the impression that these financial institutions are the only advocates of its repeal. They are sadly mistaken. The truth is that untold millions of law-abiding taxpayers deeply resent a law which visits upon them the sins of tax cheaters.

If the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Senator Dole would read the First Amendment, they would discover that it gives every institution and every person in America the right to petition the federal government for a redress of grievances. They might then realize that these banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions, and millions of law-abiding taxpayers are merely exercising their constitutional right when they petition Congress to repeal this withholding law which is certainly a most annoying grievance.

Now there are other problems with the egalitarian position; for example the simplest way to make people equal is to kill all of them, and in Cambodia they did just that. Even at a less than perfect level, equality requires a lot of force: take 10 farmers each with 40 acres and a mule; some are going to grow more cotton than others, because they work harder, or they farm smarter, or whatever. The only way to keep them equal is to tax away the surplus, but that involves unequal taxes. You can't win.

Another position that the left-anarchists find hard to accept in libertarians is the acceptance of technology. Yes, I know it's hard to believe, but there are people who hate technology, or fear it, or denounce it as fostering experts and mystifying. In a sense this is true; no technology can exist without highly trained persons to run it, and it thus fosters inequality between those with high skills and those without. But let us understand the choice, even to maintain the level of technology that existed in the 19th century, or even the 19th century B. C., you have to have specialists in metallurgy, and medicine, and dozens of other skills, and the sum total of all this knowledge is more than 1 human can absorb in 1 lifetime.

And this is the problem with equality; to have a planet with X billion people living on it, you have to have a certain level of technology just to feed them. Now this has nothing to do with legal equality, in such things as equal rights. It has to do with the (quite sensible) unwillingness of people to work or study and get no reward for it.

"funny names" banned on san francisco ballots

SAN FRANCISCO — In what appears to be an effort to block eccentric candidates' runs for municipal office, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently approved a measure requiring office-seekers to file under their given names, according to the International Gay News Agency.

City attorneys have said, though, that a name can be acquired outside of birth, marriage or court decree by everyday common use. "If everyone calls them a funny name, then that's their name, I guess," said Jay Patterson, the registrar of voters in the city.

Gay supervisor Harry Britt defends candidates use of odd names "because voters feel deceived by the individuals on this board and elsewhere in city government who use real names. It's a way of saying you're not for any of the above. Jello Biafra and Sister Boom Boom are a way of saying 'no' to the entire list," he added.

Jello Biafra, lead singer of the rock group the Dead Kennedys and Sister Boom Boom of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, have both recently run for public office and made impressive showings using their adopted names.

erroneous bashing

BOZEMAN, MT — A district judge here has given a two-year suspended sentence to a man convicted of assaulting a woman he thought was a gay man.

Associated Press reports that Judge Joseph Gary claimed he was lenient with defendant Mark Miller because the assault on the woman was his first offense, because Miller voluntarily enrolled in an alcohol treatment program and because he agreed to pay a portion of his victim's medical expenses and lost wages. Aggravated assault usually carries a penalty of two years in prison.

After drinking a case of beer, Miller assaulted Stacy Gaffner when he saw her kissing a man. "I thought I saw two gays kissing, so I punched one and it turned out to be Stacy Gaffner," Miller is quoted as saying.

Miller hit Gaffner with a beer bottle and then kicked her in the face when she tried to get up.

Chivalry is dead. Utterly, completely, thoroughly, DEAD.

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